



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 3 : 10 March, 2023

### Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

Good is more than the absence of bad.

We frequently hear that Lent is a preparation for Easter. It is a time when we repent of our sins and strive to become a better person. We might "give something up" for Lent. We might do something extra for Lent. Through these acts we are trying to be a better person and to make amends for our sins.

We also know that Easter marks a time when Jesus died to save us from our sins. I have also been to the sacrament of reconciliation where I confessed my sins (bad things that I have done) and received forgiveness. Combining this knowledge with the sacrifices that I had made during Lent, I should now be a better person and possibly even a good person. That Easter egg is something that I certainly deserve for being good.

As a child, I was sometimes promised a reward for being good. I learnt that not doing anything bad was usually enough to get the reward. In essence, if I did not make life difficult for others, a reward would come my way. Good, I thought, was as easy as not doing anything bad.

We might label someone as "bad" by looking at the tally of unpleasant things that they do. In contrast, we might consider that we are a good person because we do very little bad. Unfortunately, that opinion gets a roasting from Jesus. Those who had focused upon being law-abiding, generous and well-behaved had no justification for labeling others as being bad or sinful people (Matt 7:).

Sin is not a series of misdeeds that we become aware of when we compare ourselves to others, or some cultural or legal ideal. Misdeeds are the consequence of sin and not sin in itself. Sin is both a verb, something that people do, and it is also a big umbrella under which all of humanity exists. Sin exists as a power that enslaves all of us and must be given the boot. The crucifixion (Good Friday) is when this first happened and humanity was provided with a means to be reunited with God.

However, we cannot redeem ourselves from the domain of sin by being good. Only God can redeem us via his amazing grace. The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus shows us that the reign of sin can be overcome. There is a way forward for the salvation of all, which we understand is to be united with Christ.

Now I appreciate that good is more than the absence of bad. Good demands that we are an active respondent to the world around us. There is a communal side of good which cannot be ignored. Good (and God) requires us to act in the interests of others to support a world of justice, peace and joy. Doing nothing therefore, cannot be considered as having done something good. It's more likely to deliver something bad.

**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.**

### MARCH

Tue 14	Massey University Liaison Visit	College	9.30am - 10.30am
Tue 14	Senior Girls' Volleyball Tournament	McKay Stadium	9.00am - 3.00pm
Wed 15	University of Auckland Liaison Visit	College	10.00am - 11.00am
Wed 15	Senior Boys' Volleyball Tournament	McKay Stadium	9.00am - 3.00pm
Wed 15	WPSSA Swimming Sports	WIS	TBC
Fri 17	NSSSA Athletics	Trigg Stadium	TBC
Fri 17	Year 13 Careers Session	College Library	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Fri 17 - Sat 18	Kapa Haka Noho	TBC	
Tue 21 - Fri 24	Year 13 Hikoi ( <i>new dates</i> )	Far North	
Wed 22	NSSSA Swimming	TBC	
Wed 22	Waikato University Liaison Visit	College	9.00am - 10.00am
Thu 23	Careers Roadshow	College	12.30pm - 3.00pm
Mon 27 - Tue 28	Gateway First Aid Course (Group 1)	College Library	9.00am - 3.00pm
Wed 29	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations	College	9.00am
Wed 29 - Thu 30	Gateway First Aid Course (Group 2)	College Library	9.00am - 3.00pm
Thu 30 & Fri 31	Year 13 English EOTC Trip	Kiwi North	TBC
Fri 31	E-Missions Day		

### APRIL

Tue 4	Parent / Teacher Interviews	College	3.30pm - 8.00pm
Thu 6	Stations of the Cross Liturgy	College	TBC
<b>Thu 6</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>	<b>School finishes 3.00pm</b>	
<b>Mon 24</b>	<b>First Day of Term 2</b>	<b>School starts 8.45am</b>	



**FREE dental care for under 18s**

Kei raro iho i te tekau mā waru, kāhore he utu

5 TIPS TO KEEP YOU  
**SMILING**

### Fluoride in toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth,  
Especially at night so the fluoride can keep  
working to protect and strengthen teeth.



