



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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Atawhai
Mercy



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Integrity



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Truth



Aroha
Love

Special points of interest:



- Sunday 27th March First Holy Communion
- Friday 8th April Chanel Day - wear green
- Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday
- Wednesday 13th April Easter Passion Play
- Saturday 16th April Baptism 7pm

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

We are approaching the end of Term 1 and heading in to Autumn. I am so proud of our team jiggling the ever changing environment of Covid. Our students are so adaptive and are embracing moving between home learning and school to keep their focus on achievement. We have had many relievers helping us out which is a busy time. It is not always easy and we appreciate the support from you our whanau too.

I began writing this newsletter in isolation too - it is a blessing to be able to keep connected via online methods. I am now back and other staff are isolating. As always, our priority is to keep our tamariki safe. I am so grateful for our team working together.

The announcement made on Wednesday 23rd March is a welcome positive step to re-opening our kura to whanau again. We look forward to hosting events for whanau within the red alert level settings, wearing of masks and distancing with a view to reconnecting.

EASTER

Term one has been action-packed with our liturgical calendar as our tamariki have learnt about Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Lent, St Joseph's Day, our school charism of Mercy and our values. We are getting closer to Easter which is one of the main celebrations in the Church. Father Larry has been coordinating our Sacramental Programme with Helen Payne. Our tamariki celebrated their First Communion last weekend. Congratulations to them all for this step in their faith journey.

Don't forget to see Father Larry or contact the school if you wish your child to be baptised over Easter too. This is a great opportunity for our new whanau.

DATA GATHERING AND ASSESSMENT

Our teachers are now assessing and planning ahead for their students based on the learning in the classroom, bookwork, groupwork and the test data gathered. The teachers use a range of information to inform their next steps. The learning of your child/ren is also being shared on Seesaw so that you are getting current and ongoing updates. Our reports are based on this and we love to see your comments and input too. Please ensure you are connecting to Seesaw to share these important updates.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our staff are working hard behind the scenes continuing to gain professional development and learning opportunities. Focus areas we are currently involved in:

Manaiakalani - focus on writing with a connection to critical thinking and ongoing digital fluency.

Kahui Ako - local curriculum development

NZ Histories Curriculum - linking to our local curriculum development

Positive Behaviour for Learning - building on our values and systems

We have some staff members taking part in personal goals such as leadership development, others leading maths and health and P.E. It is great model learning to our learners!

Stay safe everyone.

God bless

Kathryn Carey (Principal)

DRS COLUMN

I really love the Easter celebration falling within the school term. Our children will be taking part in the Easter Passion Play at the end of this term. 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. Unfortunately we are unable to invite whanau to school to enjoy our play, so we will record it and share on Seesaw for you all.

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 10th April. 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 when the Last Supper is remembered and is also the —Washing of the feet. On Good Friday, it is the next part of Holy Week. At this time we venerate the Cross, where we recognise that Jesus died on the cross. On Holy Saturday there is a Vigil Mass. Father Larry is also celebrating baptism for our community where many of our children are being baptised from school on Saturday at 7pm.

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 some of these special celebrations in our Church. Who knows, Father Larry may even have some delicious easter eggs to share with our children over this weekend too.

We hope that you enjoy our passion play as much as we do as a school community. The learning is often well remembered by our tamariki as they bring to life these special traditions.

God bless,

Kathryn Carey

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 POSTPONED	19	20
21 Wk8	22	23	24 Annunciation	25	26	27
28 Wk9	29	30	31	1 Newsletter Assembly	2	3
4 Wk10 Ping Zero Trailer	5	6	7	8 CHANEL DAY Wear Green Kea Mass	9	10 Palm Sunday
11 Wk11	12	13 PASSION PLAY	14 Last day of the term	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.**

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

Private lessons for guitar, ukelele, voice, piano/keyborad, flute, recorder, group drumming, theory rhythm and note reading skills.

Private lessons or PD for teachers wanting to up-skill or integrate music easily into your classroom.

Want to start a band? Let me know.

Visit my website: www.musicteacher.co.nz

Or Ring Jen: 09 408 5757 (leave a message)



Kaitaia Golf Club Free Junior Coaching

We are holding some coaching sessions for juniors (6-18yrs old) starting in Term 2 at our top class course in Ahipara. We have the coaches, golfing equipment and resources as well as the time and energy to help them learn to play the game. All they need to do is to bring some enthusiasm.



The course will run for the whole school Term, from 3.30pm, one afternoon each week (day yet to be confirmed). It will also continue in Term 3 if they wish to go to the next level. Then in Term 4 it will go up another level. There will also be the opportunity to play games on weekends.

Does this sound like something your child could be interested in?

Maybe you have some questions?

Then call me on 0278361637, or email me at dwaiti95@gmail.com

I look forward to hearing from you.

Darrell Waiti
Club Captain and Junior Convenor
Kaitaia Golf Club.





