



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,

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops have published a review of a document first published in 1997. The document is Te Kahu o te Ora, A Consistent Ethic of Life. For a document addressing something as fundamental as "life", it might be reasonable to assume that little would be changed after 30 years. But the world has certainly moved on and new questions have arisen for us to consider in the light of Catholic morality and ethics.

In some matters there has been no change. From the first book in the Hebrew scriptures, Genesis, through to the last book in the Christian Bible, we have a proclamation that every human life has inestimable value and inbuilt dignity. We also have the ultimate affirmation for humanity when God becomes human, like us in every way but for sin.

Life therefore cannot be "valued" as an economic or social construct. Our human value does not depend upon our usefulness or potential usefulness. People have the same value, irrespective of where they are on the journey of life towards God. However, this does not provide us with an "out" when it comes to considering the quality of life. Given their value, all people are deserving of a quality life, irrespective of their circumstance.

We have ventured into new ethical territory at the start and end of our earthly life in the last 30 years. Questions around defining gender and sexuality are arising earlier in life. Assisted death is now available in New Zealand. A consistent ethic of life requires us to resource palliative care in a manner that recognises the dignity of the person and to avoid any sense of a message that they are no longer valued because they are no longer productive. At the other end of the journey, a consistent ethic of life requires us to treat each child with dignity as they journey with their questions relating to sexuality and gender.

Education is not simply an investment for the future, but a fundamental right to promote a quality life for a student. In our Catholic context, that requires us to resource some students more than others, to enable a quality life for them. A consistent ethic of life informs us that we must value each student equally, while equity (fairness) requires us to respond to each in a unique way.

Some people think that consistency is about providing the same input and expecting the same outcome from each student. When that does not happen, there should be a consistent consequence for those who have failed to attain the desired outcome. This is far removed from an approach guided by a consistent ethic of life. Consistency relates to "life" and not "consequence". Decisions need to be made such that the innate dignity of all parties is recognised and upheld.

In a punitive society, decisions made in the above manner can appear to be "soft" and out-of-touch of the impact upon victims. Old-schools and prisons evidence that the punitive approach does not bring about a sustained change in behaviour. They tend to devalue a person's life and convey a message that they are a lesser person. Consequently, they join up with other "lesser" persons and the gang culture continues to thrive.

The document gives consideration to the emergence of Artificial Intelligence and Social Media. These things were not impacting upon the world in a manner that they do today. Many of the applications did not exist. The prevalence of such systems influences our understanding of truth and our access to resources in the world today. They can also lead to the accumulation of resources being held by only a few.

We still have debate about the ethics of War, Poverty, Racism, Discrimination and Abuse being addressed in the document. There has been a change in emphasis in many of these areas and what was considered to be ethical many years ago, such as the intentional killing of civilians during war, is now found to be inconsistent with an ethic for life. The document is an easy read and you can find it [here](#).

Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL

JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING (Year 7 - 10)

**Friday 8 December, College Hall
beginning at 10:00am**

2023 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Our magazine is currently at the printers and we hope to have them here next week! If you have ordered a magazine and have a younger child still at school, we will deliver it to them. If your child is a senior, they can collect your copy from the College office - we will let you know when they are available.

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.

NOVEMBER

Mon 6 - Wed 29 NCEA Exams

Mon 27 - Tue 28 Year 9 & 10 e-asTTle Assessments

College

Wed 29 - Fri 1 Dec Year 10 BP Challenge Enterprise

Kensington Stadium

9:00am - 3:00pm

DECEMBER

Fri 8 Junior Prizegiving

College Hall

Fri 8 Last Day of Term 4

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

HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

Our College is looking for families who would be interested in hosting an international student in 2024. We are currently still needing to place 3 girls, between the ages of 16 - 17 years. Two are here for the full year, and one is here for 9 weeks. Families are paid **\$300.00 per week** to host a student.

If you (or someone you know) may be interested, or if you have any questions, please contact:

Lisa Linford

☎ 438 3950 or: lisa.linford@pompallier.school.nz

2024 TERM DATES

TERM 1 Wednesday 31 January Friday 12 April

TERM 2 Monday 29 April Friday 5 July

TERM 3 Monday 22 July Friday 27 September

TERM 4 Monday 14 October TBC

Please Note: Dean meetings with Year 11 - 13 students to confirm subject choices for 2024, will be held at the College on Thursday 25 January, 2024.

