



# 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:

- MAHI TAHI evening—come along to see the learning Wednesday 5th April at 5pm
- CATHOLIC REVIEW Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th April—all welcome



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

Family Mass was a wonderful way to get our community spirit flowing. We had a fabulous turn out from you, our community. It is wonderful to see so many of our students take part in our Family Mass which we hold once per term. This week we have our Summer Festival gala on Friday. Huge amounts of community spirit go into both of these very special events in our school/parish calendar.

It was lovely to meet some of Father Carlo's friends this week and they commented about the "feel" of our school and parish. The positive partnership and welcoming spirit. You, our community, staff, students and parish, work so hard to nurture the relationship.

### **LEARNING FOCUS**

Our leadership team has recently attended some professional development around our literacy contract for 2017. Part of this initiative involves all teachers having support in the classroom to accelerate groups in literacy. Teachers are planning collaboratively in teams and sharing their ideas and expertise. It is an exciting time in education where teachers are working together in teams. Our ultimate goal is "student achievement". With our theme of GROWTH - we are all building on our knowledge and expertise as staff and students.

### **LEARNING WITH DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY (LWDT)**

We have worked really hard to build up our digital technology throughout the school. Every student from year 4 to 8 has a chrome-book assigned to them. They are to follow our "PCS guidelines" at all times, and can use the device to access online learning contracts within the classroom programme. Students are carrying out learning tasks,

researching, investigating and gaining "just in time" information to support their learning. Our junior school have ipads to record, practice and learn to use devices. Our aim for our year 8 graduates is to be able to access a range of learning on a range of technology options. Every classroom has a smart TV and apple TV's and chrome-casts to share the learning with their peers.

With our LWDT professional development, our staff are working on "how digital technology impacts student achievement". Our goal is to share learning with you, our whanau to continue to build on the learning partnership between us.

Our goal is to have all students blogging to showcase their learning and keep a record of their progress.

### **MAHI TAHI**

Set aside this evening, where your child will share their learning with you. We will be holding this wonderful community event on Wednesday 5th April. Meet in the church at 5.15pm and then get a personalised tour around the learning from your own child! Teachers will be supporting their students to share the learning. We would love you to comment/give the students and teachers your feedback.

### **SWIMMING SPORTS**

We are excited for you to see the great improvements we are seeing in swimming again this year. The students are working hard to increase their fitness, improve their strokes and reach their swimming goals. We have our school swimming sports on Friday 10th March. The junior children (year 1 to 3) will be doing displays for you, and the senior children (year 4 to 8) will be swimming lengths in timed events. To help this day run smoothly, we would love some parent/whanau help. We are looking for time keepers for each lane. Please let us know if you are able to help out. It is a day where we rely on our wonderful senior leaders, as all staff are allocated to roles. It is our first whanau group competition, and every competitor gains whanau points. Looking forward to a wonderful day!

God bless, Kathryn Carey (Principal)

# Congratulations

## PTFA/PARISH

### "SUMMER FESTIVAL" GALA!!!!

On behalf of our school/parish we would like to thank you for the donations of time and resources to support our wonderful community. The people that pulled it all together with Torina Shanks are valued very much. Our staff, students, parish and Board would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We look forward to sharing the funds raised in the next newsletter.

### 2017 ALTAR SERVERS

Congratulations to the following students who have put their name forward for altar serving in 2017. We always welcome students who can help minister in the church, so if you would like your name added, please let us know. Father Carlo and Bonnie Greenall will be training these students, they have had their first meeting already this term, and the next step is to begin training. Thanks for your support while they learn this important role. It is wonderful to see such service in our parish.

Kaidence Knight  
Taryn Knight  
Raidon Reich  
Therese Birch  
Manaia Lisle  
Cordell Hunt  
Katarina Pomare Newton  
Mitchell Wells  
Milin Windelborn  
Calista Shanks  
Xanthe Hone-Moore  
Blake Wells  
Ben Thompson  
MacKenzie Knight  
Andrew Kim  
Scott Haines  
Markaylah Tufuga  
Maani Marsden  
Nikau Marsden  
George Chelatt  
Wikitoria Te Kuru –Tahitahi  
Skylah Robson  
Peri-Leigh Samson  
TeMaaia Hawea –Kingi

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Great to get together as a Board for 2017. The Principal, financial and correspondence reports were all shared.

Main points that were covered:

- Welcomed Father Carlos Cruz to the BOT and Betty Harris as the new Bishop's representative

Discussed the following:

- Strategic plan and charter for 2017
- Analysis of variance based on student achievement
- Catholic Review will take place in week 10 on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The BOT are required to meet with the Review team and family/whanau are invited too. We will also be holding our mahi tahi evening that week so look forward to the students sharing and leading their learning in partnership with whanau.
- Spoke about the gala - looking forward to the community coming together
- Shared a fundraising idea from Sharlene Wells - pavers with names. Would beautify our school and enable families/whanau to purchase a paver with their name to have displayed on the school grounds.
- Spoke about a shade/rain protection option in quad area. Board approved an initial quote.

Next Board meeting is Tuesday March 14th 2017 at 5.00pm. All welcome.

Miranda Dickenson  
Secretary

Love gives you hope;  
hope builds faith;  
faith brings you closer to  
God. Keep loving, keep  
hoping, and always have  
FAITH IN GOD.

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HOLD FAST TO HOPE, FAITH AND LOVE  
Kia mau ki te tumanako, te whakapono me to aroha

Hold fast to hope, faith and love

# Student of the Week



Kiwi	Layton Jecentho and Kadence Kopae
Pukeko	Brooke Haines and Palak Patel
Kea	Danika Lucich and Raidon Reich
Tui	Ryan Taylor and Katarina Pomare-Newton
Kakapo	Ben Thompson and Taleigha Hunt
Te Kahu	Hannah Hartnell and Te Peehi Tepania

**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:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Size(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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We also have a range of summer sandals available for \$10 a pair

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Size(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ (enclosed)

Remember our second hand options (there is also a subsidy for those that require new uniforms and need financial assistance).

# SPECIAL CHARACTER COLUMN

## Living for Others During Lent

*Lenten Practices for Daily Life  
or*

*How to pray in the everyday and reconnect with God*

As Catholics we take up extra practices during Lent that help us to become more aware of and extra responsive to the needs of others.

The three traditional practices of Lent are **prayer**, **fasting**, and **almsgiving**. A re-commitment to these practices during Lent always leads to a new and fresh awareness of God and a change of the heart for the better.

### **Prayer**

Prayer can help us to become more responsive to those who need our help. Lent is a time to find ways to pray (and often) during Lent, focusing on the needs of those who are the victims of injustice. Here are a couple of suggestions.

1. Gather with your family and use the media to identify one of the many injustices occurring throughout the world. Select one, and learn about the causes of the injustice. Pray for those who are affected by it. As Lent progresses, try and keep track of the situation and keep praying. Pray together before dinner or bedtime and of course at Mass as well.
2. Read aloud one of the Church's Readings for Lent with your family before one meal each week during Lent. You can find a list of the readings at [www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm)

### **Fast**

Fasting can help us recognize our bad habits and overcome them. It can help us become more aware of God's love. Here are two ways you can incorporate fasting into your life during Lent.

1. Choose one or more meals each week of Lent at which you will eat more simple food than normal. At that meal, as a family, be aware that many people will go without any meal that day. Fasting is a means of expressing solidarity with those who are suffering around the world. Later that day if you feel hungry, use that sensation as a reminder to pray for those who have little or no food.
2. Fast from spreading gossip about others. We are often tempted by our own righteousness to want to say hurtful things about others to make us feel better about ourselves. Gossip dehumanizes people and renders us more likely to treat others without respect. When you feel the desire to speak negatively about others, pray instead for those you may have hurt with gossip. Pray for a more generous heart.

### **Almsgiving**

We can become more like Jesus during Lent by more focused on others' needs. With your family you might choose a charity to support. You may even want to select an organization that addresses the injustices you identified earlier as part of the "Prayer" aspect of Lent. Here are some suggestions for collecting money.

1. Put a jar or container somewhere in your house. Contribute a set amount of money, each week of Lent.
2. Give up buying junk food and contribute that money to the jar.
3. If you have young children who cannot contribute money, let them contribute by decorating the jar or container..
4. Invite friends to join your family in contributing to your chosen charity.

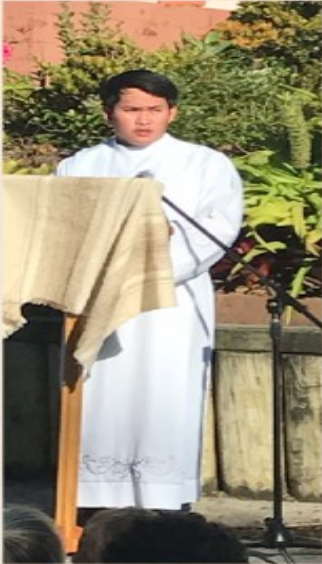
God Bless, Phil.



# Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday celebrations

We have begun our week with very special liturgical celebrations with Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, as we build up to our Lentern journey. The children took part in our Shrove Tuesday liturgy where we burnt the palms from last year and then celebrated with pancakes as the last "feast" before Ash Wednesday. The Special Character Team led the liturgy and then had fun with the cooking!

Every student has set a Lentern goal, taking up something or giving something up. We are making a difference as a Catholic School by using the time of Lent to grow our relationship with God.



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**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.**

## March/April 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk6	6	7 Swimming	8 Kiwi Sport Swimming	9 Swimming	10 PCS Swimming Sports (helpers needed)	11	12
Wk7	13	14	15	16 Yr 5/6 ripa	17 Newsletter Central Swimming Zones (helpers needed)	18	19 PCS MASS Shared kai
Wk8	20 ST JOSEPHS DAY Significant males day	21	22 Kiwi Sport Far North Swimming Zones (qualifiers only)	23	24	25	26
Wk9 APR	27	28	29 League	30	31 Newsletter	1	2
Wk 10	3 Yr 6-8 Beach Safety Day	4 Yr 4-5 Beach Safety Day	5 CATHOLIC REVIEW Powhiri Kiwi Sport MAHI TAHI night	6 CATHOLIC REVIEW	7	8	9 Palm Sunday
Wk 11	10	11	12	13 Newsletter EASTER PLAY LAST DAY	14 Good FRIDAY HOLIDAY	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	1 FIRST DAY BACK FOR TERM 2	2	3	4	5 CHANEL DAY Wear green	6	7

Term break

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. How can you use your gifts to help others in need?**



# “PARENT/CAREGIVER CONSENT”

**I give Permission:** *Please tick the appropriate box*

- To camp supervisors to administer Panadol to my child if necessary. YES ☐ NO ☐
- For seeking (on my behalf) medical attention if required and agree to reimburse any costs incurred. YES ☐ NO ☐
- That my child is able to travel off-site in authorised vehicles. YES ☐ NO ☐
- For my child to swim under the supervision of approved adult supervisors. YES ☐ NO ☐
- For my child to Kayak under the supervision of approved adult supervisors. YES ☐ NO ☐
- For images and/or video of my child/myself to be used in print and online by NCYM and/or the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for promotional purposes. YES ☐ NO ☐

## **CAMP RULES**

That unwarranted behaviour will see my child sent home at my expense. Children will be responsible for their mobile phones, ipods, mp3, ipads, and will be able to use them at appointed times. They will be held for safekeeping if they choose to use them at inappropriate times.

I (print name) \_\_\_\_\_

give my permission for my child to attend Coopers Beach Camp from 24-26 April 2017 and agree to terms of the “Consent” and Camp Rules

**SIGNATURE** (Parent or Caregiver)

**Please tick which ever you can help with...** Dorm Parent, ☐  
 Group parent, ☐ Kitchen, ☐ Outdoor Activity Supervisor, ☐  
 Supervision of children during meal times and activities, ☐  
 Clean up at end of camp ☐

Camp Coordinator - Vanya Snowden - 02102552608 [ysnowden1@gmail.com](mailto:ysnowden1@gmail.com)



**CAMP  
FOR YOUTH**

**CHILDREN & YOUTH 8-18 YEARS  
COOPERS BEACH  
MON 24 APR - WED 26 APR 2017**

Organised by NCYM –see registration form –  
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