



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



OUR VISION

To grow Christ-centred individuals who are inspired to be passionate, connected, life-long learners.

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:



- Thursday 17th March PCS Junior Fun Swimming Session
- Friday 18th March PCS Competitive Swimming Sports Day - 8-12+ years
- Friday 8th April Chanel Day - wear green
- Thursday 14th April Easter Passion Play

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

We are almost half way through term one already! It has been nice connecting with our new whanau via Seesaw and share how well each of their tamariki are settling in to school. I am so proud of our students that have shown our school values to embrace their new peers too. The teachers are enjoying their classes just as much as the students! Strong partnership with whanau is vital and I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher if you haven't already. The best contact is via a message on Seesaw or email.

You will see learning being shared via Seesaw and we love your comments and connections, so please keep adding those. Notices are being updated and sent through regularly on Seesaw so it is an important part of our communication.

CATHOLIC REVIEW

The review took place last week online due to Covid restrictions. I am so proud of our staff who helped to upload their planning, learning and "special" moments to share our Religious Education teaching and learning. I hope you get a chance to watch our "meet PCS" video. This was a snapshot of our kura, the values and the people within our great space. Our staff, students, board, whanau and parish were all part of the interviews and panels that spoke with the reviewers. Feedback from the team stated:

- Planning which is authentic, meaningful and deep level.
- Local curriculum development is a real highlight.

- Wellbeing for our tamariki and whanau is strong.
- Our students can see themselves in the local curriculum.
- Our Religious Education programme has it's own integrity, but is woven throughout the NZ curriculum to maintain depth.
- Our strong school parish relationship is evident in all aspects of our school
- Forward thinking curriculum
- We are proud to be Catholic as a kura and our students are proud too.
- Our values are really lived

I am so proud of our kura. Thank you for taking the time to share your whanau voice with us as part of our planning going forward, our strategic thinking and your overall experiences of our kura.

A formal report will be put together and presented to our Board of Trustees and we will then publish it on our school website for your viewing.

COVID

I have included a snapshot of our planning for a student or staff member that may have a positive Covid test in our school community. This is a good reminder of the processes we follow. In Phase 3, only close contacts that you live with are isolating for a period of 10 days, or symptomatic people awaiting test results. We endeavour to notify you with any updates that we can. As a staff we are very grateful for the vigilance of whanau, by keeping tamariki home if they are unwell or at risk of being infected by Covid. We are trying to

Friday 4th March 2022
Term 1 Week 5



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Our priority is to keep our staff and students as safe as possible so that our learning programme can continue on site. If we have too many staff isolating or unwell, we will be forced into moving into a "hybrid" model, with some staff isolating and others at school. We will contact whanau via Seesaw and email if we are moving into a hybrid phase.

Maree is currently sending out contact details that we have for all tamariki. Please check that we have the correct phone number, address and contact for our records.

As always we appreciate your support. Together we can do our utmost to keep our tamariki safe.

ASSESSMENT GATHERING

Teachers are currently gathering beginning of the year data for their students. Specific teaching based on needs is then established from the data gathered. Teachers use:

Formal assessment

Group work

Observation

Book work and learning.

All of these aspects are used together to get a picture of learning needs.

The biggest way whanau can support their tamariki is to talk about learning, share a book together, recipe, news article, poem, favourite family books. Share the main idea, what you notice in the text and what might happen next. The more your child read's or is read to, the more they expand their vocabulary, fluency and confidence with literacy. Writing can be notes, cards, instructions around the home. Maths can be having fun playing card games. Try racing each other in addition, subtraction. multiplication or division. Go fish with trying

to recognise numbers. What is the biggest number you can make, what is the smallest? Having fun with your tamariki while learning is the goal.

SWIMMING

Our students are making some wonderful progress in swimming this term. You will see our calendar with the dates for our swimming sports. It is such a shame that the rules require us to limit whanau attendance. Due to the number of students we have, we are unable to welcome you along to this annual event, as the Kaitaia Swimming Pool cannot host more than 100 people. Although it is disappointing, we will endeavour to share this fun day with you via photos on our Facebook and Seesaw pages.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Father Larry has shared a newsletter with the Sacramental Programme for 2022 with the students at school and the parish. Children and adults are able to receive the sacraments of baptism and first reconciliation. The sessions are:

- Sunday 6th, 13th and 20th March at 9am
- First Reconciliation Friday 25th March 6pm
- Easter Baptism Saturday 16th April 7pm

Such a special way to nurture the faith of your child. Let us know if you would like to take part. It has been lovely to see our new families join us on Sunday at Mass too. Thank you.

