



# 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



Tika  
Integrity



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Truth



Aroha  
Love

*Special points of interest:*



- PCS Athletics Tuesday 1st November
- Mon 21st-Thurs 24th Nov Senior Camp
- Friday 2nd December Colour Run
- Thursday 8th December Year 8 Ball
- Monday 12th December Praise Giving - Juniors Yr 1-3 - 11am, Seniors Yr4-8 - 5pm
- Wednesday 14th December Candle Lighting Mass and Last Day of School

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

Welcome back to Term 4! It has been such a great start to the final term of 2022. Our students have returned “buzzing”. They are keen to learn and are soaking up any opportunity that faces them.

A very warm welcome to our new students and whanau who join us. Our newsletter is published once a month and is always jam packed with lots of great information so keep an eye on it. Take a copy of the calendar as this is brimming with our school events.

**ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING**

Our teachers are getting straight into assessment this term as we gather the learning evidence for individuals in preparation for our end of year reporting. Classroom programmes may be interrupted during this time to gather data. Some tamariki get very nervous with the testing side of assessment and we work hard to reassure them that it is just one part of the evidence used by teachers. Overall teacher judgements (OTJ) are formed with classroom learning, group work, individual discussions, bookwork and tests. We have lots of discussion to our tamariki about this process.

As whanau please ensure you are connected to Seesaw as the reports will go live on that platform at the end of the term. These reports are linked to the posts that the teachers are regularly sharing. The idea around this is that you are getting “current and ongoing” learning of your child/ren.

**TERM FOUR KEY DATES**

We have already had to juggle dates for external competitions so keep an eye on changes notified through Seesaw and Facebook. Athletics was moved forward due to these commitments. What a fabulous day! Congratulations to our tamariki! Our focus on taha tinana with athletics continues throughout the term. Check out our community event with our town colour run! We are so excited to organise such a fun event for our wonderful town! Share the news with your whanau and friends to take part. It is \$5 per ticket for those who are not enrolled in our kura. See the advert further in the newsletter. The money we raise from this is going to our outdoor storage of our new loose parts play equipment.

We have also had a stunning wooden playhouse and car park play space donated by the MacLean family (my parents) - come and take a look in the foyer. Tickets can be purchased from the office or online and our junior syndicate have raffle books. These would make great Christmas presents! All proceeds towards our play equipment.

**TERM FOUR SUMMER UNIFORM**

We return to term four with summer uniform which means a potae (hat) for all students. Please ensure they have a water bottle for the warmer weather too. Sandals are an option for all students. Year 7-8 continue with technology requiring covered in shoes, so they have a choice.

Have a safe and blessed weekend.  
God bless,  
Kathryn Carey, Principal

# DRS COLUMN

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

The Solemnity of All Saints

This week the whole school were able to come together to celebrate All Saints Day with Mass on Wednesday. The children were able to come along as their favourite Saint and it is always a wonderful way to learn more about this Feast Day and have some fun at the same time!

One of the beautiful things about our church is our rich tradition of over two millennia of prayer. One such example is a prayer which was written over 450 years ago which is still as relevant and poignant today as at the time of its writing in the middle of the 15th century. It is provided for you to the right to share with your loved ones.

The solemnity of All Saints commemorates all holy persons who are in full communion with God in heaven and is followed by the feast of All Souls where we, the Church on earth, remember all those that have died.

A solemnity is the highest ranking feast day in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, celebrating a mystery of faith such as the Trinity, events in the life of Jesus, his mother Mary, or other important saints. A question that often gets asked in the classroom around this time of the year can be "How many saints are there?" Great question! The answer is... "not sure and neither is the Catholic Church which is why the feast of All Saints was created in the first place". One of the spiritual acts of mercy is to pray for the dead and since it is impossible to know all those who passed on as followers of Christ, All Saints is an important Feast for us so that we do our prayerful part.

The Blessed Pope John Paul II shared these words... "True holiness does not mean a flight from the world; rather, it lies in the effort to incarnate the Gospel in everyday life, in the family, at school and at work, and in social and political involvement."

We can apply this to our daily lives to seek to be better people - we are surrounded by saints in our daily lives - just look around!

