



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 16 : 20 October, 2023

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

There are three major players influencing what we do at our College. They are the Ministry of Education, the Catholic Church and the Board of Trustees. Collectively they influence what we teach, how we teach and what we do outside of the classroom. We call this our College curriculum.

The Ministry of Education has a curriculum that covers the time students must be at school. This curriculum document was written in 2007 and is now being refreshed. The 2007 curriculum was a transformational shift in education practice. It was widely recognised as being an impressive document, both in New Zealand and overseas. However, the time has come to make some changes, so we are now engaged in a Ministry of Education process focused on “refreshing” the curriculum.

The refreshed curriculum brings a greater focus upon a New Zealand/Aotearoa context and the principles of te Tiriti of Waitangi, relative to what the current curriculum prescribes. It also introduces new expectations around teaching and new ways of classifying students' progress in learning. The first part of the document is rather important as it covers the thinking and intent behind the provision of education for school age children for many years to come.

You can find information [here](#).

We also have refreshment of the curriculum for Religious Education, which is being managed by the Catholic Education Office. This will take a few years to complete and is being prioritised in a manner to support the changes in NCEA.

Alongside the refresh of the Curriculum we have some changes to the NCEA. We use the NCEA to formally assess student learning against criteria set for all New Zealand students. In 2024, our students in Year 11 will begin using the revised (new) standards for the NCEA assessments. Our Year 12 and Year 13 students will be using the current NCEA assessments.

The new literacy and numeracy corequisites for the NCEA will be available for students in Year 10 and Year 11 in 2024. Students in Year 11 will also have the option to use the old standards to get the required literacy and numeracy credits in 2024 and again in 2025.

Here is a chart to explain changes for the NCEA:

	2024	2025	2026	2027
Year 13	Current Standards	Current Standards	Current Standards	New Standards
Year 12	Current Standards	Current Standards	New Standards	New Standards
Year 11	New Standards Two ways to attain Literacy and Numeracy	New Standards Two ways to attain Literacy and Numeracy	New Standards One way to attain Literacy and Numeracy	New Standards One way to attain Literacy and Numeracy
Year 10	New Corequisites for Literacy and Numeracy			

We have only a few days left for our senior students. They have had to live through some very challenging times over the last three years of their schooling. We should not underestimate the impact events have had on them. They have studied through a period of Covid-19, followed by a building project, floods, and then industrial action. Term 3 2023 was probably the first “normal” school time that these students have experienced since the start of 2020. For our Year 13 students the disruptions commenced when they started Year 10.

I look forward to celebrating the conclusion of the academic year with these students. On Tuesday 31 October we have our Leavers' Mass at 1:00pm, and that is followed by Senior Prizegiving on Wednesday 1 November at 7:00pm. Both of these events are at school. The Leavers' dinner is at the Whangarei Golf Club on Saturday 4 November at 6:00pm.

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 4

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

OCTOBER

Mon 23	Labour Day Public Holiday		
Tue 24 - Wed 25	Year 7 & 8 First Aid Sessions	College Hall	
Fri 27	Year 7 & 8 Athletics (<i>p/p date Mon 30</i>)	College	
Tue 31	Leavers' Mass	College Gym	1:00pm

NOVEMBER

Wed 1	Senior Prizegiving	College Gym	7:00pm
Wed 1 - Fri 3	Literacy & Numeracy Pilot Exams	TBC	
Sat 4	Leavers' Dinner	Whangarei Golf Club	6:00pm
Mon 6	NZQA Exams begin		
Mon 6 - Fri 10	Year 7 & 8 e-asTTle Assessments		
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	
Mon 20	Orientation Day for 2024 Year 9 students	College	8:55am - 11:15am
Tue 21	Orientation Day for 2024 Year 7 students	College	TBC
Tue 21 - Thu 23	Year 9 & 10 e-asTTle Assessments	College	
Fri 24	TEACHER ONLY DAY	School closed for instruction	
Mon 27 - Tue 28	Year 9 & 10 e-asTTle Assessments	College	

DECEMBER

Fri 8	Junior Prizegiving	College Hall	
Fri 8	Last Day of Term 4	School finishes at approx. 12:00pm (at the conclusion of prize giving)	

RECENT SURVEYS

The Board of Trustees would like to express its appreciation for the comments and suggestions associated with the phones and school uniform surveys.

The Board has approved the introduction of a long skirt option and a new school jersey (v-neck, polycotton sweatshirt), which can be sourced from Bethells Uniforms.

The jersey will be available early January. The long skirt will be manufactured in Term 1, for optional use in Term 2.

A wide-brimmed blue hat will be available in a few weeks. It has not yet been determined whether this will be optional or required uniform.