I look forward to continued sharing of our great learning at school. Keep an eye on notices and updates.

God bless
Kathryn Carey
Principal

PCS School Calendar



School Term One Calendar						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31 Wk1 Red alert level	1	2 TOD	3 First day of Term 1. Informal Whakatau	4 Newsletter	5	6
7 Wk2 WAITANGI DAY	8 Swimming starts	9 Swimming	10 Swimming	11 Tui Mass Assembly	12	13
14 Wk3	15 Swimming	16 Swimming	17 Swimming	18 Te Kahu Mass	19	20
21 Wk4	22 Swimming	23 Swimming CATHOLIC REVIEW	24 Swimming CATHOLIC REVIEW	25 Kakapo Mass Assembly	26	27
28 Wk5	1 SHROVE TUESDAY Swimming	2 ASH WEDNESDAY Swimming	3 MATHS LEAD PB4L Swimming	4 Newsletter	5	6 Christ the King
7 Wk6	8	9	10	11 Kiwi Mass	12	13
14 Wk7	15	16	17 St Joseph's Day Fun swimming session	18 PCS SWIMMING SPORTS 8-12 yrs	19	20
21 Wk8	22 CSO VISIT TO KAITAIA	23	24 Annunciation	25	26	27 Family Mass?
28 Wk9	29	30	31	1 Newsletter Assembly	2	3
4 Wk10	5	6	7	8 CHANEL DAY Wear Green Kea Mass	9	10 Palm Sunday
11 Wk11	12	13	14 PASSION PLAY	15 EASTER	16	17

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 notices on SeeSaw and Facebook as the newsletter is monthly. 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 Maree in the office to ensure your details are up-to-date. * **Please note all events are pending the current Covid-19 levels.**

DRS COLUMN

Our school is brimming with learning about Lent as we have celebrated Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday this week. The three main traditions of Lent are: PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING. Our students are learning about the traditions of Lent and how we can apply these to our lives. Maybe you could try some things together as a whanau?

Prayer

During Lent, we can pray for others who are in need. We also use this time to talk to God about what is happening in our lives.

Some things that we may do are:

Pray for the sick and needy.

Pray for those who are less fortunate.

Pray for those who are suffering in our community and the world.

Thank God for all His blessings.

Participate in the masses leading up to the celebration of Easter.



Prayer

As a whanau, some ideas could be to share in daily prayer and set some Lent goals.

If you are new to the school or wish to have your child baptised, get in touch with Father Larry or Kathryn Carey and we can arrange baptism.

Fasting

During Lent, we can give something up to show that we are thinking of the sacrifice that was made by Jesus. We may also decide to share our time with people in need, or do things we wouldn't normally do.

Some things that we may do are:

Stop spending money on things we want, and make a donation to a charity.

Give up our favourite food, snack or drink.

Stop being negative towards people, and work on having a more positive attitude.

Stop getting angry or upset with people, and pray for the courage to forgive them.

Give up television to spend more time with family and friends.



Fasting

Ideas might include giving something up or taking something on.

Try to be positive and kind to others.

Give up a food or snack that is not good for you?

Almsgiving

Try something that will benefit others. Could you make more of an effort to be kind to a sibling?

Could you volunteer in a charitable organisation?

Lent is 40 days as we build up to one of the biggest celebrations in the Church, which is Easter.

Almsgiving

During Lent, we can show our love for others by helping. We might choose to donate money to projects or charities and organisations in our community.

Some things that we may do are:

Donate clothes, books, shoes and food to people in need.

Show an act of kindness to a family member each day.

Cook a meal for someone who needs it.

Volunteer to help at the local church (clean or help around the grounds).

Support the work of local charities and see what can be done to help.



OTHER NEWS AND NOTICES

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

Mass Times

Our **Week Day Mass (Covid dependent)**

At 9.15am Wednesday and Friday in KAITAIA

Weekend Mass

Locations, as follows:

Every Saturday at 6pm and Sunday 9am, KAITAIA

Every Sunday 3:30pm, MANGONUI

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



Communication

If your child is absent from school, please remember to get in touch to let us know why.

You can contact us via

- SeeSaw
- Skool Loop
- call or text 021 867 615
- email

office@pompallierprimary.school.nz

If there is a change to your usual after school arrangements (e.g. no bus, after school care, etc), please contact the school office by **2.00pm** at the latest.



