



# 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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## Special points of interest:

- School Photos—Tues 14th August
- PCS X-Country—Thur 16th August
- Yr 8 Orientation—Tues 28th August
- DAFFODIL DAY—Fri 31st August



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

We have hit the ground running at week 3 already! The staff have been meeting to chat about student achievement. Data will be presented to the Board of Trustees next week and we are well and truly on track with our targets. The students are making some exciting achievements in reading, writing and maths. These curriculum areas must be reported on to the Ministry, and we continue to teach across the broad curriculum areas.

The focus around teaching across the curriculum and making links is showing huge success. By this I mean links for example, in reading through religious education, writing through science and maths through health and physical education. We also use mixed ability groupings for our students which has made a huge impact on student achievement. Exciting to celebrate such great learning!!! Congratulations to our staff and students for these significant achievements.

### **SPEECHES**

Speech topics are out and the students are chatting enthusiastically about their chosen topic. Just a reminder that speeches will be carried out within the classroom from Monday 27th August, so encourage your child to be prepared. We have tight deadlines that we have to work in to meet the dates for ongoing competitions.

### **UNIFORMS**

We have been reminding our students about their personal presentation and thank you for supporting us with this. We try really hard to show pride in our appearance, linking to our positive behaviour and how we treat others. All students have been given a free jacket to wear to keep warm and we have several free jerseys available to those that need an extra layer. Our classrooms are toasty warm too, so we are set for another positive term.

School photos are next week, so a reminder to have a clean t-shirt, tidy hair and looking smart for these classroom photos. You will be able to purchase photos online again this year and forms have been individually labelled by Rochelle Lewis from Littlerock Photography.

### **TEACHER INDUSTRIAL ACTION**

As part of ongoing concerns for the education of our students, our teachers opted to write a personal letter to you our whanau last week, to outline our concerns for education. The industrial action is taking place on **Wednesday 15th August**. This means that the school will be closed. All of our teachers who are Union members are required to strike. We are very aware of the disruption to your week and apologise for this inconvenience. Our concerns are mainly about the following:

- Retention of teachers—less than 40% are training to be teachers, and those that do train, 50% leave within the first 5 years. More schools are being built and there are simply not enough teachers to teach as our “baby boom” teachers leave to retire. We need to do something to attract more teachers into the profession and enable them to be successful in this vital role.
- Resourcing—too many concerns are not being supported in the education system. Children in New Zealand with learning and behaviour issues simply do not get the support that is required to make education a positive experience.

We do not want industrial action, but feel we are in a crisis situation. Our children are worth it! We really hope that we can get your support for these huge issues facing our New Zealand education system.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

We are really excited to have our whole school cross country next week and notices have been sent out to inform you of the event. As part of our safety planning, we really need some help with adults on the course to support our runners, and ensure they are safe. We rely on parents to help and would be extremely grateful if you could give us a couple of hours to come out and be part of this great day. Please let us know. Have a blessed and safe weekend.

Kathryn Carey (Principal)

# SPECIAL CHARACTER COLUMN

## SING YOUR SONG FROM A PLACE OF JOY

Recently I was blessed with the opportunity to attend the NZ Catholic Education Conference. Living where we do it can be easy to forget how we are a part of a much larger vibrant and living community of faith filled people, all working to tell God's good news. Below are some ideas and statements that I found quite uplifting.

We are all holy

Authenticity and imperfection allow the Holy Spirit room to move and act

Grace is yours

Catholic schools give soil for the possibility of God

I am who I am because of who we are, We are who we are because of who I am

When God wanted people to know what God looked like, God became people

Jesus is the pinnacle of what people can be

We are all called to holiness

Recognise the God that dwells in each of us

Sunday morning is not the only time for God

On Sin: You are not a bad person, you are made in the image of God.

Sin is like pressing send too soon on an angry text.

Why did I do that?!

God wants to come with us on our adventure

Church is about the beauty of community

God is always there in our inadequacies

We are a church of Hope

You are precious

In our hands, with God's grace, it's going to be alright

Love accompanies

Hope brings you home

God is about loving us with a love that never ends.

