



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 2 : 23 February, 2024

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

The number forty (40) has a rather checkered history. It has become associated with a time of life when men, and sometimes women, evaluate their life and make choices not usually aligned with prior decision making. A new car, new boat or new hobby might arise. There might be a change in haircut, mood, and physical activity. Some of you may have experienced this already.

Like many other things, forty also has a biblical tradition. Along with the numbers seven and three, we find it associated with many significant events and revelations. Forty represents a generation in the bible. It is used to reference a period of time in which a group arises and declines. This made good sense considering most people in those times had died before they hit forty years on earth.

Forty is the number of years that God kept the Israelites in the wilderness after Moses led them out of slavery in Egypt. It took forty years for the generation of "God doubters" in the camp to die off. Only then was the nation of people ready for the promised land. Sometimes God keeps us hanging around before revealing his intention.

The three Kings of Israel, Saul, David and Solomon, all reigned for forty years. Twenty years of prosperity was followed by twenty years of self entitlement and decline. Each of them stayed around too long and became fixated upon themselves and their potential dynasty at the expense of the people they served.

God's early clean up in the world took forty days. God was annoyed by humanity's bad behaviour and the destruction of the environment. A reset was required. For forty days and nights it rained. Every living thing was destroyed but for that which was on God's ark built by Noah. When the rain stopped and the water went down, Noah and his family and two of everything hit the ground again. God made a covenant that he would never hit the flood reset button again and thus established a new relationship that had been lost at the Garden of Eden.

The Principal of Pompallier Catholic College has educated teenagers for forty years. Some of that time has been associated with floods, fasting, doubt and new relationships. Physically there has been twenty years of ascendancy followed by twenty of decline. Mentally, I hope it has been in one direction only. It has been a biblical generation with former students now parents of current students. It is now time for a reset.

The three most significant men in the bible, Moses, Elijah and Jesus, all fasted for forty days. We are told that they took no food or water and relied solely on the intervention of God in their life. This test of faith was aligned with specific problems each was facing. Moses was on a loyalty test and at the end received the ten commandments. He understood the will of God a lot better than when he started out. Elijah did some critical thinking and came up with a plan on how to lead the people of Israel. Jesus is offered popularity, power, and permanence by Satan if he aligns with his mission on Earth rather than the mission of God. Lucky for us he declined the offer.

At the start of humanity, Adam was enticed with an offer to become like God while Jesus was enticed with the offer to remain as God and not become human. Join with me (Satan) and together we can rule the world. Adam accepted, and the world started to fall apart. Jesus declined and so began the period of time when the world can now realign with God. The possibility is now before us.

Like most God things, we are given the freedom of choice. The way of Jesus and God is based on love and freedom. There is no compulsion evidenced in the choice to align with God's Kingdom. Some might hope for an authoritarian God who compels allegiance and behaviour, but history shows us that the strong man approach does not work in nations or families.

The way of God requires love and patience to bring about transformational success. It is a road that is far more challenging to walk, but it is ultimately the only one that works. Whether it be forty seconds, hours, days, weeks, months or years, God calls us into relationships that can transform the world if we welcome God back into our life. The season of Lent and the celebration of Easter is a great place to get back on the road again.

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 1

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

FEBRUARY

Tue 27	Year 7 & 8 "Meet the Teacher" Event	Pompallier Hall & classrooms	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Wed 28	Athletics Day (<i>p/p date Fri 1 Mar</i>)	Trigg Stadium	8.45am - 2.45pm
Thu 29	E-Mission Day **		
Thu 29	Victoria University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9.30am - 10.30am

MARCH

Fri 1	Business Studies Dargaville Field Days Trip	Dargaville	9.00am - 3.00pm
Mon 4	NZ Opera in Schools (Year 7 & 8, 10MUS)	College	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Mon 4 - Wed 6	Year 9 Special Character Event (Group 1 & 2))		
Tue 5 - Fri 8	Year 12 PE Ruakaka Camp	Ruakaka	
Thu 7	AUT Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9.30am - 10.30am
Wed 13	Otago University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9.30am - 10.30am
Thu 14	Massey University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Fri 15	University of Auckland Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9.30am - 10.30am
Mon 18 - Tue 19	Year 9 Special Character Event (Group 3)		
Thu 21	Careers Roadshow	Pompallier	12.30pm - 3.00pm
Wed 27	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations (Dose 1)	College Library	9.00am
Thu 28	E-Mission Day		
Fri 29	GOOD FRIDAY	School closed for instruction	

APRIL

Mon 1 - Tue 2	EASTER MONDAY and EASTER TUESDAY	School closed for instruction	
Thu 4	Waikato University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	10.15am - 11.15am
Thu 4	Parent / Teacher Interviews	College	TBC
Fri 5	Kids Lit Quiz	Kerikeri	8.00am - 2.30pm
Fri 12	Last Day of Term 1	School finishes 3.00pm	

** The aim of E-Mission Day is to promote the use of more eco-friendly transport to and from school. On this day, a donation will be expected from drivers of vehicles with only one student (or staff member). This venture generally takes places on the last day of each month. Money raised goes towards environmental projects around the school.