There are other uniform changes being actively considered.

The phone policy will remain without change and be considered early next year. The Board is aware that the newly elected Government has a stated intention of restricting students use of mobile phones in schools. A policy would need to be aligned with any new legislation.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 4, Week 2

Kia ora! Welcome back for the final term of Sport for 2023.

I would like to take this opportunity to quickly introduce myself, my name is Sam Page and I will be taking over as Sports Co-ordinator @ Pompallier. I have a background in Sport and Leisure Management and love to see students get involved and participate in sport.

I look forward to meeting you all ☺

SPORTS UNIFORMS

With most codes finished, there are still many uniforms that have not been returned - please return uniforms and gear to the sports office asap.

SPORTS FEES

Reminder to pay your sports fees as soon as possible. These are now overdue!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Clay Target Shooting

Cameron Dackers (Year 12), Mike Sommerville (Year 11), and Jimmy Sommerville (Year 11), competed at the Shooting Nationals in Hamilton recently.

Mike received a silver medal for 2nd in the NI points score, North Island Champs.

Cameron received a silver medal for 2nd in the NZ Single Rise and 2nd in the NZ Fish and Game trophy match, NZ Champs.

Cameron and Mike both made the Northland team for the regional competition – well done boys!



Football

Congratulations to **William Gross** (Year 11) who has been selected for the NZSS U19 North Team. William will play in a Mini Tournament between the NZSS U19 South Team, NZSS U19 North Team and NZ Māori U19's. This will run from the 24th - 26th January 2024.

From this tournament, 16-18 players will be selected to represent NZSS Boys' Football during their Sydney tour in April 2024. Best of luck William!

Netball

Congratulations to **Tara Orford** (Year 13) who was awarded **Junior Umpire of the Year** for achievement in the 2023 Collegiate, Opens and Senior Competition.

Congratulations Tara – well deserved!



Swimming

Hans Haufe (Year 11), was awarded Northland Swimmer of the Year at the recent Swimming Northland prizegiving.

He also received trophies for Northland's fastest male in 50m backstroke, 100m backstroke, 200m backstroke, 100 Individual Medley, 50m fly and 100m fly, as well as breaking a Northland record by the biggest margin.

Well done Hans!



COACHES / MANAGERS

Thank you to all those whānau, community members and students who put up their hands to coach or manage sport this year. We couldn't do it without your continued support.

We are looking for coaches across all codes for 2024 – please contact me if this is something you would be interested in supporting: sports@pompallier.school.nz.

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UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 4

25 October - Tribal Wars U15 Trials @ McKay Stadium

- See flyer below for more information

27 October - Year 7/8 Athletics Day @ PCC

- See attached flyer and programme for more details

28/29 October - Te Tai Tokerau Māori Netball Trials

- Please contact Whangarei Netball Centre for more info

7 November - Year 7/8 Cricket Tournament @ Kensington Park

- All students registered for this event please be at Kensington Park at 9:00am for a 9:30am start

22 November - WPSSA Year 7/8 Athletics @ TBC

- More details to come

Year 7/8 Fast 5 Netball (Girls or Mixed)

- If you are interested in playing, please sign up at the Sports Office

Sam Page
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
 438 3950 ext 219
sports@pompallier.school.nz

Girls and Women
 PLAY. DREAM. LIVE

GIRLS ONLY 5-A-SIDE TWILIGHT FOOTBALL

Mondays 16th October to 27th November
(except 23rd Oct, Labour Day)

Tikipunga Sports Park
 Reed Street, Tikipunga, Whangarei

5.00pm to 6.15pm

FREE

All welcome, teams or individuals, whether you have played before or not. Bring your friends.

3 Age Groups - U10's, U13's, U16's

To register, email Dave Alabaster –
dave.alabaster@nrf.org.nz

U15
TRIBAL WARS
 2023
11 - 12 NOV

DETAILS

**MCKAY STADIUM,
WHANGAREI**

**AGE DEFINITIONS
BORN IN:**
 2009
 2010
 2011

\$100 ENTRY FEE PER TEAM

**2 TEAMS PER GENDER
PER AREA**

**TEAMS TO REGISTER
USING BELOW LINK,
NOTE
ALL PLAYERS MUST BE
REGISTERED:
HTTPS://MEMBERSHIP.
MYGAMEDAY.APP/REG
OFORM.CGI?
FORMID=109027**

Don't FORGET!

LEAVING SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

If you are leaving the College this year, there are a few things you need to do before you go:

- Return all library books and subject textbooks, otherwise you will be charged for them
- Complete a **LEAVERS FORM**, available from the Student Centre (Year 13 students will receive one shortly from your whānau teacher)
- Return your **completed** Leaver's Form to Mrs Woolston in the College office **BEFORE** the end of term.

