



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 15 : 22 September, 2023

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

In Chapter 18 of Matthew's Gospel, Peter asks of Jesus, "How many times must I forgive those who sin against me? Up to seven?" "Not seven, but seventy times seven", says Jesus. Most of us would have heard that statement sometime and on its own it imposes a significant challenge. But this statement does not sit in isolation. The preceding sections of this chapter lead us into this statement of Jesus. They stress the significance of an inclusive community, reality of temptation, forgiveness, reconciliation and truth as a collective of actions. Forgiveness does not stand alone.

In the illusionary pursuit of happiness that shapes much of the behaviour and thinking in New Zealand society, we are often encouraged to "forgive and forget" or "to move on" otherwise we will not find happiness. Forgive and forget might be a nice mantra for those pursuing the illusion of a happy life, but it is not what the Gospels ask of us. The Gospels require forgiveness and justice.

Forgiveness is not always easy. If the hurt is deep the act of forgiveness can be a step too far for the victim. What helps the act of forgiveness is the acknowledgement of truth by the person who has harmed the other. Deny the truth and there can be no genuine forgiveness or reconciliation.

Forgiveness of the perpetrator might require us to remove the nails that they have inserted into us, but only justice can fill in the nail holes. Justice can be seen as punishment. We need to get "our pound of flesh" to feel better. In the parable of the unmerciful servant, who is forgiven his significant debt but does not forgive others, the servant fails to acknowledge the truth that he is a frail human who does wrong. He does not see this in himself, or in others, and believes punishment of the offender is therefore justified for the hurt he (the victim) is encountering.

Focusing upon punishment as a consequence for hurt can provide us with an escape route from confronting the truth. The teacher who proclaims that students do not have consequences for what is considered to be poor behaviour, may be ignoring the reality that the behaviour is a consequence of poor teaching. Justice requires us to face the truth and to respond to it. It is not simply about punishment.

A more helpful view of justice is to envisage it as enabling a new creation. This is the justice we discover in the scriptures and in the life of Christ. When Jesus interacts with people who have harmed others we see forgiveness, an attempt for reconciliation and a call to a new way of life.

In the school situation we deal with a wide range of adult and teenage behaviour. Inevitably there are conflicts arising within this environment. Bad things do happen. Evil is a reality in our world. People are hurt by events outside of the school and within the school environment. Forgiveness, truth and justice helps to heal the hurt.

Our school has a task of supporting that change because that is the Christian way, but at a simplistic level we also know that hurt disables learning.

When we address hurt, we don't focus upon forgiveness and punishment. We focus upon forgiveness and enabling a new creation. How can we support this person to be a better person again and again, for there are no three strikes and you are out in Christianity.

Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL

2024 ENROLMENTS

Our enrolments for 2024 closed on 4 August 2023. We are now operating a waiting list in accordance with our [Enrolment Policy](#).

If your child is not going to be returning in 2024, please email Kelli Adams as soon as possible, so we may offer places to those applicants on our waiting list.

For any enrolment queries, please contact Kelli Adams: admin@pompallier.school.nz

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 4

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

SEPTEMBER

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 8:45am

Fri 20 Year 8 HPV Dose 2 vaccinations

College Library

Mon 23 Labour Day Public Holiday

Tue 24 - Wed 25 Year 7 & 8 First Aid Sessions

College Hall

Thu 26 Year 7 & 8 Athletics (p/p date Fri 27)

TBC

TBC

Tue 31 Leavers' Mass

TBC

Tue 31 E-Mission Day

NOVEMBER

Wed 1 Senior Prize Giving

College Gym

7:00pm

Wed 1 - Fri 3 Literacy & Numeracy Pilot Exams

TBC

Sat 4 Leavers' Dinner

TBC

TBC

Mon 6 NZQA Exams begin

Mon 13 Junior Exams (Year 9 & 10)

Timetable TBC

Thu 16 Junior Exams (Year 9 & 10)

Timetable TBC

Fri 17 Junior Exams (Year 9 & 10)

Timetable TBC

Mon 20 Junior Exams (Year 9 & 10)

Timetable TBC

Tue 21 Orientation Day for 2024 Year 7 students

College

TBC

Wed 22 WPSSA Athletics

TBC

TBC

Fri 24 TEACHER ONLY DAY

School closed for instruction

DECEMBER

Fri 8 Junior Prize Giving

College Gym

Fri 8 Last Day of Term 4

School finishes at approx. 12:00pm
(at the conclusion of prize giving)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Student Election Results, 2023

The results of our election for the Student Representative on our Board of Trustees was posted at school recently. We are pleased to announce **Hannah Williams** was duly elected.

YOUNG VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We invite you to share in the spirit of Christmas by donating gift items to help the less fortunate in our community.

