



# 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.

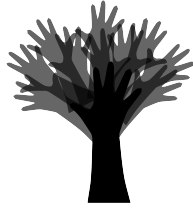
### OUR MISSION

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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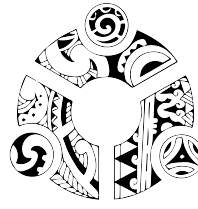
Atawhai  
Mercy



Tika  
Integrity



Aroha  
Love



Pono  
Truth

### Special points of interest:



- Whanau Hui (Postponed due Covid)
- Friday 12th March Central Zones Swimming (8-12yrs) (pending Covid)
- Wednesday 17th March Te Manawa Tahī Hub at PCS (pending Covid)
- Friday 19th March St Joseph's Day (pending Covid)
- Tuesday 23rd March Far North Zones (pending Covid)

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

Our first month has ticked by and I am so proud of the learning that is happening in the classrooms. Our students are settled and engaged - such an exciting time. By the time this newsletter goes online, our whanau hui would have usually taken place, however Covid Level 2 rules implemented on Saturday at midnight has prevented this. We will certainly postpone and look forward to connecting soon. In the meantime, our strategic goals are as follows: .

#### Catholic Character

Encounter with Christ - Spiritual formation and strengthening our relationship with the parish.

#### Empower leaders of learning

- Strengthen effective teaching practices to grow student centred learning
- Differentiation of learners and acceleration is embedded in classroom programme through planning of deliberate acts of teaching
- Use opportunities to grow in-school leadership capability

#### Grow future focussed, resilient learners

- Enhance learning partnerships within, between and across school. Promote leadership, students sharing learning and building on whanaungatanga

#### Embed big ideas of the NZC through authentic learning

- Continue to provide and enhance opportunities for STREAM (Science, Technology, Religious Education, Engineering and Maths)
- Embed Digital technology curriculum

You will see these strategic goals being shared throughout the year and we are excited to get your input over this time.

### LUNCH IN SCHOOLS

In term two we begin our "lunch in schools" programme which is being rolled out by the Ministry of Education. Every child in the school will receive lunch which is free of charge. The menus will be shared on our SeeSaw platform, so ensure you are signed up. We will be surveying to gather cultural and dietary requirements for every child. Again, thank you for taking the time to share this information with us. The menu will be unable to cater to "likes" or "dislikes" but is a balanced and healthy option where our students get the opportunity to try a range of healthy food choices.

### COVID LOCKDOWN AND HEALTH UPDATES

We have received 80 percent of responses from whanau for the covid and health survey. This enables us to have the most up-to-date information about your child and the status of your home contact information. Thank you for sharing this information. The beginning of the year is a hectic time to gather and update our systems, but is an important part of working with you our whanau. The SeeSaw platform to communicate with you is also proving to be very successful and we hope you are enjoying the "timely" updates of your child's learning. This is part of our new changes to reporting to you about your child's academic and social learning at school. These take the teacher's a lot of time to update, so your input is very gratefully received.

We continue to promote our online learning platforms, particularly for our year 4-8 students. This gives you the opportunity to be part of the learning journey.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
God bless, Kathryn Carey

# DRS COLUMN

We have been so very blessed to continue with key liturgical celebrations at school within the Covid-19 regulations. The children have been learning all about our Mercy Charism for the first two weeks. We then moved into Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday and are now in the Liturgical Season of Lent. You are welcome to come in to school to see the classroom goals for Lent, and check in with your child/ren about their personal Lenten goals.

Our classrooms are rostered on to attend Mass each week with Father Larry. Our goal is to strengthen the knowledge of our children with Mass and to encourage their attendance on a Sunday as they feel part of our parish community. It is our special place of prayer and a time to join together with our parishioners.

## ST JOSEPH'S DAY

Our next celebration at school for Religious Education is St Joseph's Day (pending Covid). St Joseph is a key member of the church and it is another opportunity for our children to learn about Joseph as a father figure and worker. The bible tells us that Joseph was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He knew women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he resolved to send her away quietly to not expose her to shame or cruelty. However, when an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:19-25).

When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back (Matthew 2:13-23).

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for ever and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4:22)

As a school, we will be celebrating Saint Joseph with "dress as your favourite worker/role model" which is always a favourite. Our church is named St Joseph Catholic Church, so it is special link to this feast day. The Special Character Team will be running a fun celebration where we invite our role models to join us for Mass and fun activities. We would love you to join us if you are able to.

## FAMILY MASS

Each term we have Family Mass where our students are able to lead in the Ministry of music, reading, prayer and altar service. It is such a special time where we come together as a school community with our parish whanau. Due to the Covid announcement we were unable to run with this. We keep praying that NZ and the wider world can overcome this Covid-19 virus. Thank you for supporting our Catholic faith.

