



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 18th February
- Important dates
- Summer Photo Competition
- Twilight Gala Friday 23rd March



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

The first two weeks of school have zoomed by! The students are all settled into their classes and there is some fantastic learning happening already. Students are starting to talk about their own goals for learning for the term. Talk about "growth mindset" and resilience features strongly in what they are saying. It is great to hear students talking about wanting challenging work to help grow their brains.

Our senior students have made a great start to the year. Every Year 7 and 8 student is taking on the role of Pompallier Disciple. The Year 8 students have been working alongside the Year 7 students to support them in this new role. Their passion and enthusiasm for student leadership was reflected in the large number of students that made applications for House Captain and Special Character Team positions. We have lots of students who are capable of supporting the students selected for the roles.

The House Captains for 2018 are:

- Maria—Leyton Tracey and Kaden Cutler
- Chanel—Aoibhinn Price and Aleaxander Campbell-Lewis
- McAuley—Peri-Leigh Samson and Scott Haines
- Marcellin—Riccardo Hone-Moore and Ben Thompson

The Special Character Team is Wikitoria TeKuru-Tahitahi, Nathan Murray, Hannah Hartnell, Ayushi Patel, Nevaeh Davis-Mahoney, Andrew Kim and Blake Wells. These students have begun their roles by having lead roles in Shrove Tuesday. They participated in the Liturgy and helped to cook pancakes for the whole school.

This week we begin Lent. The children have participated in a Shrove Tuesday Liturgy and Ash Wednesday Mass. At Mass, Father Carlo talked about the main purpose of Lent being personal

growth—to become more like Jesus. During Lent we use prayer, fasting and giving to help us focus on how we can grow to be more like Him. It is a time of joy—Father Carlo said he should be seeing us all with a smile on our faces!

This week I have had the privilege to be part of a hui for our Far North Community of Learning (COL)—Te Hiku Kahui Ako. Principals from the schools kura and Early Childhood Centres involved in the COL, plus representatives from different Iwi groups and other group, spent two days together to begin the journey of creating a vision for improved learning for all students in the Far North.

The two days were an opportunity to listen to many voices. We were overwhelmingly in complete agreement that tamariki be at the heart of everything we do. So, our next step is for our COL Leader, Jack Saxon, to facilitate a wananga with student representatives from every school in the COL to hear their voice and thinking about the vision and actions needed. Two senior students from Pompallier will have the privilege to represent our school on this day.

INFORMATION

The weather has been very hot and muggy the last few weeks. Teachers are very aware of this. We are encouraging students to drink as much water as possible during the day. Children playing outside must have a hat and be wearing sunscreen.

Don't forget:

To keep a regular eye on our facebook page—it includes lots of information about upcoming events, but is also our celebrations of our children's learning and achievements.

We celebrate with school assembly every fortnight (see the calendar). We love having our community join us in the Church on a Friday at 2pm, so keep the time clear if you are able to celebrate with us.

I really appreciate everyone that has helped me transition into my current role. I feel truly blessed!

Nga mihi nui, Joanne Ryken (Acting Principal)

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATIONS



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2018

The Sacramental Programme will start on **Sunday, 18th February at 10am**, after Mass for a parent session - Sacrament of Penance.

The first children's session will be on **Friday, 23rd February at 3pm**, after school. This session will be for the Sacrament of Penance.

There will be three sessions for parents, one for each Sacrament. And there will be 12 sessions for children, four for each Sacrament.

Parents are required to attend all sessions, as it is important and beneficial, as you guide your children to prepare for the sacraments they will receive.

Thankyou and God Bless,
Father Carlo

LENT - don't forget to ask your child about how they are celebrating Lent in their classroom...



Some of the children have created their own calendar for Lent to plan simple things they can do each day to focus on prayer, fasting or works of love and giving.

The Caritas calendar is attached to the newsletter to support your Lent practices at home.

Star of the Week



Kiwi

Pukeko

Kea

Tui

Kakapo

Te Kahu

Gianni Hobman-Williams

Reed Dickinson

Dakota Crosby

Oscar Grey

Holly Schrafft

Lily Wells

Danika Lucich

Max Richards

Johnny Parsons

Daniel Pomare

Alexander Campbell-Lewis

Hannah Hartnell

We SHINE at PCS



SPECIAL CHARACTER COLUMN

Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Matthes 16:16.

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Peter announces the core of our faith, that Jesus is God's only Son. Our global faith community shares this same belief. It is at the heart of all we do. Without a foundation of faith, and a deep commitment to follow the example of Jesus, our work would not be possible.

