



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

"Diligere Verum" "Love the Truth" "Arohatia te Whakapono"

Newsletter 1 : 10 February, 2023

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

Earlier this week we celebrated Waitangi Day. The first signatures on the Treaty document were inked on February 6th of 1840. Many more were added throughout the year on the original and on copies of the Treaty that were taken around New Zealand. This event has some special significance for our College, as Bishop Pompallier was present and introduced what is sometimes called the 4th Article of the Treaty.

The 4th Article was associated with his desire to have a guarantee from the Crown (Great Britain) that the different faiths could safely practice in New Zealand. Given his experience of the conflict between church and state in France, and his knowledge of English history, it would have seemed to be a wise move to have a guarantee included in any agreement between the Crown and Māori. Hobson agreed to the Bishops request, but the request was never written into any of the known Treaty documents. It stands as a verbal inclusion, and for those who acknowledge it, the article ensures that Māori and Pākehā alike have the freedom and protection to practise their religion, faith and cultural customs.

Whenever any agreement is made, people understand it through the lens of their own cultural context. Māori brought their indigenous cultural lens to the Treaty, Pompallier brought his French cultural lens and Hobson brought his English lens. Given the variety in culture and the use of two languages, it is not surprising that the respective parties had different understandings of what they had signed on for.

The different perspectives are still evident today when it comes to the significance and meaning of the document. This debate will continue for many years, as Māori believe that they have suffered significant deprivation arising from the Crown's failure to uphold the Treaty as so agreed to by Māori.

Pā Henare Tate is another person who holds a significant place in our College story. Pā Tate was a Catholic priest from Hokianga who brought the remains of Bishop Pompallier back from France to New Zealand. Pompallier is now buried at Moutiti on the north side of the Hokianga Harbour. Our Year 13 students will be there next week.

In his book "He Puna Iti I te Ao Marama", Father Tate describes the Māori world in terms of a relationship between Atua (God and gods), Tangata (People) and Whenua (Land). Tangata is the individual person, the family, the tribe and the human race. Whenua is the ground that we walk upon, the territory that we live in and the land as Aotearoa. Atua recognises the presence of a supreme God and lesser deities connected to Atua.

"In the Māori consciousness these three sets of relationships constitute who we are" (Pā Tate). They cannot be reduced to one or two sets and they are connected in a relationship where benefit or harm to one will enhance or diminish the others. Hence if you are not right with the earth, you are not right with God or humanity. Consequently, you are never just bringing just yourself to any interaction or agreement such as the Treaty of Waitangi.

The dynamic relationship between God, People and Creation is also very evident in recent statements from the Pope. It is an emerging Catholic world view that should be embraced by our College. Recent natural events and war clearly show that God, People and Creation need to work together if we want to enhance Gods Kingdom here on Earth. Mātauranga Māori has something to teach us here.

Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL

2023 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Wednesday 1 February	Thu 6 April
TERM 2	Mon 24 April	Fri 30 June
TERM 3	Mon 17 July	Fri 22 September
TERM 4	Mon 9 October	Fri 8 December

VISION STATEMENT

Pompallier Catholic College is a Catholic community with a Marist charism that challenges all students to excel in their endeavours. We promote Christian values, excellence in learning and quality relationships to enable students to be outstanding citizens. Our College shall be a place where all "...encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth".



UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 1

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

FEBRUARY

Wed 15 - Fri 17	Year 13 Hikoi <i>(leaving a day later due to weather)</i>	Far North	
Wed 22	Ash Wednesday Liturgies, Year 7-9 & Year 10-13	College	
Thu 23	Athletics Day <i>(p/p date Wed 1 Mar)</i>	Trigg Stadium	8.45am - 2.45pm
Mon 27	Victoria University Liaison Meeting	College Boardroom	10.00am - 11.00am
Tue 28	E-Missions Day		

MARCH

Thu 2	Year 12 Biology EOTC Trip, Waipu Cove	TBC	
Thu 2	Waikato University Liaison Meeting	College	TBC
Mon 6 - Fri 10	Year 9 Special Character Retreat (2 groups)	TBC	
Thu 16	Year 12 RYDA Programme	TBC	
Thu 23	Careers Roadshow	TBC	
Tue 28	Parent / Teacher Interviews	College	TBC
Wed 29	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations	College Library	9.00am
Fri 31	E-Missions Day		

APRIL

Thu 6	Stations of the Cross Liturgy	College	TBC
Thu 6	Last Day of Term 1	School finishes 3.00pm	
Mon 24	First Day of Term 2	School starts 8.45am	

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES / THE STUDENT CENTRE

Reporting a student absence:

- **We do not accept email notification of absences**, as emails cannot be guaranteed to be checked prior to our daily attendance procedures.
- Please phone the Student Centre Absence Line: **438 3950 option 1**. ***This service is available 24/7.***
- Leave a message on the answerphone with your child's name, whānau class, reason for their absence, your name and contact details.
- Please ring in **each day** your child is going to be absent.
- For absences of 3 days or more, we require a medical certificate to be provided to the Student Centre.

