



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 2 : 24 February, 2023

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

If you have ever watched movies such as "The 10 Commandments", "Noah", or "David and Bathsheba", or if you have read some of the books in the Bible (the Bible is not one book), you will have some idea about the wrath of God. You are very likely to be left with an impression that God is administering some form of pay back to people who are not aligned with the one true God. Sometimes this is shown directly through the hand of God via nature (Book of Genesis), while at other times it is via God's chosen people practicing genocidal policies (Psalm 137), or the threat of war, famine and death at judgment day (Book of Revelations).

In times past, this was enough to scare most people into obeying the will of God as discerned for them by the Priest and Church. Today, most people of faith just ignore or dismiss notions of a wrathful God and focus upon a compassionate and loving God who accepts us as we are, while others simply confidently dismiss the existence of God (how does one prove that something does not exist?).

In our current fixation on our own, and others, well-being and the need to be tolerant, respectful, kind, generous, accepting and loving, there is no place for a wrathful God who seems to have a temper tantrum when things are not going his way. Consequently, prophets of doom, gloom and vengeance are hard to find today. If someone was so confident to proclaim that earthquakes, floods or disease were wrathful divine intervention, they would be quickly exposed to the wrath of social media. In the interests of one's own well-being, it is better to keep such thoughts to oneself.

To be dismissive of a wrathful God is to be dismissive of a significant theme of teaching present in what we call the old and new testaments. The wrathful God does not kick us in our bottom to give us direction, but is kicking away those things that are restricting us from being the perfect (complete) person that God desires us to be.

God's love directs God's wrath towards opposing all that makes us less than the ideal. Over time, the biblical theme of wrathful God shows that God is angry for us, not against us.

This has not always been expressed in a politically correct fashion in the Bible, but it's important to appreciate that the Bible is written post-event, with a focus on message/truth and not historical accuracy.

All of us have experiences that give rise to a sense of anger about some decision or event. It might be higher interest rates, a change in the definition of marriage law, a denial of educational opportunities for your children. Parents would readily understand the notion of being angry in the interests of their children. God's wrath is not about emotional anger. God's wrath is about addressing what is seen as an injustice. It is a matter of setting right that which is wrong, both at an individual level and at a social level.

God's wrath has enabled people to bring forth accounts of abuse they suffered in the Catholic Church and to get some degree of limited human justice. His wrath has enabled people to unite and fight back against the evil of war in Ukraine and to unite to support those who have been hurt by the recent wind and rain.

A wrathful God is not someone to fear. A wrathful God is someone to rejoice in and to be grateful for, as he kicks away the sins that limit us individually and collectively. Let us welcome the wrath of God into our lives in this time of Lent.

Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL

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

Mon 27	Victoria University Liaison Meeting	College Boardroom	10.00am - 11.00am
Mon 27 - Thu 2	Year 11 PE Outdoor Education Camp	Whangarei Heads	
Tue 28	E-Missions Day		

MARCH

Thu 2	Year 12 Biology EOTC Trip, Waipu Cove	TBC	
Mon 6 - Fri 10	Year 9 Special Character Retreat (2 groups)		
Wed 8	AUT Liaison Visit	College	12.30pm - 1.30pm
Tue 14	Massey University Liaison Visit	College	9.30am - 10.30am
Wed 15	University of Auckland Liaison Visit	College	10.00am - 11.00am
Thu 16	Year 12 RYDA Programme	TBC	
Fri 17 - Sat 18	Kapa Haka Noho	TBC	
Tue 21 - Fri 24	Year 13 Hikoi (<i>new dates</i>)	Far North	
Wed 22	Waikato University Liaison Visit	College	9.00am - 10.00am
Thu 23	Careers Roadshow	TBC	
Wed 29	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations	College Library	9.00am
Fri 31	E-Missions Day		

APRIL

Tue 4	Parent / Teacher Interviews	College	TBC
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	

STUDENT ABSENCES

Ph: 438 3950 option 1

A reminder that if your child is going to be away from school, please **ensure that you let us know by phoning the College office and leaving a message on our absence line.**

This answerphone is available 24/7.

We do not accept email notification of absences. Thank you.

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



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz

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.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 4

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS - RESULTS

Congratulations to all the students who took part in our swimming sports day on Friday 10 February.

Our Champions for 2023 are ...

- **Year 7 Girl** Taylor Te Ao
- **Year 7 Boy** Noah Jones
- **Year 8 Girl** Ava Whyte
- **Year 8 Boy** Isaac Johnson
- **Junior Girl** Hinewai Baltus
- **Junior Boy** Kees Tamboer
- **Intermediate Girl** Alanna Brown
- **Intermediate Boy** Ethan Gavin
- **Senior Girl** Hannah Williams
- **Senior Boy** Lawrence Reade

COACHES / MANAGERS REQUIRED

In order to offer opportunities in sports, we always need volunteers. If you are interested in helping this year with any of the following sports codes, please contact me (details opposite).

