



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:

- Central Zone Swimming Finals—Friday March 16th
- St Joseph's Mass Sunday 18th March
- St Joseph's Day celebration at school—19th March
- Twilight Gala Friday 23rd March



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

We had a great "Book Character Dress Up" day to celebrate International Book and Reading Day. We had a great day—with many stunning costumes on display! The Special Character Team did a great job with the organisation and judging.

Last Friday we had our Pompallier Catholic School Swimming Sports Kaitia Pools. One helper on the day, said that she could hear our house group chants from her work place on Matthews Ave. They were awesome! Well done to all the house group captains and house groups. We were really pleased to see people give races a go! The house group points are looking very close, so every point will matter.

The Central Zone Swimming Sports are this Friday, 16th March, and we have over 40 students competing in these. Well done to all students that competed! The results for our swimming sports are attached to this newsletter.

Last week, we had a visit from the Religious Education Advisors from the Catholic Schools Office in Auckland. They introduced the teachers to a bridging document for the new RE curriculum. The teachers were excited by the tone and approach of the new document, which encourages teachers and students to integrate RE learning with all other areas of the curriculum. It also incorporates a very holistic way of teaching RE in the classroom. We are already well underway with a similar approach in our classrooms which is great!

On Monday this week, our teachers joined together with teachers from Kaingaroa School, Paparore School and Mangonui School at Kaingaroa School for a workshop on "Growth Mindset". This workshop is being facilitated by staff from Te Uru School, who facilitated a workshop at the 2017 ULEARN conference.

Growth Mindset is a concept developed by Carol Dweck, a Professor of Psychology at Stanford University. It is a belief that a person's abilities and intelligence can be developed through practice, hard work, dedication and motivation. Children with a growth mindset are more likely to: learn from their mistakes; be motivated to succeed; put forth more effort; respond well to challenges; take risks; learn more; and learn faster.

At this stage, we have begun our journey with "Growth Mindset", by implementing some basic "growth mindset" thinking, talk and ideas in the classrooms with students. This workshop will support teachers to develop more ideas, activities and thinking to improve learning.

Earlier this week, two of our senior students, represented the school out the Kahui Ako (Community of Learners) wananga for students. This meeting was hosted by Kaitia College and involved representatives of over half of the CoL schools. This included primary schools (Y1-6), full primary schools (Y1-8), the Intermediate (Y7&8), area schools (Y1-13) and the college (Y9-13). Jack Saxon, the host for the day, was extremely positive about the contributions that all the students made towards both the future vision and the values for the CoL. Our students enjoyed the day very much, and felt the interactions with students from other schools was very worthwhile.

REMINDERS

Don't forget:

The Gala is now only 1 week away!!!! There is a whiteboard in the office foyer to add your name to, if you can help out in any way. We will be meeting next Wednesday for final organisation. Please come along and help out.

Easter break is coming up. Good Friday is on March 30th. School will be closed from then until Wednesday April 4th for the Easter break.

Nga mihi nui, Joanne Ryken (Acting Principal)

Justice, Love, and Mercy - what's the connection?

If you were to draw a picture of our God of justice, what would you draw? There are many pictures of justice in our world. Some court houses use the ancient Roman figure Justitia with her sword and scale to represent justice. What are some others that come to mind? In whatever way I think of justice, love and mercy closely follow.

Isaiah describes our God of justice not as a blindfolded judge balancing scales, but as a tender and compassionate mother (Isaiah 49:15). The Hebrew word for 'compassion' is *racham*, which is closely related to *rachum*, the term for 'womb'. Tika involved giving Atua and others what is their due - that which they are rightfully entitled. Yet these cannot be separated from mercy, a special form of love that moves people to go beyond the requirements of justice.

The parable of the lost son, sometimes referred to as the parable of the forgiving father, enables us to see that justice is the minimum response of love and that mercy is its fullness (Luke 15:11-32). The younger son returns home in a sorry state, having wasted the property he received from his father. He does what he can to make up for the suffering and offence that he has caused his father, offering to work as a servant. In this parable, the father's attitude towards his son reflects God's abundant grace and generosity towards those who turn to him. It shows that 'God is love' (1 John 4:16). It is through love that right relationship between the father and his son is restored.

At the heart of justice is our human response to God's great gifts of life and *aroha* to us. Our challenge is not only to give God and others what is due to them, but to make ourselves a loving gift to others. We are called to action to live and breathe Mercy, to strive to be the best possible people we can be. But, for now, our mission is to bring the justice of God by offering His unlimited and continual Mercy.

Yours in Christ
Georgina Trewavas

Book Character Day



MORE BOOK CHARACTER DAY PHOTOS



PERIA A&P AND ORURU VALLEY RODEO CLUB

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EASTER SUNDAY
1st APRIL 2018

11 AM - 4 PM

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RODEO COWBOY CHALLENGE LINE DANCING

PERIA SALEYARDS 10KM UP ORURU RD

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 EVERYONE THAT HAS
ALREADY VOLUNTEERED 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 LAST MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY
21st MARCH
In the school library.**

Come and join us!!!



**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	15 NZEI Paid Union Mtgs for Teachers	16 Newsletter Central Swimming Zones (helpers	17	18 PCS MASS Shared kai
Wk8	19 ST JOSEPHS DAY	20	21 Far North Swim Zones	22	23 Twilight Gala (helpers needed)	24	25 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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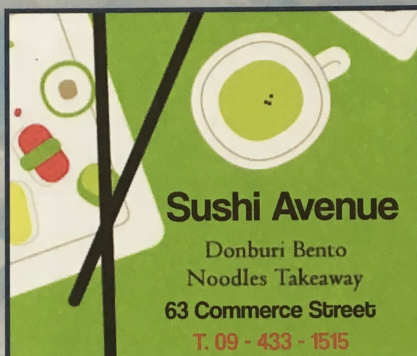

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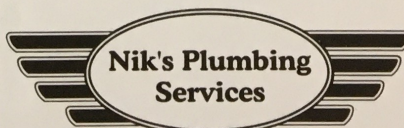
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