

POMPALLIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

MISSION STATEMENT

Pompallier School is committed to the provision of quality education, inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Catholic Faith is expressed through the Mercy charism and values to make a positive difference in the community and environment. Pompallier Catholic School nurtures the development of each person's full growth, in a continuing tradition of excellence

12 August 2016

Week 3 Term

Special points of interest:

- Quizmas Saturday 13th August
- MARIA DAY Monday 15th August
- Yr 3/4 Ripa Rugby at Toll Stadium 19th August
- PCS Cross Country Wed 24th August



**Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa, Bula Vinaka,
Konnichi wa, Dobrodošli, Sawa dee, Fáilte**

We have begun term 3 with a hiss and a roar. Highlights for me so far have been Alexander Campbell-Lewis' humble fundraiser for Mrs Murray by cutting his hair. The community support, with students, teachers, parishioners and BOT members generously donating towards Mrs Murray with her battle with breast cancer is a credit to our wonderful little community. On the day we managed to gift:

\$1899.50

Meals are now being prepared and sent to the Murray whanau and there is a coin trail that the students are continuing to contribute towards. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your generosity. If you too would like to contribute a meal, feel free to drop it into the school office and we will arrange delivery. Keep the loose change coming so that we can fill our letters too!

It is such a warm fluffy feeling seeing our charism of "Mercy" in action, as people come together to support those in need.

OLYMPIC GAMES

The next highlight.....our PCS OLYMPICS OPENING CEREMONY!!!! Our senior students helped us to run this wonderful event. The house group captains and vice captains organised the Olympic Game challenges and fun activities. The special character team were part of the opening ceremony. Our senior student Cailee Doak read

the Olympic Oath that she had developed, and Father Sean opened the event. Such wonderful authentic learning opportunities for our students.

Our goal is that our students could link in to their culture, showing manaakitanga and valuing who they are. This was certainly achieved, as the photos show on our Pompallier Catholic School Facebook page shows (also check out some snippets further on in the newsletter).

The feedback from our students is that they are loving the studies of the Olympic Games. The learning that is linking through all areas of the curriculum is so exciting. The values of the Games also reflect our Catholic values that we focus on.

QUIZ NIGHT

Our school annual fundraiser at Northland Auctions is taking place this Saturday. Thank you for the hours of dedication for OUR kids that we have had from some of you, our whanau. The group of helpers is slowly growing and we encourage you to come and take part in the community of PCS. We are always looking for support for any school event, so please let us know if you can help. I am really looking forward to a great night of entertainment and fun! Funds will go towards developing our walkway into a fun and safe place for our students to enjoy.

Watch this space for a day/time for a working bee when the sports has finished in the weekend. The students have some wonderful ideas to develop our walkway, so we just need some adults to implement it!

A huge thanks to our parent/whanau helpers at the Kaitaia Fun Run who are manning the drinks station. More funds towards our great little school. Blessings on your journey,
Kathryn Carey (Principal)

Star of the Week



Kiwi	Palak Patel and Christiaan Birch
Piwakawaka	Jahn Ryan, Arli Hokai and Frances Potbury
Kea	Calista Shanks and Mitchell Wells
Tui	Andrew Kim and Markayla Tufuga
Kakapo	TePeehi Tepania and Christopher Thaggard
Te Kahu	Siobhan Hassan and Jayden Schrafft

Congratulations to the above students who have stood out as a "star" in their classroom. They get a certificate and a Duffy book to take home. Keep up the great effort!

We SHINE at PCS

CROSS COUNTRY

The students have been practicing at school for several weeks in preparation for our annual cross country competition. We have a change of venue and will be running at the Cutler Family Farm in Takahue. We can confirm that the date is Wednesday 24th August. A huge thank you to the Cutlers for allowing us to use their farm.

It will be muddy, so a change of clothing is essential for all students. They will also need running shoes.

If you are willing to come along and help with supervision on the day, we would love to hear from you. It involves lots of cheering, lots of laughter and a great pair of gumboots!

We will be taking buses to the venue, which is on Takahue Road., but it is great to have some drivers too. A safety RAMS form will be completed for this event.

Our year 4 to 8 students who qualify, then head to the Central Zones competition, and we will be seeking some supervision help on the day too. That event has been confirmed for Thursday 1st September.

We are praying for great weather!

SPECIAL CHARACTER COLUMN

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. Genesis 8:1

A word that we hear often in the Scriptures, both in the old and new testaments, is 'hope'. The psalms encourage us to hope in our God "Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope (Ps. 119:49)": Jeremiah reassures us that God will give us a future full of hope (Jer. 29:11) Job tells us There is always hope for a tree, even if it is cut down that it will sprout again (Job. 14:7)

Of course all the Gospels convey a hope-filled message of salvation and new life and Paul too reminds us that hope does not disappoint us (Rom. 5:5).

Sometimes it is easy to lose sight of hope. We live in a world that has often forgotten kindness, goodness, dignity, truth, and integrity. Too often, the news tells us of the most devastating sufferings of people who have become the innocent victims of poverty, sickness, violence, and hatred. All of which could be prevented by a more generous sharing of the world's resources.