Please understand that you do not necessarily need to have experience in the sport to be a Coach or Manager. One learning parent is better than none!

Hockey - Collegiate and JMC

Basketball - Year 9 & 10 and Senior (Year 11 - 13)

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).

SPORTS FEES

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.

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

Any questions, please see Whaea Allys in the sports office.

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 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

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

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

- Tue 14 Mar Indoor Volleyball Champs, Girls
- Wed 15 Mar WPSSA Yr 7 & 8 Swimming Champs
- Thu 16 Mar Indoor Volleyball Champs, Boys
- Fri 17 Mar NSSA Track & Field Event *Trigg Stadium*
- Wed 22 Mar NSSA Swim Champs *TBC*

Allyssia Halliday
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

438 3950 Ext 219

allyssia.halliday@pompallier.school.nz



ATTENTION ALL BUS USERS!!

Most students have now been issued with Student ID cards that show which bus they are eligible to catch. Please note that variances to student travel may be made in **emergencies** only, and with approval from the school. The Ministry of Education provides transport, in the form of bus services, to and from a student's place of residence, and **not their after school activities**.

We appreciate parents understanding that it would be impossible to manage, organise and maintain safety on an already stretched loading system, to enable students to use any bus they wanted to get to their wide and varied after school activities. Please make your own arrangements in these cases. Students are able to access 2 fare-paying services - Route 1 and the Citylink-Maunu service. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

If your child loses their bus pass, they can apply for a replacement by paying \$6.00 to the College office. A temporary pass will be issued, and a new one will be ordered for them.

STUDENTS NEW TO NCEA

By now, all students new to the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) should have had the rules and procedures explained to them by their teachers. It is vital they understand both their rights and responsibilities, so they can have a successful and productive year.

Students should also have course overviews and assessment statements for all their subjects and keep a diary showing when assessments are due.

For further information, go to:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/understanding-ncea/>

If students or parents would like more information about NCEA, please email the Principal's Nominee: monique.vanstokkum@pompallier.school.nz



STUDENT LATENESS

Student lateness is becoming a regular issue, with a significant number of students arriving at the College well after the bell has rung.

Our school day begins with Whānau class, so punctuality is especially important in the morning, as a lot of information is given to students during this time.

The first bell is at 8.40am and all students are expected to be at school by then.

Your assistance with ensuring your child is at school on time is appreciated.

YEAR 7 & 8 IMMUNISATIONS

Wednesday 29 March

Consent forms have been given to students to bring home. **Parents, please complete and return these to school as soon as possible please.**

Parents/Guardians are invited to view the appropriate short video with their child if they wish, which explains the immunisations offered;

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.



GIFTED & TALENTED

The College recognises that within its group of gifted and talented students, there is a wide range of ability from mild to profound. While most are catered for through differentiated programmes

within the classroom, some may require provision beyond the classroom.

Parents & Caregivers - if you think your child may be gifted, but they have not currently been identified as such by the College, please complete the following questionnaire:

<https://form.jotform.co/91611979863875>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Gifted & Talented Co-ordinator, Sarah Edgecombe, via email: sarah.edgecombe@pompallier.school.nz

USING INTERNET BANKING??

Please make sure that you use your **student's name and their ID No.** (shown on the statement) as a reference on all internet payments. 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.



FAMILY SUPPORT ...

We would like to introduce you to our Family Support person for Pompallier Catholic College and St Francis Xavier Catholic School, **Rosie Ponifasio-Hughes**.

This is Rosie's third year with us. She has a background in teaching and community work. Her role involves attempting to remove any barriers that are preventing our young people getting the most out of their schooling... for some families that's support to help cover the basics (food, clothing etc), and for others, it's more moral support and a listening ear as our families navigate the bumps in the road that life throws at us all. The absolute highlight of her job is walking alongside so many promising young people AND having the privilege of making close connections with our amazing families.

Rosie currently works Monday – Thursday, from 8.15am to 3.00pm, primarily based out of St Francis Xavier Catholic School. Her office is at the school end of the church carpark, in the building right next to the Parish office - up the little ramp and into the Family Support room.



Rosie operates on an open door drop in policy, and would love to have you join her for a cuppa and chat anytime! This is open to all whānau from both our schools. Rosie is also available to meet with families at Pompallier, or another place, at a time that suits - she can be contacted on 021 028 33587 (feel free to text, call or WhatsApp), or via email: rosie.hughes@pompallier.school.nz

So.... what does a Family Support person actually do?


Rosie has listed below some of the specific things she can offer. Of course, this is not an absolute list, so please don't hesitate to let her know if she can help in any way - she looks forward to meeting you!

