



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:

- FAMILY MASS Sunday 26th February
- Important dates
- Summer Photo Competition
- Twilight Gala Friday 3rd March



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

Welcome back to school everyone! What a wonderful summer break it has been! I hope you have all had some special time with your whanau and friends. I certainly loved the break and enjoyed having "time" without rushing. I have loved hearing about the students great holiday stories on our return. We are all replenished, and our team are excited about the year ahead!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new whanau to our school. We are proud of our school and hope that you feel welcomed by our students, teachers, whanau and parish as we work together to provide a strong Catholic education. We also welcome Mrs Nicholls to our team. She brings many years of expertise from St Francis Xavier in Whangarei and will be covering Mrs Trewavas while she is on study leave. Come in and introduce yourself! Together, we make a wonderful team and I am excited to see what 2017 brings.

On Tuesday our first day back, we had a lovely powhiri to welcome our new parish priest, students, teacher, and whanau. Our kaumatua Ozzie Perry and Bill Pomare shared their mihi and it was a lovely chance to farewell Father Sean. See further in the newsletter for some photos. It was great to see so many families, parish, Board members and whanau welcome the start of 2017—Very special start to our new year!

2017 THEME

We are really excited about our theme 'GROWTH' Care for our common home. The Bishop's words from Laudate Si "hear the cry of the earth, hear the cry of the poor" will be our focus. We are looking at what we can do to make a difference to our community.

The teachers continue to adapt their pedagogy and

practice and our focus is on students who are connected, interactive and appreciative learners.

2017 Theme—GROWTH

Care for our Common Home

*Whaia te iti kahurangi ki te tuohu koe me he
maunga teitei
Seek the treasure you value most dearly; if
you bow your head, let it be to a lofty
mountain*

We begin term 1 with a Social Science theme based around "People and Resources" and how people view and use the environment. We are establishing "who we are" and how we can use and care for the environment that God has created for us.

We have many exciting Special Character Days planned for term one, so keep the calendar handy and update it during each newsletter. We begin with our whole school Mass, and then soon have Shrove Tuesday and ASH Wednesday. We are also looking forward to hosting the Catholic Review team at the end of the term.

INFORMATION

Our newsletters are printed on a fortnightly basis and cover every aspect of our school and what is going on. Teachers will also be sharing notices via their classroom blogs and/or newsletters to keep you updated with weekly activities and learning within the classroom. Check our facebook page Pompallier Catholic School for updates too. Dates can change (and at times can be last minute due to unforeseen circumstances) so ensure Helen in the office has your up-to-date mobile number for texting options, any change of address or contact and new allergy or health concerns.

Remember, we are proud of our open door policy, so come in and see your child's teacher, or give us a ring to make an appointment to see them if you need to clarify anything.

Have a wonderful term!

God bless, Kathryn Carey (Principal)

PTFA

The countdown is on for our wonderful **TWILIGHT GALA!!!!**

We hold our twilight gala once per year and it is on
Friday 3rd March
from 3 until approximately 8pm

This means it is 5 weeks away, so we are kicking into action. This gala is in partnership with the parish and it is lovely to mix in and meet our wider community as we work towards raising extra funds for our school and parish.

We are looking for:

- Stalls—art, food, plants, vegetables etc
- Games and fun activities
- Food and grocery donations
- Raffles
- Help with "mail drops"
- Help with setting up and then later cleaning up
- Help within the stalls
- Key contact people for each classroom to contribute

I promise it is a great evening packed with fun for our children and we really appreciate your help. Either contact Torina Shanks 021 704 570 or leave your details at the office.

If you would like to be part of this wonderful team who help fundraise for our school, come along to the next meeting, or simply join the Facebook page called Pompallier Events, which is run by the PTFA team. It is a great way to meet other families in the school.

This year we have used the funds to pay for stationery. Our next purchase we hope will be a swing for the playground and some much needed shade too.

COMPLAINTS POLICY

Every year we share our guidelines for complaints. The following guidelines will be followed if you have a complaint:

1. Complaint to be taken up personally with the person/s concerned.
2. If the situation is not resolved the complaint must be lodged in writing
3. Health matters, peer relationships and learning problems to be raised with the class teacher
4. Approach the Principal if the complaint has not gained satisfaction.
5. The Board of Trustees will be approached if the Principal has not been able to gain satisfaction
6. The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees will deal with any complaints made against the Board.

