



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

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Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

Sometime soon our Board of Trustees will need to review our current mission statement and possibly write a new one. A mission statement is useful as it expresses the purpose of our College. It provides us with a focus for the alignment of plans and decisions for the Board of Trustees and the Principal.

When the early Christian Church had to write its first mission statement, it provided us with the Apostles and Nicean Creeds. It would have been reasonable to expect some reference in the mission statement about the amazing things that Jesus did or said. Maybe include something about the Sermon on the Mount, reference a few miracles such as curing the blind man or calming the storm, or possibly some well-known parables and exorcism events. What about his message of love and hope for humanity? That must be a key thing to include in the mission statement.

What is really notable in both Creeds, is a complete absence of reference to any of the above. The only thing we are told about the life of Jesus was that he suffered. We find a similar message in the earliest writings of the Church, that we know as the "letters" or "epistles".

The very strong message that was being conveyed to us was that the most significant thing about the life of Jesus was that he suffered, died and rose again.

Mainstream religion, and society in general, prefers to avoid suffering. There is little room for accepting that suffering is part of our human condition. We want to avoid it as much as possible. We want to have goals without the need for trust and risk of failure. We want to feel optimistic and full of well-being without a conversation with despair. We want success without pain and light without darkness. We want control without recognition of our hopelessness.

I see this played out in the lives of many today. Parents who do as much as they can to lessen the possibility and reality of suffering in their own lives and those of their children. People who join a Church because its message is upbeat and focuses upon the wonderful things that Jesus did during his life. A strong connectivity into selected social media, to create a safe place for oneself full of like-minded people. We all want Easter without Good Friday.

The suffering of Jesus was not just an event associated with the day before his crucifixion. Suffering was present throughout his whole life on Earth. He lived with it, managed it, and loved others through it. We are told that when he returned from 40 days in the desert, he was offered an option of life without suffering. Stones into bread, power beyond imagination, certainty over doubt. He rejected all of this because this is not the reality of humanity. How could his message for humanity carry truth unless he was truly human and suffered as we suffer?

It is not possible to live a life without suffering. We cannot insulate ourselves from suffering by building walls around us, any more than the butterfly. If we try to do that, we do not flourish into becoming adults. Sometimes there is just no answer to suffering and no justice available in this world. We can't bring people back to life, the scam cannot be undone, the scar cannot be hidden, the virus cannot be defeated. However, the message that Jesus gives us, is that suffering is not terminal.

There is an Easter Sunday for us all and we can experience some degree of it on Earth today.

That is the ideal of the Church in communion with each other and with Christ. The Church is a place where we should encounter Christ in each other, in the Word, in the role of the Priest and in the Sacraments. It should be a place where our suffering is reduced, but not removed, because we are people with eyes set beyond this time, full of the hope that Easter promises to us.

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 2

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

APRIL

Mon 24	STAFF ONLY DAY	School closed for instruction
Tue 25	ANZAC Day	Public Holiday
Wed 26	First Day of Term 2	School starts 8.45am
Fri 28	E-Missions Day	

MAY

Wed 3	Pompallier Shield	College	
Fri 5	Canterbury University Liaison Visit	College	9.00am - 10.00am
Mon 8	Kids Lit Quiz	Kerikeri	8.00am - 2.30pm
Tue 9	Otago University Liaison Visit	College	9.30am - 10.30am
Fri 12	Year 7/8 Bream Bay Sports Exchange	College	11.45am - 1.00pm
Mon 15	Lincoln University Liaison Visit	College	10.00am - 11.00am
Fri 26	Pompallier Cross Country	Barge Park	9.30am - 2.30pm
Mon 29 - Tue 30	Gateway Health & Safety Course	College Library	8.30am - 3.00pm
Wed 31	E-Missions Day		

JUNE

Thu 1	Service Day	TBC	
Mon 5	King's Birthday	Public Holiday	
Tue 6 - Fri 9	Social Justice Week		
Mon 12 - Fri 16	Literacy & Numeracy Pilot Week 1	College	TBC
Thu 22	Parent Teacher Interviews (In-person)	College	TBC
Tue 27	Parent Teacher Interviews (Online)		TBC
Thu 29	E-Missions Day		
Thu 29	Last Day of Term 2		
Fri 30	STAFF ONLY DAY	School closed for instruction	

Find locations and times for Holy Week services and Easter Masses at parishes across the Auckland Diocese [here](#)

Please join us at Church this Easter. Who might you invite back to Church this Easter?

Holy Week Services



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 10

SPONSORSHIP REQUIRED

Our College is seeking new sponsorship to fund some much needed tracksuits for our Sports Department.

We have our 1st XI Hockey Team, Netball Collegiate Team 1, and our 1st 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.

