



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

“Diligere Verum” “Love the Truth” “Arohatia te Whakapono”

Newsletter 7 : 19 May, 2023

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

Mothers at the margins.

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, let us remember them”.

Last Sunday was Mother’s Day. I received a letter from a dear friend of my mother who has grandchildren attending our College. It had a few photos and a newspaper article about my mother receiving an award as an “Unsung Hero” of the community. Though she died almost ten years ago, I did remember my mother on Mother’s Day.

At Church on Sunday, those who were mothers were asked to stand for a prayer and a blessing. It was rather nice to see these women in our community being recognised and blessed by the community and Priest. My mother was certainly there in my heart and mind receiving a blessing.

My mother was a strong advocate for social justice and gave many years of her life to supporting people in need. She was always willing to challenge her children about their thinking and their awareness of the community. On Mother’s Day my mother reminded me of the marginal mothers in our community who were unable to stand and be blessed at Church.

There were women at our Church who were unable to have children for physiological reasons. Some medical conditions became known later in life as they tried to have children. Their dreams had to be left aside, for not everyone is blessed with their desired health.

There were women who had elected to avoid using in-vitro methods of attaining conception because the Church raises concerns about the morality and ethics of such treatment. Though the Church stresses the primacy of an informed conscience, not everyone is blessed with a clear conscience.

The women who are in same sex relationships were there. They do have options available to have a child or to adopt a child, but they did not fit the traditional vision of what it means to be a mother within the Catholic Church. Not everyone is blessed for their sexuality.

The women who had taken a vow of chastity, poverty and obedience were at Church. Some had been mother to hundreds of children during the years that they gave to their vocation of teaching. Their presence and influence lives on in the life of many. Not everyone is blessed for their election to forgo having a family.

The “aunties” of the world were at Church. We had two in our life as children. Women who were not married and were without children, but they were a wonderful care option for children when parents were busy doing other things. They fed and fussed over us as the children they never had. Sometimes they became our virtual mothers, providing advice and opinion irrespective of whether it was being sought! Not everyone is blessed to have their own

child.

The woman whose child had died in her womb was there. Her desire to give life and be a mother had not faded with time. The day rekindled the memories of her aspirations. Nearby was the woman whose children no longer speak to her. Troubled by thoughts of failure as a mother, not everyone is blessed to have a pure heart.

Mother earth was also present, Papatūānuku was there at Church. The mother we often forget. She who provides us with all that we need to sustain our life and the lives of those who are yet to come. Some of her abusive children were present and counting their blessings that Mother’s Day.

Many of us are familiar with sections from the poem “For the Fallen”, written by Laurence Binyon as he reflected upon the Great War. It beseeches us to remember all who give of themselves to others. The unsung, unknown marginal mothers alongside the mothers we all know so well. Let us remember them.

For the Fallen

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England’s foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

Laurence Binyon

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.

MAY

Mon 22	Health & Sexuality Programme Presentation	College Staffroom	7.00pm
Thu 25	PPTA Strike - Year 11 students rostered home		
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
Tue 30	PPTA Strike - Year 13 students rostered home		
Tue 30 - Wed 31	NorthTec Year 12 Barista Course	NorthTec, Raumanga Campus	9.00am - 3.00pm
Wed 31	E-Missions Day		

JUNE

Thu 1	PPTA Strike - Year 12 students rostered home		
Fri 2	Year 13 Hospitality NorthTec Basic Meats Course	NorthTec, Raumanga Campus	9.00am - 3.00pm
Mon 5	King's Birthday	Public Holiday	
Tue 6	PPTA Strike - Year 10 students rostered home		
Tue 6	RYDA, Year 12 students	Northland Events Centre	9.15am - 2.30pm
Tue 6 - Fri 9	Social Justice Week		
Tue 6 - Wed 7	NorthTec Year 12 Barista Course	NorthTec, Raumanga Campus	9.00am - 3.00pm
Thu 8	PPTA Strike - Year 9 students rostered home		
Fri 9	Year 13 Hospitality NorthTec Basic Meats Course	NorthTec, Raumanga Campus	9.00am - 3.00pm
Fri 9	NorthTec Introduction to Beauty Course	NorthTec, Raumanga Campus	9.00am - 2.30pm
Mon 12 - Fri 16	Literacy & Numeracy Pilot Week 1	College	TBC
Mon 12 - Fri 16	Proposed Year 8 Camp	TBC	
Fri 16	Year 13 Hospitality NorthTec Basic Meats Course	NorthTec, Raumanga Campus	9.00am - 3.00pm
Fri 16	NorthTec Introduction to Beauty Course	NorthTec, Raumanga Campus	9.00am - 2.30pm
Thu 22	Parent Teacher Interviews (In-person)	College	TBC
Fri 23	NorthTec Introduction to Beauty Course	NorthTec, Raumanga Campus	9.00am - 2.30pm
Tue 27	Matariki Festival	TBC	
Wed 28	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	