*Following is the lovely prayer for all the saints that you can share at home.*

*Almighty God,  
your saints are one with you  
in the mystical body of Christ:  
give us grace to follow them  
in all virtue and holiness  
until we come to those inexpressible joys  
which you have prepared for those  
who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit,  
one God now and for ever.  
Amen.*

As we remember all of the Saints and special loved ones who are no longer with us, we can share prayers for each other too. Loss of loved ones is never easy and we keep their memories in our hearts forever.

Attached are some great ideas to celebrate All Saints/All Souls - Halloween the Catholic Way.

**HALLOWEEN - THE CATHOLIC WAY**

**What is HALLOWEEN?**

"ALL HALLOWS' EVE" is where the name of halloween comes from. A hallowed person is another name for a saint. We call October 31 - All Hallow's Eve because it is the eve of All Saints' Day which is on November 1.

The mass that the Catholic Church celebrated on Nov. 1 was called "Allhallowmas". This meant mass of all the hallowed (saintly people). It was commonly called "All Hallow's Day".

The night before Nov. 1 became known as *Allhallowe'en*, which was short for "evening before All Hallow's Day." It was then shortened to what we now know as Halloween.

**Why do we celebrate**

**1 All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day? 2**

November 1 is a special day called the feast of All Saints. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a saint. We do not know the names of all the saints. Some of these people were so much like Jesus that after they died, the Church said they were definitely in heaven.

November 2 is a special day called the feast of All Souls. It is celebrated in honor and remembrance of the souls of our dearly departed loved ones, and to pray for other souls that still need our prayers. The Church honors this day as a solemn day for all souls in purgatory who are being cleansed before entering Heaven.

**How can we celebrate Halloween?**

**1. Dress up like "Little Saints"**

Let's do our best to remind everyone that this day is the eve of the feast of All Saints. We honor the saints by dressing up like them instead of dressing up as anything that glorifies sin, horror or rebellion from God. By our good example, people will be curious to learn more about "All Hallow's Eve" and may even study the lives of the saints.

**2. Visit the graves of our dearly departed**

On Nov. 1 and Nov. 2, let's go to the cemeteries to pray at the graves of our dear departed. We can also adorn it with flowers and lighted candles.

**3. Go to Mass**

On Nov. 1 and Nov. 2, the most important thing we can do is to attend the Holy Mass and offer it for all the Holy Saints, and our dearly departed loved ones. By doing this, we give honor to them.

**4. We say a prayer**

While we celebrate Halloween, we pray to and honor our saints and pray for our dearly departed. We can say the rosary or other prayers at home or upon visiting the grave of our departed loved ones.

Manaaki Te Atua, Kathryn Carey

# ROSARY

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF MARY WHERE WE PRAY THE ROSARY AND LEARN THE TRADITIONAL PRAYER AS A WHOLE SCHOOL. SOME CLASSES MADE THEIR OWN ROSARY BEADS TO PRAY WITH TOO. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN US WITH THIS MORNING TRADITION



# CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS PROCESS

Please find below our Concerns and Complaints Process for your information. This can also be found on our school website [www.pompallierprimary.school.nz](http://www.pompallierprimary.school.nz)

