



# 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



Pono  
Truth



Aroha  
Love

*Special points of interest:*



- 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**

This is our final newsletter for 2022. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whanau that we are saying farewell to at the end of this term. Our year 8 whanau who have supported their tamariki and our kura, those that are leaving the country and those that are leaving the township. Each student retains a special place in our hearts as you head off to new adventures. As Father Larry reminded us recently - "Aspire to inspire before you expire". May that stay with you as you set forth to make our world a better place to be.

### REPORTS

Our teachers have dedicated many hours writing reports containing the summary of learning for each of our tamariki. The reports will link directly to the learning being shared via Seesaw. This platform enables you to access snapshots of "just in time" learning across the curriculum, so that you are able to follow the progressions of learning. The reports have word limits, so it is essential that this learning shared is part of the process. It is my privilege to read and share in the social teachings, academic progress, health & PE, arts such as music and artwork, science, technology and inquiry learning. Our curriculum is interwoven with rich learning opportunities. Our focus on the 4C's is evident with communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking. Such a rich summary of the learning for 2022 and beyond! We hope you enjoy celebrating your tamariki too. I am

immensely proud of the learning opportunities which our staff work so hard to create, supported by you, our whanau. It certainly takes a village and I am proud of ours!!

### MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REMINDERS

There has been recent information shared in the media space about attendance at school. Our kura has excellent attendance from 90% of our whanau. It makes a huge impact if your child is missing school. Connections to their peers, the learning and progressions are key to high attendance. Keep this in mind if you are thinking about booking future holidays. You will see attendance recorded on the report - we aim for 90% attendance if possible to support your tamariki with their learning at school.

### END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

It is all go for the final few weeks of school. Our colour run was our taha tinana focus and something of joy for our community. Thanks for supporting this, what great fun! Check out our calendar for the up and coming events. We have some special celebrations as we head to the end of school year.

I have recently returned from a Catholic School Principal hui. The focus was on nurturing our Catholic faith. Thank you to those that supported our recent Family Mass. I encourage you to support your tamariki by coming along on a Sunday. Fr Larry Rustia always shares a motivational homily worth hearing. From all of us at PCS have a blessed Christmas and summer break. Look forward to seeing you all in 2023!

God bless, Kathryn Carey, Principal

# DRS COLUMN

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

The Reason for the Season! We are shortly moving into one of my favourite times of the year....Advent.

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, who is Christ's 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.

Advent literally means —coming. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Set on the branches of a wreath are four candles:

- three purple candles and one pink candle.
- In the centre of the wreath sits a white candle.

As a whole, these candles represent the coming of the Light of Christ into the world. The first candle was lit on Sunday 27th November at Mass.

All classrooms will have their own wreaths and learn about the traditions of Advent - such a special time for us all.

The countdown to the end of the school year is certainly approaching quickly. We keep all of our school and parish community in our prayers as we prepare for Christmas.

Our school events are another opportunity to celebrate. Hope you can make it to our Praise Giving and Candle Lighting Mass. Next year we look forward to a whole school production.



Manaaki Te Atua, Kathryn Carey



# 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.



Te Ahu o  
te Reo Māori



## Term 1, 2023

### Registrations Now Open

#### 10-week te reo Māori course for schools and whānau

Our popular 10-week te reo Māori programme delivered under Te Ahu o te Reo Māori continues in your region next year beginning in Term 1, January 2023.

- A FREE te reo Māori programme for the education workforce; open to all teachers, support staff, and whānau of all schools, kura, early childhood centres, and kōhanga.
- Delivered online
- Caters to all competency levels – beginners to advanced
- Each level is completed in a single school term
- Includes a \$500 payment to schools/ECEs per participant graduate
- Tailored to your region, local iwi and histories
- Supports teacher professional standards
- Supports delivery of Aotearoa NZ histories
- Helps to build a localised curriculum

Term 1, 2023 Registrations are now open! For more information or to register, please visit our website: <https://tupuora.co.nz/teahuotereo/>

Delivering in Tainui, Te Moana a Toi, Te Tai Tokerau, Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu



## THE GREAT LIBRARY ROAD TRIP

12 DEC – 20 JAN

Come join us on our library road trip! Grab your FREE activity book from any Far North District Library!









# Waka Ama



**YEAR 4 & 5 ACTIVITIES**



A huge nga mihi to our supporters for the Colour Run. We had so much fun and have done some wonderful fundraising for our tamariki! We have literally just walked in the door but wanted to put in a message for our newsletter. More details will follow about the money raised for our tamariki!



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## CHROMEBOOK ROLL OUT FOR 2023

If your child is in Year 4-8 you are able to purchase your own device through the Manaiakalani Trust. They have huge buying power and test these devices thoroughly. The insurance package is outstanding. See Maree in the office if you would like your own device. Payment options are available.



### CHROMEBOOKS 2023

**PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Purchase comprises a 'bundle' that includes:

- ★ Acer 733C Chromebook with 3-Year manufacturer's warranty (from January 2023)
- ★ Targus hard shell carry case with charger pocket
- ★ 3-year Acer Device Care Plan with nil claims excess (from January 2023)
- ★ Delivery and set up at your child's school, including Chrome console management license ready to support your child's learning.

*Your Chromebook includes 3 years warranty against manufacturing defects, and a Device Care Plan providing cover for accidental damage, theft and loss. (see details below). You must opt in to this benefit which will ensure that any disruption to your child's chromebook availability is minimised.*

#### Payments and Financing

Families wishing to purchase the device bundle up front in full can do so for **\$ 550.00**. Financing is available through a Credit Sale Contract with Te Hiku Education Trust.

Where a credit sale contract has been signed, the regular automatic payments must be put in place as per the table below. Please do this through Internet banking or contact your bank.

**All payments are made to the Te Hiku Education Trust bank account. 12-3096-0319342-00. Please include your child's name and School in the payment reference. All financed bundles require the \$40 deposit to be paid to the Te Hiku Education Trust bank account, and a signed credit sale contract before a device can be delivered to your child's school.**

Please contact your School for an application pack or email [te.hiku.education.trust@gmail.com](mailto:te.hiku.education.trust@gmail.com)

2022	12 months			24 months		
<b>Financed Price incl GST</b>	\$550			\$550		
<b>Less DEPOSIT</b>	- \$40			- \$40		
<b>AMOUNT OF CREDIT</b>	<b>\$510</b>			<b>\$510</b>		
Frequency	Week	Fortnight	Month	Week	Fortnight	Month
Payment amount	\$9.81	\$19.62	<b>\$42.50</b>	\$4.90	\$9.81	<b>\$21.25</b>
Number of payments	52	26	<b>12</b>	104	52	<b>24</b>

#### Acer Device Care Programme

Your Chromebook purchase includes the Acer Device Care Programme providing protection for accidental damage, theft and loss.

Your Chromebook comes with accidental loss and damage protection associated with the Acer Device Care Programme.



# 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	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 Paid Union Meetings for teachers	24 Year 6-8 Camp Art	25 Year 4/5Waka Ama ASSEMBLY Year 7/8 Rugby	26	27. Family/ Whanau Mass
28. Wk7	29 Year 4/5 Movie Day	30	1 Art	2. PCS Colour Run Newsletter	3	4
5. Wk8 BOT meeting 5pm	6	7 Whole School cricket	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.

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