2017

We are currently looking at goals and aspirations for our school and would love to receive any input or feedback from you. If you have ideas to share, please come and see me (Kathryn Carey or drop me an email at school.principal@pompallierprimary.school.nz).

BUS

Please re-confirm or notify the office if your child/ren are using the bus. We keep lists of each child travelling on the bus and would like to keep our records up-to-date.



POWHIRI 2017

Term One 2017 began with a powhiri. Our kai karanga was Wiki Te Kuru-Tahitahi, our kaumatua were Ozzie Perry and Bill Pomare and Father Sean finished with a blessing. It was lovely to welcome our new parish priest Father Carlo Cruz, new Pukeko teacher Mrs Nicholls and our new students and whanau. It was a wonderful welcome, but also a sad farewell as Father Sean left for his new parish in Warkworth. We wish him God's blessings and thank him for his loyalty and devotion to our school, community and parish. It was lovely to have our entire school, whanau, parishioners and friends join us too. We are really excited to see what 2017 brings.



Snippets of our students enjoying their healthy lunches. We are trialling a new break during morning tea, where the children have brain food at 10.00am (fruit or healthy snack) and then go out to play at 11.00am, following by sitting down and eating as a whole school at 11.20am. The first practice went really well, the children were positive, we had less rubbish and lots of full tummies ready for learning! We will see how it goes for the next 6 weeks and then re-evaluate from there.



UNIFORM

Summer, term 1 uniform with black sandals (year 7/8's can also have black plain shoes due to technology) tidy hair cuts (no mohawks or patterns cut into hair, no hair dye). Longer hair tied up for the girls/boys. Year 7/8 students in white polo shirts and year 0-6 in green.

Our uniform policy can be found on our school website. Please ensure that your child comes with the correct uniform and a sun hat for one of the hottest terms we have. Thank you for the support to keep our students looking tidy and proud to be at PCS!

We have sandals and green t-shirts available for \$10. We will be ordering these on Monday, so notify us if you would like to put an order in.

We also have a huge amount of "pre-loved" uniforms available. Please call in to the office.

SWIMMING

Swimming will be a part of our programme for term 1. It is so important that your child comes with a swimming cap, swimwear, goggles (if you have them) and a towel. It is vital that our children know how to swim so please support this part of our curriculum. Each class gets approximately 30 minutes in the Kaitia Swimming Pool for 5 weeks, starting on Tuesday 7th February. Please encourage your child to look after all of their gear and have it named.



POMPALLIER DISCIPLES/ SPECIAL CHARACTER TEAM/ HOUSE GROUP CAPTAINS

Every year 7 and 8 has the opportunity to apply for these sought after positions of leadership within our school. The process involves writing a job application and then senior staff sit down and make the very tough decisions!. For many of these students, this is their first application for a job and a great experience for teaching them about future skills! Watch this space for announcements of leaders soon!

Our students are always great leaders and are a huge help in our school. They are great role models of our school values and gain lots of experience in leadership to set them off into their next journey at secondary school.

COMMUNICATION

We always aim to keep you well informed. If you need to find out anything urgent you will be sent a text from Helen in the office (if she has your number). We also update our facebook page—see Pompallier Catholic School and other information is on our website. Our staff will be building up their classroom blogs as another form of communication as the year progresses.

<http://www.pompallierprimary.school.nz/>

Please check that our school has your up-to-date contact details such as mobile, home phone and address.

