



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:

- Pompallier Swimming Sports—Friday March 9th
- Central Zone Swimming Finals—Friday March 16th
- Summer Photo Competition
- Twilight Gala Friday 23rd March



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

We are nearly half way through our term already! We have a busy few weeks ahead of us, with lots of sports events and fun activities planned. This week the Special Character Team have organised a "Book Character Dress Up" day to celebrate International Book and Reading Day. The students are quite excited about this! We will take lots of photographs to share with you on Facebook. There will be three book prizes for each classroom. The SCT are looking for creative costumes, ones that look most like the book character, and the best costume overall. It should be a fun day!

Next week is the **last week** for classroom swimming sessions at Kaitia Pool. We have our **Pompallier Catholic School Swimming Sports** at the end of next week, on **FRIDAY 9th March**.

The House Captains have been busy meeting with their groups to practice house chants for our swimming sports. This should be a great event.

The Central Zone Swimming Sports will be on the following Friday, 16th March.



SWIMMING SPORTS HELPERS

We need helpers for our school swimming sports on the 9th with the following:

- Cooking and selling sausages;
- Selling drinks and ice blocks;
- Timekeeping

We are keen to do something similar, the following week at Central Zone Swimming finals. We need helpers for that as well.

If you can help with either event - could you please let Helen, in the office, know as soon as possible.

We are trying something different with **Kapa Haka** this year. This term we have Whaea Selena Bercic working with a Kapa Haka Group every Tuesday afternoon.

We have made a change from whole school kapa haka, to having Whaea Selena work with a group of students that are keen and passionate about stepping up as kapa haka leaders in the school. We are hoping that this will build and strengthen school wide knowledge and leadership. The first session for this went really well this week with between 4-10 students from each classroom electing to be involved. The singing sounded beautiful!

We are currently in the process of upgrading our school computer network and IT systems. Some of this work is part of our schools involvement in the Manaiakalani Far North Cluster, where we are working in collaboration with six other schools involved in Te Hiku Kahui Ako (Community of Learners). To find out more information about the Trust and how they work, as well as read school stories you can visit the Manaiakalani web page at <http://www.manaiakalani.org/>

Our two senior classrooms have a facilitator from Manaiakalani working in the classrooms alongside classroom teachers. Donna Yates is a familiar face in Far North schools, and we are already enjoying having her in to work alongside students and teachers. Their focus at present is on being cyber smart and care of IT equipment. The students have been learning to use Google Draw to create documents to share their learning. The Manaiakalani philosophy is to "Learn, Create and Share". Our students will be sharing work via classroom blogs, facebook pages, school newsletters and assemblies. Some of the current student work is included in this newsletter.

OTHER REMINDERS

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.

Nga mihi nui, Joanne Ryken (Acting Principal)

The transfiguration of Jesus.

Excerpts from Fr Carlo's Homily Sunday 25th Feb 2018

For the full text see the Parish facebook page.

The transfiguration of Jesus was a revelation to the disciples and to us.

The revelation of the transfiguration does not center on Jesus' being, but on his connectedness to the Father.

The words that come from the cloud are, "This is my beloved Son".

What they reveal is the intimate, unbreakable bond of love that exists between Jesus and the Father.

Jesus is God's beloved Son.

The words that come next are every bit as important: "Listen to him." Why should we listen to him? What should we listen to? We should listen to him because if Jesus is in fact God's beloved Son, then we who are baptized into Jesus are truly God's beloved daughters and sons as well.

The mystery at the heart of the Gospel is that through Christ we participate in the intimate union of love that exists between the Father and the Son.

This is the Good News. This is what we must hear and believe in above all else.

Why is it so important to hear it, to listen to it?

Because the minute we forget our status as beloved daughters and sons of God, the Good News evaporates.

The minute that we begin to substitute some other identity in place of our identity as beloved children of God, the Gospel vanishes.

When we ignore our status as beloved daughters and sons and begin to see ourselves primarily as sinners, as victims, as unlovable, as flawed, as unworthy, the power of the Gospel is lost to us.

Do we sin? Are we flawed? Is there a real sense that we are unworthy of the tremendous love that God showers on us?

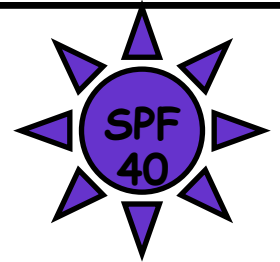
Of course. But despite all of those flaws, we remain chosen and beloved children of God.

It is only by claiming our true identity that we find the power to turn away from sin, the power to heal our hurts, the power to claim the dignity that God has so freely given us.

God never forgets that we are beloved daughters and sons. For all of our faults and all of our failings, God continues to look at us with love. Jesus himself assures us, "You are God's favored daughter. You are God's beloved son."

This is what we must listen to. This is what we must never forget.

