



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 9 : 16 June, 2023

### Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

Many of us would have made a phone call and discovered that we are interacting with a machine. Early versions required us to select a number for further action. More recent versions such as a chatbot asks us to describe what we want and the machine will attempt to meet our need. These are illustrations of artificial intelligence (AI) in use today.

AI has been described as including machines capable of imitating things we do with our brain, such as perception, learning, reasoning, problem solving, conversation, and recently an ability to produce unique creative work such in the fields of music and art.

Real-world applications are used at school, with devices enabling automatic translation between languages, assistants such as Alexa, Barb and Siri attending to requests, and Chat GPT 3 writing text in response to a query. This information has been provided to the machine or accessed by the machine from data stored on other devices. The machine then reorganises the data in a manner that is predetermined, while allowing for some variation if so requested.

AI is still entirely dependent on humans inputting information. Humans choose, manipulate and label the data which is then used by an algorithm. Humans arrange, discern and make value laden judgements about the outcome. AI is not learning in the way humans learn. It cannot bring the complexity of our senses into play, relate this to a context which is new, and then apply critical thinking to arrive at new learning for it to consider. It cannot learn independently in the ways humans and some animals can.

Irrespective of its inability to learn like us, AI has now entered into the world of education. Banning the use of technology such as Chat GPT in schools would not be sensible, given that it is already with us and it can be easily accessed by students outside of school. The last three years have seen us augment almost all learning using AI, such as on-line platforms due to Covid and school closures.

The use of AI raises some important questions about what we should be teaching, how we teach, how we address concerns arising from access limitations to the internet, or equity concerns where access to software is via 'user-pays'. Outside of school, digital services and devices still remain unaffordable for many. Any data being gathered by AI will therefore reflect the opinion and needs of the "haves" and not capture the "have nots".

We know that computers are better than humans at tasks that depend on data, pattern discovery, and statistical reasoning. This is why they will defeat you at card games and chess and coldly determine whether you have plagiarised much of this newsletter content. Humans are better at tasks that require empathy, self-direction, critical thinking, and value judgements.

In education, we typically assess what we consider to be important. In the world of AI, why do we still place significance upon assessing students based on recall of data and its application in a three-hour test? This is the task of AI.

When I was a school student, we used log tables for solving complex Maths. Along came calculators and my learnt skill was redundant. In preparing students to live in the world of AI, we don't need to do that which computers are increasingly good at. We will need to put more emphasis on human capacity: value and ethical judgements, critical thinking, creative outcomes, and generating new solutions to address a complex world.

**Richard Stanton**  
PRINCIPAL

### IMPORTANT - CHANGE IN DATES

Matariki evening now moved to Thursday 27 July (Term 3).

Teachers Paid Union Meeting on Tuesday 27 June (possible half day, more information to follow).

**Staff Only Day on Friday 30 June is now a normal teaching day. All students are expected at school.**

### 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.**

### JUNE

Mon 19	PPTA Strike - Year 9 and 10 students rostered home		
Tue 20	PPTA Strike - Year 11 and 12 students rostered home		
Wed 21	PPTA Strike - Year 9 and 13 students rostered home		
Thu 22	PPTA Strike - Year 10 and 11 students rostered home		
Thu 22	Parent Teacher Interviews (In-person)	College	3.30pm - 7.00pm
Fri 23	Service Day (two classes only)		9.00am - 1.00pm
Fri 23	NorthTec Introduction to Beauty Course	NorthTec, Raumanga Campus	9.00am - 2.30pm
Mon 26	PPTA Strike - Year 12 and 13 students rostered home		
Tue 27	PPTA Strike - Year 9 and 10 students rostered home		
Tue 27	PPTA Paid Union Meeting	Potential half day, more information to follow	
Wed 28	PPTA Strike - Year 11 and 12 students rostered home		
Wed 28	Matariki School Mass	College Hall	9.00am - 11.00am
Wed 28	Parent Teacher Interviews (Online)		3.30pm - 8.00pm
Thu 29	PPTA Strike - Year 9 and 13 students rostered home		
Thu 29	E-Missions Day		
Fri 30	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b>	<b>School finishes at 3:00pm</b>	

### JULY

Mon 17	<b>First Day of Term 3</b>	<b>School starts at 8:45am</b>	
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## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

(Year 7 - 13)

**Thursday 22 June - IN-PERSON**

**3.30pm - 7.00pm** (7 minute interviews)

**Booking Code: 2xy34**

**Wednesday 28 June - ONLINE**

**3.30pm - 7.00pm** (10 minute interviews)

**Booking Code: yam2v**

**The interview site is now open for bookings** - please follow these instructions:

- Go to: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
- Enter the School Code: **(as above)**
- Follow the online instructions

**The site will close off at 8.00am on each morning of the scheduled interview day.**

If you have any issues with booking an appointment, please contact Becky Saxton in our Student Centre, on 438 3950 ext 202.

