



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,

We state that we are a Catholic school with a Marist charism. In essence this means that we participate in the mission of the Catholic church (to bring about God’s Kingdom), in a way that reflects how Mary engaged in this task.

Our students and staff frequently make reference to aligning behaviour with what we know about Mary. In particular, with what we know from scripture and tradition about Mary and her interaction with Jesus and his disciples.

It is possible to fill in some of the gaps in the story of Mary with what we consider to be highly probable. This has happened for thousands of years and we find it expressed in art, architecture, symbols, waiata, writings and oral traditions. Much of this content is not seeking to convey a historical truth, but to convey a particular teaching or tradition associated with Mary.

We consider Mary to be the first disciple of Jesus. She devoted her life to educating and caring for her son in his formative years and later in life she supports his mission and the emergence of the Christian community after his death and resurrection.

There are strands of Mary’s teaching associated with the nature of Jesus, the nature of sin, and how Jesus saved humanity from the power of death and sin. This teaching is not always evidenced in the scriptures. It arises overtime as the Church comes to a more complete understanding of Christ and his mission. When it discerns something that it considers to be true for all of time, the Church proclaims that teaching as dogma. Sometimes this is declared by the teaching authority of the Church, or a gathering of Bishops.

The Pope (Bishop of Rome) can also declare a teaching to be dogma. When the Pope does so, he can speak *ex cathedra*, which means that the teaching is without error. Catholics often think that there must be many occasions when a Pope speaks authoritatively and without error about some teaching of the Church. In reality, the Popes have only twice stated some teaching as being without error. Both of these teachings were about Mary. They are the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption.

The feast of the Assumption is celebrated on 15th August each year. It has a particular significance to us because Bishop Pompallier, at his first mass in New Zealand, dedicated his mission and the care for its people in New Zealand to Mary under the title of her Assumption to heaven. This was 112 years before Pope Pius XII declared the dogma on the Assumption of Mary.

For hundreds of years, the Church understood that Mary had devoted her life to the serving God. She gives birth to the God made man. She nurtures and guides his mission and is within him at the crucifixion. Having been so united with her son, the Church discerned that she would also be with him in heaven, continuing this journey with her son.

How did this happen? Did she head into the heavens before or after she died? The Pope did not answer that question. Pope Pius XII simply said about Mary that, “after finishing the course of her life on earth, was taken up in body and soul to heavenly glory.” People get fixated on images of Mary heading to heaven as some celestial being, but in doing so they miss the key teaching. The truth being taught is that she continues to support the mission of her son while she is in heaven. She is not dead and entombed on earth waiting for the coming of Christ.

Asking the assumed Mary to be an advocate for New Zealand and its people was an inspired choice made by Bishop Pompallier in 1838. Given that we carry the name of the first Catholic Bishop of New Zealand, we too seek this ongoing support from Mary for our College.

Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL

2024 OPTION CHOICES

Students will be able to select their subject choices **via the KAMAR portal, from 16 August** (Mr Waenink will share instructions with students on how to access this).

Students have until Wednesday 30 August to complete this. Following that date, the portal will be closed for this option, and students will need to see their whānau teacher.

If your child will not be with us next year (excluding students currently in Year 13), please let us know for our planning: admin@pompallier.school.nz. Thank you.

2024 CURRICULUM BOOK

The 2024 Curriculum booklet, which has detailed course information on subjects available next year, is now available to view on our website:

[2024 Curriculum Booklet](#)

If you have any queries please contact your child’s Year Level Dean.

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 3

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

AUGUST

Tue 15	Rehearsal for Senior Drama Production	Room 26	3:00pm - 5:30pm
Wed 16 - Thu 17	Forklift Education Course	Barge Park	8:30am - 4:00pm
Wed 16 - Fri 18	Senior Drama Production	Room 26	7:00pm - 8:30pm
Thu 17	ESOL Trip to Kiwi North	Kiwi North	1:30pm - 3:00pm
Fri 18	Future Trades Day	North Tec, Dyer Street	9:00am - 2:30pm
Wed 23	Year 7 Vision Testing	College Library	9:00am
Mon 28	Central Northland Science Fair	Forum North	9:00am - 3:00pm
Tue 29	Waikato University Course Planning	College Boardroom	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Thu 31	E-Mission Day		

SEPTEMBER

Tue 5 - Wed 6	Online Learning EDGExams, Senior Students	College, Timetable TBC	
Thu 7 - Fri 8	EDGExams, Senior Students	College, Timetable TBC	
Mon 11 - Wed 13	EDGExams, Senior Students	College, Timetable TBC	
Tue 12	MCAT External Exam	College, TBC	
Thu 14	Year 13 Careers Workshop	College	9:00am - 11:00am
Tue 19	Sports and Cultural Photos	College	
Tue 19	Otago University Course Planning	College Boardroom	9:30am - 10:30am
Wed 20	Victoria University Course Planning	College Boardroom	9:00am - 11:00am
Fri 22	E-Mission Day		

Fri 22 Last Day of Term 3

School finishes at 3:00pm

OCTOBER

Mon 9 First Day of Term 4

School starts at 8:45pm

IMPORTANT BUS INFORMATION ...