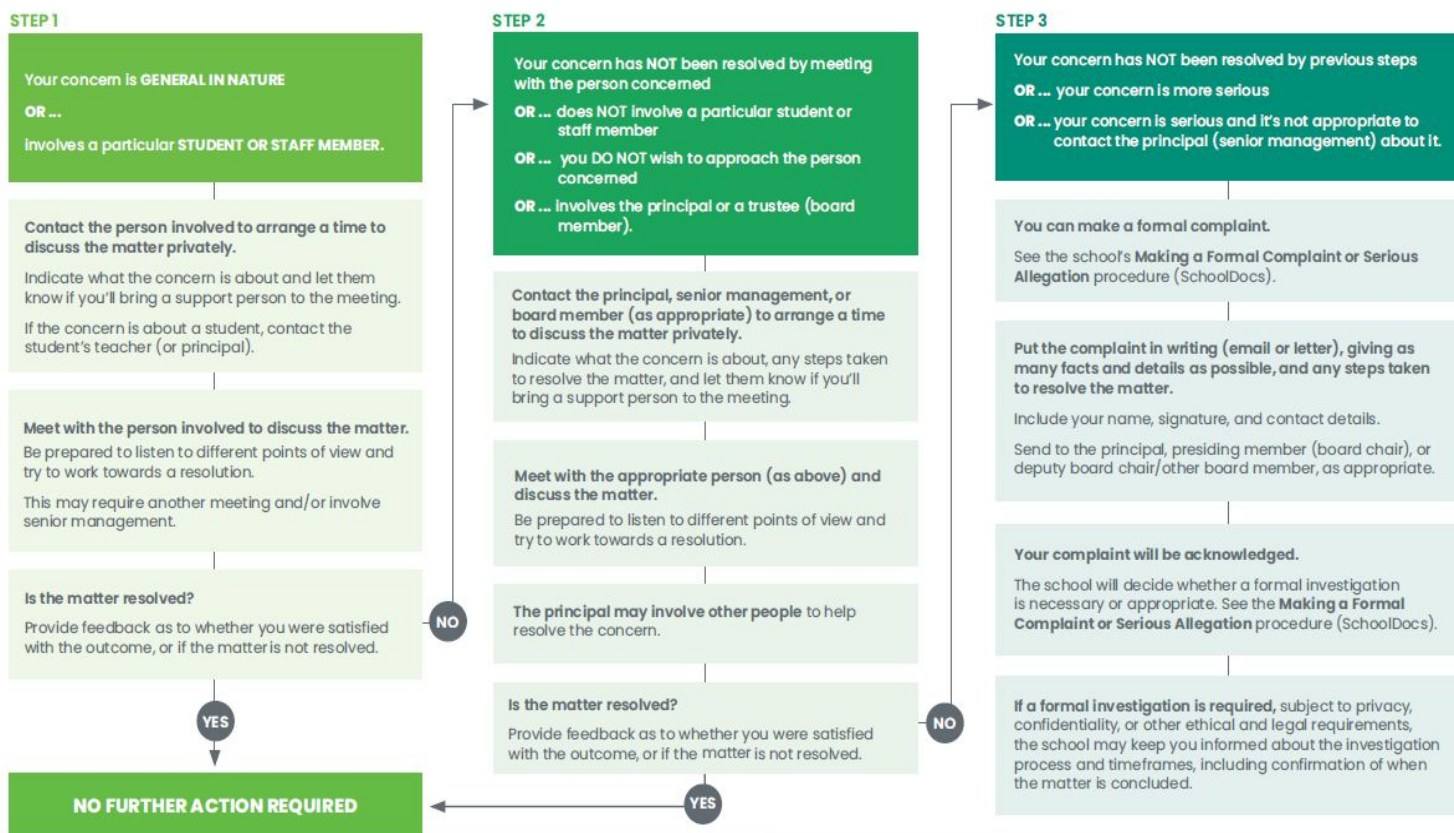
I am a firm believer in communication. Please contact your classroom teacher as the first port of call. The teacher knows their students well and have all of the information in a range of situations that may occur. Often, once you have clarified or come in to chat, things can easily be rectified. We are here to work together and it makes a huge difference to our tamariki when we work together to resolve any worries or concerns.

Seesaw is a great way to message your teacher personally if you click on the message icon. Alternatively try email - all emails are listed on the website, or contact Maree at the office and she can help you out.

Communication and understanding all perspectives are a positive way forward to teach our students how to resolve any worries or concerns.

## Concerns and Complaints Process

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



**NOTE:** Unless there are exceptional circumstances, a complaint will not be considered unless the correct process has been followed. You may be directed back to the staff member or principal to follow the process.

Once a formal complaint has been resolved, there are no further avenues to pursue the complaint with the school.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you are encouraged to take advice and may wish to consider contacting other agencies. See the school's Making a Formal Complaint or Serious Allegation procedure (SchoolDocs).

# 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 408 2650
- text 021 867 615
- email

[office@pompallierprimary.school.nz](mailto: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.



## Head Lice

Head lice and nits are a common problem among school-aged children and can affect the whole school community. Lice and nits can easily spread from one person to another through close head-to-head contact or sharing personal items.

School students spend a lot of time in close contact with each other, and lice move from one head to the next.

