



# 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.



## Special points of interest:

- Christmas Stars Extravaganza Tuesday 11th Dec
- Senior Praise Giving Thursday 13th Dec
- Junior Praise Giving Friday 14th Dec
- LAST DAY OF TERM 4 Friday 14th Dec



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

Mid way through the term already!!! We had such a lovely Mass on Monday celebrating our whanau house group McAuley. It was also a chance to say farewell to Father Emile who has been such a lovely part of our school and parish in his time with us over the last 4 weeks.

His message on Sunday was to “give from the heart”. Think about how we can help others. What can you do to show kindness and care? What a special message to set us up for the rest of the term—particularly as we get so busy with the approach of the Christmas break.

### ATHLETICS

We have had a range of wonderful success with athletics this term. Congratulations to our students who took part. We think it was the best participation since we have been running our athletics, which is a real credit to our students.

This week our students who were successful at the Central Zones moved on to compete at the Far North Zones. A wonderful achievement to reach this level.

### INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Thank you for the support of our teachers with our industrial action on Tuesday. We have such urgent concerns about classroom support, workload and teacher supply. We cannot afford to wait for help in our schools in New Zealand. Our students and teachers need to have the best possible resourcing in education, which is pivotal to their futures. Please make sure you got the letter sent home on Monday from our staff, which outlines our concerns in more detail. Sadly the media portrayal

is not addressing any needs other than finances for our teachers, and there are so many more concerns that we have.

### CHRISTMAS STARS EXTRAVAGANZA

Set aside Tuesday 11th December at 5.15pm for our Christmas Extravaganza. Mrs Cutler puts together this wonderful show. It is a little bit different this year as each class performs, but we also have the opportunity for individual and group performances too. We would absolutely LOVE to have whanau involved, so let us know if you would like to book a segment in the evening.

### TE HIKU MANAIAKALANI

We have the figures confirmed for the roll-out of devices as part of our Te Hiku Manaia Kalani cluster. This is a wonderful opportunity for you, our whanau, to have the chance to purchase a device for YOUR child/ren. The options will include:

- purchasing outright
- Paying off over 1, 2 or 3 years (depending on the year level of your child) with the Trust funding
- Paying off over 1, 2 or 3 years with WINZ support

If you wish to take up this opportunity, please come along to our hui on **Thursday 22nd November** at 5.15pm to get details for the roll-out in 2019.

Remember these devices are unique, they come fully loaded with ALL add-ons, are part of the “white gloving” process with a FULL replacement insurance for 3 years! They have been tested to be the BEST devices available so are quite unique on the market. Come in and take a peek at the offers available!

### PCS MASS

Our school leads Mass this weekend with no power! I bet we can still gain a great message even in the dark! Please bring some kai to share for morning tea and give us help in the kitchen if you are able to. Hope to see you there!

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.

**Nov/Dec 2018**

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk5	12 McAULEY DAY Wear blue	13 Teacher Strike	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 YR 4-5 surfing	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 9.15am	11 SCHOOL EXTRAV- AGANZA	12 Kiwi sport	13 YR8 Sailing SENIOR PRAISE GIVING 5.15PM	14 JUNIOR PRAISE GIVING 10.30 LAST DAY!	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".

LABEL READING

## LESS SUGAR CLAIMS

**"NO ADDED SUGAR"** - however, this product may still contain large amounts of natural sugar.

**"25% LESS SUGAR"** or **"MADE WITH 65% FRUIT JUICE"** - these can still be high in sugar.

Look at the label and pick products with less than 10g of sugar per 100g.

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## BAKED NOT FRIED

Baked foods can have just as much fat as fried foods. Check the label and pick products with less than 10g total fat per 100g.