We have a stretched loading system for most of our bus routes.

All students have a Student ID card, which shows which bus they are eligible to catch. **Passes must be produced every time when boarding their allocated bus.** We operate a “**No Pass No Ride**” policy. Please note that bus drivers will be vigilantly checking passes, and if a student is unable to produce the correct pass for that bus, they may be refused travel and have to make their own arrangements.

Eligibility for buses are dependent on where a student lives, and available public services in the area. Please note that variances to student travel may be made in **emergencies** only, and with approval from the school. The Ministry of Education provides transport, in the form of bus services, to and from a students place of residence, and **not their after school activities.**

It is also vital that we have the correct up-to-date address for your child. If you have changed addresses, please inform us immediately via admin@pompallier.school.nz to ensure their eligible bus route and Student ID are updated and they are not refused travel for being on the incorrect bus.

If your child loses their bus pass, they can apply for a replacement by paying \$6.50 to the College office. A temporary pass will be issued at the Student Centre, and a new one will be ordered for them.

For any bus queries, please contact Michelle Lawson via email: buses@pompallier.school.nz. Thank you.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 3, Week 4

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Junior

3 Aug	vs WGHS Jr	lost 18 - 43
	vs WBHS Buckets	won 45 - 27

Intermediate

3 Aug	vs WIS Suns	won 46 - 28
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Senior

3 Aug	vs TRR Tuakana	won 45 - 44
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HOCKEY RESULTS

Collegiate 1st XI

31 Jul	vs Horahora XI	draw 1 - 1
7 Aug	vs Bream Bay Boys'	draw 0 - 0

Collegiate 2nd XI

31 Jul	vs WGHS Red	lost 2 - 3
7 Aug	vs Springfield Girls	lost 0 - 1

JMC Team 1

30 July	vs KIS Mixed 1 st	lost 3 - 7
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JMC Team 2

30 July	vs Mangapai Jaguars	lost 2 - 9
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NETBALL RESULTS

Collegiate Team 1

5 Aug	vs Ahukura Red	won 42 - 19
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Collegiate Team 2

5 Aug	vs Manawanui White	lost 22 - 24
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Collegiate Team 3

5 Aug	vs TAU	won 22 - 8
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Intermediate Team 1

5 Aug	vs KIS 4	won 15 - 9
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Intermediate Team 2

5 Aug	vs Waipu Red	won 29 - 6
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Intermediate Team 3

5 Aug	vs NGU Serpents	won 17 - 13
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SPORTS FEES

Please remember to pay your sports fees as soon as possible. **These are now overdue!**

SPORTS UNIFORMS

Please return any sports uniforms that are not being used.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Jessica Kalkhoven competed for Northland at the NZ Gymnastics Nationals competition in Tauranga. She came 3rd in Women's International Tumble 15 – 16 years, and 6th in Women's National 15–16 years trampoline.

YEAR 7 & 8 BREAM BAY SPORTS EXCHANGE

On Wednesday 2nd August Pompallier played various sports against Bream Bay College. This is our yearly event to encourage students to play and enjoy sports.

We had 6 teams participate on the day. A total of 53 Year 7 & 8 students were involved and supported by our senior student coaches. 2 Netball teams, Basketball, Football and 2 Ripa Rugby teams.

It was a relief to see the sun pop out and say hello while the students played (even though it was still very chilly), until the last 10 minutes when we had hail and freezing cold rain pour down on us to stop the games a little early.

Our students played with great sportsmanship and held their head high through some very tough games. It was very enjoyable to watch.

We have included some pictures from the day on Page 4.

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 3

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.

- Tue 15 Aug PCC v WIS Hockey *WIS*
- 27 Aug - 1 Sep Collegiate Hockey Tnmt *Auckland*
- Wed 30 Aug WPSSA Cross Country *Barge Park*
- Thu 31 Aug Special Olympics Basketball *Ksgtn*
- 3 - 8 Sep AIMS Games *Tauranga*

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SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Last few weeks to order this year's school magazine!

The cost of the magazine is **\$20.00**. Place your pre-order 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 are 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.

Please contact Sarah Edgecombe via email for further information: sarah.edgecombe@pompallier.school.nz.



YEAR 7 & 8 SPORTS EXCHANGE - 2 August, 2023





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POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

16-18 AUGUST

7:00PM

ROOM 26

DOOR SALES: \$10 ADULTS

\$5 STUDENTS

