



# 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



Pono  
Truth



Aroha  
Love

### Special points of interest:



- PCS Speech Competition - Thursday 20th May
- Friday 21st May - Pink Shirt Day - Speak Up!
- Family Mass - 23rd May
- Marcellin Service Day - Thursday 3rd June
- Teacher Only Day - Friday 4th June (resilience, well-being)

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

Welcome back to term two! We warmly welcome our new whanau into the special community of PCS. Our staff have had great refreshment leave and have worked in the break to ensure we are ready to hit the term with lots of learning opportunities across the school. Check out our mountain biking photos in the newsletter. Such great team building and lots of laughter, combined with a couple of spills! We are working hard on our well-being this year and physical fitness is on the top of the list for staff, so check out that track in Waitangi if you can. It is fabulous!

There are lots of great opportunities for our tamariki as we head in to term two. We are excited about sharing the learning and meeting with you our whanau at the end of the term for our three way conferencing.

There is so much to share with you that my Principal blurb goes over two pages, so I hope I don't bore you!!!

#### WHAKATAU

We began the term with a whakatau led by our senior tamariki. We are so proud of their growing confidence with their karanga, mihi and waiata. We welcomed our new teacher Miss Peyton Moro-Kirton to the Kea class, and our new students and whanau. You can get to know Miss Moro-Kirton further in the newsletter.

Term two continues with care for God's creation with Nga Kai, Te Ngahere and Te Awa. If you are able to share some knowledge in these areas please let us know as we continue to build on our local curriculum and resources.

### REPORTS

We have been gathering your feedback during our whanau hui and the use of SeeSaw is the most popular source of sharing learning and notices. With this in mind, we have actioned our digital connections with you our whanau, to share learning as it happens. This can be student directed in the senior school and more teacher led in the junior school. With the ability to share "real time" learning throughout the term, we are trialling a new reporting system. In the past learning was summarised into a short paragraph, proofread, checked and sent home. The learning was often out of date as writing numerous reports takes the teacher weeks to complete. Our new trial report will now link to SeeSaw with learning across all curriculum areas with a front page summarising achievement. The teachers are constantly sharing with you, so it is now the most "up to date" picture of your child's learning and achievement. Please ensure you are connecting with SeeSaw and blogs in the senior school.

Week 9 we have our three-way conference with student, whanau, teacher. Interview times will be sent out closer to the time. The school will be closed for normal classes that day, Tuesday 29th June as we meet with whanau all day. The three-way conference is an opportunity to share questions, clarify learning with your child and their teacher. It is such a great chance to check in with the learning mid way through the year and set goals moving forward.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

You will see from our calendar that we have a teacher only day scheduled this term. It is in conjunction with local schools and our focus is on

well-being and resilience. This is a theme throughout NZ and we are looking forward to the learning as a team. All staff are attending so the school will be closed, so please make arrangements for your tamariki.

### **SPEECHES**

This term we take part in speeches. This is something that fits in with our school curriculum and we are always very proud of the level of speakers within our school. The speech topics and criteria were sent out for all of our students at the end of term one. If you need another copy please contact your classroom teacher. The year 1 to 4 students are able to choose their topics and year 5 to 8 are set topics.

For our senior students, we take part in the Far North Speech Competition, so use the topics shared with us. Instructions, ideas and prompts have been provided for our students to write their speeches. These speeches are written as part of the home learning, and support is provided by your child's classroom teacher. Our speech competition is being held in week 3 on Thursday 20th May, so students will be speaking in their classes prior to this. Three finalists in each year level are chosen to present their speeches at our school competition. I am sure you can imagine how difficult it is to choose the finalists, so please be respectful of any decision that is made—it is tough!!!! Many of our students go on to be successful speakers so it is a great opportunity for them to practice with an authentic audience. Good luck to all!!!! It is a real talent to speak to an audience on a set topic which many of us find extremely challenging.