PARENT PORTAL

We would like to notify Parents and Caregivers that our Parent Portal will be **unavailable from the last day of school this year**, until school returns next year.

This allows our Timetable team the opportunity to work on classes and student timetables. Many changes are made during the period before school begins in 2024, so we like to ensure that when the portal is activated next year, the correct timetable and information is available.

Thank you.

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.



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!



Welcome to Term 4 Sports News... Week 7

BASKETBALL RESULTS

7/8 Inter-ball

10 Nov	vs WIS Suns	PCC win
17 Nov	vs KIS Red	PCC win

**** Parent Notice: the last two rounds of inter-ball will be played on Monday nights - 27 Nov and 4 Dec, due to McKay Stadium booking clashes.**

Junior

10 Nov	vs Bricks	won 91 - 53
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FAST 5 NETBALLERS

We had a great team of Year 7/8 girls head to Kensington for the NSSSA Fast 5 Netball Festival on Tuesday 21 November. The girls played incredibly well together, especially as they had not played this type of format before.

Awesome mahi team and some great results!

PCC vs Kerikeri HS Jade	loss
PCC vs Taipa Area School	loss
PCC vs Kerikeri HS Green	win
PCC vs Ruawai College	win



STUDENT SUCCESSES

Tennis

Congratulations to **Noah Jones** (Year 7), who competed in the Tennis Northland Primary and Intermediate Singles tournament at Thomas Neal on 1st November. He made it to the finals and came out the winner! Well done Noah.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

Most uniforms are back in now, but there are still a few outstanding! Please get these in as soon as possible – especially our senior leavers. Thank you!

SPORTS FEES

Reminder to pay any outstanding sports fees asap!

WPSSA ATHLETICS CHAMPS

On Wednesday 22 November our best athletes headed to the WPSSA Athletics day. We had a massive group of 15 students compete on the day with some incredible results.

The official results are still to be announced, however some of our preliminary results are as follows:

Malachy Smedley (Year 8 Boys)

1st in High Jump, 1st in Discus, 1st in Shot Put

Keira Davis (Year 8 Girls)

1st in 200m Sprints, 2nd in 100m Sprints

Isabella Wackrow (Year 8 Girls)

3rd in 100m and 200m Sprints

Isla Roberts (Year 7 Girls)

2nd in Discus

Well done to all competitors – it was a great day and you all did Pompallier proud!

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.

END OF SPORT 2023

On behalf of Pompallier I would like to thank everyone who has supported the 2023 sporting season at Pompallier Catholic College. We appreciate all the parent and community support – whether you coach or manage a team, or are driving your children to and from sporting events - it is all appreciated.

Have a great summer and I look forward to an even better 2024 season!

Here are a few things to look forward to for next year:

UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 1, 2024

- 16 February - Swimming Champs @ PCC
- 28 February - Senior Athletics @ Trigg Stadium
- Winter Sport Trials (all dates TBC)
Basketball, Hockey, Netball, Football

There are also opportunities for the school to participate in the following sports (subject to student interest):

Volleyball, Futsal, Cricket, Touch, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee.

Sam Page
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
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sports@pompallier.school.nz



WPSSSA ATHLETICS CHAMPS - Wednesday 22 November, 2023





COLLEGE ACCOUNTS

We are nearly at the end of Term 4, so we would like to ask families that your **school account is paid by 8th December.**

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 this year; 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.

Failure to pay the account or make contact with the College Office to arrange alternative methods of payment, may result in the overdue account being sent to Debtworks NZ Ltd for default listing at credit reporting agencies.



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.



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.

2024 BUS INFORMATION

Pompallier Catholic College buses will begin running **from Wednesday 31st January 2024** on all of our school routes. **However**, the students who use other schools' buses to connect to ours should check with their bus company to confirm their start date.

There may be changes to bus services early in the new year to allow for changes in our school population. We do our best to accommodate as many of our students as possible, within the guidelines set by the Ministry of Education. All changes will be notified as soon as possible.