UPCOMING EVENTS

6 Bank St
Kaitiaki



Thursday 3rd March, 3pm
Use our sewing machines and donated fabrics to create your own mask! We'll be using sewing machines & can teach you how! Koha appreciated :)



Thursday 10th March, 3pm
Come along and make your own beeswax wraps using our fabrics and beeswax donated by Mana Kai Honey! Koha appreciated :)



Tuesday 15th March, 4-7pm
Teachers Only session to refill your creative cup, share ideas, meet other local teachers, and make fun crafty classroom decorations and resources!



Thursday 17th March 3pm
Learn how to handstitch shapes and patches onto your clothing to cover holes, stains, or just to be creative! Koha appreciated :)



Thursday 24th March 3pm
Gerri from Made with Love is sharing her patterns and expertise and inspiration! Anō Anō have jeans rescued from local opshops! Let's get crafty! Koha appreciated :)



Thursday 31st March 5.30pm
Reitu and Cynthia from Para Kore will be sharing their aroha and knowledge of making rongoā balms and oils and their uses. Koha appreciated :)



Thursday 7th April 3pm
Waikerere has been making beautiful rugs out of old t-shirts! Wanna find out how? Come along and learn the technique & keep those t-shirts out of the landfill! Koha appreciated :)



Thursday 14th April 3pm
Learn how you can turn your holey or stained clothes into personalised works of art - just using a simple needle and thread! Koha appreciated :)

All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play from there. It's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



- How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):**
 1. Open Google Play Store
 2. Tap the profile icon in the top right
 3. Tap Settings
 4. Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
 5. Toggle 'Parental controls are off to Parental controls are on'
 6. Create a PIN and tap OK
 7. Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
 8. Tap Apps & Games
 9. Set the age limit you wish to set
 10. Tap Save to apply your changes
- How to Stop Auto-updates:**
 1. Open Google Play Store
 2. Tap the profile icon in the top right
 3. Tap Settings
 4. Tap Auto-Update Apps
 5. Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done
- Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link:**
 1. Open Google Play Family Link for parents
 2. Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
 3. Select your child's account
 4. Tap Manage
 5. Tap Controls on Google Play
 6. Tap Apps & Games
 7. Select the age limit you wish to set

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Mahi tahi i Te Karaiti
To inspire and nurture leaders of learning and excellence



Seeking expressions of interest to join our Board of Trustees later in the year. Come and chat to our current board members for more information.

Come and chat to us!

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Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



- How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features:**
 1. Open Settings
 2. Tap Screen Time
 3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
 4. Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
 5. Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device
- How to Restrict Game Centre:**
 1. Open Settings
 2. Tap Screen Time
 3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
 4. Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
 5. Scroll down to Game Centre
 6. Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature
- How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases:**
 1. Open Settings
 2. Tap Screen Time
 3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
 4. Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
 5. Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

St Joseph's Day Celebrations

Check out the fabulous effort made for our annual St Joseph's Day celebrations. We had all sorts of fabulous role models such as dentists, nurses, Police officers, maths teachers, farmers, tradespeople and our very own St Joseph! How blessed are we to have such wonderful people in our lives who represent being servants of God. The learning that sits behind these Feast Days is a celebration. We also acknowledge our church of St Joseph where we can gather as a community to learn more and develop our personal faith journey.

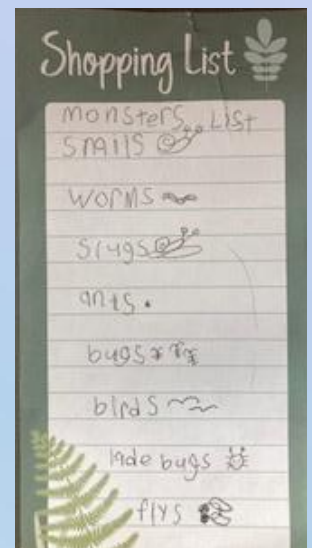
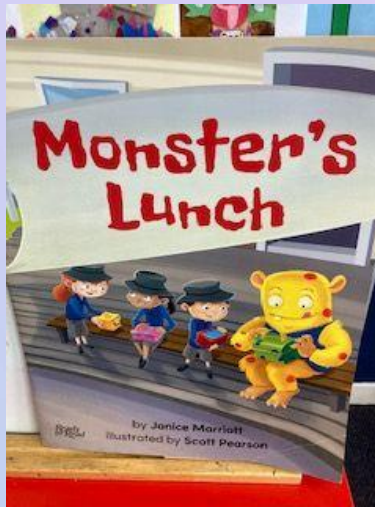
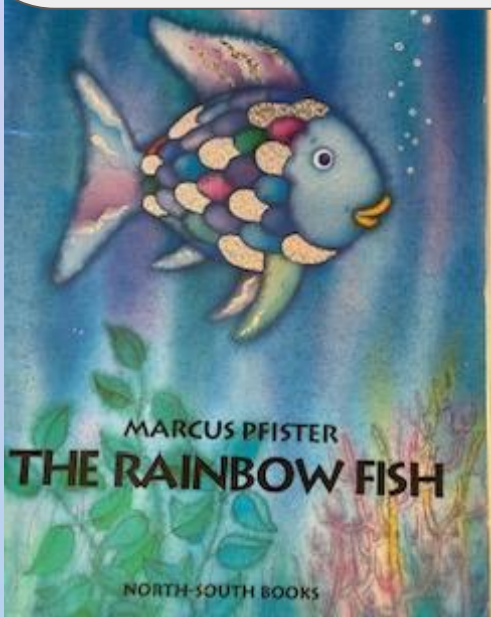


