



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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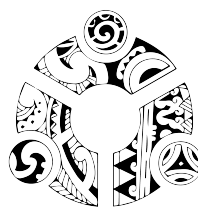
Atawhai
Mercy



Tika
Integrity



Aroha
Love



Pono
Truth

Special points of interest:



- Easter Mass times
- Senior car boot fundraiser
- Weetbix Tryathlon
- Duffy Assembly
- Chanel Day (wear green) and Father Pat award
- Teacher Only Day - Friday 4th June (resilience, well-being)

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

Wow, what an action-packed time it has been at PCS in the past couple of weeks! It has been such a blessing to be able to engage with you, our whanau in so many great learning events. From swimming, reconciliation, whanau hui, Family Mass and our passion play. I am always mindful of the rest of the world that is unable to attend school or hold any event due to Covid-19 restrictions. We are very blessed.

Our staff have been working really hard to engage with you via SeeSaw and blogs in the senior school. You will be receiving constant examples of the learning that is happening in the classroom. Our focus continues to be on areas of creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication. All skills required for future life long learning!

MANAIAKALANI and KAHUI AKO

These two professional learning clusters are our focus for 2021. Our students are working on "learn, create, share" with Manaiakalani. Teachers' are planning critical thinking opportunities for our students. This is through a range of literacy activities which promote multiple ways of learning based on one topic. Learning could be through text, video, blog, newspaper, rewindable by recording, voice message etc.

Our goals in Kahui Ako is to continue to build on our local curriculum through Tu Tangata Marama where our students are inspired in learning experiences rich in culture, environment and the heritage of Te Hiku o Te Ika. We are reaching out to whanau who are able to support our tamariki and kaiako by sharing skill-sets you may have. Please let us know if you can help us with our theme of Ngā kai (food - Kiwi and Pukeko), Te Ngāhere

(bush - Kea and Tui), Te Awa and Te Moana (river - and sea Kakapo and Te Kahu).

WHANAU HUI

Thank you to those that came along to support our Whanau Hui - it was jam packed! It is a great chance to connect with your child's teacher and our students were buzzing to share their learning with you. A close relationship will build up your child's learning and experience at school. We shared some key tips for success in school which is a good sleep, attendance at school, healthy kai and communication. With lunch in schools starting in term 2, it will be a wonderful support for our learners and one less thing for whanau to worry about each day. Thank you for taking the time to complete our online survey to ensure we have all dietary and cultural needs. The lunches will be an opportunity for our tamariki to learn about recycling, healthy food and being grateful for our blessings.

Last Sunday we celebrated Family Mass together with Bishop Michael and Father Larry. It was Palm Sunday and lovely for our children to learn the traditions of Holy Week at Mass through the palms, a real donkey and building on their understanding of the build up to Easter. See further on in the newsletter for the Mass timetable over the Easter weekend. Thank you for supporting your child in their faith and joining with our wonderful parish to build on our understanding. It is always a highlight to see our children read, pray, sing and take part in the service.

Have a very safe and blessed Easter break. Remember we return to school on Wednesday 7th April.

God bless,
Kathryn Carey, Principal

Whanau Hui 2021

Lots of support for this evening where you could see the great learning that is taking place across the school. Thank you for taking the time to join us. Keep an eye on SeeSaw and Learning Blogs for learning updates.



DRS COLUMN

I really love the Easter celebration falling within the school term. Our children will be taking part in the Easter Passion Play. Each class has their own part as follows:



Kiwi/Pukeko -

- The Entry into Jerusalem
- Palm Sunday

Kea -

- The washing of the feet
- The last supper

Tui -

- Jesus prays in the garden

Kakapo

- Peter denies Jesus
- Jesus before Pilate and Herod

Te Kahu

- Jesus carries the cross to Calvary
- Jesus is nailed to the cross
- Resurrection - new life

The students learn so much from acting the parts in this passion play and the learning is very authentic. They all dress up in traditional costumes which adds to the joy and learning. We hope that you are able to join us for this special tradition at our school.

Our church has a very rich tradition, and the Easter celebrations are the most important of all in the Catholic Church. The week begins with Palm (Passion) Sunday on 28th March 2021. Our school is on Mass so we ask that all whanau contribute to morning tea to share with the parish. If you are able to help in the kitchen that would be great too. Mass begins at 9.00am so come and join us all.

