



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 14 : 8 September, 2023

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

Here is a little test for you. The answers will be in this newsletter.

| According to the Gospels.... | True | False |
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| Jesus was born in a stable | | |
| The wisemen rode camels | | |
| The shepherds gave a lamb to Mary and Joseph | | |
| There were some sheep and a donkey present | | |
| It was snowing that night | | |

For many of us our sense of "real" is shaped by what we want to focus upon. For many years our understanding of the birth of Jesus has been shaped by what we saw on Christmas cards, sing in Christmas hymns, and experience in Christmas pageantry. Would it not be better to get to the truth of what happened by looking at what the Gospels actually say, rather than what our experience tells us?

The first Gospel to be written was the Gospel of Mark. Scholars tell us that this Gospel was then used by the next Gospel writers, Matthew and Luke, when they wrote about Jesus. Hence we find a lot of stories that are similar to what is written in the Gospel of Mark. Mark, the first Gospel, should therefore have a better understanding of what actually happened so many years ago.

However, his Gospel was written 40 years after the death of Jesus. It is possible that some of Jesus' disciples may still have been alive at that time, but not very likely. Therefore the information he was working with would have been handed on orally for a few generations, before it was written down in Greek by Mark. How accurate might that information be? How important is it for the information to be accurate?

Not many of us would be able to recall accurately what was said by a parent 40 years ago, but we are very likely to recall events that we participated in. If we then told our children about that event and they wrote about it when they were an adult, we get a sense of how the Gospels were written. So would it be accurate as a source to answer the questions?

Unfortunately, Mark did not write anything about the birth of Jesus. Matthew and Luke did, but that was 15 years or so after Mark wrote his Gospel. So now we are 55 years after the death of Jesus and their stories are rather different from each other.

If we opted to use the Gospel of Matthew, would we now get an accurate record of what happened? Probably not when it comes to facts, but accurate when it comes to conveying to us the truth about God.

What do we know with confidence? God did become man via a woman that we know as Mary. That is why we call her the Mother of God. That man was born into a poor family who lived just above the poverty line. Daily bread was a luxury that only few could afford. Occasional bread was more the reality. The family were Jews and under Roman occupation. Life was tough for them all. It was far from an idyllic place for anyone bringing a child into the world.

Almost everything else about the birth of Jesus is divinely inspired writing, but not necessarily factually accurate. Ultimately, the religious truth is what we seek in the Gospels. In regards to what the Gospels tells us about the quiz at the start, none of it is mentioned at all in the Gospels.

However, I am still staying with the same Nativity scene that our family has used for 40 years. Donkeys, a standalone stable, sheep, three kings, shepherds, a winter scene, a baby Jesus and an angel on the roof. This is our forty year old Christmas story. Christ is in the message more than he is in the detail.

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 3

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

SEPTEMBER

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Mon 11 - Wed 13 | EDGEExams, Senior Students | College, Timetable on Page 5 | |
| 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

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| Mon 9 | First Day of Term 4 | School starts at 8:45pm | |
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**Engineering Cadet-
WHANGAREI**

Be paid while you work and learn

Full time position combining training both on the job and through appropriate external course providers. Work with our Engineers and Surveyors in the design and delivery of projects

Position Criteria:

- A school leaver with capability in mathematics and science.
- Ability to develop excellent communication skills
- Strong attention to detail
- A willingness to learn and develop new skills
- Proficiency with computers and an interest in software
- Physical capability to undertake field work and site assessments
- Willingness to learn from and contribute to a professional team
- Full NZ Drivers License or working towards

Contact Maygan careers@coco.co.nz
apply with CV and cover letter by 31st October 2023



www.coco.co.nz

2024 OPTION CHOICES

Students should by now have chosen their subject options for next year.

If they have yet to do so, they will need to see their whānau teacher.

2024 CURRICULUM BOOK

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

[2024 Curriculum Booklet](#)

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



Just a friendly reminder...