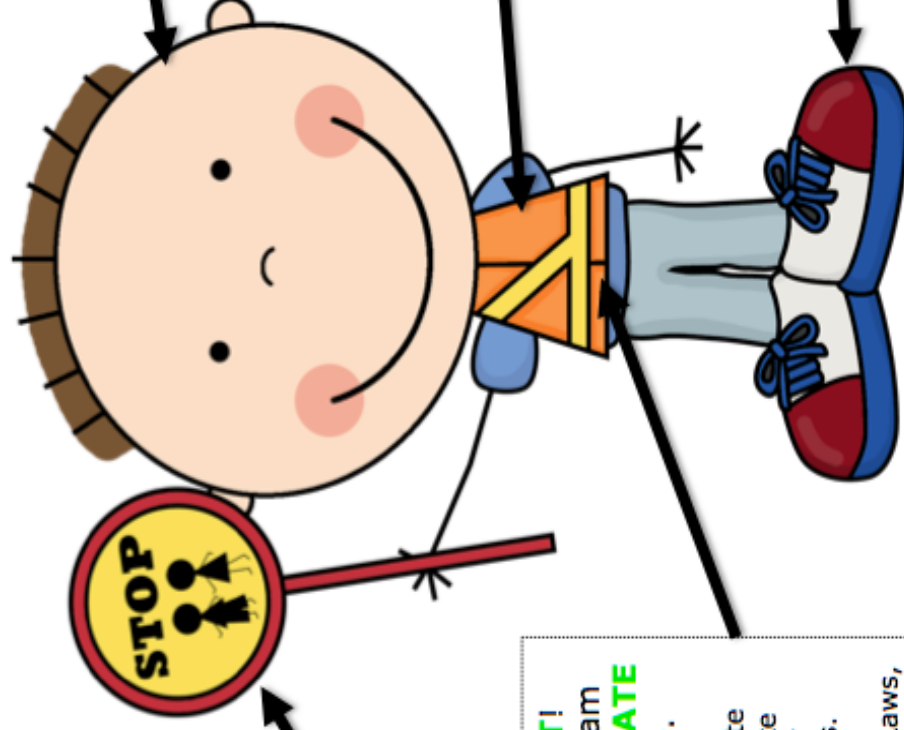


PERMISSION

Enclosed is a permission slip that covers our day-to-day trips and activities. We will always notify you of any travel or walking that we do as a school, but this covers us for the year.

There is also a digital citizenship form that you need to discuss with your child. We are also teaching these skills at school. All students in year 4 to 8 are required to sign digital citizenship to remain responsible and safe.

I am a Digital Citizen!



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assigned WIFI network
when I'm at school.

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safe and secure at all
times.

I listen to my **GUT!**
I make sure that I am
SAFE & APPROPRIATE
when I am online.

*I will visit appropriate
websites that promote
learning and are for
educational purposes.

*I will follow Copyright Laws,
and will remember to cite the
sources I use for all my
projects.

I listen to my **HEAD!**
I will protect my
PRIVATE INFO and the
information of others.

*I will log out, and not share
my login or password with
others.

I listen to my **HEART!**
I **RESPECT** myself and
others when I am
online. I use kind
words, and remember
that my "digital
footprint" should not
harm others.

I **STAND UP** and say
"No!" to
CYBERBULLYING.
I will tell an adult if
someone is being
unkind or harmful.



**Share your best
SUMMER photo
and be in to
win!!**

***A SMART summer caption will
make your entry even luckier!***

Competition closes on Friday 24th February

Gold coin entry fee

Anyone can enter – have fun photographers !

5 Categories:

Adult (14yrs+) Year 7 & 8 Year 5 & 6	Year 3 & 4 Year 0 - 2
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1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes and FAME!

STAFFING 2017—Teaching Staff

Class	Teacher
Kiwi	Mrs Melissa Watson
Pukeko	Mrs Dianne Nicholls
Kea	Mr Phil Gunn
Tui	Mrs Stacey Cutler
Kakapo	Mrs Nicola Dromgool
Te Kahu	Mrs Joanne Ryken

Support Staff

Classroom Release	Mr Lou King and Mrs Moira Davis
Deputy Release, Job-Share and Specialist Teacher	Mrs Moira Davis
Reading Recovery	Mrs Danielle Beatson
Administration	Mrs Helen Phillips
Teacher Assistants	Mrs Donna Scutt and Mrs Lisa Wright
Caretaker	Mr Glen Buckingham

WELCOME



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

Kiwi: Atawhai Millar-Brooks, Kadence Kopae, Te Whiti O Reia Waipouri, Zara Tye, Charlotte Holloway

Pukeko: Kanossa Premkumar

Kea: Portia Joyce, Manaia Martin

Kakapo: Mercadies Millar-Brooks

Te Kahu: Sereana Pene

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

SPECIAL CHARACTER COLUMN

Happy are Those...

(Blessings on us)

Last Sunday we heard in the Gospel the Beatitudes. These are the teachings of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-10).

In this sermon, Jesus teaches us that if we live according to the Beatitudes, we will live a happy Christian life.

While the Beatitudes don't provide exact directions on how we should live our lives, they do inspire us to adopt a particular mindset or vision for our lives.

That vision is the vision that Jesus Christ has for each of us.