## 2024 ENROLMENTS

The Pompallier Catholic College Board of Trustees have implemented an Enrolment Policy.

The Enrolment Policy can be viewed on our website:

[www.pompallier.school.nz](http://www.pompallier.school.nz)

**Preference enrolment applications for 2024:**

**Open on Thursday 1 June**

**Close on Friday 4 August**

We will be unable to offer places to Non-Preference students in 2024.

Enrolment application forms are available at the College office, or on our website.

***Enrolment applications received after the closing date shall be added to any waitlist arising from the enrolment process.***

For any enrolment queries, please contact Kelli Adams: 09 438 3950 ext 201, or [admin@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:admin@pompallier.school.nz)



## SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 2, Week 8

### BASKETBALL RESULTS

#### Intermediate

1 - 2 Jun	vs Huanui	lost 12 - 59
8 - 9 Jun	vs WIS Lakers	won 34 - 26

#### Junior

1 - 2 Jun	vs Huanui	won 54 - 50
8 - 9 Jun	vs Jedi	won 64 - 24

#### Senior

1 - 2 Jun	vs TRR Tuakana	lost 24 - 37
8 - 9 Jun	vs Tikipunga	lost 41 - 45

### FOOTBALL RESULTS

#### Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI

7 Jun	vs Kamo High School	lost 1 - 3
14 Jun	vs Kerikeri High School	defaulted

#### Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI

7 Jun	vs WGHS	lost 1 - 5
14 Jun	vs Kerikeri High School	lost 0 - 2

### HOCKEY RESULTS

#### Collegiate 1<sup>st</sup> XI

12 Jun BYE

#### Collegiate 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

12 Jun vs WGHS Red draw 1 - 1

#### JMC Team 1

2 Jun	vs KIS Boys	lost 3 - 8
9 Jun	vs Mangapai Panthers	lost 6 - 8

#### JMC Team 2

1 Jun	vs KIS Green	won 2 - 1
8 Jun	vs Bream Bay White	won 8 - 0

### NETBALL RESULTS

#### Collegiate Team 1

10 Jun vs WRU: DHS lost 26 - 28

#### Collegiate Team 2

10 Jun vs KHS Green won by default

#### Collegiate Team 3

10 Jun vs WGHS 9-Gold lost by default

#### Intermediate Team 1

10 Jun vs WIS Silver won 13 - 8

#### Intermediate Team 2

10 Jun vs MPE Black Ferns won 28 - 5

#### Intermediate Team 3

10 Jun vs MGK Stars won 21 - 1

### CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS - Tuesday 27 June

Year 9 - 13 students that placed in the top 4 of each race at our school cross country event will be able to represent Pompallier at the NSSSA Cross Country Champs, being held at Barge Park.

Races will start at 10:00am and finish by approximately 2:00pm.

All students entered must stay at Barge Park all day, unless a permission note from parents is received for them to leave early, or parents are taking them from the venue after their race.

Permission slips and a programme will be sent out shortly.

### POMPALLIER SPORTS FACEBOOK PAGE

We will be starting a Pompallier Sports Facebook page in Term 3, so please like and follow the page for all sports-related information at the College.

