



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:

- FAMILY MASS Sunday 26th February
- Summer Photo Competition
- Summer Festival Gala Friday 3rd March
- MAHI TAHI evening—come along to see the learning



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

Wow, who can believe it is the end of week 3 already? I can see the term is going to fly! I am so proud of our wonderful students, they have settled in really well, and welcomed our new students with warmth and kindness.

It was lovely to receive such positive comments from Father Carlo, our new parish priest, about our students at Mass. He said "they were the best behaved students at Mass that he had ever seen". It was certainly a proud moment for us all.

FAMILY MASS

We celebrate our first Family Mass for term 1 on Sunday 26th February. This is always well supported by you, our community. All students are required to attend, and Mass begins at 9am. It is a lovely way for us to celebrate our faith together, so I look forward to seeing you there. Come and meet our new Parish Priest Father Carlo Cruz.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REVIEW

Part of being a Catholic School requires a review every 4 years. It is very similar to the Education Review, but it is with a Catholic lens. We were visited by Colleen Gleeson last week from the Auckland Catholic Diocese for our "pre-review" where they audit our Catholic enrolments and give us a list of documentation for our up and coming review. They will be visiting us on **Wednesday 5th** and **Thursday 6th April**. We will welcome them with a powhiri and then they will be immersed in our school for 2 days. We are excited to share and learn with this team. We invite you to come along and share your experiences with them during this time too.

As part of our audit, we are required to update our enrolments, so I will be in touch with the new forms

in the next couple of weeks. Part of this process will be collecting copies of baptism certificates and Father Carlo re-signing preference enrolments. I thank you in advance for your help with this.

LEARNING FOCUS

This week our teachers are working collaboratively in their planning and targeted teaching programmes. Shared knowledge is a powerful thing! Our students are now in good routines in their classrooms and the big ideas are:

- Who are we?
- Mahi Tahi - working together, sharing learning
- We grow through change

Themes running throughout the classrooms so far are part of care for our common home. Whale stranding, recycling, working together for the common good. What can we do? Our senior classes will be doing a beach clean up during sea week as part of this.

Students are learning new karakia and this week we begin kapa haka with Steve Marsden as the tutor. We are working towards a strong powhiri and empowering our students to be confident in themselves, representing who they are.

STUDENT LEADERS

An important part of being at PCS is leadership. Our new year 7 and 8 leaders have immersed themselves in opportunities to lead around the school. Part of this includes our "Sizzling Summer" photo competition. Remember, all of our photos are due in by next Friday 24th February.

MAHI TAHI

Set aside this evening, where your child will share their learning with you. Meet in the church at 5.15pm and then get a tour around the learning!

SIZZLING SUMMER GALA

Always a highlight of the term is our gala. We have lots of raffles, food and fun planned. We need your help! Please come in and offer assistance to share the load of this wonderful event. Invite your whanau along to share the fun!

God bless, Kathryn Carey (Principal)

PTFA

The countdown is on for our wonderful

"SUMMER FESTIVAL" 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 2 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 PEOPLE TO HELP!. We need manpower on our stalls, help to set up and clean up, please come in and let us know when you are able to lend a hand.

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.

Funds we have spent with the PTFA so far this year

\$1500.00—stage for production

\$2014.80—stationery for students for 2017

THANK YOU!!!!

COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

SUPER SMOOTHIES

Smoothies are a great drink that can double as a snack. They are quick, nutritious and easy to make.

Ingredients:

- 1 banana
- 150g pot of fruit yoghurt
- 1 cup low fat milk
- Ice cubes (optional)

Blend all ingredients together and enjoy. Experiment with different types of fresh, canned or frozen fruit.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2016

CONGRATULATIONS

Our new senior leaders for 2017 were presented with their certificates at our assembly on Friday. They are:

Whanau Group Captains:

Maria: Keanu Kopae and Tia Pereria

McAuley: Nikau Marsden and Maani Marsden

Chanel: Caolan Price and Te Peehi Tepania

Marcellin: Harry Hone and Tyla Johnson



Special Character Team

Chairperson: Electra DeValli

Secretary: George Chelatt (absent)

Treasurer: Jayden Schrafft

Members: Brady Jones (absent) Te Ara Hou Pitman-Going

We love to share "congratulation" stories. Please send in an article if your child has been successful or competed at a National or local event.



