



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



### OUR VISION

That every child is able to learn and take risks in a safe Christ-centered environment that focuses on family and community values.

### OUR MISSION

Pompallier Catholic 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.

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## Special points of interest:

- Fri 25th Nov—TEACHER ONLY DAY
- Thurs 1st Dec—PRODUCTION
- Mon 5th Dec—Candle Lighting Ceremony
- Wed 7/8/9 Dec—Yr 6-8 camp



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

It has been a really sad start to our term losing our beloved Georgia Buckingham. On behalf of our staff, I would like to thank you, our whanau, for your support by making alternative arrangements for your children while we attended the funeral. Our hearts are heavy for the Buckingham's and we will keep them and our loved ones in our prayers. We certainly have a special community that comes together in times of hardship. The funeral was a very special ceremony to farewell such a precious young lady. Bless you, our whanau, for your care by supporting our school with your kind messages, delicious goodies for the staffroom and prayers and aroha.

#### MASS

Our Family Mass on Sunday was a very special occasion and special congratulations to our confirmation candidates who have now completed the Sacramental Programme. Our next intake will happen in term 2 of 2017, so let us know if you would like your child to take part in this special faith journey.

It was lovely to host Bishop Pat, and see so many children coming along for our last Family Mass for 2016.

#### REPORTING

All of our teachers are working hard to gather the final evidence of learning for your children. The teachers use a range of information, from classwork, bookwork, student voice, formal tests and observations. All of this information is

brought together to decide what curriculum level your child is working at. Lots of moderation happens between the teachers to ensure that the judgements they are making are consistent. The students are working hard to understand what curriculum level they are aiming for. Have a chat to your child and see what they are able to share about their learning. Within the reports is a graph that shows you what curriculum level your child should be aiming for, depending on their time at school or year level.

Remember, if you are unsure, come in and have a chat to your child's teacher. Together—mahi tahi—we help build the learning journey for your child.

#### NEWSLETTER

You will see our new "revamped" newsletter cover with our supporters listed. Thank you so much to these organisations for being one of our "friends of the school". As a community, please support them by using their services.

#### SPECIAL DATES

The term is certainly building up as we work towards some special up and coming events. Put aside these days to celebrate your child:

- Production
- Year 8 Candle Lighting Ceremony Mass
- Senior Prize Giving
- Junior Prize Giving

These are all very special events that are part of the celebration of our wonderful students. We will soon farewell our year 8 leaders. Again, a strong group of high achieving young people. They have been a huge part of our school leading our special character days, assemblies, fun days and sports events. Each year 8 will be taking part in our Senior Prize Giving and we encourage you to come along and support them.

Blessings on your journey  
Kathryn Carey (Principal)

# Star of the Week



Kiwi	Hannah Jackson and Laura Goulton
Piwakawaka	James Thaggard and Kahurangi Hawea-Kingi
Kea	Cordell Hunt, Caleb Ryan and Roman Nasr
Tui	Emma Mayes and Ryan Taylor
Kakapo	George Chelatt and Taleigha Hunt
Te Kahu	Tamara Smith and Harry Hone

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**

## 2017

We will be sorting classrooms for next year within this term, so please let us know if you have new enrolments, or are leaving the area. At this stage we have 30 places for students and welcome new enrolments. It has been great showing new families around our beautiful school recently and we look forward to welcoming new members.

**EVERYDAY FOOD HEROES**

# SPINACH

Find us on  [fb.com/ProjectEnergize](https://www.facebook.com/ProjectEnergize)

Spinach can be an excellent source of iron if you eat it with brightly coloured fruit or veg (high in vitamin C). Try spinach in your smoothies, stir-fries and mince dishes.



Developed by Sport Walkato 2016

# SPECIAL CHARACTER COLUMN

## Production - Te Timatanga

It's that time of year again! I am very pleased to announce our production this year is called Te Timatanga and re-tells the Creation story, with a Pompallier twist (as always).

We are excited that we will again host our production here on our school grounds. We are very blessed to have our own special stage. We will be showcasing our school with pride at this special event.

Our production script has been written by Stacey Cutler this year, with assistance from Nicola Dromgool. We will be presenting the biblical Creation story. Our script makes links to our whenua and kainga tupu, as well as instilling an environmental message. All our year 8's have a speaking part as Narrators, and will receive support and guidance from me to be ready for their role. We also have another special surprise that our year 8's are preparing.

As always, our 137 students are all participating in our production. We believe each child deserves the chance to shine, and the learning that takes place in performing arts area of the curriculum is inspiring. All children will have a costume for their class dance, plus each class are working on 'recyclable' Wearable Art costumes as well.

The magic date that needs to be booked in your diary is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. We will be performing 2 shows, a matinee at 10.30am, and an evening show at 5.30pm. Tickets can be booked with Helen at the office for a koha. Only three weeks to go!!!