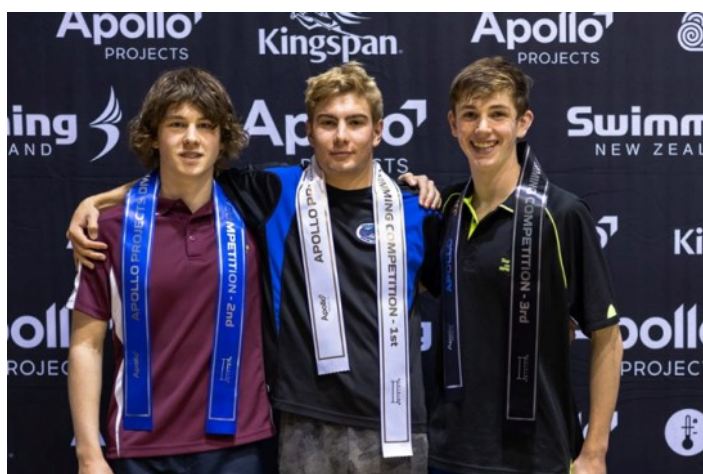
### STUDENT SUCCESS

#### Swimming

**Lawrence Reade** (Year 13) competed at the 2023 Apollo Projects Division II Swimming Competition at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, from 16 - 20 May.

He made 5 finals from his 8 swims, achieving 2 personal best times and winning the 1500m freestyle race for the 16-18 age group.

Well done Lawrence (pictured middle below)!



### 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.

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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.

- 27 June Cross Country Champs *Barge Park*

### HOCKEY NORTHLAND - OCEANIA CUP

The Oceania Cup matches between the Vantage Black Sticks (men and women) and Australia are coming to our backyard! We all know hockey players are competitive, so Northland Hockey wanted to create an inter-club competition to max out the support for our Black Sticks men and women from August 10-13 in Whangārei.

They have \$500 worth of Kookaburra hockey equipment and a training session with a Black Sticks coach up for grabs, for the club who purchases the most tickets to the Oceania Cup games. All that your club members or those associated with the club have to do is enter the club code (below) into the promo code box at checkout to ensure the tickets\* go towards your total club tally.

Rally your teams, friends and family and make a day of it! Tickets from just \$5 and are now on sale!

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**OCEANIA CUP**  
WHANGAREI, NZ  
AUGUST 10-13

Enter code  
**POMPALLIER**

at checkout to  
help win gear  
and a Black  
Sticks coach  
training session  
for our teams!

**BLACKSTICKSNZ.CO.NZ/TICKETS**

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## 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](mailto:sarah.edgecombe@pompallier.school.nz).

## HOMESTAY FAMILY NEEDED

Our International Department is looking for long-term Homestay accommodation for a Year 11 international student (15 year old girl) who currently attends our College.

This student from Korea is a fluent English speaker, and has attended our school for the last 4.5 years. She is tidy, polite and independent. Ideally she would like to live close to the town centre, due to her involvement in sports activities.

Homestay families are paid \$280.00 per week.

If you can help with this, or know someone who can, **please contact our International Student Homestay Co-ordinator, Lisa Linford**, via email: [lisa.linford@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:lisa.linford@pompallier.school.nz)

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.





## SHOWQUEST TOI WEARABLE ARTS 2023 ...

We had a group of students attend the Showquest TOI Wearable Arts Event, on Saturday 10 June, along with our Art & Art Design Teacher, Ms Jensen. It was a fantastic afternoon/evening with all the other schools buzzing around Whangarei Boys' High School!

The majority were competing in the Showquest dance competition section as part of the event.

We were up against 2 garments from Whangarei Girls' High School. The TOI section was not on stage until 8:30pm, so it was a very long day for students waiting around, but Ms Jensen was so impressed with their positive attitudes throughout the day.

Our students did an amazing job and came away with 4 awards on the night! They enjoyed themselves so much that our juniors have already started talking about their 2024 garment!

Pictured below are our winners in their creative garments.

We wish to acknowledge and thank Ms Jensen for her work in helping these students enter the competition, and her support and encouragement on the night.

### The Story of Woven Memories (Crochet Fairy)

Made by Lucy Schultz (Year 13)

Model: Paige Thornton

- 1<sup>st</sup> Excellent Garment Construction
- 1<sup>st</sup> Outstanding Stage Presence

### A Story of Hope (Paper / Paper Cranes)

Made by Elise Waenink, Jillian Carlos, Isabella Seaman, Elizabeth Buxton and Lea Cann (Year 7 & 8)

Model: Elise Waenink

- 1<sup>st</sup> Innovative Use of Materials
- 1<sup>st</sup> Exceptional Storytelling





# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PUKEKOHE

## 100 Year Centenary Celebrations

**8-9 September 2023**

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

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

### 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