Our Young Vinnies team at school would welcome donations from Term 4 - there will be a collection box at the front office to drop your donations into.

Some ideas for gifts would be: christmas lollies, biscuits (sweet & savory), toys/small gifts for children, christmas pudding, cake, tea, coffee, mince pies, toiletries etc.

Thank you from our Young Vinnies Team





SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 3, Week 10

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Intermediate

1 Sep	vs WIS	won 44 - 17
	vs Whangaruru Tahī	lost 26 - 42
7 Sep	vs Tikipunga High	won 58 - 13
	vs Tauraroa	lost 33 - 39

HOCKEY RESULTS

Collegiate 1st XI

11 Sep	vs Huanui 1st XI	won 2 - 0
18 Sep	vs Kerikeri High School	draw 2 - 2

Season complete, placed 7th in Mixed Collegiate Div 1

Collegiate 2nd XI

11 Sep	vs MGK Collegiate	won 5 - 0
18 Sep	vs MGK Collegiate	won 6 - 0

Season complete, placed 7th in Mixed Collegiate Div 3

JMC Team 1

15 Sep BYE

Season complete, placed 8th in Kwik Div 1

JMC Team 2

7 Sep	vs Manaia Moana	won 5 - 4
14 Sep	vs KIS Mixed Green	won 4 - 1

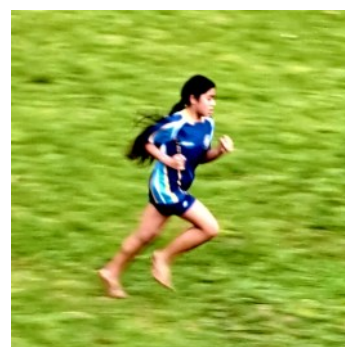
Season complete, placed 5th in Kwik Div 3

WPS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS - 30th August

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we had 16 students compete in this event at Barge Park. It was a perfect day for cross country, overcast and cool with the occasional burst of sunshine. All students ran with intent and recorded some very good results (below) in their age group, considering the number of competitors. We have included some pictures opposite.

Henry Cunis	84 th
Abigail Cunningham	24 th
Ricky Halvorson	20 th
Lana Johnston-McCluskey	33 rd
Noah Jones	1 st
Evie King	26 th
Jacob Lawson	2 nd
Caoimhe Leahy	/
Savannah Moors-Lemana	43 rd
Hannah Perris	18 th
Emily Ritchie	/
Summer Roberts	1 st
Ronel Shaji	5 th
Zak Shore	75 th
Jovi Stratton	61 st
Ryker van de Klundert	/

Note: those marked with / we unfortunately did not receive their placing.



YEAR 7 & 8 ATHLETICS - Thursday 26 October

This event will be held at the College in **Week 3 of Term 4**, with a postponement date of Friday 27 October.

The programme will be finalised next term and shared with students and families closer to the date.

NORTH ISLAND MIXED HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

In our last newsletter we noted the fantastic result that our Hockey Mixed 1st XI team came away with during their tournament week.

We omitted to also thank Di France, who accompanied the team as a parent helper.

Our apologies for this oversight, and thank you very much Di!

SPORTS UNIFORMS

Most sports codes have now, or will be shortly, finished for the season.

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

SPORTS FEES

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

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Netball

Congratulations to **Jacinta Moors-Lemana** (Year 12) who has been selected in the Northland Pasifika Under 18 netball squad. All the best for your competition.

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STUDENT SUCCESSES

Rugby

Following a good rugby season for her club, **Caitlyn Dackers** (Year 11) was selected to play for the NZ Vikings Under 17 girls team (first ever girls Vikings team). They played a game in Tauranga and one at Pohe Island, losing both but putting up a strong performance. Caitlyn also trialled for, and was selected to, the Northland Under 16 girls team. They had a convincing win last weekend against Thames Valley and travel to Te Awamutu this weekend for their big tournament against Auckland, Counties, Waikato and BOP. Best of luck Caitlyn!

Swimming

Hans Haufe (Year 11) and **Te Rauoha Paki** (Year 8) both competed at the Victorian Short Course Champs, held in Australia, from 1 - 3 September.

Hans gained a silver medal in the 200m backstroke.

Te Rauoha gained a gold medal in the 100m backstroke and a bronze medal in the 200m fly.

Well done to you both, what an impressive achievement!