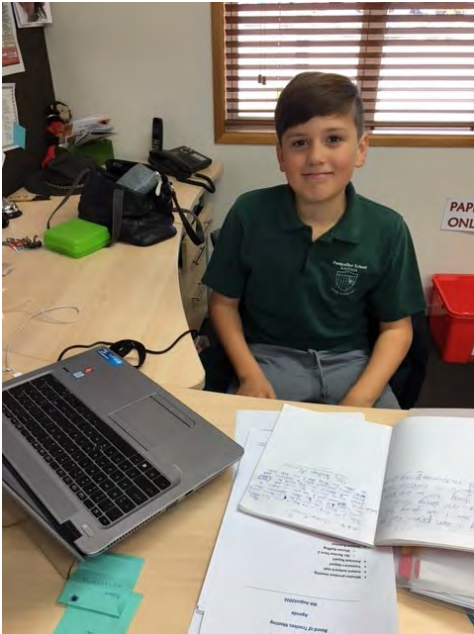
How can we convey a message of hope to these people? What can we do to help them? There are no easy answers to these immense problems.

Much of Pope Francis' teachings and leadership for our church, like the Gospel, is hope filled, reassuring us that our God is always with us, even if the worst happens, and he will never abandon us.

Who knows, maybe we may even be able to bring hope to someone else.

Many blessings, Phil

PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY



Today I am Principal of the Day. I help Mrs Carey with fun things like getting the students ready for our school photos which are happening at the moment. I talk to the classrooms about what is going on at school. I can give "gotchas" to people who are showing the

school values and playing nicely with others. I can help around the school with Mrs Carey, and send notes to teachers and do other fun things that I can help with.

Nathan Murray

ATTENTION FUTURE UP AND COMING PRINCIPALS

It has been so great to see the students who have applied for this role and absolutely thrived with their leadership. Lots of chatter around this—and of course, it is so great to have another student interacting in the administration area!

If you too would like to have a turn at applying for "Principal for the Day", please apply in writing to Mrs Carey and your name will go in the draw to be announced at each assembly.

The previous Principal of the day will draw the names out of a hat at each assembly.

In your application, you may wish to include:

- Why you would be a good Principal,
- The positive learning that you are doing
- Any ideas that you may wish to implement in our school.

It has been great fun for me to have a "2nd in charge". I look forward to the applications!

Mrs Carey



NEWSLETTER

It's that time of the year again when we are looking for sponsorship for our school newsletter. Adverts are placed on the rear of the newsletter, which goes home to each family in the school and to the parishioners. We really appreciate your support and thank you.

MOKO PROGRAMME

Funding has been withdrawn for this programme at our school. Mrs Phillips, Mrs Scutt and Mrs Carey are now doing skin assessments, throat swabs and head lice checks.

We have received training from the MOKO team to undertake this role. We are supported by iMOKO via online checks and phone calls and all information is loaded onto their data base. It's a great way to add to our skill set and we can add this to our CV's!! Schools are certainly becoming a "one stop shop" in all aspects.

Students are now being sent to us for a check by their teacher when required.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Alexander Campbell-Lewis.....we are humbled by your generous act to raise money for Mrs Murray. Thank you for letting us share this wonderful tribute to our much loved Mrs Murray! We feel so blessed to be there for your first haircut in 10 years. You look so handsome with your new short hair cut! Pixie did a wonderful job!



PCS OLYMPIC GAMES



A reminder, for safety of our children, please drive slowly in the carpark. No child is to leave the gate area unsupervised. Please do not park in the yellow lines.



PLEASE NOTE!! A friendly reminder to all drivers to STOP at the bottom of the hill when leaving our school drive into Eden Terrace. We prefer you to leave via Dominion Road if you are able to. Please leave by exiting onto Dominion Road and leave the hill clear for our pedestrians.

July/August 2016

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk3	8	9 School Photos	10 School Photos Garth Project Energise	11	12 Newsletter Yr 5-8 mini hockey	13 Quiz Night	14
Wk4	15 MARIA DAY "wear red" Significant ladies day	16	17 Kiwi Sport	18 CSO Board Training	19 Assembly	20	21
Wk5	22	23	24 Garth Project Energise PCS X-COUNTRY	25	26 DAFFODIL DAY Newsletter	27	28
Wk6 SEP	29	30	31 Kiwi Sport	1 Central Zones X Country Waipap	2 Assembly	3	4 FAMILY MASS
Wk7	5	6 PCS SPEECH COMP	7 Garth Project Energise	8 YR 3/4 RIPPA TOURNAMENT	9 Newsletter Far North X Country Peria	10	11
Wk8	12 Yr 8 Orientation Day	13	14	15 Far North Speech Comp REAP	16 Assembly	17	18

This calendar gives you an idea of what is coming up during the term. Put the dates somewhere important to remember them. Dates can change at times, so please check this calendar each newsletter. If there are last minute changes we will notify you by text, so contact Helen in the office to ensure your correct details are recorded at school.

Whanau let us always remember to show whanaungatanga at Pompallier. Our theme is 'CHANGE' - Tuia te rangi e tu iho nei, Tuia te papa e takoto nei. Join sky above to earth below just as people join together. In the year of Mercy Pope Francis asks us to show Mercy to those around us. We are thankful for the people that show Mercy and help others in our community. How blessed are we to live in such a kind and caring community like Kaitaia! Let's be the change to get our town back to a positive place where we are proud to say, "Yes, I'm from Kaitaia!"

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