Many Blessings,

Georgie Trewavas

**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.**

## October/November/December 2016

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk5	7	8	9 Kiwi Sport	10 Yr 3/4 Rippa	11 PCS ATHLETICS DAY Newsletter	12	13
Wk6	14	15	16	17	18 Assembly	19 KERIKERI HALF MARATHON	20
Wk7	21	22	23 Kiwi Sport	24 Yr 3/4 Rippa tournament Newsletter	25 TEACHER ONLY DAY RE professional dev	26 RE professional dev	27 RE profes- sional dev
Wk8	28	29	30 Kiwi Sport games	1 PRODUCTION—Day/ Night shows	2 Assembly	3	4
Wk9	5 Candle lighting Mass	6	7 Yr 6/7/8 camp	8 Yr 6/7/8 camp	9 Yr 6/7/8 camp	10	11
Wk10	12 Year 8 sailing Year 8 Social	13 Senior Praise Giving 5pm	14 Junior Praise Giving 11.30am LAST DAY	15	16		

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. With the recent loss of loved ones, we remember those that are special to us. Help others by offering prayers for strength in times of hardship. Take care of your friends, family and loved ones as Jesus would like us to.

# Congratulations!! Confirmation Candidates 2016!



We celebrated our term 4 Family Mass on Sunday with Bishop Pat confirming our candidates. Congratulations

- Therese Birch
- Kaidence Knight
- Taryn Knight
- TeMaaia Hawea-Kingi
- Raidon Reich



Congratulations to Mr Gunn who has achieved his "Classroom level accreditation". This means that he has achieved 100 hours of professional development around Religious Education! A wonderful achievement. Mr Gunn was awarded this achievement at Family Mass.

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## Self Review

It is that time again when we are working as a team with students, staff, board and community to implement our Strategic Plan for 2016.

We would love to have your input. Please note down your thoughts for us to consider and hand in to the office.

Every piece of feedback is worth house points, so please note which whanau group your child is in. Thank you.

House Group \_\_\_\_\_

What do you like about Pompallier Catholic School?

What suggestions do you have for Pompallier Catholic School?

If you would like to discuss these suggestions further, please note down your name and contact details.

Tēnā tātou katoa.

He mihi tēnei mai i te rangi ki te whenua, mai i te whenua ki te rangi otirā, ki a tātou katoa. Oki atu rā ngā tōtara haemata i takahia te ara tika. Me mihi ki ngā iwi e rima o Te Hiku o Te Ika.

It was a privilege to have whakawhānaungatanga with students in a kapahaka forum, rich and relevant to raising awareness and confidence in themselves.

It has been an honourable experience to have developed on a level pertinent to religious teaching.

E rere ana ngā mihi ki ngā tauira, ngā kaiako, ngā hāpori o te kura me te Hāhī.

*Kia hiko tonu! Tukua te hinengaro kia rere, kia kore ai ngā taonga nei e noho tapu, e noho kōhatu. Heipū noa he noa atu te patu; te tatangi, te wiri, te whātero e.*

Nā Jeleeza Tepania

We thank Whaea Jaleeza for her wonderful mahi with our students. We feel very blessed to have worked with her.



An exciting time of the year to be able to share gifts with others. All students names were put in a hat for the "Illusion Show" on Thursday 10th of November and the Nasr whanau were the lucky winners! We hope they thoroughly enjoy the show, and look forward to hearing their stories the next day.

# Tui are Conscientious Conservationists!

In Tui we are focusing on technology with an arty/environmental focus - this is also linked to our production. We have covered many conservation topics including timber milling, commercial fishing, the Maui dolphin, recycling, kina and paua.

In Week 4 we were able to see conservation in action by visiting Kaitia College to see how they grow paua. Before our trip Tui had read, written and researched to create PowerPoint slides about the decline in paua's numbers. Kaitia College is the only school in the world to have been successful in growing paua in a tank. They have been involved in this project for years and are working hard to repopulate our local reefs with paua.



The legal size of a paua is 125mm or

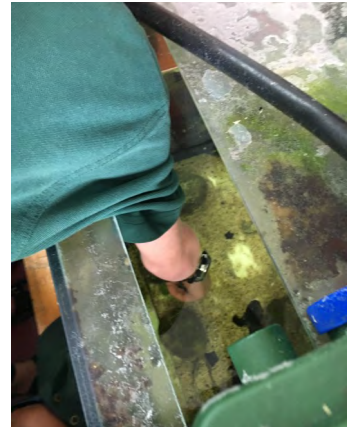
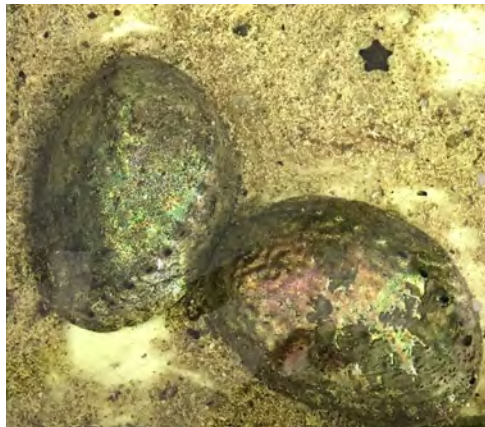
A baby paua is smaller than a grain of sand!  
We saw them under the microscope

You can collect 10 per person

Over harvesting and the harvesting of undersized paua are the main cause for the decline in paua numbers.

Spread the word so that our kaimoana is around for future generations!

☺ Check out our blog to see more of Tui's learning: [pcscutler.blogspot.com](http://pcscutler.blogspot.com)





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