As we enjoy the last days of summer, let us remember to give thanks for the bounty we may take for granted. As a community, we are truly blessed. Last Sunday Fr Carlo's sermon was based on a theme of joy. We are called to appreciate the blessings in our lives, and going further than this, to enjoy and celebrate the miracles in our daily lives. Sometimes it takes perspective to appreciate the 'small' things as 'big' things: health, children, financial security, a fulfilling job/career, support and respect from our loved ones.

Father, creator of all, thank you for summer.

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and hours of light.

Thank you for the beauty I see all around me.

Thank you for the opportunity to be outside to enjoy the world you have made.

In these last days of summer, draw me closer to you.

Teach me how to pray, no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of your presence

and light my path in your words and counsel.

As I enjoy the miracle of your creation, create in me a pure heart.

Amen.

Yours in Christ
Georgina Trewavas

TWILIGHT GALA

The countdown continues!
We hold our parish/school twilight gala is on

**Friday 23rd March
from 3 until approximately 8pm**

**THIS IS OUR MAJOR
FUNDRAISER!!**

**WE NEED LOTS MORE VOLUNTEERS OF
HELPERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

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
- Help with cleaning up
- Help within the stalls
- Key contact people for each classroom to contribute

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY
21ST FEBRUARY
In the school library.**

Come and join us!!!

We will be sending out raffle tickets, next week,
to start the fundraising ball rolling.



REMINDERS!!

SWIMMING

Swimming is part of our programme every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 8th March. It is 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. Please encourage your child to look after all of their gear and have it named.

SUMMER PHOTO COMPETITION

Start collecting your wonderful summer snaps! The Special Character Team will be promoting this more next week!!

2018 CONSENT FORM

Many thanks to everyone that has returned these to the office. If you haven't done this already, please send them into the office as soon as possible.



SPORTS EVENTS and DATES

RUGBY MUSTER DAYS

Pirates Rugby and Netball Muster
Tuesday 20th February, 4pm
@ Pirates Rugby Club
Next to Arnold Rae Park & Kohanga
Church Road
Join FB: Kaitia Pirates RFC for more info
Or



Contact Kelly 021 730 596

Te Rarawa JMB Rugby Club at Ahipara

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Muster Days

#1 Wednesday 14-Feb 4.00-6.00pm

#2 Wednesday 21-Feb 4.00-5.00pm

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Grades

U7-U9-U11-U13-U14-U16

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All new players welcome



TE RARAWA RC



AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

- see attached flyer and registration form

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 2018

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk 1	30	30 Powhiri First Day	31	1	2 Newsletter	3	4
Wk 2 FEB	5	6 WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY	7 Swimming	8 Swimming	9	10	11
Wk3	12	13 Swimming Shrove Tuesday BOT meeting	14 Swimming ASH WEDNESDAY	15 Swimming	16 Newsletter	17	18
Wk 4	19	20 Swimming	21 Swimming	22 Swimming	23 PCS Swimming Sports (helpers needed)	24	25 FAMILY MASS All attend
Wk5 MAR	26	27 Swimming	28 Swimming	1 Swimming	2 Newsletter	3	4
Wk6	5	6 Swimming	7 Swimming	8 Swimming	9 PCS Swimming Sports (helpers needed)	10	11
Wk7	12	13 BOT meeting	14	15	16 Newsletter Central Swimming Zones (helpers)	17	18
Wk8	19 ST JOSEPHS DAY	20	21 Far North Swim Zones	22	23 Twilight Gala (helpers needed)	24	25 PCS MASS Shared kai Palm Sunday
Wk9 APR	26	27	28	29 EASTER PLAY Newsletter	30 Good FRIDAY HOLIDAY	31	1
Wk 10	2 EASTER BREAK	3 EASTER BREAK	4	5	6	7	8
Wk 11	9	10	11	12	13 Newsletter	14	15

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

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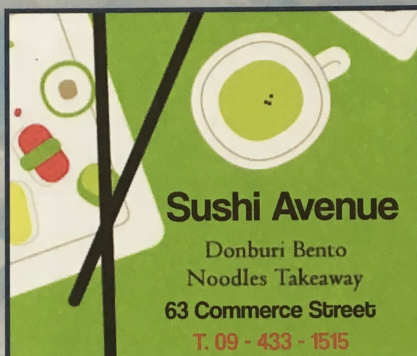

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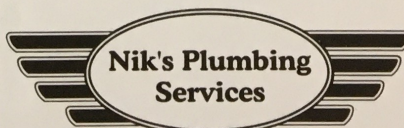
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