They can also temporarily live on combs, hairbrushes, hats, hair ties, as well as cushions and soft furniture.

Getting lice has nothing to do with hygiene – you could be washing your child's hair every night, and they can still get lice.

#### Prevention tips:

- Don't share hats, hair accessories, brushes, etc.
- Brush hair regularly
- Tie up long hair
- Check your child's hair at least once a week
- Put pillows, bed linens, and stuffed animals in the dryer

If you think your child may have head lice or nits and would like some more information or treatment product and comb, please contact your child's teacher or Maree in the office.

## Head lice - checking and treating with wet comb & conditioner

Wet combing with conditioner and a fine tooth nit comb (without using chemicals) is an effective way to find and remove head lice, if done properly.

It can take up to an hour to remove all live lice and eggs. It depends how thick and long the hair is.



- Make your child comfortable and let them read their favourite book or watch their favourite programme or movie.
- Comb or brush out knots with an ordinary comb. Put lots of conditioner through wet or dry hair.
- Start at the scalp and go all the way down to the hair ends.



- Comb conditioner through hair, using an ordinary comb.



- Change to a fine-tooth head lice comb and comb sections of your child's hair.



- Comb from the roots to the ends of the hair.



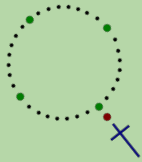
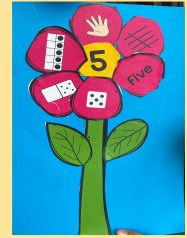
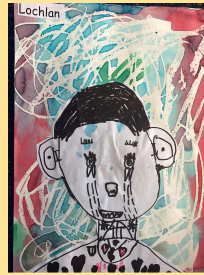
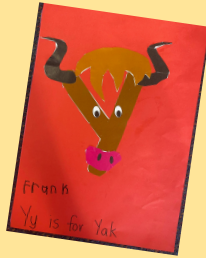
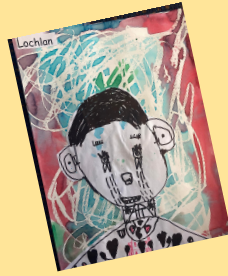
- After each comb, wipe the conditioner on to a paper towel or tissue.
- Check the tissue or paper towel for lice and eggs. They're small so look closely!



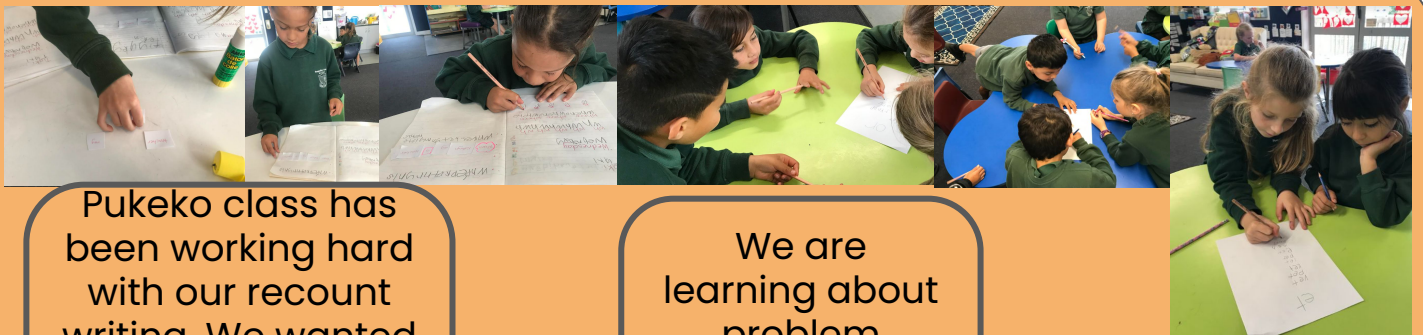
- Comb every part of the head, section by section. Comb each section at least 4 or 5 times before moving on to the next section.
- Rinse out conditioner.
- If you find lice or eggs, repeat these steps every day if you can manage it, but at least every 2 to 3 days - until no lice for 3 days in a row.
- Check the hair of everyone in the house twice a week for the next 2 weeks to make sure everyone stays clear.