The Beatitudes challenge us to be people of virtue. Virtue asks us to set our default setting to 'do good'.

For the virtuous person, doing good is a habit.

Through the Beatitudes, Jesus calls us to change our vision and learn that in order to be happy (blessed), we must be peace-loving, merciful, clean of heart, and meek.

Living the Beatitudes is a lifelong task because the Beatitudes turn upside down the values of the world.

The world says the rich are most important; Jesus puts the poor at the top of our priorities. The world tells us to seek happiness of the shallowest kind; Jesus saw the seeds of compassion in mourning. The world values power over others; Jesus praised those willing to listen.

The world encourages self-fulfillment no matter the cost to others; Jesus told us to work tirelessly for justice for every single person. The world says that the merciless succeed; Jesus proclaimed blessed are the merciful. The world announces, Go for material wealth!; Jesus taught us to keep our hearts pure.

The world honours the use of force to get your way; Jesus celebrated peacemakers. The world sees the persecuted as losers; Jesus declared them the winners for having the courage of their convictions.

So what are some ways this year that we can develop the Beatitudes in our own lives?

First, we can be assured that the Holy Spirit is already at work within us, drawing us toward God and inspiring our desire to be a Beatitudes-type of person.

Second, like anything we hope to develop in ourselves, we must be open, learn, and study. Pay attention to the people you know who model a particular beatitude. Think of ways you can model their behavior in your own life.

Finally, talk with God in prayer. Ask him to help you out and to teach you how to develop the Beatitudes in your mind, heart, and actions.

May God abundantly bless you and your family this year, Phil.

Pompallier Catholic School 2017 Consent form

Permission Slip for children's activities at school and outside of school.

Can you please sign the form below allowing your child to take part in some or all of the activities listed.

Please be aware that you will be fully informed of any activity that may warrant a permission slip prior to your child/ren undertaking it and if you wish to not allow your child to take part you will have the opportunity to do so.

List of possible activities

- Swimming programme/Swimming sports
- Travelling on a bus or car or by foot to go on excursions
- Year 7 and 8 technology at Kaitia College
- Class excursions and trips
- School Cross country
- Using the digital devices at school (Teacher supervision)
- Sport field days outside of the school grounds
- Walking to Te Ahu Centre for play rehearsals/visits to places around town.
- Sport Northland/Active Schools activities and excursions.
- I give permission for my child's work and /or photograph to be used when and if appropriate in school or team newsletters and/or the Pompallier Catholic Schools website and Facebook page and classroom blogs
- Visits to local library, Te Ahu Centre, shows in town.

I _____ understand this permission slip covers my child for all activities that are associated with their class and give full permission in them taking part.

Name of child/ren :.....
:.....
:.....
:.....

Signed _____ Dated _____

Please return to the office

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!! A friendly reminder to all drivers to STOP at the bottom of the hill when leaving our school drive into Eden Terrace. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

February/March/April 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk 1	30	31 Powhiri First Day	1	2	3 Newsletter	4	5
Wk 2 FEB	6 WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY	7 Swimming	8 Swimming Kiwi Sport	9 Swimming	10	11	12
Wk3	13	14 Swimming BOT meeting	15 Swimming	16 Swimming	17 Newsletter	18	19
Wk 4	20	21 Swimming	22 Swimming Kiwi Sport	23 Swimming	24 PCS Swimming Sports (helpers needed)	25	26 FAMILY MASS All attend
Wk5 MAR	27	28 Shrove Tuesday Swimming	1 ASH Wednesday Swimming	2 Swimming	3 Newsletter Twilight Gala (helpers needed)	4	5
Wk6	6	7 Swimming	8 Kiwi Sport Swimming	9 Swimming	10 PCS Swimming Sports (helpers needed)	11	12
Wk7	13	14	15	16	17 Newsletter Central Swimming Zones (helpers)	18	19 PCS MASS Shared kai
Wk8	20 ST JOSEPHS DAY	21	22 Kiwi Sport	23	24	25	26
Wk9 APR	27	28	29	30	31 Newsletter	1	2
Wk10	3	4 CATHOLIC REVIEW MAHI TAHI night	5 CATHOLIC REVIEW Kiwi Sport	6	7	8	9
Wk 11	10	11	12	13 Newsletter EASTER PLAY LAST DAY	14 Good FRIDAY HOLIDAY	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". Term one is certainly a busy and exciting term!

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