### **LUNCH IN SCHOOLS**

"Lunch in schools" began this week. Every child is supplied with their own lunch. These are free and funded by the Ministry of Education. The meals are carefully planned based on healthy eating and some foods will be new for your tamariki. We encourage our students to try the range of food supplied. The feedback has been really positive with 98% of our tamariki loving the food. How blessed are we! I know as a parent, it saves one less job in the

morning too! Please remember that all tamariki still need morning tea and a healthy snack for brain food at 10.00am. Water bottles each day are important too.

### **SPECIAL FEAST DAYS**

We look forward to celebrating Ascension next week. Pentecost Sunday is also coming up in Week 3. Check in with your tamariki about the learning they are doing with these celebrations as part of our Religious Education programme. We have Family Mass on **Sunday 23rd May** which falls on Pentecost Sunday where we celebrate the Holy Spirit. We ask that all of our families and whanau attend Family Mass as our students lead the Ministries of altar service, singing, prayers and readings. It is a special chance to support your tamariki with their faith journey at our Catholic School. We bring morning tea to share with our community and appreciate your help serving in the kitchen and doing the dishes.

We keep the world, and particularly India in our prayers with the ongoing battles with Covid-19 and give thanks that NZ is safe from this pandemic and pray that this continues.

### **COMMUNICATION**

Have a wonderful term ahead. Remember to keep in close contact with your child's teacher to see the learning being shared via SeeSaw and blogs. Our tamariki are always proud to share their learning and our teachers appreciate your support as they comment, share and give feedback and feedforward too.

This newsletter is published at the beginning of each month and shared on Facebook, Skool Loop (phone app) and our school website [www.pompallierprimary.school.nz](http://www.pompallierprimary.school.nz). All school communication is also shared via these avenues, so refer to these sites for up-to-date information. Communication is key, so please contact your child's teacher if you have any queries or questions. You are also able to telephone the school office if needed Ph: 408 2650.

God bless Kathryn Carey (Principal)

# WELCOME TO MS MORO-KIRTON



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to Term 2!

I am thrilled to have joined the Pompallier Catholic School team as the Kea room teacher.

I am originally from London, Canada (near Toronto), and have been living in New Zealand since January 2020. I have a passion for travel, the arts, and all things 'outdoorsy.' In my free time, I enjoy hiking, swimming, reading, dancing, and baking. I look forward to incorporating some of these interests into my teaching here at Pompallier. I moved to Kaitaia from Christchurch in December, and already feel very at home here. The friendly people, the beautiful beaches, and welcoming community all make this town a wonderful place to live. I am really looking forward to getting to know you and your tamariki and becoming a part of the Pompallier school whanau.

Peyton / Ms. Moro-Kirton

We are so excited to welcome Peyton Moro-Kirton to our PCS whanau! Her partner (fiancee from the term break! Congratulations Josh and Peyton!) also works in education and teaches at Kaitaia College.

We know that you will help us to show our PCS whanaungatanga to Ms Moro-Kirton. She has been doing some relief work in term 1, so our tamariki have been able to get to know her too. Peyton will be taking on the Kea classroom at Pompallier for the remainder of the school year. We are excited to get to know her alongside you all.

If you are an adult member of our Kea classroom, do come and say "Hi" so that Peyton can get to know you as well.

# FATHER PAT AWARD FOR 2020/2021



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Congratulations to the recipients of the Father Pat Award for 2020 (Taryn Knight) and 2021 (Raidon Reich and James Thaggard). These students have all been active members of our school and parish with their faith. They regularly attend Mass on a Sunday and can be relied upon to take part in the ministries of altar service, reading and prayers. They not only model our values and support their peers with their knowledge of our Catholic faith, but actively use them as well. Congratulations and thank you to their whanau who are such a great support to ensure they are taking part so regularly.

These celebrations took place on the last day of the term as we celebrated St Peter Chanel. What a great day to acknowledge these students when we remember the service to our faith that St Peter Chanel modelled to us.