All services are under review by the Ministry of Education, and will be confirmed at the beginning of 2024. Once finalised, details will be available on the transport pages of our College website: www.pompallier.school.nz.

A reminder that eligibility is dependent on where a student lives, available public services in the area, and loading limits.

Student ID's also double as your bus pass, and these will be issued in the first few weeks of the new year. Until then, no pass is required.

For any queries please contact our Bus Co-Ordinator, Ms Lawson via email: buses@pompallier.school.nz



Free Kids Only Holiday Surf Programmes

Holiday Surf Programmes | Dec & Jan
Surfing is an amazing sport that will challenge, entertain, and educate.

Our popular 'Holiday Surf Programmes' give kids the confidence to be active and have fun in the ocean through the enjoyment of learning how to surf.

Where: Taupo Bay & Tutukaka Coast
Dates: 18-22 Dec | 8-12 Jan | 15-19 Jan | 22-26 Jan | 29 Jan-2 Feb

We provide surfboards, wetsuits together with fun & enthusiastic surf coaches.



Free Surfing | Break-Away

- o Funded by Break-Away
- o Free for 11-18 year olds who school in Northland / Far North
- o Small cost for those 6-10 years



Break-Away School Holiday Programmes

Family & Community Services
Te Kaitiaki o Aotearoa
Te Kaitiaki o Aotearoa





Get in touch
surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz



Back to School made easy

OfficeMax MySchool

You'll find your child's school stationery list online at myschool.co.nz
It's easy to shop online, in-store or by phone.

FIND YOUR LIST *Conditions apply. See myschool.co.nz for details

Earn **SCHOOL* REWARDS** for our school*

Back to School 2024

HOW DO I ORDER MY STATIONERY?

We team up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy!

We DO NOT issue stationery lists to students. This is because all your child's school stationery list requirements are uploaded online at myschool.co.nz, to make it easy for you to purchase your child's back to school requirements. Simply search for our school, select your child's class and/or subject lists and follow the instructions on the easy-to-use website.

Buying through OfficeMax MySchool also **earns School Rewards for our school**, which we can redeem for much needed educational supplies, equipment for our classrooms, or to help those students in need.

Stationery is delivered to your home (or a designated address) by courier. This means that ordering is quick and easy, stationery lists are not lost and the correct products are obtained.

OfficeMax also have a Laybuy payment option, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments - and still get your order right away. Or you can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card.

If you prefer, you can call the OfficeMax MySchool team on 0800 724 440, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

Delivery is free for orders over \$46.00 (incl. GST).

The website will "go live" for ordering stationery on Thursday 30th November.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go for the start of Term 1. Don't wait until mid-January - order now and avoid the back to school rush!

All students are expected to have their stationery requirements on the first day of Term 1 (Wednesday 31st January), as teaching will begin on that day.

TO ORDER ONLINE:

1. Go to www.myschool.co.nz, enter Pompallier into the School Name field, then select Pompallier Catholic College.

2. Click on "Start"
3. Enter Students First Name, Last Name & Year Level
4. Select the Subjects required
5. Click the "View Requirements List" button
6. Review the list, adding or deleting items as required. You may also add additional stationery items
7. When finished, click "Shopping Cart"
8. You now have the option to add another student, otherwise select "Checkout"
If items are unavailable at the time you order, these will be placed on backorder and delivered to you as soon as they arrive. This will be indicated on your delivery docket
9. Follow the online instructions to enter your delivery address details and payment options
10. Save a copy of the order and retain it for your records. Note your Order Number, as this will be required if you need to return items

TO SHOP IN A STORE:

1. Follow steps 1 through 7 to establish which items you require
2. Print the requirement list
3. Take the list to your preferred stationery supplies store

CONDITIONS:

1. Please allow up to ten working days for delivery. **Orders placed after 15th January 2024 may result in delays** and OfficeMax cannot guarantee delivery before school starts on late orders.
2. **If you have any problems, please call OfficeMax direct on 0800 724 440, NOT the College.**
3. Incorrect items can only be returned by first contacting Customer Services on the 0800 number. You will need to quote your Order Number.