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# Student of the Week



Kiwi	Zariah Windelborn and Isabella Bowden
Pukeko	Oscar Gray and Dhruvika Patel
Kea	Arli Hokai and Leila Pereira
Tui	Alyx Cutler and Corban Thorpe
Kakapo	Ryan Taylor and Mitchell Wells
Te Kahu	Quentin Shanks and Riccardo Hone-Moore

**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.



## SPECIAL CHARACTER COLUMN

### Venerable Suzanne Aubert

#### Sister Meri-Hohepa

*This week our school is learning all about the life, times and actions of a remarkable woman of faith. Suzanne Aubert's impact on the developing nation of Aotearoa New Zealand and it's fledging branch of the Catholic Church can't be understated.*

*Suzanne Aubert was born in France at a time in that country's history that was producing religious missionaries at an astonishing rate. She was told by her parents that she was not allowed to be one of these numerous times, but such was her conviction that once she legally of age and free to make her own decisions, off she went to join the fun.*

*She came to our country with Bishop Pompallier and immediately saw a need for work amongst Maori in and around Auckland. Here she began, ignoring others who told her that her work ought not be concerned with the poor but with more respectable settler families.*

*Suzanne Aubert resisted, knowing that her work was vital for the dispossessed and poor. When A new Bishop took over following Pompallier's death, and he forbade her from continuing her work because of her gender. She responded by moving her work to another part of the country where she was free of his influence. This constant rejection of unjust orders would become a theme for her ministry and life. She did not accept the limitations placed on her because of her gender and the societal expectations of her time. She simply got on, and did what was right as she saw it, in line with the teachings of Christ.*

*Having established an order of sisters, a hospital, a soup kitchen, rest homes and a number of other such institutions (many of which are still running today), her progress was once again threatened by a Bishop who wanted her to act more in line with the ideals of the time. So at 78 years of age she set out for Rome. There the Pope recognised her dedication and her order was freed from local interference. Suzanne Aubert is a true New Zealand Icon and her work with the poor in our country is an inspiration.*

*In our times, which are every bit unsettled and difficult as those experienced by Suzanne Aubert, there is much we can take and apply from her example. Her refusal to accept injustice and prejudice is one very good place to start. Couple these with her work ethics and humble kindness and I think we have the anecdote to selfishness that is so present in our world.*

God Bless, Phil.

### MEAT & MEAT ALTERNATIVES

## ALTERNATIVES TO MEAT

Anyone can enjoy meat alternatives, but vegetarian families need at least 2 servings a day.  
1 serving =



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# McAuley Day Mass

We began the week with a really special celebration of Saint Catherine McAuley this week at Mass. Our students were reminded to be kind to others, offering care and friendship—what a fabulous message! As a Catholic School our charism is Mercy, and Catherine McAuley was a Mercy Sister. As we were founded by the Sisters of Mercy, it is important to acknowledge these special celebrations. The students looked fabulous in their blue. It was also a special chance to farewell father Emile who has been such a wonderful support to our school and parish for the past month. We wish him safe travels as he heads to Australia to lead a marriage retreat.





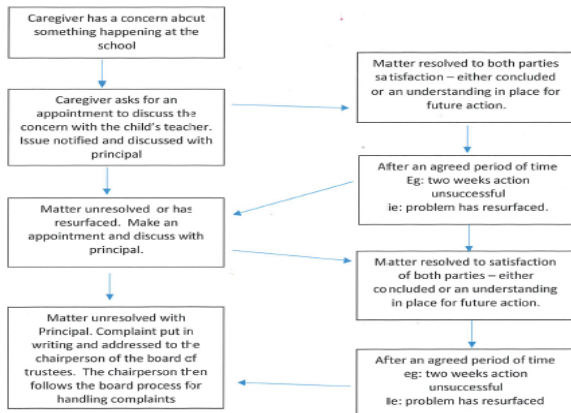
Pompallier Catholic School  
Complaints Policy

At all times every person's 'Light of Christ' must be able to shine. Throughout this policy the school's special character must be taken into consideration at all times.