SCHOOL LOCKERS

Lockers are available 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.





SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 2, Week 4

WINTER SPORTS SEASON

Most sports codes are now under way, with grading being completed over the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers, coaches and managers for supporting our students in their teams.

Players, remember that if you cannot make a training or game, please contact your coach/manager asap.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Boys 1st XI

17 May vs Kamo High School lost 1 - 2

Girls 1st XI

17 May vs Kamo High School draw 0 - 0

HOCKEY RESULTS

Collegiate 1st XI

1 May vs WBHS Black lost 1 - 2

8 May vs BBC Boys lost 0 - 3

15 May vs Horahora lost 0 - 3

Collegiate 2nd XI

1 May vs Springfield Girls won 2 - 0

8 May vs Rodney College lost 0 - 5

15 May vs Horahora Red draw 1 - 1

JMC Team 1

5 May BYE

12 May vs KIS Girls 1st draw 4 - 4

JMC Team 2

4 May vs HH Orange won 3 - 1

11 May BYE

NETBALL RESULTS (Grading games)

Collegiate Team 1

29 Apr vs NPA Ekara won 12 - 4

vs Waipu NC Black won 19 - 8

vs Otamatea Bronze won 18 - 5

6 May vs Manawanui Red lost 5 - 16

vs WGHS 10-2 won 16 - 5

vs WRU: DHS won 15 - 14

Collegiate Team 2

29 Apr vs Otamatea Blue lost 6 - 18

vs Takahiwai Blue won 4 - 3

vs TAU Coll won 12 - 10

6 May vs NPA Pouakai won 10 - 7

vs Waipu NC Blue won 18 - 17

vs Manawanui White lost 7 - 27

vs WGHS 10-3 won 14 - 12

Collegiate Team 3

29 Apr vs Huanui Navy lost 3 - 15

vs Otamatea Yellow won 15 - 10

6 May PCC defaulted games

Intermediate Team 1

29 Apr vs NPA Phoenix won 8 - 1

vs WIS Green won 12 - 2

vs Excellere Int won 13 - 12

6 May vs KIS 3 lost 7 - 15

vs Wahine Toa Kotiro lost 4 - 13

Intermediate Team 2

29 Apr vs Huanui Black won 3 - 0

vs TAU Kowhai lost 6 - 8

vs Excellere Int 2 won 16 - 2

6 May vs KIS 8 won 8 - 7

vs Takahiwai Int White won 17 - 4

Intermediate Team 3

29 Apr vs TAU Fantails lost 5 - 6

vs Renew Int lost 2 - 6

vs KIS 10 won 15 - 2

6 May vs MGK Stars won 15 - 2

vs Huanui Int Tuis won 11 - 1

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.

SPONSORSHIP REQUIRED

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

We have our 1st XI Hockey Team, Netball Collegiate Team 1, 1st XI Boys' Football team, JMC Hockey and Football teams all attending various tournaments and representing our school in August and 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, or would like to see our sponsorship packages, please get in touch with me (contact details on page 4).

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UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 2

The most important sports events are listed below, with more to be advertised as they are added.

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

- 24 - 25 May Snr Mixed Volleyball Festival *Kensington*
- 26 May Pompallier Cross Country *Barge Park*
- 7 June Clay Target Shooting
- 8 June Year 9/10 Basketball Festival *Kensington*
- 13 June Year 11-13 Basketball Champs *Kensington*

Allyssia Halliday
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz

PACIFIC HEALTH EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Pasifika Medical Association offers the *Pacific Health Education Scholarships 2023*.

There are 19 awards available, which aim to support Pacific students pursuing careers in health-related fields, as well as medical professionals currently practicing in their respective area of work.