# Junior Syndicate

Piwakawaka class have been busy with lots of art projects this term! Here are a few pictures of some of them!



Kiwi class enjoyed making individual rosary beads this week. We attached a cross with a picture of someone special who has gone to heaven.



Pukeko class has been working hard with our recount writing. We wanted to write about our holiday and long weekend adventures.

We are learning about problem solving skills and working in a team.

We are learning about rhyming words and creating stories of our own.

# Senior Syndicate

## Sport



We have been training together as a syndicate in preparation for our athletics day coming up next week! Everyone has been giving their absolute best.

We have been working on our high jump, long jump, sprints, relays and throwing techniques.

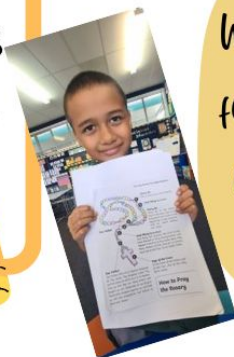


Each morning we have been starting the day by praying the Holy Rosary. This is a traditional prayer that we do as a whole school. Some of our classes in the senior syndicate have decided to create their own rosary beads to use during this special time of prayer.



## In the Classroom

**Te Whare Tapa Wha**  
Our school is learning about the importance of looking after our hauora. Kakapo & Tui have created these super cool collaborative art pieces to help them remember the different pou.



We have been doing lots of assessment in our classrooms to see how much we have learned over the year. The teachers are so impressed with all of the great learning that our students have achieved!



We have lots of exciting things coming up this term for the senior syndicate such as camp and activity week. Make sure to keep an eye on seesaw so you know what is coming up!



# PCS School Calendar



School Term Four Calendar						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
17. Wk1 First day of Term 4 BOT meeting 5pm	18	19	20 Art	21 Whole School Mass Art Year 7/8 Rugby	22	23
24. Wk2 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	25	26	27 National "Shake Down" Drill	28 World Teachers Day Art Year 7/8 Rugby ASSEMBLY	29	30
31. Wk3	1 PCS ATHLETICS	2 MASS ALL SOULS Favourite Saint dress up	3 Art	4 Central Zones Athletics CANCELLED Art Year 7/8 Rugby Newsletter	5	6
7. Wk4 BOT meeting 5pm	8	9 Olympic Ambassador visit	10 McAuley Day - wear blue Art	11 ASSEMBLY Art Year 7/8 Rugby	12	13
14. Wk5	15	16 Catholic Schools Office visit	17 Catholic Schools Office visit Art	18 FN Zones Athletics Art Year 7/8 Rugby	19	20
21. Wk6 Year 6-8 Camp	22 Year 6-8 Camp	23 Year 6-8 Camp	24 Year 6-8 Camp Art	25 Tui Waka Ama ASSEMBLY Year 7/8 Rugby	26	27. Family/ Whanau Mass
28. Wk7	29	30	1 Art	2. PCS Colour Run Newsletter	3	4
5. Wk8 BOT meeting 5pm	6	7	8 Art Year 8 Ball	9 Art Year 7/8 Rugby	10	11
12. Wk9 Reports go live Praise Giving Jnr 11.00am Yr1-3 Snr 5pm Yr4-8	13	14 Candle Lighting Mass 9.15 Last Day for students	15 Teacher Only Day - Planning	16	17	18

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.

So proud of our tamariki who performed at the recent St Joseph's Parish fundraiser. They are supported by Opeloge Ah Sam and we feel so blessed to have him in our community. Such great talent in our wonderful town.



# Pompaillier Talent

Pompallier Catholic School Presents

# COLOUR RUN 2022

**WHEN**

Friday December 2nd  
10am

**WHERE**

Te Ahu Loop  
Start at Mangonui Netball Centre

**WHY**

Fundraising to purchase storage  
for our new sports gear

**COST**

\$5 per person

**BRING**

Bring your running shoes and  
a white top!

Tickets can be purchased via  
Eventbrite. A link to this is shared  
below!

NOTICE FOR WHANAU AND COMMUNITY - PLEASE NOTE OUR STUDENTS  
ARE ALREADY ENTERED - THE EVENT BRITE LINK IS FOR COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS. LOTS OF FUN - SPREAD THE WORD !!!!

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