Thank you!



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



OVERDUE LIBRARY & SUBJECT BOOKS

There are a number of overdue library books, and subject textbooks outstanding.

Students - if you have received an overdue library book notice and/or been issued a subject textbook during the year and have not yet returned them, please do so **before the end of this term**, to avoid being charged for the cost of the book.

Parents - if you could ask your child if they have a book outstanding, that would be very helpful! Thank you.



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz



COLLEGE ACCOUNTS

As we are beginning the last term of the year, we would like to remind families that your school account **should be paid by 8th December**.

Now is a really good time to look over your account to ensure this will happen. If you need any help with this, please contact Jane Woolston in the College office. Many thanks to those families who have already paid their account in full, or have a regular payment in place.

A friendly reminder from the Auckland Diocese for parents and caregivers of **students who will be leaving Pompallier Catholic College at the end of their Year 13 study; Attendance Dues must be paid in full by 1st December 2023**. Families who have an on-going AP are exempt from this date but must commit to continuing payments until the account is paid.

As always, if you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Jane in our College office to discuss payment options, in confidence. Thank you.

You can't miss it.

Apply before **16 December** for your student allowance or loan.

studylink.govt.nz

STUDYLINK 2024

**Apply before
16 December -
you can't miss it.**

If you're studying in 2024, 16 December is a very important date. It's one you just can't miss.

Around 120,000 students will need to get organised for study in 2024. Apply for your student allowance or loan before 16 December to give yourself the best chance of having everything sorted and ready for the start of your course.

If you've had a student allowance or loan in the last 12 months, login to MyStudyLink and use the Returning Application to apply. It'll take less than five minutes.

Free household internet connection still available

If you know anyone in your school | kura community that needs assistance with internet connectivity, do encourage them to apply **before 31 October** for fully funded Internet connection, via our Equitable Digital Access (EDA) programme. Connections are currently funded until 30 June 2024, and existing connections will automatically be renewed until then.

For any queries, and to apply, contact: eda@education.govt.nz or 0800 441 844.

To read more go to:

[Home internet access – Ministry of Education](#)

SENIOR LOCKERS

Be in quick – limited lockers available!!

If you wish to reserve a locker for 2024, or keep your current locker, you will need to fill in an online order form at: www.stowawaylockers.co.nz as soon as possible.

If you no longer require your locker for 2024, please let us know by email: info@stowawaylockers.co.nz. You will need to return your key at the end of the term, sellotaped to a piece of paper with your details on for your bond refund. Ensure the locker is left empty, as any remaining items will be disposed of at the end of the year.

Keys will need to be received within one week of Term 4 ending, and can be posted to: Stowaway Lockers, 475 Crane Road, RD 1 Kamo, Whangarei 0185.

Refunds will be direct credited to your bank account in January 2024.

Robyn, Stowaway Lockers.



BERNINA NORTHLAND FASHION AWARDS

Congratulations to our students who took part in the recent Bernina Northland Fashion Awards. They put a lot of time and effort into their entries and they looked fabulous!

We also extend a big thank you to Ms Jensen who spent many hours supporting these students with their entries and at the event over the weekend.




Eat a range of healthy foods
Kaingia ngā kai hauora

TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING

Fluoride in toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth, Especially at night so the fluoride can keep working to protect and strengthen teeth.



0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand



RUAKAKA SURF LIFESAVING REGISTRATION FROM 10AM SUNDAY LABOUR WEEKEND RUAKAKA SURF CLUB



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.



12 NOVEMBER
10AM - 2PM

KENSINGTON PARK
WHANGAREI

EMERGENCY SERVICES FAMILY FUN DAY

We want to prevent death and serious harm in our community by improving the wellbeing of us all ... And let Northlanders know what support networks are there for them – 24/7. Let's help each other ... bring the family down! We'll crank up the BBQ for the kids, And loads more fun, displays and giveaways.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

NZ Police | Northland Regional Council | New Zealand Red Cross | Blue Light | Northland DHB
Northland Rescue Helicopter Service | Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management
Plunket | NRC Maritime | Coastguard Boating Education | Pak'n'Save Whangarei | Surf Life Saving
Business Finder | NZ Customs | Northland Land Search and Rescue | Sport Northland WaterSafe and Water Safety NZ
Bike Northland | JOP (Jeff Oliver Print) | Northland Transport Alliance | Active Attitude | Northland Road Safety Trust
Northern Street Rods | Parafed Northland | Healthy Homes Tai Tokerau
Fire and Emergency NZ | NZME | St John

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CARINGFORNORTHLAND