Matt 12: 21 And his name will be the hope of all the world.

God's love for us is everlasting.

Our dreams and our needs are always before God's face.

Jesus himself assures us, "You are God's favoured daughter. You are God's beloved son."

Listen to him.

God Bless, Phil

# WELCOME



We would love to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their whanau! This term we welcome to PCS

Kiwi: Connor Scott

It is always wonderful to see our school grow with such enthusiastic and confident students! We know they will love being at PCS!

We have preference spaces available so spread the word.

## Student of the Week



Kiwi	Zariah Windelborn and Keira Smith
Pukeko	Hine McKay and Kristina Harris-Davoren
Kea	Portia Joyce and Hiroshi Newman
Tui	Roman Nasr and Taryn Knight
Kakapo	Milin Windelborn and Chris Oreiro
Te Kahu	Scott Haines and Blake Wells

## We SHINE at PCS

These are our star students for the two weeks between assembly celebrations. They have been "stars" of the classroom and stood out for Resilience, Excellence, Achievement, Co-operation and Holistic qualities. They may have shown some of these characteristics or all of them. Congratulations!!! They take home a Duffy book as part of this award. If you would like to be our Duffy Sponsor, please let us know.

**YUMMY STICKERS!!!.....We are collecting them again so bring in your sheets. Thanks so much to Ann Williams who does a wonderful job of co-ordinating this for us! If you need more collection sheets let us know!**

**A reminder, for safety of our children, please drive slowly in the carpark. No child is to leave the gate area unsupervised. Please do not park in the yellow lines.**



**PLEASE NOTE!!**

**Can all drivers enter and leave our carpark from Dominion Road, so that our walkers are safe down the hill on to Eden Terrace. We are aiming to keep our pedestrians safe.**

Aug/Sep 2018

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk 4	13	14 School Photos BOT Meeting	15 Teacher industrial action—no school	16 PCS X-Country	17 Yr 5/6 Basketball Assembly	18	19
Wk 5	20	21 Catholic Schools Office BOT training	22 Kiwi Sport Hearing and Vi- sion testing yr1/7	23 MATHS LEAD TEACHERS AT PCS Yr 7/8 Basketball	24 X-Country Zones Waipap Newsletter	25	26 FAMILY MASS
Wk 6	27	28 Year 8 Orientation Kaitaia College	29	30	31 Ice-Skating Te Ahu DAFFODIL DAY Assembly	1	2 FATHERS DAY
Wk 7	3	4 PCS SPEECH COMP	5 Kiwi Sport	6 NZ Playhouse Red Riding Robyn 1.40pm Far North Speech Comp	7 X-Country Zones Peria (qualifiers) Far North Speech /Comp Newsletter	8	9
Wk 8	10 MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK	11	12 Project Energise	13	14 Assembly	15	16
Wk 9	17	18 Yr 7-9 Volleyball Girls	19 Kiwi Sport	20 Yr 7-9 Volleyball Boys	21 Newsletter	22	23 PCS MASS
Wk 10	24 MERCY WEEK	25 Yr 5-8 Mini Hockey Taipa	26	27	28 Assembly	29 Last day of term	30

SPORTS NUTRITION

**EAT LIKE AN ATHLETE EVERY DAY!**

It is important to eat healthy and well-balanced meals and snacks all the time, not just when we play sport.

Include the four food groups and drink plenty of water!

This will help to keep our bodies healthy, strong and ready for action all year round.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2018



***Whanau, let us always remember to show whanaungatanga at Pompallier. We are CALLED to be disciples of Jesus. Think about how we can be friendly, warm, kind and caring to others. Offer to help someone in need, share a smile or greeting. Let us be great role models to others!***

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 this calendar each newsletter. If there are last minute changes we will notify you by text, and add comments onto our school Facebook page. Make sure you contact Helen in the office to ensure you are part of our "phone tree" and get the "Skool Loop" App for your phone with updates too!