LEAVING SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

To help with our 2024 planning, if your child is not returning to us next year (excluding students currently in Year 13), please let us know by emailing: admin@pompallier.school.nz



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 3, Week 8

HOCKEY RESULTS

Collegiate 1st XI

4 Sep vs WBHS Yellow draw 1 - 1

Collegiate 2nd XI

4 Sep vs Mangapai Black lost 0 - 4

JMC Team 1

25 Aug vs Huanui lost 5 - 6

1 Sep vs KIS Girls 1st won by default

JMC Team 2

24 Aug vs TAS Mixed won 15 - 1

31 Aug vs Bream Bay White won 8 - 0

NETBALL RESULTS

Collegiate Team 1

26 Aug vs Hikurangi NC Black won 29 - 24

Finals – placed 3rd in Coll AR 1 competition

Collegiate Team 2

26 Aug vs Kamo High Green lost 10 - 28

Finals - placed 10th in Coll B2

Collegiate Team 3

26 Aug vs Takahiwai Royal lost 24 - 27

Finals - placed 2nd in Coll C1

Intermediate Team 1

Finals - placed 7th in Intermediate Sect 3

Intermediate Team 2

Finals - placed 3rd in Intermediate Sect 5

Intermediate Team 3

Finals - placed 5th in Intermediate Sect 7

WPS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS - 30th August

We had 17 students compete in this event at Barge Park. They had a great day with some excellent results, which we will include in the next newsletter.

SPORTS / TEAM PHOTOS

Our annual sports / team / group photos will be taken on **Tuesday 19 September**.

All coaches and managers are welcome to come and join in the photo for your team!

SERVICE TO SPORTS

Congratulations to the 25 students who were presented with a "Service to Sport" badge at assembly last week.

To attain this award, students must have played in a Pompallier sports team, or represented Pompallier in a sporting code, for at least 3 consecutive years.

NORTH ISLAND MIXED HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Our Hockey Mixed 1st XI team competed in this tournament, held in Taupo from Monday 28 August to Friday 1 September.

They had some excellent competitive games, showing great spirit, attitude and values throughout the week.

Pool Play:

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| vs Champion College | won 9 - 0 |
| vs Okaihau College | won 5 - 0 |
| vs Rodney College | won 4 - 0 |
| vs Te Paepae O Aotea | won 3 - 0 |
| vs Naenae College | won 1 - 0 |

Came top of their pool, undefeated with no goals scored against them, and into the semi-finals.

Semi Final:

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| vs Huanui College | won 3 - 2 |
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Final: - playing for 1st / 2nd

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| vs Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School | drew 1 - 1 |
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Went to penalty shoot outs and despite their best efforts the team didn't get the final win. 2nd place, silver medals - what an amazing effort and result for the team!! Go POM!!!

Many thanks also to the management team who accompanied the players - Mark Meyer, Sara Reade and Mr Waenink.



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STUDENT SUCCESSES

Clay Target Shooting

Congratulations to Cameron Dackers, Jimmy Sommerville and Mike Sommerville, who recently competed in the final round of the Northland Secondary School Shoot.

Cameron continued with his consistency over the season to take out the last round: 1st Open Points Score, 1st Open Single Barrel, HOA (highest overall) for the day.

Jimmy shot well and has really improved, while Mike had a solid shoot as well.

They then had the prize giving for the season, where Cameron received the following trophies: 1st Open Points score, 1st Open Single Barrel, HOA for the season (Northlands top shooter).

What a great season for all the boys' and fantastic results Cameron!



SPORTS FEES

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

SPORTS UNIFORMS

Players, if your sports code season has finished, please return your clean sports uniform to the sports office, with your name attached so you can be marked off the list.