The Board will deal with all complaints in a way that is:

- (a) Fair and reasonable
- (b) Timely as reasonably practicable (refer procedure chart)
- (c) Transparent
- (d) Accessible
- (e) Consistent
- (f) Mutually communicative; and
- (g) Compliant with the Board's legal obligations, School Charter and School policies and procedures

Complaints Procedure for Pompallier Catholic School



## COMPLAINTS POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Just a reminder about our Complaints Policy/ Procedure. If you have a concern or query please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Communication is essential and discussion helps our partnership. As part of our school vision states— “Mahi tahi i Te Karaiti” - working together through Christ. It is great for your child/ren to know that we work together as a team.

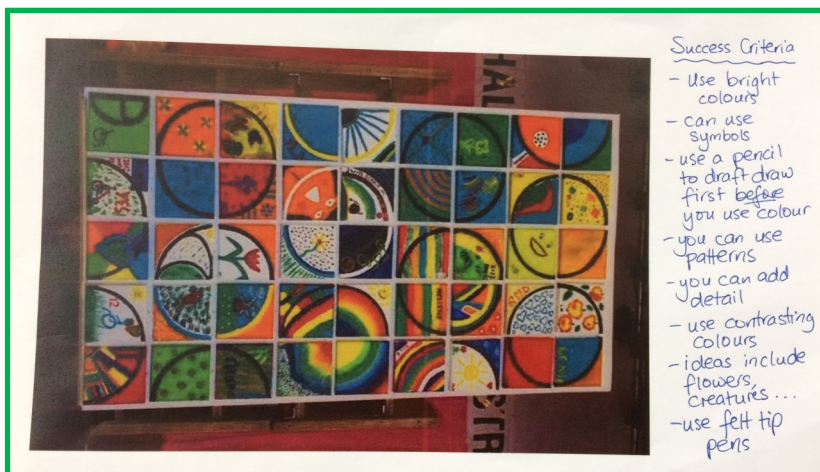
We have information on our school website to get in touch with all of our staff members via email. Each teacher is listed separately. See our website

[www.pompallierprimary.school.nz](http://www.pompallierprimary.school.nz)

A message can also be left at the office for the teacher or principal to get in touch Ph: 4082650

Thank you

**Whanau, let us always remember to show whanaungatanga at Pompallier. Our values are interwoven in all that we do. Aroha, Atawhai, Tika and Pono. As a Mercy school we serve others and treat others as we would like to be treated. We have celebrated being a Mercy School this week with McAuley Day. How can we use Catherine McAuley's teachings to help others? Her memory was treasured with "a cup of tea". Spend time with someone special this week and spread the joy with others!**



A snippet of integration of the curriculum from the Kea class. Learning about fractions to apply to art. The children co-constructed the success criteria to create these masterpieces! Ka pai to mahi Kea!!





# Karakia



It is really nice to be able to share our staff prayer with you. We meet every Monday morning to start our week together with karakia. Every week the staff take turns to lead the prayer. This week our theme set by Joanne Ryken was around candles. The significance of candles is a tradition which is based in many religions, including the Catholic Faith. "Light is pure; it penetrates darkness; it moves with incredible velocity; it nourishes life; it illumines all that comes under its influence. Therefore it is a fitting symbol of God". Even the wax contains symbolism. "The wax, being spotless, represents Christ's most spotless Body; the wick enclosed in it is an image of His Soul, while the glowing flame typifies the Divine Nature united with the human in one Divine Person." More information can be found at <http://www.awakentoprayer.org/candles.htm>. We even got to make our own candles!



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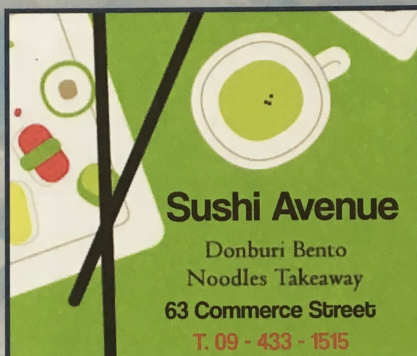
  
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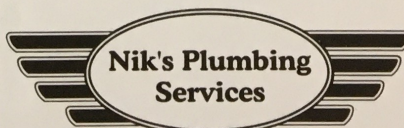
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