NEED A MUSIC TUTOR?

Jen Whittington

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You are invited to

St Joseph Catholic Church Baptism Programme

First Baptism Lesson
after Mass on
Sunday 6th March 2022
at the church.

1st Holy Communion Lessons begin
Sunday 27th March 2022 after Mass. See Father Larry,
Helen Payne or Kathryn Carey if you have any queries

COVID UPDATE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Omicron is now rapidly progressing through our Far North Community. We have plans in place and our website has our School response plan if you would like more detailed information.

We continue to receive ongoing updates from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education, and will endeavour to update you with significant changes as well.

In the meantime, this is a succinct plan of what our steps will be for our school if we are to have a positive Covid case at our school. There is a high possibility that we may need to operate in a “hybrid” model. This means that we may have online learning available and some on site learning depending on the community and school needs.

Please refer to the below image to help you understand what our school will put in place, with some students and staff needing to isolate at home.

We are so grateful to you, our whanau, for your vigilance and being safe by keeping your tamariki at home if they are unwell or potentially at risk of covid. This has made a really positive impact and kept our school and students as safe as possible. Thank you.



Pompallier Catholic School's flexible response to Covid-19 will depend on the various scenarios that could play out within our school community. With the support of the staff, we will look to implement strategies that work best for our school context, with the health and safety of our students at the forefront of our planning. At all times we will be following the requirements set out by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.

Please see below a step-by-step process of how we will inform you of a positive case within our school community and the steps we will all be required to take to manage the situation (Keep this somewhere where it can be easily located).

Positive and/or Close Case Outside Of School

Phase 1:
School is open for all students

Phase 2:
Hybrid Model of Learning.

(School and Home Learning)

Phase 3:
Everyone learning from home

(Similar to Lockdown)

Phase 4:
School is shut. No learning programmes available.

(Unlikely Scenario)

Step 1

Positive and/or Close Case Identified Outside of School

Step 2

Parent to Inform School Via Email or Phone
principal@pompallierprimary.school.nz

School contacts MOE

Step 3

School sends out a Covid Update via Seesaw and email to school families.
Monitor your child's health

Step 4

Guided by: MOE and MOH
Community kept updated via Seesaw and email

Step 5

The Board will assess if a move in phases is necessary.

Shared via Seesaw and email

Positive and/or Close Case While At School

Step 1

Positive and/or Close Case Identified while At School

Step 2

School to contact MOE and MOH
Information gathered regarding case/s activity.

Step 3

Close contacts identified and informed.
Information about isolation and testing shared.

Step 4

School sends out a Seesaw message and email to School families.
Monitor your child's health

Step 5

The Board will assess if a move in phases is necessary.

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PCS STUDENT LEADERS

Nga rangatira o Pompallier. Introducing the 2022 leaders for Pompallier Catholic School. We are so very proud of each and every one of you and know that your whānau will be too. Leadership is one of our strategic goals for our tamariki and our “white shirts” do a wonderful job. All senior students will have leadership opportunities throughout the year.

Whānau House Leaders

Abert: Lily, Lucy, Ricardo & Laila

Chanel: Josie, Kingston (absent) & Teina

McAuley: Liam & Max

Marcellin: Caleb-Rose, Devante, Dallas & Hannah

Special Character Team

Leila, Brooke, Portia, Ava, Holly, Evie, Nathan, Louise, Aprillia & Yatharth.

Congratulations again!



YUMMY STICKERS!



We are collecting our “yummy” stickers at the moment. If you can pop them on a sheet of A4 paper and send them in to school that would be fabulous!

We use the credits to purchase sports equipment for our tamariki to enjoy during break times.

Principal for the Day



We have begun our very popular “Principal for the Day” award where a student “shadows” Mrs Carey for a period of time during the day.

Students go into the “draw” each assembly based on showing and modelling our school values. Each name stays in our draw for the year until they are drawn out.

Lily was our first “Principal” for 2022 and what a high example she has set. As a year 8 leader she shows lots of initiative around our school and made a great Principal for the day!