Speaking directly to the Student Centre:

- Phone the College office: **438 3950 extension 202**.
- ***Use this method if you have an urgent message for your child***, and it would be most helpful if you contact us in plenty of time to deliver the message to your child before the end of the school day.

Thank you!



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 2

Welcome back!

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Allyssia Halliday and I will be taking over from Julia Lecky as the Sports Co-ordinator. I have a passion for all things sport and I love getting children involved in sports.

Without parent help, your children may not have teams to join. Please don't be shy about putting your hand up, as I am here to support you through it all. One learning parent is better than none!

Your support is greatly appreciated; we cannot do it without you.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch. I look forward to meeting you all.

Allys.

SPORTS FEES

Please note that sports fees are an extra-curricular activity cost, and show on your child's school account as a compulsory charge.

Please ensure all upcoming sports fees are paid by the due date.

ATHLETICS DAY - Thursday 23 February (p/p: Wednesday 1 March)

Our annual event includes the whole school and is held at Trigg Stadium in Kensington.

Please see the bus timetable (attached to this newsletter email), as we ask that students go directly to the arena on the day - our buses are re-directed and there are a couple of buses provided from Pompallier for Maunu residents/ other bus links.

Please arrive by 8.45am (traffic permitting) and gather at the grandstand with your House. Students will be released by 2.45pm.

Ensure you have everything you need for the day. The Canteen will be open - cash only.

Please wear your PE gear and support your House colours.

Parents and Caregivers are most welcome to come along and support our students!

WINTER SPORTS SEASON, 2023

Just a reminder, we hit Term 1 running in regards to our winter sports team trials.

All students wanting to be part of a team must attend at least one trial day, **exceptional** circumstances may be considered by the school and management.

Team Selection:

- Based on merit / skill / attitude and a willingness to learn
- Selection panel: Coach, School Rep and independent person(s) not related to player

SPORTS UNIFORMS - REMINDER

Please return any uniforms from last year to the sports office ASAP.

TRIALS

You must attend at least one trial to be placed in a team!

Basketball:

Year 7 & 8

Thursday 9 February: 3.30pm - 4.30pm, School Gym

Year 9 & 10

Subject to Coaches

Year 11 - 13

Subject to Coaches

Football:

To be confirmed

Hockey:

Collegiate (Year 9 - 13)

Sunday 26 February: 10.00am - 11.30am, Hockey NtInd

Sunday 5 March: 10.00am - 11.30am, Hockey NtInd

JMC (Year 7 & 8)

To be confirmed

Netball:

Collegiate (Year 9 - 13)

Tuesday 14 March: 3.30pm - 5.00pm, School Courts

Wednesday 15 March: 3.30pm - 5.00pm, School Courts

Intermediate (Year 7 & 8)

Wednesday 22 March: 3.30pm - 5.00pm, School Courts

Thursday 23 March: 3.30pm - 5.00pm, School Courts

COACHES / MANAGERS REQUIRED

In order to offer opportunities in sports, we always need volunteers. If you are interested in helping this year with the following sports code please contact me (details over the page):

Hockey - Collegiate and JMC

Basketball - Senior

Netball - Collegiate and Intermediate

Volleyball - Junior and Senior

NOTE: All adults working with our students must sign our Code of Ethics form, which is valid for the current year/season, and also be willing to undergo a Police Vetting Check (unless the College already has a current check).

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STUDENT SUCCESSES

Congratulations to **William Gross**, for being selected to represent the NZ Secondary Schools U16 Football team, for their tour of Malaysia and Singapore in April.

Well done William, and best of luck to the team!

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

All events entered are subject to student interest, parent help and organiser's changes.

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| • Thu 23 Feb | Athletics Day | <i>Trigg Stadium</i> |
| • Tue 14 Mar | Indoor Volleyball Champs, Girls | |
| • Thu 16 Mar | Indoor Volleyball Champs, Boys | |
| • Fri 17 Mar | NSSSA Track & Field Event | <i>Trigg Stadium</i> |
| • Wed 22 Mar | NSSSA Swim Champs | <i>TBC</i> |
| • TBC | WPSSA Swimming | <i>TBC</i> |

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SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

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CARITAS AOTEROA NZ

Caritas Aotearoa NZ is accepting donations to help the people of south-eastern Turkey and northern Syria, seriously affected by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake and aftershocks of Monday 6 February, which toppled hundreds of buildings and killed many thousands of people.