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz

STUDENT ABSENCES

Ph: 438 3950 option 1

A reminder that if your child is going to be away from school, please **ensure that you let us know by phoning the College office and leaving a message on our absence line.**

This answerphone is available 24/7. *We do not accept email notification of absences. Thank you.*

SCHOOL LOCKERS



Lockers are available to rent again this year, for any student.

Cost is \$60.00 per year, plus a refundable \$15.00 bond.

If you would like to rent a locker for 2024, you will need to fill in an online order form as soon as possible, at: <http://www.stowawaylockers.co.nz/order-form/>

Get in quick as they are going fast!

Note: The lockers are supplied and maintained by Stowaway Lockers, they are not owned by the College. Therefore, please contact Stowaway Lockers direct for any queries or for more information, on 027 4221 783, or 437 5818.

Thank you.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 4

KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH SPORTS AT POMPALLIER...

Term 1 is one of the busiest terms, so don't miss out on any upcoming opportunities!

[Add us on Facebook](#) for all sporting communication for PCC! Not on Facebook? – no worries – all important information will still be posted internally through email and school notices!

COACHES / MANAGERS REQUIRED

In order to offer opportunities in sports, we always need volunteers. If you are interested in helping with the following sports codes, please contact me (details over the page):

Football - Girls, Hockey - JMC, Netball - Collegiate 2 & 3 and Intermediate.

SWIMMING CHAMPION RESULTS

We held another successful swimming championship last week. A big thank you to the PE Department and our Year 12 and 13 helpers – you all did an amazing job!

Congratulations to our Champions...

- **Year 7 Girl** Eliana Kau Kau
- **Year 7 Boy** Carter Hansen
- **Year 8 Girl** Taylor Te Ao
- **Year 8 Boy** Zak Shore
- **Junior Girl** Mia Baltus
- **Junior Boy** Te Rauroha Paki
- **Intermediate Girl** Sieana Paterson
- **Intermediate Boy** Hans Haufe
- **Senior Girl** Alanna Brown
- **Senior Boy** Ethan Gavin

Congratulations also to the following students who broke our school records:

Junior Boy:

- 50m Backstroke **Te Rauroha Paki** - 31.40s
Previously Hans Haufe, 2022 - 33.25s
- 50m Freestyle **Te Rauroha Paki** - 27.12s
Previously Hans Haufe, 2022 - 28.83s

Intermediate Boy:

- 50m Butterfly **Hans Haufe** - 28.65s
previously S Anderson, 1989 - 29.88s
- 50m Breaststroke **Hans Haufe** - 36.25s
previously S Gillespie, 2010 - 36.60s
- 50m Backstroke **Hans Haufe** - 31.47s
previously Craig Platt, 2010 - 34.03s
- 50m Freestyle **Hans Haufe** - 26.94s
previously David van der Star, 2012 - 27.09s

We have included some photos of the day on Page 7.

STUDENT SUCCESS

On 16 December 2023 at the HBPB Regional Aquatic Centre in Napier, **Te Rauroha Paki** (Year 9) broke the New Zealand Swimming Record for 100 Backstroke, with a time of 1.00.96seconds. Congratulations Te Rauroha!

TRIALS

You must attend at least one trial to be placed in a team - exceptional circumstances may be considered by the school and management.

Team Selection:

- Based on merit / skills / attitude and a willingness to learn
- All trials will have a selection panel to make the process as fair as possible. In the selection panel, we will **endeavour** to include: coach, school representative and independents (not related to students).