Chris Keep
ACTING SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
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ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Information regarding Attendance Dues:

- Attendance Dues are the compulsory component of the school account, and they are charged to every child who attends a Catholic School in New Zealand.
- Payment is a condition of enrolment that parents agree to when they enrol their children at a Catholic school.
- Without this charge, the Auckland Diocese would not be able to provide new buildings, build new schools, repay the loans incurred for recent new builds, or pay insurance and compliance costs on integrated buildings.

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues, for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in the Auckland Diocese.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest, or Auckland Common Fund Ltd at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, on: 09 360 3069, for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

PAST PUPILS UPDATE



We congratulate the following past students who graduated from Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington between June 2022 and May 2023:

Chloe Hibbert: Bachelor of Arts.

Helen Perkins: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Design Innovation.

Laura Larkin: Bachelor of Commerce.

Natalie Russo: Bachelor of Commerce.

USING INTERNET BANKING??

Please remember when making payments via internet banking to the College, you use the **student's name and their ID No.** (shown on the statement) as a reference. Also, if you would like it allocated to a particular fee, please let us know. Thank you.

school holiday program

futsal...but so much more

Monday 25th - 29th September
8:30 - 4:00pm

details & registration

www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz
christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz
021 246 7328



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz



SPORTS PICTURES



Netball Intermediate Team 3



Hockey Collegiate 1st XI, NISS Tournament





2023 EDGExams : Years 11 - 13

All exams are 3 hours long (unless noted)

| | THURSDAY (Day 2) 7 September | FRIDAY (3) 8 September | MONDAY (4) 11 September | TUESDAY (5) 12 September | WEDNESDAY (6) 13 September |
|--|---------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| MORNING | | | | | |
| 9:15 AM START (report by 9 AM) | | | | | |
| HALL | 11ENG 11ENI 13MAS | 11SCI 11SCN 12BUS 12FRE 13FRE 13GEO | 11GEO 12BIO 13CHE | MCAT (1 hour) NCEA L1 Ministry set external date ----- 12GEO 12ESOL (1 hour) | 11MAT 13PHY 12PHY(Wave Systems) |
| Boardroom | | | 11MUS | 12MUS 13MUS | |
| AFTERNOON | | | | | |
| 1 PM START (report by 12.45 PM) | | | | | |
| HALL | 11HIS 12CHE 13ENG | 11FRE 11MAO 12ENG 12ENI 13MAC | 11DRA (2 hours) 12HIS 12MAC 12MAT 13BIO 13DRA | 12DRA (2 hours) 12PHY 13HIS | |
| Boardroom | | | | | |

Exams for OLC (formerly FARNET) are scheduled in the Boardroom on Tuesday, 5 September or at an alternative date. The above table may not have all individual exams for offline courses or rescheduled exam times. No known clashes.

NOTE: Afternoon exams may finish after buses leave - please make own travel arrangements

INFORMATION FOR EDGExams:-

This year, the EDGExams run from Thursday 7th to Wednesday 13th September.

EDGE stands for Emergency & Derived Grades Exams.

If your child is too unwell to sit a final exam in Term 4, these exams will be used for derived grades.

The majority of exams will be held in the Hall, but in some cases they may be in other rooms, so students need to check the timetable they have been provided with.

If your child gets Special Assessment Conditions (SAC's) and they decide not to attend an exam, please inform us beforehand, as it is likely we will have booked a supervisor or reader/writer.

Students need to report to the exam venue **fifteen minutes before the exam** is due to start.

If they are doing a digital exam, they must provide their own computer.

With Mathematics exams, they are expected to bring their own calculator.

Appropriate, comfortable mufti clothes should be worn.

Students may be asked to clear out pockets of clothing with large pouches or pockets.

They will not be allowed into the exam if they are **more than 30 minutes late**.

Most exams are three hours.

Students are not allowed to leave the exam room within the first 45 minutes, or the last 15 minutes of the exam.



LIVE DAY

Sunday
September 17
10am - 2pm



Family Fun

Miniature Railway

Train Rides

Tractor Rides

Food Trucks

Club Activities

Entertainment

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