# DRS COLUMN

We feel so blessed to be a Catholic school. This term we celebrate Ascension and then Pentecost soon after. As we gather together we are able to strengthen our faith and understanding. If you are able to come along to Mass with your tamariki, you too will help nurture and build the faith journey with our school and parish community.

I was scrolling through scripture to share with you and came across this, which I thought would begin term two off well. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

## **My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” John 10:27**

Like many people today, chances are you may not know any shepherds. For the first Christians, who were very familiar with shepherds, the Good Shepherd was a favourite image to associate with Christ. In fact, the earliest Christian art depicts Christ as the Good Shepherd, rather than the crucified Saviour. Often he was portrayed as a beardless youth. Surprisingly, the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is still popular. In fact, early childhood education experts tell us that young children find the concept of a shepherd and his love for his sheep enchanting.

In the Old Testament God was called a shepherd, and God's people the flock. For instance, in Psalm 23 the psalmist sings that the shepherd leads him to green pastures near refreshing waters. The shepherd guards him in right paths and protects him from evil. God says, “I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest. . . . The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal” (Ezekiel 34:15-16).

According to the Gospels, Jesus referred to himself as a shepherd. He said, “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27). A shepherd knows his sheep well. There is a personal relationship between Jesus and his followers. Jesus knows each of us by name. On the other hand, we respond to his voice and do not follow the voice of strangers who may lead us to harm. Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). Unlike a hired hand who flees to save his life, Jesus saved his flock from the wolf even though it meant sacrificing his own life.

The parable Jesus told about the lost sheep is a story about Jesus' concern and care for us sinners. He is the loving shepherd who goes to great lengths to search for his lost sheep and when he finds it, carries it back on his shoulders rejoicing.

When Jesus gave Peter the responsibility of leading his Church, he again used shepherd imagery. He told Peter, “Feed my lambs. . . . Tend my sheep. . . . Feed my sheep” (John 21:15-17).

Knowing about shepherds sheds light on the image of Jesus as shepherd. The shepherd uses a staff with a hook on the end to guide the sheep and pull back the stray. Today Jesus guides his flock through bishops, who are known as *pastors*, the Latin for shepherds. Bishops carry staffs called crosiers. The shepherd has a rod to fend off wild animals that might harm the flock. Jesus saved us from evil.

Jesus restores our souls. Shepherds feed their flocks. Jesus feeds us with the excellent bread of the Eucharist and brings us to living waters: baptism and the Holy Spirit.

The image of shepherds is that they are kind, loving, patient, strong, and self-sacrificing. They are a good image for Jesus. And sheep, who can be rather stupid and foolish creatures, are a good symbol for us!

† The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want! †



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, MANGONU

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



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# Winter Uniform

Term 2 & 3

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Grey Shorts</li><li>- Green Shirt (Jnrs)</li><li>- White Shirt (Yr 7 &amp; 8)</li><li>- Black socks</li><li>- Black covered in shoes</li><li>- School Jumper (optional)</li><li>- School Jacket (optional)</li><li>- Kids Can Jacket (optional)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Culottes</li><li>- Green Shirt (Jnrs)</li><li>- White Shirt (Yr 7 &amp; 8)</li><li>- Black socks</li><li>- Black covered in shoes</li><li>- School Jumper (optional)</li><li>- School Jacket (optional)</li><li>- Kids Can Jacket (optional)</li></ul>

**BOTH**

- Long hair must be tied up
- No nail polish to be worn
- Only taonga or cross to be worn
- No other jewellery to be worn
- Only one stud to be worn in each ear

**Need help finding uniform?**  
Contact Mrs Donna Scutt if you need help with uniform. We have some great quality preloved uniform available through the school office and have shoes, socks and jackets available through Kids Can.



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## GET ONE-ON-ONE PIANO LESSONS

Want to learn how to play the piano? Sign up now!