Keep the people of Turkey and Syria in your prayers as they face widespread devastation and loss of life. We're in contact with our partners on the ground as they assess the scale of the damage and critical needs at this time.

If you would like to donate, you can do so online through the Caritas Emergency Donation tab at this link: www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online (Please specify that your donation is for Turkey Earthquake).

Or donate via the Caritas bank account: 03-0518-0211216-00 (please include your first & last name and put Turkey as the code).

Prayer:

Dear God,

Through dark and difficult moments, we know that You are always with us. Today we come to You in prayer to ask You to bring comfort, healing and hope to the communities that have been devastated by this disaster.

Let the people of these nations rest in the comfort of knowing that You are with them and that you will provide for their needs as You always have.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.



CAREERS & GUIDANCE COUNSELLING

A **Careers Advisor** specialises in career coaching and can help with:

- Making choices about subjects
- Training and work
- Career planning tools and resources
- Identifying skills
- Developing goals and action plans

Counsellors can help with:

- managing problems
- understanding feelings
- looking at options
- coping with change
- moving forward

If you would like to discuss any of the above, please come to the **Student Centre** to make an appointment to see Mrs Hamilton for Careers, and Mr Mackay for Counselling, at school.

SCHOOL LOCKERS



Lockers are available again this year for students.

Cost is \$60.00 per year, plus a refundable \$15.00 bond.

If you would like to rent a locker for 2023, you will need to fill in an online order form as soon as possible, at: <http://www.stowawaylockers.co.nz/order-form/>

Get in quick as they are going fast!

Note: The lockers are supplied and maintained by Stowaway Lockers, they are not owned by the College. Therefore, please contact Stowaway Lockers direct for any queries or for more information, on 027 4221 783, or 437 5818.

Thank you.

VIEWING STUDENT INFORMATION

Our KAMAR Parent Portal allows parents to access some of the records we have for your child, like attendance, timetable, results/reports etc.

Click [here](#) to be directed to the log-in page. Log on using your child's name: firstnamedotlastname (eg: fred.flinstone) and your Caregiver password.

If you have not used this portal previously, please phone the College office to request the Caregivers logon password. We will email this to the registered email address we have on our system for you.



PROCEDURE FOR ALL VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL (including parents)

The College has a duty to provide a safe environment for our students and staff. We therefore have a **strict policy** around visitors to our school, which is also in place to fulfill our Health & Safety legal requirements.

All visitors and parents MUST report to Reception upon arrival at the College.

Please do not go directly to your child's classroom, or elsewhere in the College grounds, without reporting to Reception first.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff, it is preferable that you make an appointment where possible, to avoid disappointment. Appointments can be arranged directly with the staff member, via email.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation with these procedures.

If you have any queries about our process, please feel free to phone the College office, or email: admin@pompallier.school.nz



If you have a student success you would like to share, email us at ...

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE 2023 Vaccinations Wednesday 29 March

The School Based Immunisation Programme will take place again this year, for Year 7 and Year 8 students.

Year 7 students will be offered the Boostrix vaccination, and Year 8 students will be offered the vaccination to protect against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV). Both vaccinations are free.

Consent forms will be given to students next week to bring home; further details are included with the forms. Once received, they need to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible please.

Public Health have provided links below to short videos explaining the immunisations offered in the School Based programme. Parents/Guardians are invited to view the appropriate video with their child if they wish;

Year 8 Immunisations:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuwcOyMjAzc>

Year 7 Immunisations:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNIKS9uQCQU>

The Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC) can also help if you have any questions - phone; 0800 466 863 or visit: www.immune.org.nz.

UNIFORM REMINDERS ...

We have a compulsory school uniform and we expect that our students will wear it with pride.

We are very proud of our College, and as our students are seen by members of the wider community outside of school, we **insist** on the correct uniform being worn to and from school, as well as during school hours.

If you require any clarification on our regulation uniform items, please refer to the Uniform pages on our website: www.pompalliercollege.school.nz (under Enrolment Info).

Your assistance in enforcing that your child has the correct uniform is greatly appreciated.

YEAR 12 & 13 STUDENTS

Our Number 1 formal uniform can be ordered from **Bethells Uniforms** in the Strand.

Also, a reminder for senior boys - if you are wearing our formal uniform, you **must** wear a tie with your white shirt. These are available to purchase from the College office, for \$30.00.

PE UNIFORMS

A reminder that **all students** should be wearing regulation PE T-shirts **in House colours**.

If you are not sure which house you are in, please ask your Whānau Teacher.



COLLEGE ACCOUNTS

Our College accounts are sent to families monthly, via email. You should have received your child's account for this year earlier this week.