Need a dental appointment for your child?  
**CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)**

**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand  
Te Tū Tokerau



## SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 6

### ATHLETICS DAY - RESULTS

Congratulations to all the students who took part in our Athletics Day on Thursday 23 February.

#### Our Champions for 2023 are ...

- **Junior Girl** London-Rose Gould
- **Junior Boy** Ohe Kaio
- **Intermediate Girl** Elizabeth Gould
- **Intermediate Boy** Flynn Cunis
- **Senior Girl** Macey Going
- **Senior Boy** Riley Linford

Also, big congratulations to Aubert on taking out the House points for the day, with a whopping 1129.5 points!

They were followed by Colin - 945, Tate - 859.5 and Chavoïn - 874.

### 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 - JMC B Team

Basketball - Senior (Year 11 - 13)

Netball - 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

Monday 13 March: 3.30pm - 4.30pm, School Gym

##### Year 11 - 13

Subject to Coaches

#### Football:

To be confirmed

#### Hockey:

##### JMC (Year 7 & 8)

Thursday 23 March: 3.30pm - 5.00pm, Hockey NtInd

#### 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
- Wed 15 Mar Indoor Volleyball Champs, Boys
- Fri 17 Mar NSSA Track & Field Event *Trigg Stadium*
- Wed 22 Mar NSSA Swim Champs *Whg Aquatic Ctr*

*continued page 4...*



## SPORTS... continued from page 3

### STUDENT SUCCESSES

#### Rowing

Congratulations to our 5 rowing girls who, along with 7 rowers from Whangarei Girls' High School, pulled off some amazing results at the Head of the Harbour Regatta, held at Lake Pupuke on Saturday 4 March.

They were up against some stiff competition from schools that had very large squads, like St Kentigern (75), Mt Albert Grammer (60+) and Kings College (60+) to name a few, but they did themselves and Northland proud!!

Here are some of their results:

Race 8: Girls U16 Single Sculls - Division 1 - **Lizzie Gould** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Race 20: Girls U18 Novice Double Sculls - Division 1 - **Renee Powell & Lizzie Gould** - 1<sup>st</sup> place

Race 20: Girls U18 Novice Double Sculls - Division 3 - **Angelique Ashton-Powell & Hinewai Baltus** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Race 35: Girls U18 Novice Coxed Quad Scull - Division 1 - **All the girls rowing + cox Mischy Disu** - 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Race 45: Girls U17 Double Sculls: Division 1 - **Renee Powell & Angelique Ashton-Powell** - 5<sup>th</sup> place

Race 45: Girls U17 Double Sculls - Division 2 - **Lizzie Gould & Mischy Disu** - 4<sup>th</sup> place

Race 49: Girls U16 Double Sculls: Division 1 - **Lizzie Gould & Hinewai Baltus** - 3<sup>rd</sup> place



Rowing Team pictured with their Coaches

L - R: Mischy Disu, Hinewai Baltus, Renee Powell, Lizzie Gould, Angelique Ashton-Powell

**Allyssia Halliday**  
**SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR**  
438 3950 Ext 219

[allyssia.halliday@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:allyssia.halliday@pompallier.school.nz)



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

[newsletter@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:newsletter@pompallier.school.nz)

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS (Year 7 - 13)

**Tuesday 4 April**

**3.30pm - 5.30pm and 6.00pm - 8.00pm**

At this stage, our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on the date above, for all year levels.

**We will confirm the event by sending an email to parents closer to the time. The email will include instructions on when and how to book, and the school code you will need to use.** This information will also be included in the Progress reports due to be emailed in a few weeks.

Please ensure the school has your current email address so you receive this information.

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.

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VACANCY

### Receptionist/Administrator – Catholic Social Services, Ponsonby.

Catholic Social Services is looking for a part-time (3 days) Receptionist/Administrator, based in Ponsonby. As a faith-based professional service, Catholic Social Services provides social work, counselling, out-reach and support to individual people and families.

The successful applicant would be required to provide efficient, effective, and professional reception and administrative services to the team at Catholic Social Services.

For further details please go to our website: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), staff vacancies.





# ATHLETICS DAY : Thursday 23 February, 2023 Trigg Stadium