NPS SWIMMING CHAMPS

Congratulations to the following students for their results in the recent Northland Primary Schools Swimming Champs, in the 12 year Boys' finals:

Te Rauroha Paki: 1st 100m Freestyle
1st 100m Medley
1st 75m Medley
1st 25m Breaststroke
1st 25m Backstroke
1st 25m Freestyle
1st 25m Butterfly

Isaac Johnson: 3rd 100m Freestyle
3rd 25m Butterfly
3rd 25m Breaststroke
4th 25m Freestyle

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Surf Lifesaving

Congratulations to **Fletcher Pool** for receiving the following awards at the Ruakākā Junior Surf Lifesaving Championships 2023:

- Top 13-14yr old Boy
- Rookie Lifeguard of the Year 2023
- The Skiffington Endeavour Trophy - "For the junior surf member who strives to be outstanding and supportive in the club. A role model to all junior surf members".



Clay Target Shooting

Congratulations to **Cameron Dackers** for some great results at the series event last weekend.

1st - Points score

2nd - Single rise

3rd - Single barrel

Highest Overall shooter for the day 93/95.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 2

The most important sports events are listed below, with more to be advertised next term.

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

- 1 May Collegiate Hockey begins
- 3 May Mid-week Football begins
- 4 May JMC Hockey begins
- 10 May Clay Target Shooting # 2 *Kaitaia*
- 11 May Surfing Series
- 12 May Year 7/8 Sports Exchange *Pompallier*
- 24 - 25 May Snr Mixed Volleyball Festival *TBC*
- 26 May Pompallier Cross Country *Barge Park*

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STATEMENT OF DONATIONS

This week we emailed out a Statement of Donations to families, for the tax year ending 31 March 2023.

Each year we automatically send out a Statement of Donations to families that have made a donation during the current tax year to the College. You will require this statement if you wish to claim a partial refund back from Inland Revenue.

Please refer to the [Inland Revenue website](https://www.inlandrevenue.govt.nz) for further information and instructions on claiming for donations.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Jane Woolston in the College office, by phone 438 3950 ext 200, or email: fees@pompallier.school.nz.

Thank you.



ICAS COMPETITIONS

Years 7 - 11

We are delighted to inform you that Pompallier Catholic College will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS competition this year.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year.

How to participate in ICAS:

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

- Read about ICAS subjects and prices [here](#)
- Read the terms and conditions [here](#)
- Go to Parent Portal to purchase tests [here](#)
- Enter our school's access code – **MDH962**
- Enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

ICAS Results and Certificates:

We will notify you of the date(s) that we run ICAS at the school and when your child's ICAS results are ready.

Once we have received your child's ICAS certificate, we will send it home with them. The back of the certificate shows ICAS results and the login details, "TAP ID and Pin", that you and your child need to enter the Results Portal: orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent

Privacy Collection Statement:

You are able to view the ICAS Privacy Collection Statement [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding the ICAS competitions, please contact Sarah Edgecombe via email: sarah.edgecombe@pompallier.school.nz



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz

HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED??

Have you moved house recently?

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: admin@pompallier.school.nz. Thank you!

BUS PASSES ...



If your child loses their pass, they can apply for a replacement by paying \$6.50 to the College office.

A temporary bus pass will be issued, and a new pass will be ordered for them. As these are printed off-site, this can take up to two weeks to arrive.



STUDENT ABSENCES

Phone 09 438 3950 Option 1

If your child is going to be away from school, please ensure that you ring us each morning and let us know.

Medical absences for periods of three days or more require a medical certificate.

The absence line is available 24/7 so you can leave a message at any time. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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 both before and after school, we wish to ensure that our uniform is worn correctly.

For this reason we insist on the correct uniform being worn to and from school, as well as during school hours.

We appreciate that the days are getting cooler, however, provision has been made for this with several regulation options available; including woolen jerseys, soft-shell jackets, puffer jackets and scarves.



Parents and Caregivers - we would appreciate your assistance in enforcing that your child is wearing the correct regulation uniform, which also includes footwear.

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).



Autumn School Holiday Activities



Wednesday 12 April:



Planets and Rockets

- Make a planet
- Make a rocket

Thursday 13 April:



Explore Fossils

- Sand tray fossil fossick
- Exploration table
- Fossil game
- Create a fossil
- Dinosaur craft

Wednesday 19 April:



Sea Week Day

(Bookings recommended)

- Paint a sea creature
- Make your own sea creature
- Orca rescue simulation at 11:30am with refreshments at midday

Thursday 20 April:



Meet and make a Gecko

- Animal Encounter: Meet a gecko at 10:30am and midday
- Create your own gecko

** Heritage Park rides will be running on Wednesdays

- Free with entry to Kiwi North
- Adult supervision required
- Best suited for 3 years+
- Activities run from 10am - 1pm