Football:

Collegiate Boys' (Year 9 - 13)

Thursday 7 March: 3.00pm - 4.30pm, PCC Fields
Thursday 14 March: 3.30pm - 4.30pm, PCC Fields

Collegiate Girls' (Year 9 - 13)

To be confirmed

JMC (Year 7 & 8)

To be confirmed

Hockey:

Collegiate (Year 9 - 13)

Sunday 3 March: 10.00am - 12.00pm, Hockey NtInd
Sunday 10 March: 10.00am - 12.00pm, Hockey NtInd

JMC (Year 7 & 8)

Wednesday 20 March: 3.30pm - 5.00pm, Hockey NtInd
Thursday 21 March: 3.30pm - 5.00pm, Hockey NtInd

Netball:

Collegiate (Year 9 - 13)

Saturday 16 March: 9.30am - 11.30am, School Courts
Saturday 23 March: 9.30am - 11.30am, School Courts

Intermediate (Year 7 & 8)

Wednesday 13 March: 3.30pm - 5.00pm, School Courts
Thursday 14 March: 3.30pm - 5.00pm, School Courts

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TEAM TRAINING DAYS:

Please see training dates below, **all held in the School Gym:**

Basketball:

Seniors: Tuesdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Juniors: Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Intermediate: Tuesdays 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Volleyball:

Seniors (G & B) Mondays 3.15pm - 6.00pm

ATHLETICS DAY - Wednesday 28 February

(p/p: Friday 1 March)

Our annual event includes the whole school and is held at Trigg Stadium in Kensington.

There will be a change to the buses for the day, as we ask that students go directly to the arena - our buses are re-directed straight there, and there are a couple of buses provided from Pompallier for Maunu residents/other bus links. **These bus changes are attached to the newsletter email and have also been emailed directly to families.**

Please arrive by 8.45am (traffic permitting) and gather at the grandstand with your House. Students will be released by 2.45pm. Students must stay at the stadium for the entire day, so bring everything you need! Food, water, and be sunsmart. The downstairs canteen will also be operational to purchase food.

Please wear your PE gear and support your House colours.

Unfortunately this year we will be unable to accommodate parents/caregivers attending Trigg Stadium on the day.

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

All events entered are subject to student interest, parent help and organiser's changes.

- Wed 28 Feb Athletics Day (p/p 1 Mar) *Trigg Stadium*
- Tue 5 Mar Senior Futsal *McKay Stadium*
- Thu 7 Mar Junior Futsal (Y 9-10) *McKay Stadium*
- Tue 12 Mar Senior Indoor Volleyball Cup, Girls *Kensington*
- Wed 13 Mar WPSSA Swimming *WIS*
- Thu 14 Mar Senior Indoor Volleyball Cup, Boys *Kensington*
- Fri 15 Mar NSSSA Track & Field Event *Trigg Stadium*
- Tue 26 Mar Senior Volleyball Cup, Boys *Trigg Stadium*
- Wed 27 Mar Tennis Individual (Y9-13) *Thomas Neale Cts*
- Thu 4 Apr NSSSA Swim Champs *Whangarei*

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

CENTRAL BROWN AFC

TWILIGHT Football

THURSDAYS
4:30 - 5:30
7 MAR - 11 APR
(EXCEPT EASTER 28 MAR)
OTAIKA SPORTS PARK

ALL WELCOME
AGES
8-15

FREE ENTRY

Any questions contact Nigel 027 307 5877

CENTRAL BROWN AFC



GIFTED & TALENTED

The College recognises that within its group of gifted and talented students, there is a wide range of ability from mild to profound. While most are catered for through differentiated programmes within the classroom, some may require provision beyond the classroom.

Parents & Caregivers - if you think your child may be gifted, but they have not currently been identified as such by the College, please complete our [Questionnaire](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Gifted & Talented Co-ordinator, Sarah Edgecombe, via email: sarah.edgecombe@pompallier.school.nz

USING INTERNET BANKING??

Please make sure that you use your **student's name and their ID No.** (shown on the statement) as a reference on all internet payments. Thank you!



VIDEO OF NZ EXPERIENCES OF THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY ...

Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin, SM, Wairarapa parish Priest Fr Dennis Nacorda, and Auckland Vicar for Māori Manuel Beazley, have shared their experiences of the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality in Rome last October. This YouTube video is a recording of a Zoom session they held with a live audience on Thursday 15 March 2024.

Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COKdE6mlojU>

SYNOD ZOOM-IN



The three New Zealanders at the 2023 Assembly of the Synod on Synodality in Rome have given a video talk of their experiences.

Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin, SM, Wairarapa Parish Priest Fr Dennis Nacorda, and Auckland Vicar for Māori Manuel Beazley attended the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality in Rome in October as part of the Oceania group. Watch this video to hear what they had to say about it as we all prepare for the Second Assembly of the Synod in Rome this coming October.



The three took part in two special live Zoom sessions on Tuesday 13 February and Thursday 15 February. This is a video recording of the Thursday session.