Palm Sunday is an opportunity for our children to take part in the richness of our Catholic faith with the smell, sound and sight of these traditions. Processing to the church, waving palms and singing makes things a little more interesting for children. The next important day is Thursday at 7pm. This is when the Last Supper is remembered and is also the —Washing of the feet. On Good Friday at 3pm, is the next part of Holy Week. At this time we venerate the Cross. It is at this time that we recognise that Jesus died. On Holy Saturday there is a Vigil Mass at 8pm. Father Larry is also celebrating baptism for our community where many of our children are being baptised from school. Everyone is included so come along to take part in the baptism at this special time in our calendar. During Holy Saturday the Passion is read and remembered. Then there is the most important celebration of the year—Easter Sunday, celebrating Jesus' Resurrection at 9am on Sunday morning. We hope that you are able to join in at this special time. I am pretty confident that Father Larry will have some delicious easter eggs to share with our children over this weekend too.

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



PCS FAMILY MASS
9 AM
28/03/2021

Palm Sunday

PLEASE JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR OUR
PCS FAMILY MASS CELEBRATING PALM
SUNDAY.
BRING A PLATE TO SHARE FOR
MORNING TEA.

CAR BOOT SALE

As a part of our camp fundraising we will be hosting a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 10th April from 8-12pm.

CONTACT WHAEA DANNI TO BOOK YOUR SPOT. LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!

Each spot is \$20. This money goes toward our senior camp, any money you make from your site is yours to keep!



TUI CLASS CAMP FUNDRAISER

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2021 CATALOGUE

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LITERACY IN OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL



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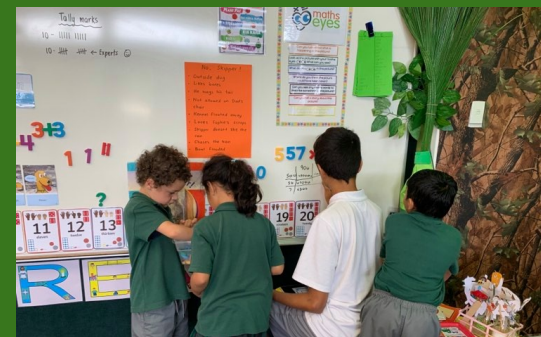
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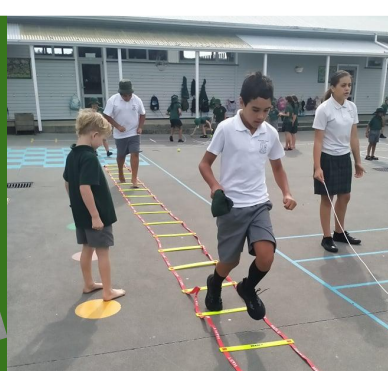
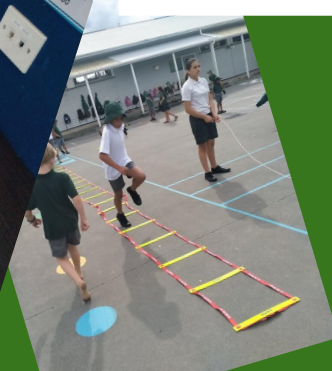
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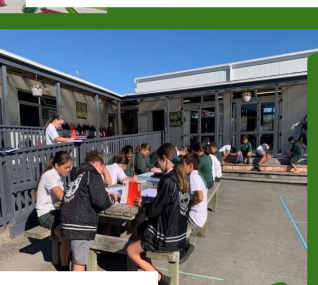
WE ARE TUAKANA



WE ARE SPORTY



WE ARE COLLABORATORS



WE ARE CREATIVE



WE ARE SCIENTISTS



CHRISM MASS

On Tuesday the 30th March the year 8 students had the privilege of attending Chrism Mass at Saint Francis Xavier Parish in Whangarei.



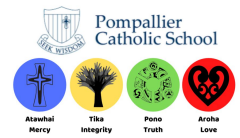
It was a beautiful Mass where we were able to learn about the holy oils and also listen to the Deacon's, Priest's and Bishop renew their vows.



Thank you to Father Larry and the Parish for allowing us to come.

