



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 4 : 24 March, 2023

### **Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,**

It was with some sense of hope that we looked forward to a smooth start for the 2023 school year, after the disturbances of the last few years. Unfortunately, this did not happen. A few storms, immigration challenges, having to shift dates and venues for camps, a lack of charter buses, regulatory changes for education, delays in the delivery of resources, fields too wet for mowing and incomplete maintenance work, all contributed to a rather unsettled start.

While most of our students managed the disruptions with some ease, a few senior students, and many of our younger students, found it more difficult to settle into the rules and customs of the College given the disruptions. For the younger students, they had been exposed to three years of disrupted schooling at a rather important formative time in their life, and now this pattern continued into early 2023.

I see this on-going unsettled time being manifested into a series of minor conflicts between students, within Year 7/8 in particular. Typically this consists of verbal insults being traded between students and sometimes this escalates into something more physical.

In consultation with some behavioural specialist from the Ministry of Education, we have now developed a programme to deliver to the junior students. We are calling it: "Standing Strong: Love the Truth". The programme is designed to address the following: verbal abuse, physical interaction, de-escalation strategies, conflict resolution, our values and a sense of caring for themselves and the environment

We will also introduce a two-day programme for students who are new to our College. This will focus upon introducing students to our values and culture, and make explicit what we expect from them. In the past we did this via a series of events run early in the year, such as our school Leaders Mass, our assemblies, homeroom time and the Year 7 camp. Circumstances have meant that we have been unable to offer all of these, so we need to look for alternative ways of conveying our culture to students.

In today's world I meet many who confidently state what they believe to be their "rights" within an educational context. But what I encounter less frequently are people who are willing to talk about their "responsibilities" within our education environment. The two go hand-in-hand.

We expect students to be actively involved in addressing behaviour or situations that are contra to the values we hold important at our College. Doing nothing is not an option for our students when they know of some activity that is contra to our values. Doing nothing can help to perpetuate injustice. Students will be challenged if they elect for such options. In my mind, doing nothing is not far removed from being actively involved.

Should students combine a "do nothing" with videoing and distribution of unacceptable behaviour, I consider that they have actively condoned such behaviour. I appreciate that it is a rather high standard to set for our students. However, we are widely regarded as being a school with excellent student behaviour, and that arises from what we consider to be acceptable or not acceptable in our College culture.

In our College history we have many men and women who choose to do something when called upon. We like to recognise them in some way, such as a House name or our College name. One event that we have started is having an ANZAC dawn service here at school. We recall many of those who have an association with our College and our families. We will be holding that a few days after the national day for ANZAC. More details will be provided soon.

**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

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	10.00am - 2.45pm
Fri 31	E-Missions Day		
Fri 31	NorthTec Future Trades Day	Dyer St Campus	9.00am - 2.30pm

### APRIL

Tue 4	Parent / Teacher Interviews	In-person and online	3.30pm - 8.00pm
Wed 5	Waikato University Liaison Visit	College	9.00am - 10.00am
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>	

### TERM 2:

<b>Mon 24</b>	<b>STAFF ONLY DAY</b>	<b>School closed for instruction</b>
Tue 25	ANZAC Day	Public Holiday
<b>Wed 26</b>	<b>First Day of Term 2</b>	<b>School starts 8.45am</b>

### 2023 TERM DATES

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

### 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.***

### COLLECTING CHILDREN DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

We have had a number of parents arriving at school to collect their child for an appointment that we have not been aware of.

**If your child has an appointment during the day**, a note should be sent from home and handed to the Student Centre when your child arrives at school in the morning. This is to ensure that we issue them with a pass to leave class, and make arrangements for them to be at the Student Centre when you arrive to collect them, so you are not waiting unnecessarily.

Likewise, we have also had parents arrive unexpectedly towards the end of the day to collect their child to take them home early. We realise that in some instances in an emergency it is not possible to phone us, however, in most cases advance notice is possible, and we ask that you do phone us in plenty of time so that we can arrange for your child to come to the Student Centre and be ready for when you arrive.

We appreciate your understanding that it can be very difficult to run around last minute to find your child, putting our staff under unnecessary pressure.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding these matters, please feel free to email: [admin@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:admin@pompallier.school.nz)

Thank you.



## SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 8

### SPONSORSHIP REQUIRED

**Our Sports Department is seeking sponsorship to fund some much needed tracksuits for our school.**

We have our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey Team, Netball Collegiate Team 1, and our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Boys' Football team all attending tournaments and representing our school in August/September this year.

Our current tracksuits are looking very tired and used, and we would love to provide the students with new ones this year.

If you think you may be able to help us out, please get in touch with me on 09 438 3950 ext 219, or via email: [allyssia.halliday@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:allyssia.halliday@pompallier.school.nz).

### STUDENT SUCCESSES

#### Basketball

Congratulations to **Imisioluwa Falope, Denton Lim and Lucas Pool**, who will be representing Northland in the Under 15 Boys' Basketball team.

