



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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- Last day of the term Monday 13th December
- Teacher Only Day Tuesday 14th December
- First day of 2022 - Thursday 3rd February

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

As I write the final newsletter for 2021 there is a lot to reflect on. Such unusual times, where we are missing the face-to-face contact with whanau. However, there is so much to celebrate and our whanaungatanga is something we treasure as a school. We really hope 2022 can see our gates open again where whanau can enjoy spending time at school and involved in our school life again.

For those whanau who have a year 8 child with us, or those who are moving to another area, we wish you all the very best and our prayers remain with you and your child/ren. We look forward to watching your tamariki continue to thrive. Please keep in touch if you are able to. We love to hear how our past students are going.

Thank you for the support, awhi and aroha shown this year. It has been such a challenge rolling with lockdowns and this term has been particularly hard with last minute changes to comply with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education guidelines. Your support for our kura is very evident and much appreciated! On behalf of our staff, thank you!

TERM FOUR REPORTS

The teachers are working hard, sharing learning via SeeSaw and writing the reports which will be uploaded at the end of the term. Take time to celebrate the learning that your tamariki are doing. We track all achievement data and make new goals going forward as we plan for 2022.

The teachers love to see your input as whanau, so please do add comments to the learning if you can on Seesaw.

2022 GOALS

The staff / student / board / parish and whanau voice has been really strong with key themes shining through:

- Catholic values and social justice to continue to be embraced
- 4C's - communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking
- Resilience, whanaungatanga and care

These elements will be our focus in 2022. We will continue to strive to provide a strong academic base for all of our learners.

FAREWELLS

Our praise giving is a time to celebrate and farewell our year 8 senior students and staff. Please take the time to watch the recording which will be uploaded and shared on SeeSaw. We treasure our senior students who have such wonderful leadership skills and awhi our younger students so well. Our senior students thrive in leadership, building up experience and resilience in so many ways. As a staff, we were recently able to supervise a farewell graduation dinner at Carrington for our year 8's. This group of students have thrived and we are sending them off to do great things in the future.

Our teachers always plan exciting camps and activities for our senior students, but alas Covid has affected these. I want to acknowledge the hard work that has gone on behind the scenes to ensure our students

feel valued. All teachers have planned for day activities to continue to celebrate their time as senior students which is fabulous. Thank you to our staff who have been so adaptable, and to whanau who are supporting these changes.

This leads me on to our staff farewells. We are sad to say goodbye to Ms Moro-Kirton. She is heading back to Canada at the end of the year to be closer to her family. Covid has made it difficult for her to connect with her whanau and we wish her the very best for her future as she joins her loved ones again. Ms Moro-Kirton has been a special part of our school whanau and we will miss her dearly. She has been a wonderful asset and has thrived in her role as Kea class teacher. If you get a chance to send her a message, I know she will appreciate it! Usually we would be farewellling as a school community, but it is looking a little different this year. Rest assured we will make sure she feels loved and appreciated on your behalf too!

STAFFING 2022

We have a full complement of staff for 2022. Our team is diverse and experienced so our tamariki are very blessed. Our classroom teachers are as follows:

Te Kahu - Whaea Danni

Kakapo - Mr Lopes

Tui - Mrs Ryken (Mrs Cutler 1x day per week)

Kea - Ms Ririnui

Pukeko - Whaea Leonie

Kiwi - Mrs Watson

Release Teacher - Mrs Davis

Teacher Assistants - Mrs Scutt and Mrs Wright

Office Administrator - Maree Sullivan

Principal - Kathryn Carey

It is exciting to welcome Ms Cherie Ririnui to our school whanau. She has been a member of our Te Hiku community for many years and has close links with her partner Chris Srhoj, as the "Awanui Tyre Man" owner.

We are sorting classrooms now, so let us know of new enrolments to assist our planning.

We have a fabulous team moving forward and are excited to work together. Our planning day is being held on Tuesday 14th December which is our Teacher Only Day. Please note the last day of term four for students will be on **Monday 13th December**.

THANK YOU

On behalf of our staff, students and board I would like to say thank you. For those that send us kind messages, encourage and appreciate our work - thank you! The students we work with are an absolute blessing and I am so grateful to be part of a supportive, kind and caring school community.

There have been numerous celebrations this year which we have had to record online due to Covid restrictions. Such a weird feeling for us all - a school is usually humming with people! I hope you get a chance to watch our concert, praise giving and candle lighting videos to celebrate alongside us - albeit from a distance.

I am immensely proud of each and everyone of our staff and students. It has been one of the most challenging years in my teaching career, but one of the most enjoyable and rewarding yet again. Always take the opportunity to look at the bright side of things to celebrate achievements. I am immensely grateful that we are a faith based school and our Catholic character is the basis for all that we do here.

I keep you all in my prayers as we close for Christmas and a summer break. We are looking forward to coming back with energy and inspiration in 2022. Be safe and enjoy the sunshine!

God bless.

Ngā mihi nui

Kathryn Carey
(Principal)



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN FOR ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

YEAR 1 TO 8

*"Mahi tahi i te Karaiti" to
inspire and nurture leaders of
learning and excellence*



We pride ourselves in a school which is full of aroha and manaakitanga. Our senior students are wonderful leaders who nurture our tamariki in tuakana teina relationships. Come along and check out our Catholic school!

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DRS COLUMN

**Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa, Bula Vinaka,
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The Reason for the Season!

As we continue with our learning, we focus on Advent. It is such a special time of the year for our faith worldwide. A real favourite of mine too. We are preparing for the birth of Jesus, at Christmas time. I just love Christmas - spending time together as a family and celebrating each other. It is a chance to be grateful to be able to spend time with family and loved ones.

The liturgy of Advent focuses on remembering Christ's first coming at Bethlehem which then directs our mind to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. The readings focus on the people of the Old Testament awaiting the Messiah, John the Baptist, heralding the way for Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary and her maternal preparations.

The month of December is filled with expectation and celebration. Preparation is the key word for the first 24 days of December. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas - shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity.

Christmas is a Christian feast - and now is the time to reclaim it as such! In the same way that a family eagerly prepares for a baby, we too in Advent could prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. Advent is a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and of hope. We focus on our thoughts of the incredible love and humility of our God.

Let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Savior may come to dwell.

The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of His birth with more eagerness than any other human being. Her preparation was complete in every respect. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayerfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will.

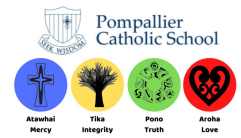
Our school events are another opportunity to celebrate. Our celebrations look very different in our Covid world this year. We hope that you can enjoy the online sharing of our special celebrations as a kura. Our school concert, Candle Lighting Mass and Praise Giving will all be recorded for the safety of our staff, students and whanau..

- Our school concert is a combination of learning and celebration of our year. Each classroom presents something special for you to enjoy.
- Our year 8's with our special Candle Lighting Mass to farewell them and hand over leadership to our up and coming year 7 leaders.
- Praise giving - celebration of all!



Manaaki Te Atua, Kathryn Carey

PCS School Calendar



School Term Four Calendar						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
18 First day of Term 4 Wk1 Lockdown Level 3 online learning	19 Lockdown Level 3 online learning	20 First day of term 4 onsite	21 Whanau Hui 5pm device rollout (now online due to Covid)	22 Duffy Show 10.30 Cancelled Covid Sacrament Programme 2.45pm	23	24
25 Wk2 LABOUR DAY BREAK	26	27	28	29 Sacrament Programme 2.45pm	30	31
1 Wk3 All Saints BOT meeting	2	3 Lockdown Level 3 online learning	4 Lockdown Level 3 online learning	5 Central Zones Athletics * cancelled Covid Lockdown Level 3 online learning	6	7
8 Wk4 Lockdown Level 3 online learning	9	10	11	12 McAuley Day (Wear Blue) Sacrament Programme 2.45pm	13	14
15 Wk5	16	17	18	19 Far North Athletics * cancelled Covid Sacrament Programme 2.45pm	20	21 Christ the King
22 Wk6	23	24	25 Junior Fun Day Kiwi/Pukeko/Kea	26 Sacrament Programme 2.45pm PCS Athletics * recorded	27	28 Advent FAMILY MASS*Cancelled due to Covid
29 Wk7 Te Kahu/Kakapo camp activities/fun day	30 Te Kahu/Kakapo camp activities/fun day	1 Te Kahu/Kakapo movie day	2 Year 8 Graduation dinner	3 Sacrament Programme 2.45pm	4	5
6 Wk8 BOT meeting	7 Tui camp activities/fun day	8 Immaculate Conception* PCS Christmas in the Park Concert * recorded	9	10 Praise Giving 11.30am recorded Sacrament Programme 2.45pm	11	12
13 Wk9 Yr 8 Candle Lighting 12 noon* recorded Last Day of Term 4	14 Teacher Only Day	15	16	17	18	19

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

Four locations, as follows:

Every Saturday at 6pm and 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

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.



We are currently planning our classes for 2022. Please let us know if you are moving away so we can adjust our numbers accordingly. Also, if you know whanau who are joining us, encourage them to let us know.

Nga mihi nui
PCS Staff



MANAAKITANGA KINDNESS

**He aroha whakatō,
He aroha ka puta mai**

**If kindness is sown,
then kindness is what
you shall receive**

PCS ATHLETICS 2021 (COVID VERSION)

We had a wonderful day last Friday with our annual PCS Athletics competition. Although we were unable to have whanau on site, the vibe of the day was up-beat and fun. Lots of wonderful competition happening between our students as they did their very best. Most importantly, the encouragement, awahi and aroha was flowing through all of the year groups.

A huge thank you to Bucky for our field preparation, Whaea Danni for co-ordinating the event and all of our teachers for the jobs that they do on the day to keep the event flowing. Most of all, congratulations to our students who are absolute super-stars!!



PCS ATHLETICS 2021

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BANK STREET, KAITAIA

KAITAIA PUMPTRACK OPENING



**Saturday
11 December
@ 10am**

Funded by FNDC and
Kanoa
through the
Te Hiku o te Ika
Revitalisation Project

*Proudly supported by
Te Runanga o te Rarawa &
Shine On Kaitaia*

**Save the date for a fun filled family day at the park &
riders need to wear a helmet!**

SCOOTER COMPETITION

We have been very lucky to have a Scooter donated to our school from the Foy Family. To enter, please put your name in at the office and a reason why you would like to win this amazing prize!!!
Good luck to all!



NewstalkZB

This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB - it's the Star of Christmas singing competition... on The Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show!

Be treated like a Star!

Win flights (if out of Auckland), accommodation, music studio tour and studio time with Nathan King, judge from POPSTARS

If you can sing, and are under 13, email your audition singing a Christmas song to christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz or call 0800 843 864 before 13th December. Then tune into Newstalk ZB on Christmas morning from 6am to see if you've won!

Upto Students?

We want to hear from you!
Share your hopes and fears for the future of our Taiao (the natural world) in Te Tai Tokerau Northland, so we can take better care of her and move forward together.

Visit www.oiyou.kiwi
or scan here



Tell us! www.oiyou.kiwi

We're climbing towards the end of the year!



We are updating the Skool Loop app regularly. Don't forget to check our school app to avoid missing important end of year notices and events.

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- ✓ Newsletters ✓ Permissions Slips ✓ Contacts
- ✓ Absentees ✓ Parent Teacher Interviews

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