Applications **close on 2nd June 2023**.

For more information, please visit the [Pasifika Medical Association's website](#)

CAREERS INFORMATION EVENING

**Monday 29 May, 6:00pm -
College Staffroom**

You are invited to attend the above event, which will be hosted by Mrs Julie Hamilton, our Careers Advisor.

Mrs Hamilton will be discussing the options available for your child after school, including all you need to know about the University process. There will also be a representative from Waikato University present to answer any questions.

We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hamilton via email: julie.hamilton@pompallier.school.nz



SCHOOL MAGAZINE

We are now taking orders for this year's school magazine and will be using the on-line ordering system again. **The cost of the magazine is \$20.00.** Any family that wishes to purchase a magazine will need to pre-order one by clicking on the following link for further information and the ordering page:

[Order 2023 Magazine](#)

All orders must be received by Friday 25 August. There will be limited extra copies to purchase after publication, so please ensure you order your copy to avoid disappointment.

Advertising: We will be offering advertising space again this year. Our fee is \$150.00 for a full page advert, \$80.00 for a half page advert, or \$40.00 for a quarter page advert.

If you would like to support the magazine and advertise your business/organisation, or for further information, please contact Sarah Edgecombe via email: sarah.edgecombe@pompallier.school.nz.

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES and 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!



POMPALLIER SHIELD 2023 ...

After a hiatus of three years, due to Covid, The Pompallier Shield finally came to Pompallier Catholic College on Wednesday 3rd May. The Shield is an interschool competition between all the Catholic Secondary Schools in the Auckland Diocese – that is 15 schools in total. It is a very big event with over 200 students involved. Although the competition has been around for a long time, this was the first time that we have ever hosted it.

The day began with a powhiri welcoming all the manuhiri. We had the honour of having the Mayor of the Far North, Moko Tepania, speak. Moko is not only a past student and teacher from the College, but he won one of the competition categories several times. After the powhiri, the competition began! There were six categories all occurring simultaneously: Junior Scripture, Senior Scripture, Scripture in Te Reo, Junior Prepared Speech, Senior Oratory and Group Waiata.

After two hours of competition, it was time for lunch. When given the task of providing the food for the day, our Hospitality Department decided to honour the origins of the name of our school. As Bishop Jean-Baptiste Pompallier came from France, dishes from his home country were provided for morning tea and lunch, for around 300 people. Quiche, vol au vent, croissants filled with camembert, boeuf bourguignon, cassoulet, baguette, normandy apple cake and chocolate mousse! Senior students gave generously of their time and efforts to help staff and the delicious food was enjoyed by all.

After lunch we were treated to seeing several of the best waiata presentations from the different schools and then on to prize-giving. All were expertly MC'd by Mayor Moko Tepania. The day culminated with awarding the Pompallier Shield to St Mary's College from Auckland. Although we didn't receive any top three places, our team did us proud. We finished the day with a closing liturgy and literally passed the Pompallier candle to the next school, Rosmini College.

We received much appreciation from all the visitors for the day. Special commendation was given about all our students who helped as volunteers. Their friendliness and helpfulness was acknowledged by many.

Many of our staff contributed to the success of the day and special acknowledgement needs to be made of Mrs Adams for the thoroughness of her organisation and Mrs Finchett for the preparation and delivery of the food. Overall, the day was a wonderful celebration of the diversity and richness of our Catholic Church.

Shaun Davison, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES





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TE MANAWA TAHI - Community Timetable, Term 1 (Weeks 5 to 8)

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 2 2023, Weeks 5 to 8
Wed 24 May	Te Ora Hou, 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga	
Wed 31 May	Te Horo School, 3239 Pipiwai Road, Pipiwai	
Thurs 1 June	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka Street, Morningside	
Wed 7 June	Bream Bay Community Trust - 10am – 12.30pm, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup, 20 George Street, Hikurangi	
Thurs 8 June	Back 2 Basics Childcare, 179 Newton Road, Maungatāpere	
	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup, 20 George Street, Hikurangi NEW DATE	
Wed 14 June	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall - 10am – 12pm, 172 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto	
Thurs 15 June	Te Rito, Cnr William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Otangarei	
Wed 21 June	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thurs 22 June	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
	Ngunguru School - 9am – 10.30am, Te Maika Road, Ngunguru	

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