All the best for your competition boys!

#### Equestrian

**Renee Boykett** competed at the WEC Autumn Horse Trials at Te Rapa last weekend. This is eventing, which consists of three different disciplines - dressage, show-jumping and cross country.

She finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place overall in her division.

Congratulations Renee!



#### Gymnastics

**Jessica Kalkhoven** recently competed in the NZ Secondary School Tumble Competition in Auckland. She came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the International Level (women 15 – 16 years).

She also competed at the Icon Trampoline Competitions in Auckland and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Double Mini Tramp.

Both placings qualified her for Nationals later this year. Well done Jessica!

#### Model Flying

In January, **Nathan Walker** attended the Model Flying NZ's National Championships, held in Carterton.

He competed in a variety of events including Speed, Racing, Aerobatics, Combat, Scale and Duration, in disciplines of Free flight, Control line and Vintage style models.

Nathan's efforts were rewarded by being named the Junior Champion modeler and Junior Champion of Champions titles. He was also awarded the overall Open Champion of Champions. This was quite remarkable and believed to be the first time it has been achieved by a junior since the 1960's.

What an awesome achievement Nathan, congratulations!



#### Rowing

Our rowing students recently attended the North Island Secondary Schools Regatta, held at Lake Karapiro, and again had some fantastic results.

Girls U16 Doubles – **Hinewai Baltus & Lizzie Gould**, placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the C Finals.

Girls U18 Novice Doubles - **Renee Powell & Lizzie Gould**, placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the A Finals.

Girls U18 Novice Doubles – **Mischy Disu & Hinewai Baltus**, placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the C Finals.

Novice Quad crew – placed 4<sup>th</sup> in B Finals.



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### VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

Last week we had two teams represent Pompallier in the NSSA Senior Volleyball Competitions.

A great day was had by all. Teams are pictured below.



Senior Girls' Team



Senior Boys' Team

### 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.

### SPORTS UNIFORMS - REMINDER

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

### WPSSA SWIMMING SPORTS

We had 9 students attend this competition on Wednesday 15 March, at Whangarei Intermediate School. They had some great results on the day:

Year 7 – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Relay

Year 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Relay

Year 8 Boys' Breaststroke:

1<sup>st</sup> - Te Rauroha Paki

2<sup>nd</sup> - Isaac Johnson

Year 8 Boys' Freestyle

1<sup>st</sup> - Te Rauroha Paki

2<sup>nd</sup> - Malachy Smedley

Year 8 Boys' Backstroke

1<sup>st</sup> - Te Rauroha Paki

All swimmers were amazing and enjoyed the day. Thank you also to Mrs Smedley for transporting and supervising our students at the event.

### UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

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

- Sat 1 Apr Clay Target Shooting Whg Gun Club
- Tue 4 Apr Equestrian Combined Training Kaikohe

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## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS (Year 7 - 13)

**Tuesday 4 April**

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

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on the date above, for all year levels.

We will be offering in-person or online meetings.

**We will send an email to families next week with 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 next week.

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

Thank you.



## Catering for Camps, 2023

The last few weeks have been incredibly busy in Hospitality, with staff and students working throughout breaks and after school to cook trays of lasagne and chicken curry for a total of 150 people, 2 evening meals each, therefore 300 meals!

Special mention to Carla Meyer, Malachi Flower, Greta Charlesworth, Trinity Briden-Jones, Danica Withers and Jamie Cramer.

**Mrs Finchett, TIC French & Hospitality**







# Gala for Ukraine

*family fun day with a serious goal*

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 8.30am-1pm**

**St Francis Xavier Church Hall**

Cnr Kamo Rd & Park Ave

face painting

music

baking

art

puppets

lucky dip

crafts

chocolate wheel

tools

treasures

Easter egg hamper

teddy bears' picnic

tea & coffee

beauty

raffles

plants

open mic

surprises



**All money goes to Ukraine for humanitarian needs**



## Group Structured Literacy Intervention Programme



This successful course is being offered again in 2023. Instruction is evidence-based, targeted, and multi sensory. Your child's reading and spelling skills will increase through whole group/small group activities, progress monitoring and home learning.

- Years 4, 5, and 6 students.
- 16 weeks, 32 lessons - starting May 1.
- Weeks 2 to 9 in term 2 and 3 2023.
- Mondays & Thursdays. 3:30-4:45 pm
- Clark Road Chapel.
- Dyslexia PLUS membership of \$80/family.
- 3 instalments of \$370 by: 21 April, 16 June, and 11 August.
- The cost includes lesson fees, parent support and pre/post assessments.

This course is led by Eunice Fuchs, accredited teacher with the Australian Dyslexia Association, and Sheryn Comrie, SPELD/ Dyslexia PLUS teacher since 1988. The teachers are registered members of Learning Disabilities Association of New Zealand LDANZ.



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