LENT 40 DAYS
AND
40 WAYS



Star of the Week

Kiwi
Pukeko
Kea
Tui
Kakapo
Te Kahu


Tova Dye
Brody Cutler
Serenity Wilson
Kevin Vinod
Max Tye
Leila Pereira
Kataraina Smith
James Thaggard
Ryan Taylor
Kazuya Newman
Watene McKay
Leyton Tracey



We SHINE at PCS



LENT

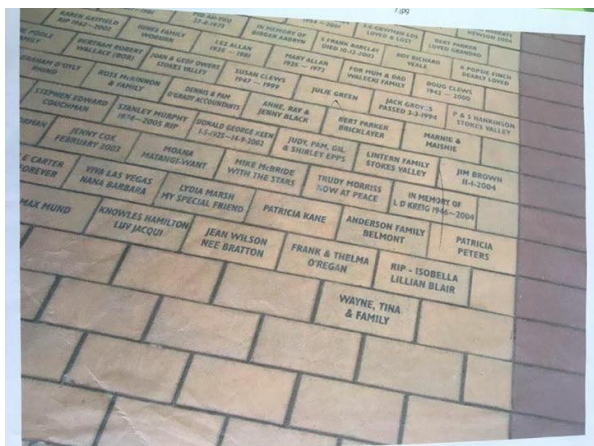
1. There are 40 days of lent
2. The colour for lent is Purple.
3. During lent it is a time for *Almsiving, Fasting and Prayer.*
4. Shrove Tuesday is just before Ash Wednesday.
5. On Ash Wednesday we receive a blessing on our foreheads, of ashes burned from palms. In the shape of a cross. 

Lent - 40 Days of Kindness, Service and Charity in Kakapo

 Alleep in the weekend	 Donate to the food bank	 Enjoy a good book	 Make a card for someone
 Put a gold coin into the Caritas box at school.	 Engage in a conversation with the people that serve you eg. shopkeeper.	 Pray outside	 PACK A LITTLE EXTRA LINEN TO SHARE WITH OTHERS
 Pick up rubbish from around your neighbourhood or see if there is anything you can recycle.	 Compliments	 Do a good deed for someone (anonymous)	 Donate some of your old clothes to charity.
 Clean your room (without being asked)	 DO A CHIEF FOR SOMEONE ELSE WITHOUT THEM (RANDOM)	 Pick some flowers, give them to someone or decorate the house with them.	 GET THEM TO AN IN HERE YOU HAVE BEEN IN IT
 Spot ways to help people and give them a hand.	 Enjoy the outdoors by having a picnic outside.	 Let the donkey - the spare bit of you have a cup of tea and a ride.	 Give something for someone else.
 Read a book to someone.	 Help with the house	 Hang out or fold a load of washing.	 Play a card or board game.
 Hold a book open for those behind you.	 Ask someone how they are when it and really listen to the answer.	 Give a heartless put-up to 3 different people.	 SMILE AT PEOPLE It could make all the difference to someone.
 Donate pet-food to the SPCA.	 Do a chore for your neighbour or a family friend.	 WASH SOMEONE'S CAR	 Ask someone to tell you 3 positive things about their day.
 Pray for someone outside of your immediate family.	 TELL SOMEONE WHY THEY ARE SPECIAL TO YOU.	 WASH SOMEONE'S CAR	 Share three things you are grateful for
 Write a letter to someone.	 Donate some of your old toys to charity.	 Make a warm drink for someone.	 WASH SOMEONE'S CAR

Pompallier Catholic School

Path of Fame




YOUR NAME COULD BE PART OF POMPALLIER
CATHOLIC SCHOOL HISTORY

All you have to do is purchase an engraved brick and it will be included in the Kaitia Pompallier Catholic School Path of Fame which will be laid in time for the school's 60th Anniversary. We are "nearly there" with orders for the number of bricks we need to confirm our order!!!


Please support this great school fundraiser for the school. If you have not already purchased a brick for the memorial, you can purchase your brick by emailing office@pompallierprimary.school.nz for the order form and bank ac details or by stopping in to the school to collect one. God bless.

Thankyou
PCS PFTA



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**YOUR NAME WILL BE PART OF HISTORY
WHEN YOU DONATE TO OUR CAUSE**



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TWILIGHT GALA

Thank you to everyone that has sold raffle tickets to get our fundraising started!

Friday 23rd March
from 3 until approximately 8pm

THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER!!

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO CAME FORWARD AFTER MASS TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP. WE STILL NEED MORE HELPERS!!!

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
7th MARCH
In the school library.

Come and join us!!!



Don't forget the SUMMER PHOTO COMPETITION

Send in your wonderful summer snaps!

The Special Character Team
will be promoting this more next week!!

There are prizes to be won!!

SPORTS



POMPALLIER SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

- see attached flyer

PROJECT ENERGISE RECIPE FOR THIS WEEK

BREAKFAST IDEAS

EGGY BREAD

- 1 egg
- ¼ cup low fat milk
- ½ tsp. of vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. low fat spread
- 2 pieces of wholegrain bread

Beat egg, milk and vanilla in a bowl. Dunk bread into mixture until completely covered. In a pan over a low heat, melt spread. Cook bread on both sides until golden. Enjoy with slices of fruit and a dollop of yoghurt!



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EVENTS and DATES

THE GREAT NEW ZEALAND FUNDRAISING TRACTOR »TREK«

12 FEBRUARY - 09 MARCH 2018

Arriving in Kaitiaia @ Te Ahu Centre on 7th March at 12:00

Support this very special cavalcade of vintage tractors, jeeps and trucks as they travel the length of the country raising funds and awareness for New Zealand Hospices.

PERIA A&P AND ORURU VALLEY RODEO CLUB

COUNTRY FAIR

EASTER SUNDAY 1st APRIL 2018

11 AM - 4 PM

ENTRY: ADULTS \$15.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE

SCHOOL STALLS FOOD AND PRODUCTS

RODEO

COWBOY CHALLENGE

LINE DANCING

PERIA SALEYARDS 10KM UP ORURU RD

**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	24	25 FAMILY MASS All attend
Wk5 MAR	26	27 Swimming	28 Swimming	1 Swimming	2 Book Character Dress Up Day 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 Wheels Day (TBC)	15 NZEI Paid Union Mtgs for Teachers	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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