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
Te Tai Tokerau



SORE THROATS MATTER
Te mamo o te korokoro hei aukati rumatiki
Preventing Rheumatic Fever
Hei aukati i te kirikaa rumatiki

PHARMACIES OFFERING FREE THROAT SWABBING TO ELIGIBLE WHANAU

Whangarei area

- Life Pharmacy Orrs Pharmacy, Cameron Street
- Unichem Orrs Pharmacy, Ruakaka
- Kensington Pharmacy
- Otaika Pharmacy, Raumanga
- Buchanans Pharmacy, Tikipunga

Mid North

- Kawakawa Pharmacy, Kawakawa
- Paihia Pharmacy, Paihia
- Unichem Kerikeri Pharmacy
- Unichem Kaikohe Pharmacy

Eligibility criteria

Maori or Pacific & aged 3-35
Or
Has a family history of Rheumatic Fever



ATTENTION ALL BUS USERS!!

Most students have now been issued with Student ID cards that show which bus they are eligible to catch. 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**.

We appreciate parents understanding that it would be impossible to manage, organise and maintain safety on an already stretched loading system, to enable students to use any bus they wanted to get to their wide and varied after school activities. Please make your own arrangements in these cases. Students are able to access 2 fare-paying services - Route 1 and the Citylink-Maunu service. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

If your child loses their bus pass, they can apply for a replacement by paying \$6.00 to the College office. A temporary pass will be issued, and a new one will be ordered for them.



FAMILY SUPPORT ...

We would like to introduce you to our Family Support person for Pompallier Catholic College and St Francis Xavier Catholic School, **Rosie Ponifasio-Hughes**.

This is Rosie's fourth year with us. She has a background in teaching and community work. Her role involves attempting to remove any barriers that are preventing our young people getting the most out of their schooling... for some families that's support to help cover the basics (food, clothing etc), and for others, it's more moral support and a listening ear as our families navigate the bumps in the road that life throws at us all. The absolute highlight of her job is walking alongside so many promising young people AND having the privilege of making close connections with our amazing families.

Rosie currently works Monday – Thursday, from 8.30am to 3.00pm, primarily based out of St Francis Xavier Catholic School. Her office is at the school end of the church carpark, in the building right next to the Parish office - up the little ramp and into the Family Support room.



Rosie operates on an open door drop in policy, and would love to have you join her for a cuppa and chat anytime! This is open to all whānau from both our schools. Rosie is also available to meet with families at Pompallier, or another place, at a time that suits - she can be contacted on 021 028 33587 (feel free to text, call or WhatsApp), or via email: rosie.hughes@pompallier.school.nz

So.... what does a Family Support person actually do?

Rosie has listed below some of the specific things she can offer. Of course, this is not an absolute list, so please don't hesitate to let her know if she can help in any way - she looks forward to meeting you!

- A confidential, non-judgemental listening ear regarding whatever's going on at home. I can also provide tailored links to other agencies or specialist services who may be able to offer support.
- I have hot drinks, chocolate bikkies and comfy chairs in a toddler friendly/breastfeeding friendly space at SFX - all welcome!
- I am happy to meet families up at Pompallier, do home visits, or converse via email, text, WhatsApp or phone.
- I can offer support to whānau experiencing bereavement, illness, separation, new baby, changes in family circumstances etc.
- I can work alongside families who are struggling with the basics, to help them access food, clothing, uniforms, stationery, housing, and advise on Work & Income subsidies and other wrap-around supports specific to their situation.
- I can help some of our families who are new to the area get settled in and get connected with local organisations.
- I can help source funding or find a way to make things happen for specific projects or special children.
- I can help Caregivers fill out applications/paperwork, and if needed, support families to navigate new school systems and processes and offer moral support at school based meetings.



 **Coffee & bikkies in a toddler friendly space!**
(*Breastfeeding friendly zone with seating)

 **A friendly, non-judgemental listening ear.**

 **Space for a confidential chat about anything going on at home.**

 **Support to find services to best match your personal situation.**

Please text, WhatsApp or email Rosie to make an appointment:

021 028 33587

rosie@sfx.school.nz
rosie.hughes@pompallier.school.nz



POMPALLIER SWIMMING CHAMPS

Friday 16 February, 2024





TE MANAWA TAHI - Community Timetable, Term 1

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



All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

Date	Hub Locations	Term 1 2024, Weeks 6 to 10
Tue 12 March	Te Rito, 165 William Jones Drive, Otangarei	
Wed 13 March	Bream Bay Community Trust (10am to 12.30pm) 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thurs 21 March	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup, 20 George Street, Hikurangi	
Wed 27 March	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall (10am to 1pm) 172 Hurdall Street East, Maungaturoto	
Thurs 28 March	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wed 3 April	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thurs 4 April	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
	Ngunguru School (9am - 10.30 am) Te Maika Road	

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