**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:

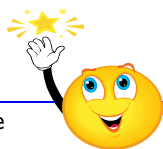
Adult (14yrs+) Year 7 & 8 Year 5 & 6	Year 3 & 4 Year 0 - 2
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1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes and FAME!

Student of the Week

Kwi
Pukeko
Kea
Tui
Kakapo
Te Kahu

Evie Rae-Winterstein and Charlie Holloway
Hannah Jackson, Daniel Tepania-Peters, Max Tye and Cole Holloway
Portia Joyce and James Thaggard
Roman Goulton and Piper Harrison
Aoibhinn Price and Andrew Kim
Wikitoria Te Kuru—Tahitahi and Jhaedyn Hunt



We SHINE at PCS

School T-Shirts



We have brand new green school t-shirts with the school emblem embroidered on the shirt. Sizes available are: 6, 8, 10 and 12, These are only **\$10 per shirt**. If you would like to order a green t-shirt please indicate below:

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Size(s) _____

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SPECIAL CHARACTER COLUMN

Are you a 'Lone Ranger' Catholic?

If you're a Catholic Mum or Dad, chances are that you are striving to make your faith known in your family. That's a great goal and what that looks like day-to-day and year-to-year may shift and grow along with your family, but always its based on connecting with God's wider family at Church on a Sunday.

The family of God is the Church in practice in the world, but it is built family by family. Vatican II dubbed the family "the domestic church". Therefore, we are called to build our own domestic church with the same care with which one would create a home.

Sunday Mass is the place where we connect with God in a very real way through his word, and through receiving the Eucharist. A Catholic life is built on "Church on Sundays". It is also a daily life, a way of being and a way of doing.

A Catholic life is a response to the relationship we have as God's sons and daughters. It is a moment by moment call to be God's face in the world. After all, God tells that we are his, that we are beautifully and wonderfully made, and the we are all made in his image.

A Christian life in the Catholic tradition is a witness to our identity; it is filled with virtue, especially the basics of faith, hope, and love. It is also a moral life that holds up the dignity of the human person and is, still, foundationally built upon the Golden Rule:

Do to others, as you would have them do to you.

(Luke 6:31.)

So what to do about then?

You may or may not know that the Church considers parents and caregivers the primary educators of children in matters of faith, to be supported by Catholic schooling. And if we're looking around honestly, we can see that these days this is not a very popular role, given the growing neglect and empty pews at church, but it does belong to parents and caregivers nonetheless.

So please feel encouraged even if you are the only parent on the block who believes this and is out there doing it.

This absolutely is worth doing, and also its worth encouraging the other Catholic parents you know to do the same.

So my hope is that you will buddy up with your family's friends and encourage them to be attending Mass more often.

Our community here in Kaitia is a warm, welcoming and wonderful place to feel a part of God's family and I am glad to be a member of it.

I look forward to seeing you all and sharing with you our Sunday celebrations.

God Bless, Phil.

winning wheel

hot chips

seafood chowder

ethnic

food



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S

SUMMER FESTIVAL



rides &

games

music

ice cream

sundaes

entertainment

raffles

sushi

spit roast rolls



Friday 3 March 2017

3 - 8pm

23 Dominion Road, Kaitiaki

cake stall

plus lots more...so come along for a fun family evening!!

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
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 Summer Gala (helpers needed)	4	5
Wk6	6	7 Swimming	8 Kiwi Sport Swimming	9 Swimming	10 PCS Swim- ming Sports (helpers needed)	11	12
Wk7	13	14	15	16	17 Newsletter Central Swimming Zones (helpers needed)	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	5 CATHOLIC REVIEW Kiwi Sport MAHI TAHI night	6 CATHOLIC REVIEW	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!

Whanau, let us always remember to show whanaungatanga at Pompallier. We are CALLED to be disciples of Jesus. Lets make our new families feel welcome at PCS—share a smile, say "Hello" or introduce yourself when you are chatting in the playground. Have a great term!!

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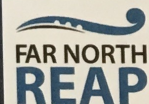


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