God bless,

Kathryn Carey

# Other news and notices

## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH Mass Times

### Our **Week Day Mass**

At 9.15am Wednesday and Friday in  
KAITAIA

### **Weekend Mass**

Four locations, as follows:

Every Sunday 9am, KAITAIA

Every Sunday 3:30pm, MANGONUI

Every fourth Sunday of the month Mass,  
11am, WAIHARARA

Every second and third Sunday of the  
month 11am, AWANUI

First Saturday of every month 4.30,  
AHIPARA



## Share your best **SUMMER** photo and be in to win!!

*A SMART summer caption will  
make your entry even luckier!*

Competition closes on Friday 26th March

*Gold coin entry fee*

Anyone can enter – have fun photographers !

### 5 Categories:

Adult (14yrs+)	Year 3 & 4
Year 7 & 8	Year 0 - 2
Year 5 & 6	

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes and FAME!**

## Sacramental Programme



Congratulations to our students taking part in the Sacramental Programme for 2021. We keep them in our prayers as they grow their faith with this next important step with the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Special prayers for Sharron, Rihari, Nigel, Ryan, Ezra, Liam, Connor, Arav, Layton and Keita

# PCS School Calendar

School Term One Calendar - March/April						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Wk5	2 Swimming	3 Swimming	4 No Swimming	5 Newsletter	6	7 Altar Servers Taryn/Will/ Caleb-Rose
8 Wk6	9 Swimming	10 Swimming PTFA meeting *	11 Last day swimming	12 Central Swimming Zones - *(help needed) Assembly 2pm	13	14 Altar Servers Raidon/ Christiaan/ Therese
15 Wk7 BOT meeting 5pm	16	17 Te Manawa Tahi Hub at PCS *	18	19 St Joseph's Day Significant Males*	20	21 Altar Servers Kataraina /Hannah/Kurt
22 Wk8	23 Far North Swimming Zones	24	25 Annunciation *	26 Sizzling Summer Comp photos due Assembly 2pm	27	28 PALM SUNDAY Altar Servers James/Evie
29 Wk9 Yr7/8 voluntary immunisations	30	31	1 Holy Week Play *	2 Good Friday Holiday	3	4 Altar Servers Riccardo/ Nathan/Serenit y/Kelisha
5 Wk10 Easter Monday Holiday	6 Easter Tuesday Holiday	7	8	9 Newsletter	10	11 Altar Servers Taryn/Kevin Weetbix Tryathlon *
12 Wk11	13	14	15	16 Chanel Day Last Day of Term 1 Assembly 2pm	17	18 Altar Servers Sharron/Ezra

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 See Saw or our school Facebook page and update our free app Skool Loop. Make sure you contact Helen in the office to ensure your details are up-to-date. Term one is certainly a busy and exciting term! **Please note all \* are pending Covid-19 levels**

## **\*\* Board of Trustees \*\***

**Our Board of Trustees have met for the first time for 2021. They are a fabulous team that will oversee the governance of the school and can be approached by you for any queries. The daily management of teaching and learning is with the Principal and you are welcome to make an appointment for a chat at any time.**

**Bishop Representative - Father Larry Rustia, Bill Pomare and Bonnie Greenall  
Parent Representatives - Abe Wells, Chris Maskell, Luke Payne and Paul George  
Teacher Representative - Melissa Watson  
Principal - Kathryn Carey**

**At our next meeting we will be reviewing our board numbers and constitution. With the loss of Rose Baker, it is an opportunity to review our numbers as suggested by the Catholic Schools Office, prior to 2022 when we will be appointing a new Board. We are looking at changing to 4 parent representatives and 3 Bishop representatives based on our school size. You are welcome to come along and discuss this decision. Our meeting is Monday 15th March at 5pm and is open to all.**

# Congratulations!!!



We recently celebrated Whaea Danni's achievement as she has completed her Post Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership with an A grade pass rate! How blessed we are to have Whaea Danni with us at PCS!

Such a wonderful opportunity to show our students how we can all be life-long learners!

Whaea Danni is looking forward to implementing this new learning in her role as Deputy Principal at PCS. Great role modelling of aiming to be the best that you can be!

## PTFA

Come along and meet and take part in the wonderful fundraising events for our students. This is a great way to meet new people and get involved in our fabulous school community.

All fundraising proceeds go to the children and supporting some "extras" at school.



## POMPALLIER'S FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL (PTFA)

INVITES YOU...  
to come along to meet  
others and share any  
ideas you have for  
our tamariki.

Wednesday 10th March  
3pm. Library

WE ARE A FRIENDLY BUNCH WHO WORK TOGETHER  
TO SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN AND THE SCHOOL WHANAU.  
WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!



# Student Leadership for 2021

Congratulations to our Special Character Team (SCT) for 2021. They are a wonderful team of young leaders who have already stepped into roles supporting our faith based fun activities! They are fabulous young leaders!

(L-R top) Holly Schrafft, Jaymee Hodgson-Kimber, Ebes Arun, Sharron Tepania, Ava Kearney, Ruby Pirini, Josie Wright

(L-R bottom) Senator Herbert, Yathath Patel, Jasmine Bates, Lily Wells, Poppy Holland, Lucy Mulholland, Ricardo Spence-Flood and Caleb-Rose Waipouri



Congratulations to our Whanau House Captains for 2021. They have already organised a fantastic swimming sports day supporting our younger students and leading the whanau group chants! Again, a group of fabulous young leaders!

