



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:

- PCS Athletics Tuesday 30th October
- Senior Praise Giving Thursday 13th December
- Junior Praise Giving Friday 14th December
- LAST DAY OF TERM 4 Friday 14th December



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

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope you had a wonderful break with your loved ones and we are all rested and ready for an action packed term ahead! Some key events are planned and I encourage you to keep checking our school calendar for dates (sometimes there are changes). A special welcome back to our current families, and a warm welcome to our new families/whanau who are joining us this term. I know that our current families/whanau will make sure you feel welcome too. Our newsletters are published every fortnight, full of "PCS learning and celebrations," so keep an eye on these. You will also find them on our free school app "Skool Loop" and our school website www.pompallierprimary.school.nz

ATHLETICS

The weather has made our training challenging so far, so we hit athletics with lots of focus as soon as we can. The students will all get a chance to practice, refine and extend their skills. Check out the date of our school competition. The year 4 to 8 students who are in the top 3 of each event (long jump, high jump, sprints, discus and shot putt) will be competing at the Zones competitions. It's a great chance to celebrate those that have a gift in sport. A special thanks to "Buckie" for getting our field in tip top shape and setting out the race track.

REPORTS

Term 4 is all about reporting and is a summary of the learning that has taken place. We are extremely excited to be unveiling our new reports this term and look forward to hearing your feedback. We will be including some information prior to the reports coming home on the last day

so watch this space. Much time is taken to put these reports together and each report is unique to your child and their learning. All students will be given the curriculum level that they are working on. Remember, at any time, you are able to meet with your child's teacher to clarify or ask any questions you may have. Communication is vital to ensuring the learning partnership is strong between student, teacher and whanau.

END OF YEAR EXTRAVAGANZA

Term 4 is all about the arts as our students prepare for our end of year extravaganza. Within this focus dance/drama/music and display are important elements we cover. Each classroom has a role within the production which is written by our very own Mrs Cutler. This year it has a Christmas theme. Set aside Thursday 7th December where we will be having a matinee show at 10.30am and then an early evening show the same afternoon at 5.30pm. Please ensure your children are able to make both shows if possible, as they all take part and it is a shame to have "gaps" in our show without kids returning that evening.

PRAISE GIVING

At the end of the year we celebrate all of our students and the success and gift that they are to us. The senior praise giving (year 4 to 8) will take place on Thursday 13th December at 5.15pm and the junior praise giving will be held during the day on Wednesday 13th December at 10.30am. These special events are held in the Church. We welcome all parents and whanau to attend.

MANAIAKALANI

Our focus this year has been Learn, Create, Share with our students and staff getting some wonderful learning with our facilitators. I had 8 responses to our community survey, we have had an evening to share and this term we begin our roll out for devices which will be available for our senior students. The entire focus is that they will be able to learn anywhere, anytime at any pace with you're their whanau. An exciting journey! God bless, Kathryn Carey (Principal)

**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 and in the carpark. We are aiming to keep our pedestrians safe.

Oct/Nov/Dec 2018

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk 1	15 First day of term 4	16 Jo Shanks Beeswax Wraps BOT meeting	17 Jo Shanks Beeswax Wraps Kiwi sport	18	19 Newsletter Mass	20	21
Wk2	22 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	23	24	25 Duffy Show 1.30pm	26 COLOUR RUN Assembly	27	28 FAMILY MASS
Wk3	29	30 PCS ATHLETICS	31 Kiwi sport	1	2 Newsletter CENTRAL ZONES ATHLETICS	3	4
Wk4	5	6	7	8	9 Assembly	10	11
Wk5	12	13	14 Kiwi sport	15	16 Newsletter FAR NORTH ATHLETICS	17	18
Wk6	19	20 YR 3-6 RIPPA	21	22	23 Assembly YR 7-8 TOUCH	24	25 PCS MASS
Wk7	26 YEAR 6-8 CAMP	27 YEAR 6-8 CAMP	28 YEAR 7-8 CAMP Kiwi sport	29 YEAR 7-8 CAMP	30 Newsletter	1	2
Wk8	3	4	5	6	7 Assembly	8	9
Wk9	10 YEAR 8 SOCIAL Candle Lighting Mass	11 SCHOOL EXTRAV- AGANZA	12 Kiwi sport	13 SENIOR PRAISE GIVING 5.15PM	14 JUNIOR PRAISE GIVING 10.30	15	16

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".