# Ice Skating Tour

We have an exciting opportunity to be involved in "The Ice Skating Tour" in Kaitia!!! The session will be held on **Friday 31st August 2018** and each class will take part in a supervised lesson for one hour. The lessons quoted from the tour page as follows:

"Our lessons are developed to give kids from year 1-8 a unique and fun introduction to ice skating. We teach them the basics of balance, coordination and ice skating and always aim to have them all skating by the end of the session. We have the philosophy that kids learn best by falling and getting up themselves "

If you would like your child to take part it will cost \$8 per child. This includes the lesson, and all equipment including a helmet and ice-skates during this time. We encourage your child to offer to help out at home or do extra chores towards the \$8. There are 5 weeks to save. It will be fabulous fun!!

The ice-skating schedule for each class will be:

Lesson 1: 09:10am - 10:00am Kiwi (help with transport and supervision will be appreciated)

Lesson 2: 10:00am - 10:50am Tui

Lesson 3: 10:50am - 11:40pm Pukeko (help with transport and supervision will be appreciated)

Lesson 4: 11:40am - 12:30pm Te Kahu

Lesson 5: 12:30pm - 1:20pm Kakapo

Lesson 6: 01:20pm - 2:10pm Kea

The younger children would benefit with help tying skates and putting gear on, so if you are able to assist, please notify the teacher. All adults need covered in shoes for safety purposes. All children to wear mufti that day—long pants and socks are recommended. They are welcome to wear their own helmets and gloves if they prefer. Please notify the school if you do not want your child included.

PCS staff

## PCS Talent Quest



Congratulations to our 2018 PCS Talent Quest Winners!!!!

Evan Murray (drums) - 1st place

Poppy Ujdur (singing) - 2nd place

Max Richards (drums) - 3rd place

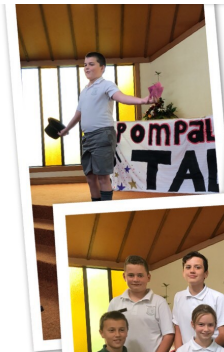


# Contestants

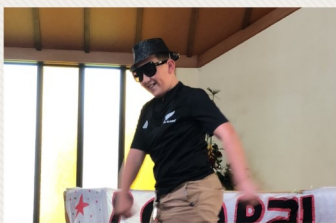
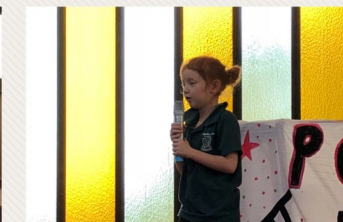


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**So much talent!!!  
So much fun!!!  
Congratulations  
to all of our  
contestants who  
were amazing!!!!**



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**Thank you to our  
Special  
Character Team  
and guest judge  
Therese!!**



# PCS Talent Quest

**SINGING, DANCING, HULA-HOOP, GYMNASTICS, COMEDY, DRUMS, WE HAD SO MUCH FUN!!!  
CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE THAT TOOK PART! DRUVIKA, ISABELLA, MAX, POPPY,  
GIANNI, CHLOE, ZARIAH, EVAN, ALYX, SCOTT, TEAHI, CALISTA, BEN AND ISABEL.**





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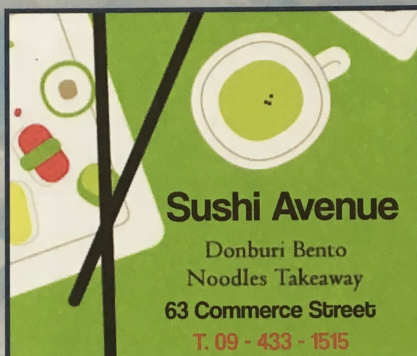
  
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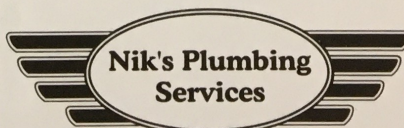
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