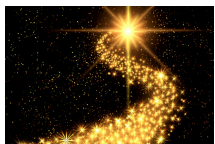


PCS School Calendar



School Term One/Two Calendar - March/April/May						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29 Wk9 Yr7/8 voluntary immunisations	30 Chrism Mass Whangarei - Year 8 students	31	1 Holy Week Play (come along at 11.30) * Washing Feet 7pm Church Newsletter	2 Good Friday Holiday 3pm Mass Venerate Cross	3 8pm Mass baptism	4 9am Mass Altar Servers Riccardo/Nathan/Serenity/Kelisha
5 Wk10 Easter Monday Holiday	6 Easter Tuesday Holiday	7	8	9	10 Senior Car boot sale	11 Altar Servers Taryn/Kevin Weetbix Tryathlon *
12 Wk11 BOT meeting	13 Duffy Assembly	14	15	16 Chanel Day (wear green) Last Day of Term 1 Assembly 2pm	17	18 Altar Servers Sharron/Ezra
Term Two break						
(2 weeks)						
3 May First day of term 2 Lunch in schools	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sign Language Week	11	12	13 Ascension	14	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 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**



Welcome

We would love to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their whanau. We are taking enrolments so spread the word!

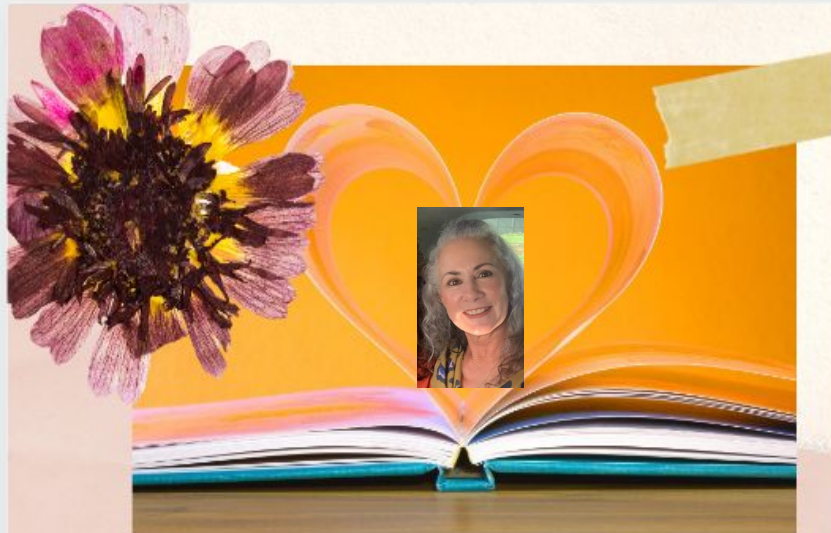


Tui

Gabrielle Patino and Piri Erickson



Helen Phillips surprise celebration - 20 years of service to PCS!



OUR SPECIAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

HELEN PHILLIPS

has been working with us for 20 years at PCS!
Come along on Friday 26th March 2021 to celebrate together.

Classroom presentations in the
Church at 12.00pm
Student Waiata
Staff and Board presentations

Helen, Hele Belle, Mrs Pipips, Harmonious, helpful. Helen is the face of our school. She welcomes everyone with open arms and ensures all staff, students and whanau have a harmonious experience at PCS

Excellent, empathetic, encouraging. Helen is our "go to". She solves any problem and encourages and supports all in need.

Loving, loyal, listener. Helen is a treasure and taonga of our place

Expert at all at PCS. She can grab a pair of gloves, clean up graffiti or the bathroom ordeal with grace and efficiency. Helen has been know to deal with creatures (except cats), and sort out all kinds of school misdemeanours and be an all-round expert at any aspect of PCS life.,

Nurse, nurturer, Novopay expert. Helen ensures we are paid, we have resources and our space is immaculate. She is an absolute "ninja" and has many codes to alert me to areas of need!

20 years of excellence. Helen began her journey at PCS as a teacher assistant, librarian and then office administrator. She knows the ins and outs of school and can solve any problem. Helen has worked with 7 principals, numerous teachers, staff, students, whanau, priests and parishioners. Not only is her wealth of knowledge of value, but her constant care for others is something very special to us. Helen you are truly beautiful inside and out! Thank you for the 20 years Helen. We look forward to 20 more!

Our students did us proud with their special messages, singing and of course the haka by TeKahu students! Tu meke PCS!!!!

St Joseph's Day celebrations

Friday 19th March was St Joseph's Day celebrated nationwide. We spent the day learning about St Joseph the worker and role model. The students took part in dance, building, art, creation and had lots of fun!



FAMILY MASS - TERM ONE 2021



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Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste for two minutes, twice a day
Taitaia ōu niho ki te pēniho pūkōwhai mō te 2 miniti e rua ngā wā ia rā

Avoid sharing toothbrushes because this spreads bacteria that can cause tooth decay



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