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Junior Syndicate

In our junior school we use shared books to support our reading program. This is an interactive opportunity for children to question and share thinking and supports and guides proficiency in reading. We have lots of creative fun supporting our learners through shared book experiences.



Children
learn
empathy

Senior Syndicate

The senior syndicate has been hard at work. Te Kahu has been learning about the war and have used descriptive language to share what they think being a part of this would have felt like. Kakapo has produced some awesome learning about the sea and how we can take better care of it. In Tui they have also been taking a look at our oceans and the different creatures that live in there. All the teachers are very proud of our senior students for being flexible, resilient and independent with their learning over the past few weeks. Keep up the awesome mahi seniors! Check out some images of our learning below!

Toby's clay sea animals



HECTOR AND MAUI DOLPHINS SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

- They look very similar to each other.
- Female maui and hector dolphins both grow up to 1.7 m long and males grow slightly smaller.
- Both of them are threatened because of humans, fisherman nets and diseases.
- The Maui dolphin has mickey mouse ears.
- They both live in coastal waters around NZ.
- The hector dolphin has black facial markings on it.
- Maui and Hector eat red cod.
- They both are native to New Zealand!

Evacuation Letter.

Dear Mother,

Today I arrived in Australia in the city of Queensland.

My Journey has been a bit emotional. I have had ups and downs all the way to my destination. It has been very hard. I miss you so much. I hope you're safe and don't worry about me. I am safe. I am on a train right now. Going to Queensland, I got a bit scared. I don't know what is going to happen.

When I arrived in Australia/ Queensland we had to go get my ticket. The line was so long when I got my ticket I had to take it to the billeting officer so he could scan it. After that, I was sorted into my new caregivers. When I got put into my new family I was shy and scared. I don't know how they were going to act. Are they nice and kind or are they mean and angry? I was very worried.

After I was taken to my new house with my caregivers. When I got inside the house. My house was made out of wood and bricks. There were old

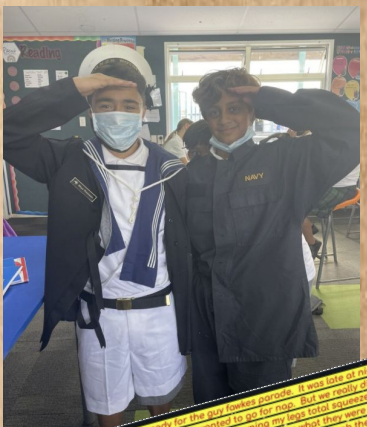
Which would YOU ..? VOCABULARY

- In the table below, record which situation you would prefer and give a reason why.
- Compare your choices with a friend and record a total for your disagreements. Be prepared to share your scores and reasons to the group.

c	Which?	Why?	Total disagreements:
Which would you rather interact with - weta or cicada?	Cicada	We have so many cicadas and cicadas are less jumpy. I don't often find weta.	7/4
Which would be easier to gain momentum - marble or a pencil?	Marble	Marble would get more momentum because they are round like a ball.	
Which would you rather anticipate - Christmas or your birthday?	Christmas	Because it's Jesus's birthday and is important to our school community.	
Who would you find it harder to show etiquette with - teacher or best friend?	Teacher	Best friends can laugh at your joke but your teacher may get a little annoyed.	



1. A stingrays scientific name is Myliobatoidei
2. Stingrays sc...
3. Stingrays are Mammals.
4. Stingrays are found in tropical areas all throughout the world.
5. Stingrays predators are Sharks, Sea lions and other large fish.



My names Oshon, we are getting ready for the gay games parade. It was late at night so we were basically losing the feeling of going. We were tired bored and just wanted to go for good. But we really didn't want to stop, so we carried on. I had a warm jacket with some tight jeans that was drowning in my legs total squeeze. I wait for the others shouting "turn up people!" I was taking them so long so checked on them to see what they were doing. But I realized they were like zombies walking, who knows where. We hung in the car and put on our seat belts and drove off. I tip toe out of my car and my eyes just didn't want to look at the lines of each stand. I almost faint with my mouth open. I decided we should just wait in line. I got stuck at all the lines with the red eating chips. The candy floss machine was broken. I saw the lights as they reached the gateway of heaven. I swallowed it hot with my mouth open. I saw the mat down so I put some heavy rocks so it doesn't fly away. I sat down and then suddenly... the best of the worst gay games day for... leaving everyone leaving the area. I realized that this was official.

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