**CALL (027) 865 4511 FOR INQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS**

Learn at your own pace and improve your skills in playing the piano. Based at Far North REAP after school. \$30 per lesson



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**WELCOME STUDENTS - WE ARE TAKING ON NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2021! CONTACT THE OFFICE TO MAKE A TIME TO MEET THE PRINCIPAL KATHRYN CAREY**



LET'S LEARN TOGETHER.

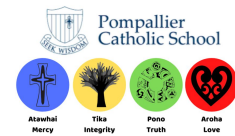
# Father Larry celebrates 10 years of being a Priest

Congratulations to Father Larry who is celebrating 10 years of being a priest. These are the many faces of Father Larry, who has been such a special part of our school, parish and community. He gets involved with all aspects of our community and we are very blessed to have him. Congratulations Father Larry!





# PCS School Calendar

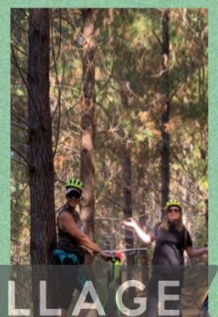


School Term Two Calendar						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3 Wk1 May First day of term 2 Lunch in schools	4	5	6	7 Fr Larry 10 year anniversary of being a priest Newsletter	8 Father Larry's party at Dalmation Hall	9 Mother's Day
10 Wk2 Sign Language Week	11	12	13	14 Assembly Mass Tui	15	16 Ascension Mass
17 Wk3	18	19	20 PCS Speech Competition	21 Pink Shirt Day - Speak Out Mass Te Kahu	22	23 Pentecost Sunday FAMILY MASS
24 Wk4	25	26	27 Far North Speech Comp yr 5/6	28 Far North Speech Comp yr 7/8 Assembly Mass Kakapo	29	30
31 Wk5	1	2	3 Marcellin Service Day Newsletter	4 Teacher Only Day - resilience/well-being	5	6
7 Wk6 Queen's Birthday	8	9	10	11 Sacred Heart of Jesus Assembly	12	13
14 Wk7 BOT meeting 5pm	15	16 Year 9 Rippa Rugby	17	18 Mass Kiwi/Pukeko	19	20
21 Wk8	22	23	24 John the Baptist	25 NFF Football Field Day	26	27
28 Wk9	29 3 WAY CONFERENCE DAY	30 3 WAY CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP	1	2 MATARIKI BEGINS Mass Tui Newsletter	3	4
5 Wk10	6 MATARIKI GAMES	7	8	9 Last day of term 2 Mass Kea	10	11

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 now 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 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**

