

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

Special points of interest:

- FAMILY MASS Sunday 28th August
- Central Zones X Country Thurs 1 September
- PCS Speech Competition Tue 6 September
- PAID UNION MEETING—Wed 7 September
- Yr 3/4 Ripa Tournament Thurs 8 September



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

We are half way through the term and our staff have been focussing on specific planning and inquiring into best practice to ensure each child is progressing in the NZ curriculum.

We have been doing lots of shared planning and our Inquiry unit around the Olympic Games is again, a huge success. All students rotate through the 6 teachers with a key learning area to focus on. Food, Art, Ancient Olympic Games, Flags, Brazil and Nutrition are the key areas. The students will then follow their passion for the final weeks of the term to do their own research.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Board of Trustees spent 4 hours at Board training with the Catholic Schools Office and a representative from NZ Schools Trustee Association. It is an important part of building our knowledge as a school and Board partnership, and our team has some wonderful expertise as they represent you, as our school whanau.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

We had our first initial telephone conference with the ERO team that will be visiting our school in week 2 of term four. The overall evaluation question is "How effectively does this school respond to Maori learners whose learning and achievement needs acceleration?"

As a school we have termly tracking of every student, plotting their academic achievement. You receive written reports twice a year, but can always come in to chat about your child's progress. Whanau involvement is key and together with your child, their education is nurtured when you work with us in partnership. We are very blessed at our school to have wonderful whanau involvement

in all aspects of education and encourage you to continue with this relationship.

PCS SPEECH COMPETITION

Next week every child in the school will be presenting their speech to their class. The junior students in year 0 to 3 have their own choice of topics. The year 4 students have set topics which are fed in from other schools, as they can prepare to compete in the Far North Speech Competition that we organise later in the term

Remember, this is a key element of learning for our students. It is extremely challenging for many of our students and we celebrate their efforts along with the success of those who get chosen in the final competition being held on Tuesday 6th September. It is a very subjective topic, and student's have to compete and be judged with their performance that day. The finalists choices are extremely difficult to make and we always try to do the best that we can. Good luck to our students!

FAMILY MASS

Please note that we have had to move Family Mass forward to THIS WEEKEND! It would be great to see all of our families attend—an important part of the commitment of being enrolled at a Catholic School. If you are unable to make it this weekend, remember to support your child/ren's faith journey by attending Mass at least once a term on another Sunday. Our students get rewarded for how many attend Mass on Sunday's. Our two senior classes Te Kahu and Tui are leading this so far. We really encourage the other classrooms to come along too. It is a great way to meet our wonderful parishioners. We are on music, reading, altar serving and morning tea—please bring some morning tea to share with others.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings on your journey,

Kathryn Carey (Principal)

Star of the Week



Kiwi	Josie Wright and Leila Pereira
Piwakawaka	Cole Holloway and Kahurangi Hawea-Kingi
Kea	Roman Goulton and Kade TeWake
Tui	Tiana Rapihana-Pirini and Lucian Condurachi
Kakapo	Cohen Lloyd and Ayushiben Patel
Te Kahu	Cailee Doak and Eseiupu Potbury

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



Last Friday some of our year 3 and 4 students were lucky to play rippa rugby for the curtain raiser at Toll Stadium before the Northland v Manawatu rugby game.

They had a wonderful game, and the result was a draw with Paparore School. All the students played with great skill and represented our school extremely well. Thank you for the whanau and teacher support to get these students to Whangarei and back home safely. The students were "buzzing"!!!

(L to R) Alyx Cutler, Xanthe Hone-Moore, Danika Lucich, Calista Shanks, Katarina Pomare Newton, Riley Jackson, Noah Dickenson, Lee Zion Tepania, Ryan Taylor, Koby Hokai, Mitchell Wells and Milin Windelborn.

SPECIAL CHARACTER COLUMN

Our spirit and well-being is nourished by getting to know our Creator. It is very fitting then, that we are moving into the God strand with our in-class lessons. The main ideas to be taught are:

- God is ever-present and paternal by nature;
- We can come to know and understand our God through prayer and worship;
- It takes time and devotion to build a loving relationship with our creator.

A part of building a loving relationship with God is taking the time out from everyday life for prayer and worship. Pope Francis has currently been promoting the 'Five Finger Prayer' model to help guide prayer. The five finger prayer is as follows:

1. Thumb - representing those closest to you. Pray for your friends and family.
2. Index finger - those who point you in the right direction. Pray for your parents and teachers.
3. Middle finger - your tallest finger reminds you of the people who have authority. Pray for our police, our politicians and our world leaders.
4. Ring finger - the weakest finger. Pray for those who are less fortunate.
5. Pinky finger - the smallest finger. Pray for yourself, only after you have considered and prayed for others.

We are very blessed to have this special man leading our church; his wisdom is profound in its simplicity.