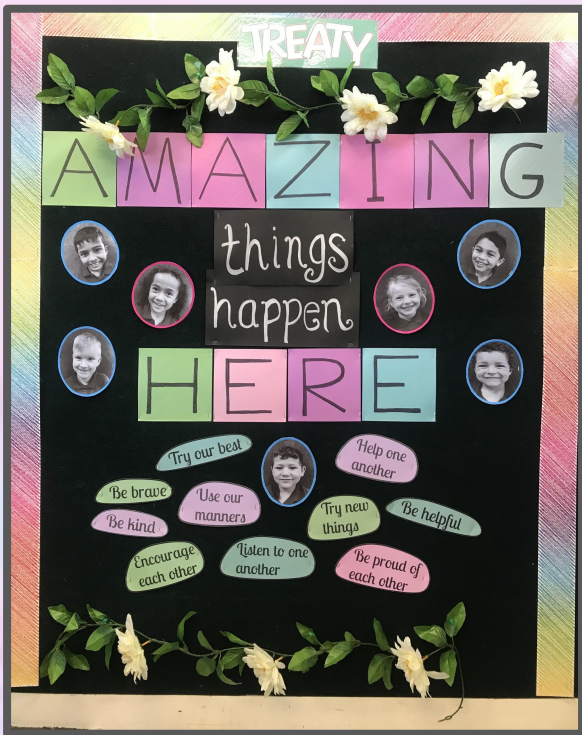
Marcellin: Captains: Taryn Knight, Max Richards and Deputy Captains: Tarzaya Ngawhika-Thomas and Huatau Anderson Betham

McAuley: Captains: Roman Nasr, James Thaggard Deputy Captains: Max Tye and Liam Taylor

Chanel: Captains: Kataraina Smith, Will Wright, Deputy Captains: Raidon Reich and Kingston Hobman-Williams

Aubert: Captains: Fynn Dalzell, Alyx Cutler Deputy Captains: Therese Birch and Noah Dickinson

# What's been happening in our junior school...



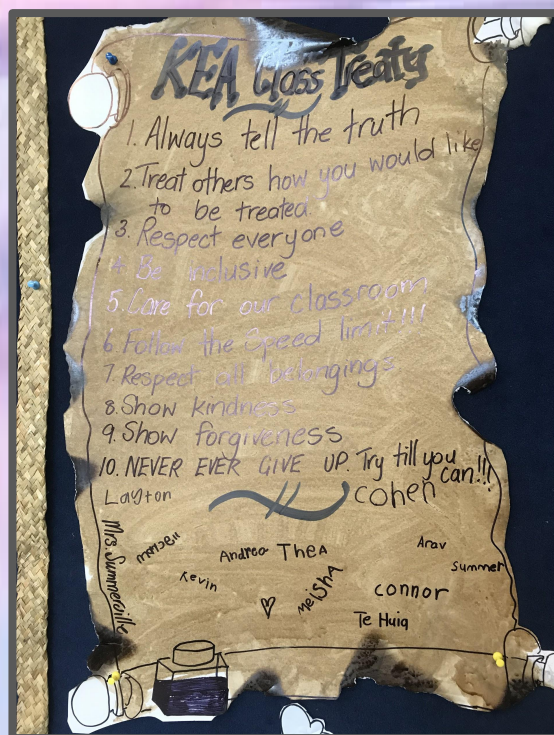
Each class collectively creates a classroom Treaty. This helps everyone remember the expectations and how we work collaboratively.



KIWI

PUKEKO

KEA





# TUUKAKAPO TE KAHU

The senior school has been working hard over the first 4 weeks of the year. We have established class treaties, learned about the value of mercy and shared this learning with our class. We have been able to collaborate with each other during mahi tahi and have had so much fun creating films about the 4c's. Our teachers are all very happy with how we have all settled in and the learning we have accomplished so far.



# PCS SWIMMING SPORTS 2021

Well done to all of our amazing students who swam and helped make this years swimming sports amazing. We were all very impressed with your determination and stamina throughout the day. A massive thankyou to our parent helpers and the amazing PTFA. We could not have done it without you.





# CENTRAL ZONE SWIMMING SPORTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR  
STUDENTS WHO MADE IT INTO THE CENTRAL  
ZONE SWIMMING COMPETITION. THIS IS  
BEING HELD ON FRIDAY 12TH MARCH, 2021.

RAIDON  
MAX  
ROMAN  
RICARDO  
WILL  
KINGSTON  
CHRISTIAAN  
MICHAEL  
NATHAN  
TAE  
KAYDE  
OSCAR  
KAHN  
RYAN  
BRODY  
NOAH  
FYNN  
DEVANTE  
MAX T

RJAYMEE  
KATARAINA  
THERESE  
RUBY  
CALEB-ROSE  
THERESE  
LILY  
KELISHA  
JOSIE  
LEILA  
LAILA  
ZARA  
TE WHITI  
KEITA  
KHLOE  
ISABELLA  
TARYN  
ALYX  
LOUISE  
EVIE

CANTEEN AVAILABLE

# WHANAU GROUP

## POINTS