# STAFF TERM BREAK ANTICS

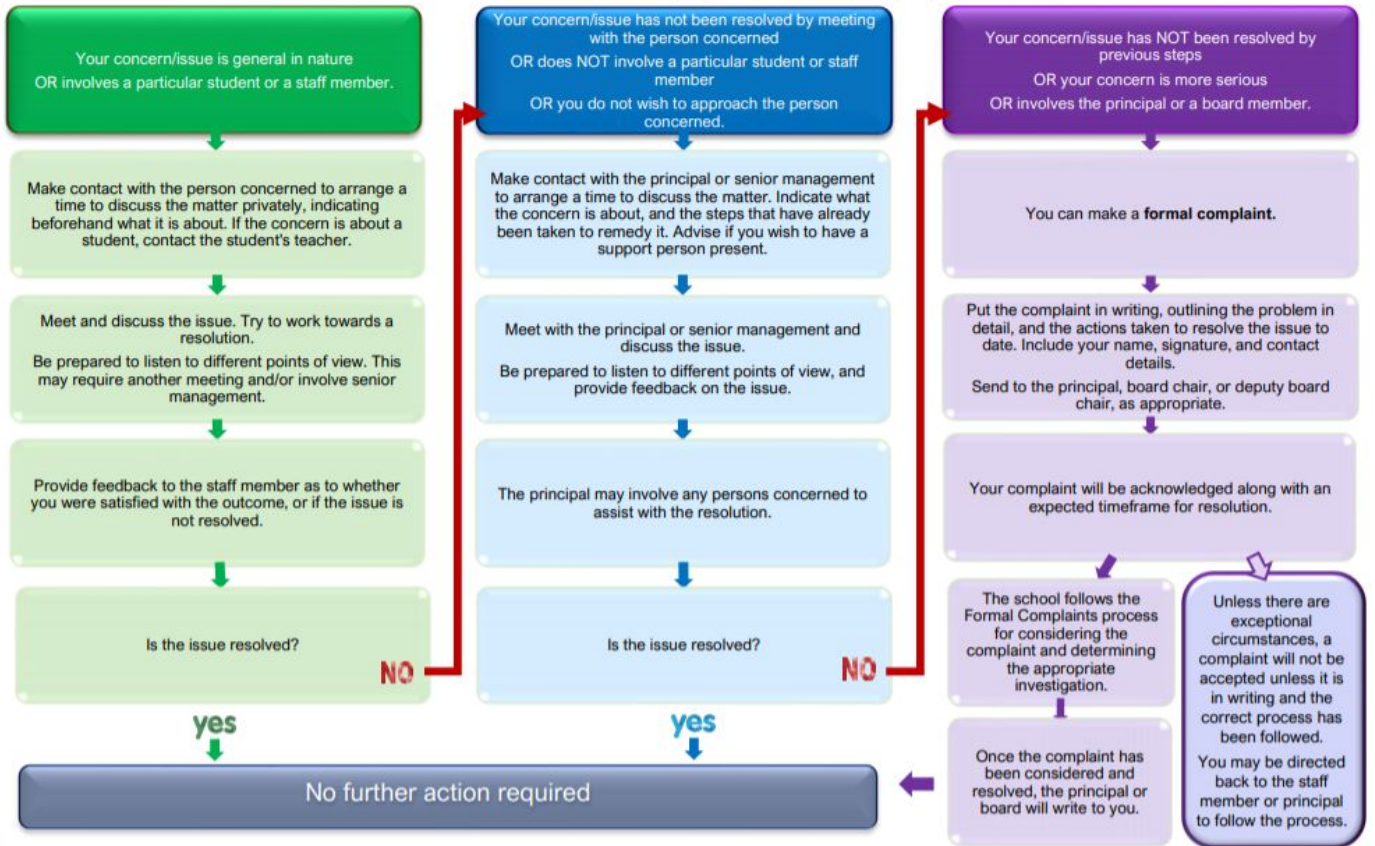
**PART OF OUR STAFF WELL-BEING FOR 2021 INCLUDES KEEPING ACTIVE. SOME OF US WERE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE WAITANGI MOUNTAIN BIKE COURSE. WHAT FABULOUS FUN WE HAD! LOTS OF LAUGHS, SOME FALLS AND GREAT TEAM BUILDING! WATCH THIS SPACE FOR OUR NEXT ADVENTURES.**



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# Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures.

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This is a copy of our complaints procedure. If you have any queries or concerns, please come in and make an appointment time to talk with your child's teacher. Things can often be easily clarified and sorted out with open lines of communication. If you find that after the appointment you are still concerned, please come and make a time to see the Principal Kathryn Carey.



## 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!

Kiwi

Kenneth Sullivan



# TALENTED GRANDPARENTS - WHANAUNGATANGA IN ACTION

Check out the smiles on these faces. We have been very blessed with busy grandparents who have donated their time and skills to gift and make dolls with clothes, balls for physical education and a beautiful mud kitchen. We are so grateful for their skills and expertise - thank you Jan MacLean, Ron Williams and Shirley Heslop. This is part of the play-based learning space where the children are focusing on skills such as communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking.