Colour Run 2018

One of our goals as a school is to involve whanau in health and exercise. The up and coming Colour Run is a wonderful opportunity to do this. The colour run is being held in Kaitaia on Friday 26th October and we would love to be involved as a school community. It is \$7.00 per entry, you need a white t-shirt and the event is 5 kilometres long. Contact the office if you would like to be involved with your child.



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF MARY

It is always a lovely way to begin Term 4 as we celebrate the month of Mary. Each morning we are meeting in the quad to share the Rosary as a whole school. We are celebrating the mysteries and it is a chance to teach our students this wonderful traditional prayer. You are always welcome to join us, we begin at 8.45am. Each class has a representative, with their classroom rosary beads. We encourage our students to take part with their own rosary beads if they wish.

Student of the Week



Kiwi	Tova Dye and Sanvi Patel
Pukeko	Hine McKay and Charlotte Carter
Kea	Kevin Vinod and Kalani Tatana
Tui	Cordell Hunt and Jahn Ryan
Kakapo	Blake Maskell and Priyanci Patel
Te Kahu	Ayushi Patel and Aoibhinn Price

We SHINE at PCS

All of the "students of the week" receive their own Duffy Book to take home. These are sponsored by the school to encourage the children to enjoy reading. If you would like to help with this sponsorship, come and see us at the office.



WELCOME



We would love to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new students.

Kea: Zandor Best-Tailby

Kakapo: Sean Tailby

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 vacancies for Catholic students, those who have Catholic parents or sponsors who are willing to be immersed in our wonderful Catholic School. Spread the word! We are currently confirming classes for 2019. Please let us know if you have more children to enrol or you are moving to another school.

SPECIAL CHARACTER COLUMN

Let Go and Let God

I am sure that many of you will agree that the times in which we today seem to be particularly worrisome for a great many different reasons.

On the world political stage, it appears that some of the loudest voices are heralding a new age of selfishness and isolationism.

The effects of man-made climate are begging to be seen in the weather and yet little or no change is being started in order to combat it.

Economically, the inequality in this country between the few that have much and the many that have very little is ingrained and worsening.

It all seems to be a bit too much to bear sometimes.

As followers of Jesus, we have hope though.

Jesus teaches that we all have the capacity for change, along with the ability to recognise and act on the many injustices in our world.

In the Gospels there are so many examples of Jesus calling those in privileged positions to do just this, and many more of Jesus himself reaching and modelling this behaviour for us too.

When and where ever life seems full of doubt and instability, if events around us seem unfair and unjust then all we need do is:

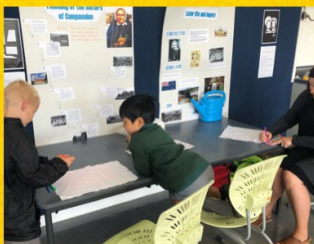
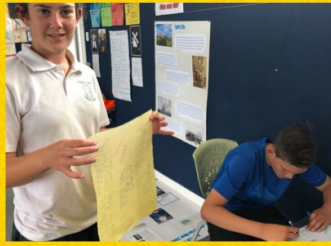
Let go and let God.

Last word goes to St. Pope John Paul II.

"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."

Phil

Beeswax Wraps



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BEESWAX WRAPS

It's all about sustainability at PCS. Our students absolutely loved creating their unique beeswax wraps to use for their lunches. We hope that you enjoy seeing their creations and using the wraps in future to help reduce waste. Thank you to Jo Shanks from CBEC for her time and expertise. Ask your child to share their new learning about looking after God's Creation! We are planning "naked lunches" next week so our students can reduce waste in their lunches by wrapping their food in the beeswax wraps.

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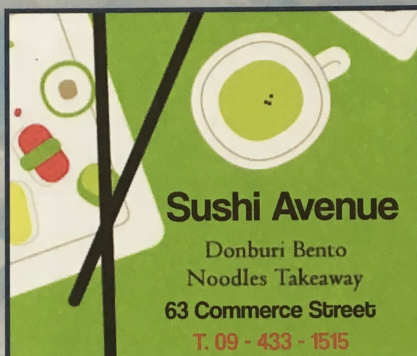

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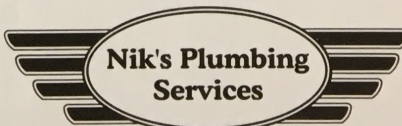

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