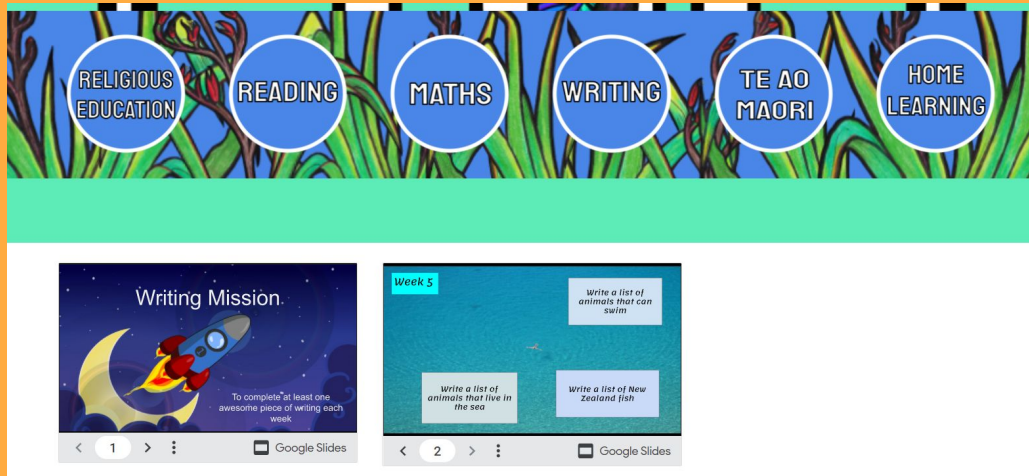
In her session Lily organised our Special Character Team (SCT) throughout the liturgy for Shrove Tuesday. She then organised the team to distribute the pancakes for our celebrations. Lily co-ordinated the photos from these events and shared with Mrs Carey. She also organised artwork for the foyer. Boy she had a busy day!!!

Lily really enjoyed helping others as “Principal”. What a fabulous summary of Lily who portrays our school values in all that she does. Thank you Lily for being such a wonderful Principal for the day for PCS!

***He aroha whakato,
He aroha ka puta mai***

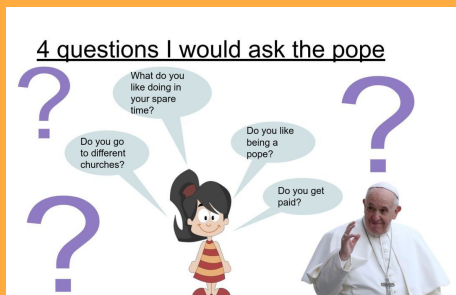
***If kindness is sown,
Then kindness is what
you shall receive.***





Check out the Tui class site! We have been doing lots of mahi around our site and all students can access their learning from home from here.

TUI



Kakapo has been working really hard this term and have created some really interesting slides portraying this mahi. They have done some questions for the Pope as part of their religious education. A key part of the learning has included research about Sea Week. The entire class are developing their skills using cricket sets to catch and bat. They are working really well together as a team!

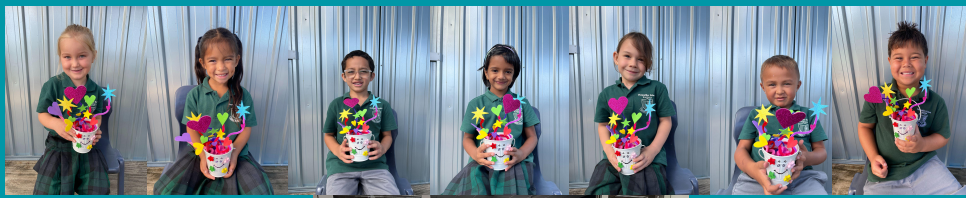
KAKAPO



Te Kahu has been putting in some amazing mahi over the past few weeks. We have been inquiring into the Treaty of Waitangi and Maori leaders of the past. Students have been doing some fantastic problem solving in mathematics and are working toward crafting a narrative in writing.

TE KAHU

JUNIOR SYNDICATE



Kiwi Class have been loved celebrating their first Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday at school. In class we have worked on filling other peoples invisible buckets by being kind, showing aroha and trying to be our very best selves.

KIWI



Pukeko have been learning all about Lent. We loved our Shrove Tuesday pancakes!! Thanks Father Larry for coming to be with us on Ash Wednesday. It was so special to be blessed with the ashes. We are trying hard to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Can you see our class Lenten goals!!

PUKEKO



KEA CLASS HAS ENJOYED LEARNING ALL ABOUT LENT - WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR, SHROVE TUESDAY, ASH WEDNESDAY AND HOW WE CAN FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS. THANK YOU TO FATHER LARRY FOR SPENDING TIME WITH US ON ASH WEDNESDAY TO HELP US UNDERSTAND WHY THIS DAY IS SIGNIFICANT.

KEA

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