As Catholics, we are sustained by receiving the Eucharist at mass. The Eucharist is Christ-present, so He nourishes our spirit and gives us the strength to be the best we can be. It would be great to see you at FAMILY MASS this coming Sunday to receive Christ's blessing and commit to building this relationship with God, both for yourself and for your child/ren.

As another support for your child's faith journey, faith journals are being sent home today. As a school we would love your support in commenting on the 'end of strand evaluation' page. There are prompt questions you may wish to ask your child/ren to guide them to share their learning. We do ask that faith journals are returned on Monday with a comment, or a signature, as an acknowledgement the learning has been shared.

I will leave you with this quote from Pope Francis (July 2013) "Faith transforms the whole person precisely to the extent that he or she becomes open to love".

Many Blessings, Georgie Trewavas

ATTENTION

****PAID UNION MEETING****

Please be advised that NZEI and PPTA have scheduled a paid Union Meeting on Wednesday 7th September. This meeting will be taking place from 9.00 am until 11.00am. All staff who are Union members will be attending this meeting according to Section 26 of the Employment Relations Act.

The topic is regarding funding in schools and will be affecting students, staff and whanau. If you are able to, please make alternative arrangements for your child/ren and bring them to school at 11.00am. Usual classroom programmes will resume on the teacher's return from the meeting at 11.00am.

A skeleton staff will be available for any children that do not have alternative arrangements. Thank you for your support regarding this important matter.

School T-Shirts



We have brand new green school t-shirts with the school emblem embroidered on the shirt. Sizes available are: 6, 8, 10 and 12, These are only **\$10 per shirt**. If you would like to order a green t-shirt please indicate below:

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CROSS COUNTRY

Thank you so much to Kerry and Stacey Cutler for hosting us at their beautiful farm on Wednesday. The weather held out just enough!!! The work that goes behind the scenes is always much appreciated.

Our students were amazing on the day and showed our school values with their wonderful attitude.

The newsletter was printed too early for the results, so watch this space for photos.

Thank you to the Kaitaia College students, staff, parent helpers who helped make this day so great. We can't do these wonderful days without this help. We are very blessed.



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

CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS

We are proud of our open door policy. If you have a complaint, concern or query, please make an appointment to see your child/ren's teacher as it can be difficult to talk informally in our busy school. We are a Catholic School, every child is unique and relationship is key.

If you do not feel satisfied, the following are guidelines for complaints at our school:

Guidelines

- Parents and staff will be informed early each year of the procedures to be followed in making complaints.
- Complaints must be taken up personally with the person/s concerned, but if the situation is not resolved satisfactorily, then they must be lodged in writing to the appropriate person, as defined below.
- Health matters, peer relationships and learning problems will be raised with the class teacher.
- The Principal will be approached if the complaint has gained no satisfaction from the teacher.
- The Principal is to receive any complaints, which are very personal, or serious, or of a school wide nature.
- The Board of Trustees will deal with any complaints not dealt with satisfactorily, or those dealing with the Principal's decisions or actions.
- The Chairperson of the Board, or another person appointed by the Board, will deal with any complaints against any of the Board.
- The person will be given the right to respond and to have the right to representation.
- The Board will appoint a person, or persons to handle complaints against the Principal and any other Board member.
- Written complaints will receive a written or personal response.

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.

August/September 2016

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk5	22	23	24 Garth Project Energise PCS X-COUNTRY	25	26 DAFFODIL DAY Newsletter	27	28 FAMILY MASS
Wk6 SEP	29	30	31 Kiwi Sport	1 Central Zones X Country Waipap	2 Assembly	3	4 MAORI MASS
Wk7	5	6 PCS SPEECH COMP	7. Paid Union Meeting 9-11 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 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION-	16 Assembly	17	18
Wk9	19 MERCY WEEK	20	21 McAuley Day Wear Blue	22	23 LAST DAY	24	25 PCS MASS
	26	27	28 <i>Term Break</i>	29	30	1	2

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. Thank you to those that support, encourage and help us in our school and community. We are blessed to have helpers to raise funds, donate their time and expertise, or donate items to help us to make our school the best place that it can be. We are grateful to our staff who go the extra mile for our students too! Also, a special thanks to our parish and Father Sean for being a constant support to us all. Bless you all

Maria Day Celebrations



Another very successful Maria Day celebrated last week. Our staff bake and provide some delicious goodies for the "significant females" in our lives. Dressed in red and looking delightful, our focus for the day is showing Mercy to our ladies. Our children invite all of these special people to join us for Mass, and then we break into house groups for pampering. Massages, fancy nails and spending some special time together is our focus for the morning. Thank you to all the ladies that came along to join us in this celebration. We hope you felt as special as you are. Many blessings to the people that help us, support us and encourage us.

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