In the meantime, returning families will have received an account in November. If you have an overdue outstanding account from last year (or previous years), please ensure that this is paid as a matter of urgency. Thank you to those families who have contacted us and have a payment arrangement in place.

We would like to remind families that we are happy to accept regular automatic payments throughout the year towards your school account, and all accounts should be paid by the end of each year. Please contact Jane Woolston in the College office if you would like assistance with this - phone 438 3950 ext 0, or email fees@pompallier.school.nz.

Please also note that *additional compulsory costs* (e.g.: sport activities, extra-curricular trips etc.) *must be paid for at the time of the event*, as they are not paid from your regular automatic payment.

As always, if you are experiencing any difficulties in making payment *at any time during the year*, we encourage you to contact Jane, sooner rather than later, so that options can be discussed in confidence.

Thank you.



2023 BUS INFORMATION

All students have now been issued with Student ID cards, which show which bus they are eligible to catch. These **must** be produced every time when boarding their allocated bus.

We operate a “**No Pass No Ride**” policy. If a student is unable to produce the correct pass for that bus, they may be refused travel and have to make their own arrangements.

Due to movement with families around the area, some eligibility has changed from previous years. Eligibility is dependent on where a student lives, available public services in the area and loading limits.

BUS TRAVEL CODE OF CONDUCT:

As a student at Pompallier Catholic College I agree to abide by the behavioural expectations described below:

- When I am a seated passenger, I will remain in my seat for the whole journey.
- I will not eat on the bus or throw anything inside or out of the bus.
- If I am a standing passenger, I will stand quietly and not push or move around the bus.
- I will respect other students and their property at all times (this includes pushing, verbal or physical abuse, or any other behaviour that may distract the driver).
- I will use socially acceptable language when conversing with the driver and/or other students and I will not speak at a volume that may distract the driver.
- I will respect the property of the bus operator at all times (e.g. refraining from standing on seats or vandalising the vehicle in any way).
- I will not engage in any behaviour that could put the driver or other students at risk.
- I will observe the requirements and instructions of the bus driver and the teacher/s responsible for bus duty at all times.
- I understand that any damage I cause to the bus will result in my caregiver being billed for the cost of repairs.

The safety and comfort of everyone on the bus depends on a standard of behaviour and consideration for others that is expected in the classroom. We hope that caregivers will support the school in maintaining these standards of behaviour.

IF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT IS BROKEN:

- The student may be spoken to by the driver and/or bus controller. There may be a requirement of reflection, apology, assigned seating...
- The student may be placed on daily report for one week and their caregiver notified.
- If no improvement is evident immediately, an interview may be arranged between the student, caregiver(s), and school.
- If there is still no improvement, travel on a school bus will be withdrawn, and the caregiver will be required to find alternative transport to get the student to school.
- In extreme cases of misbehaviour the privilege of travelling on a school bus could be withdrawn immediately.

For any bus queries, please contact Barbara Clarke via email: buses@pompallier.school.nz

CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED??

Have you moved house over the holidays?

Changed your phone number or email address?

Have a new emergency contact person?

It is vital that we have the correct up-to-date contact information for you and your child. Therefore, any time you have a change in circumstances, please ensure you contact the College Office and let us know.

Also, a lot of College information is sent out via email, along with our newsletters, so if you change your email address, please let us know so you can continue to receive this information.

PARENT INFORMATION

Important information regarding leave passes and sick children

We would like to remind Parents and Caregivers of the process if your child needs to leave school during the day for an appointment, or if they are sick.

Leave Passes for appointments:

Students **must bring a signed note from home** to the Student Centre **before school** and ask for a pass. They must do this before they need to leave the College. If someone other than a parent/caregiver is taking your child, it is vital you include their name in the note, otherwise we will have to call you for verbal permission, which could cause delays in your child leaving for their appointment on time. If unexpected appointments arise during the day, parents should ring the Student Centre and speak with Becky before collecting your child. This is to allow us time to arrange a pass and get the message to your child.

Before students leave for their appointment, they need to go to the Student Centre, and sign out. Please do not go directly to your child's class to collect them, you will need to go to the Student Centre to sign them out. When students arrive back at school, they must go and sign back in before heading back to class. This is extremely important as we need to know where all students are at all times in cases of emergency or fire.

Sick children:

If students are sick, please keep them home. If they start to feel unwell during the day, they need to go to the Student Centre, and we will ring parents.

We would appreciate parents reminding their children that they are **not to go home or text/contact parents themselves before reporting to the Student Centre.** The College must ring parents before students are allowed to go home.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact Becky in our Student Centre on 438 3950 ext 202, or email: rebecca.saxton@pompallier.school.nz.