AIMS GAMES

The Zespri AIMS Games were held in Tauranga, from Sunday 3 to Friday 8 September. We had a Mixed Hockey team attend, and an individual in mountain biking. Further details on results are as follows:

Mountain Biking

Congratulations to **James Crawford**, who competed in the Year 8 boys cross country and enduro events. Despite riders having some very challenging weather conditions to contend with, James had an amazing experience and did really well, with the following results:

Cross Country:

MTB 10km 21st of 63 Time: 00:55:58

Enduro:

Stage 1 22nd of 102 Time: 00:02:54.66

Stage 2 41st of 102 Time: 00:02:08.7

Stage 3 31st of 102 Time: 00:04:39.1

Stage 4 27th of 101 Time: 00:03:53.5

General Classification 30th of 101 Time: 00:13:36.3

Thank you to his family that took him to the event and supported him during the week.



Hockey 7-side Mixed

Pool Play:

vs Rototuna High School	lost 0 - 7
vs Sommerville Intermediate	won 6 - 2
vs Havelock North Intermediate	lost 0 - 3
vs Te Awamutu Intermediate	won 5 - 1
vs Taumata School	won 4 - 0

Quarter Final:

vs Tauranga Waldorf School	won 8 - 0
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Semi Final:

vs Cambridge Middle School	lost 1 - 10
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Final:

vs Tauranga Intermediate School	won 3 - 2
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Well done team, what an amazing effort - **19th place** from 53 teams!

We would like to acknowledge and thank our awesome management team - Ross Gee, Jennie Perris, Kelli Adams and Mr Stanton, for their support of the team during the week away. We were also fortunate to have lots of parent support cheering the team on from the sidelines, so thank you also to those that could attend during the week.

AIMS Games provides a medal for each team to give to their chosen "Team Player Medal". The recipient is decided by their team management, for demonstrating the best attitude, fair play and respect for their teammates, opposition, coaches and referees. Congratulations to **Hannah Perris** for receiving this award.



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Miha mo ngā kura Katorika o Te Taitokerau (Mass for the Catholic schools of Northland)

On Tuesday 5th September, Ms Atabelo and I took a group of students to represent our school at this inaugural event at Totara Point, Hokianga – the exact location of the first mass performed by Bishop Pompallier on January 13th, 1838. The mass was presided by Bishop Stephen Lowe, supported by a very large and prestigious group of clergy. Our students led prayers of the faithful and read psalms in the Mass, as did representatives from Pompallier Catholic School (Kaitaia), St Francis Xavier and Panguru Area School.

The start of Mass saw a heavy downpour of rain and we all felt it to be significant, much like a baptism of those gathered on that day. The sweet sounds of hymns and waiata belting off this small, somewhat insignificant to the eye, hill beside the Hokianga River evoked emotions for the older people present, moving some to tears.

In Bishop's kōrero to the congregation, he spoke of the arrival of Bishop Pompallier to Hokianga and asked us to envision his arrival to Totara Point and imagine the conversations had with "our (ancestor)". He referred to Bishop Pompallier as "my tūpuna" and felt proud to be conducting that Mass in that special place, repeating an event that occurred 185 years ago.

Our attendance at the event was greatly appreciated and our annual commitment to this event will provide an integral and invaluable experience for those students who were privileged to participate.

Many thanks to Whaea Mina Pomare and Panguru Area School for creating this wonderful gathering of our Catholic schools.

Whaea Lucille Spring TIC MĀORI





TE MANAWA TAHI - Community Timetable, Term 4

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 4 2023, Weeks 1 to 4
Tue 10 Oct	Te Rito, 165 William Jones Drive, Otangarei	
Thurs 12 October	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 18 October	Back 2 Basics Childcare, 179 Newton Road, Maungatāpere	
	Bream Bay Community Trust 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thurs 19 October	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thurs 26 October	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi	
	Tauraroa Area School, Omana Road, Maungakārama	
	Tauraroa Area School *12.30pm - 2.00pm* Omana Road, Maungakārama	
Wed 1 November	He Puna Ruku Mātauranga o Whangaruru *9am - 10.30am* 2916 Russell Road, Hikurangi	
	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thurs 2 November	Mangakahia Community Room, 1480 Mangakahia Road, Titoki	

Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning **0800 524 842** or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz.



Tai Tokerau South RTLB Cluster

Ko koe ki tena, ko ahau ki tena kiwa o te kete: You at that and I at this handle of the basket



Tai Tokerau RTLB Cluster 2 presents:

The Ultimate Parents Guide to...

Understanding our kids **Online World**
and how to keep them safe.

Cyberbullying
Social Media
Gaming
Online Predators
Online Porn
Smartphones
Filters
Boundaries

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in
what promises to be a hilarious, straight talking
Parent to Parent talk

Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening.](#)

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2023 | 4PM - 6PM
WHANGĀREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
WHANGĀREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
245 WESTERN HILLS DRIVE, WHANGĀREI

**Please note that due to the nature of the content covered this
presentation is not for children/teenagers to attend.**

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