- A confidential, non-judgemental listening ear regarding whatever's going on at home. I can also provide tailored links to other agencies or specialist services who may be able to offer support.
- I have hot drinks, chocolate bikkies and comfy chairs in a toddler friendly/breastfeeding friendly space at SFX - all welcome!
- I am happy to meet families up at Pompallier, do home visits, or converse via email, text, WhatsApp or phone.
- I can offer support to whānau experiencing bereavement, illness, separation, new baby, changes in family circumstances etc.
- I can work alongside families who are struggling with the basics, to help them access food, clothing, uniforms, stationery, housing, and advise on Work & Income subsidies and other wrap-around supports specific to their situation.
- I can help some of our families who are new to the area get settled in and get connected with local organisations.
- I can help source funding or find a way to make things happen for specific projects or special children.
- I can help Caregivers fill out applications/paperwork, and if needed, support families to navigate new school systems and processes and offer moral support at school based meetings.



 **Coffee & bikkies in a toddler friendly space!**
(*Breastfeeding friendly zone with seating)

 **A friendly, non-judgemental listening ear.**

 **Space for a confidential chat about anything going on at home.**

 **Support to find services to best match your personal situation.**

Please text, WhatsApp or email Rosie to make an appointment:

021 028 33587

rosie@sfx.school.nz
rosie.hughes@pompallier.school.nz



Flood relief support for Hamilton and Palmerston North Dioceses

It's been almost 2 weeks since Northland and Auckland were bracing for the full force of the cyclone Gabrielle. Parts of our regions are still suffering and/or are in recovery mode, despite the sunny days we are now experiencing. Gabrielle moved on to the Coromandel, Tairāwhiti and Hawkes Bay with devastating effect, as we are seeing in the media. Lives have been lost and others are unaccounted for. The scale of damage to property and livelihoods will run into billions of dollars.

For schools in those regions, damage is extensive, and Bishop Steve is inviting school communities in the Auckland Diocese to reach out to the Dioceses of Hamilton and Palmerston North which cover those regions. Neither Diocese has a Bishop, nor the fundraising mechanisms that our Diocese has.

In [Bishop Steve's letter](#), he acknowledges the generous support of over \$140,000 donated to the Catholic Caring Foundation to support those suffering in Auckland and Northland, but is asking that those who can, show solidarity and support for the schools and caring agencies of our neighbouring Dioceses.

Anyone can donate online to the Catholic Caring Foundation's 2023 Cyclone Relief Appeal:

- Online here: <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/>
- Or to the Foundation's bank account here: BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00 (Please use your surname and initials as reference, and Cyclone as a particular)

To get an emailed receipt, please email info@caringfoundation.co.nz to let the foundation know you have made a donation.

We also ask you to pray for those in their time of extreme need, and those who are helping them. We join our hearts with theirs in solidarity in this time of grave need.





Key Functions parent & child combo workshops 2023



focused on
Unlocking Your Child's Potential



Does your child have trouble with any of the following?

- Response Control
- Time Management
- Cognitive Flexibility
- Goal Setting
- Working Memory
- Planning and Prioritising
- Organisation
- Task Initiation



It is likely that they need help with developing their "Key Functions".

Unlock your child's potential with these workshops designed for combos of 1 parent + 1 child (year 5 - year 8)

When & Where

8 Sundays from March to October
(excludes holiday weekends)

10:00am to 12:30pm

At Whangarei Women's Club, Rust Ave

Cost

Per combo, i.e. one adult, one child
(non-negotiable)

- Members \$280 (over 2 payments)
- Non Members \$380 (over 2 payments)

	Sundays	Key Function
2	5 March	Response Control
2	2 April	Cognitive Flexibility
3	7 May	Working Memory
4	28 May	Organisation
5	25 June	Time Management
6	6 August	Goal Setting
7	3 September	Planning/Prioritising
8	15 October	Task Initiation

REGISTRATION ENDS ON 27 Feb

To register or for any questions:

admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz

09 430 0693

www.dyslexiaplus.org.nz

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TE MANAWA TAHI - Community Timetable, Term 1

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahī sign or flag.

Drop into a hub, or make an appointment by: Phone: 0800 524 842, or Email: TT.Support@education.govt.nz



Te Manawa Tahī
Community Timetable



WHANGĀREI

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated*

Date	Hub Locations	Term 1 2023, Weeks 5 to 7
Wed 1 March	Mangakahia Community Room, 1480 Mangakahia Road	
Thurs 2 March	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wed 8 March	Te Horo School, 3239 Pipiwai Road, Pipiwai	
Thurs 9 March	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 15 March	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	*10am – 12.30pm*
Thurs 16 March	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup, 20 George Street, Hikurangi	
	Back 2 Basics Childcare, 179 Newton Road, Maungatāpere	
Wed 22 March	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, 172 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto	
Thurs 23 March	Te Rito, Cnr William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Otangarei	
Wed 29 March	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thurs 30 March	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	

Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning **0800 524 842** or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz.