



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 5 : 5 April, 2024

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

### Of Bunnies and Buns.

I like Easter and I like chocolate. I have been forever grateful to the person who made a link between Easter and chocolate so many years ago. Some sources date this to Germany and France in the early 1800's, while others link it to Joseph Fry of England in 1873. Choose either or neither, what is more important is that it was before my birth.

Some of my earliest memories are of having a chocolate easter egg on Easter Sunday. We knew they were in the house, but they were not available unless we had attended Mass on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Given the length of these liturgies, I always thought the reward was justified. I had used a lot of energy, kneeling, standing, praying, listening and sometimes singing at these two liturgies.

I had also given things up during Lent and donated some pennies towards the babies in Africa, according to the label and picture on the tin. Each classroom in my Catholic primary had a small tin where students could make such a donation. There was a competition run between the four classes to see who could raise the most money. I liked the competition as the winning class received some lollies and had some "free time" from regular school.

Easter, Christmas and Lent (if our class won) were all events that I looked forward to when I was younger, as they brought good things into my life. The reward was high and the cost was low. That was very acceptable to me.

Many years later, Easter still brings good things into my life. The reward is now greater than what I thought I was getting as a child, while the personal cost to me looks different now. I can still get the chocolate eggs or bunnies, along with hot cross buns, but I now appreciate, and believe, that Easter is much more than bunnies and buns.

The passage of time has made me far more aware of the reality of evil/sin in the world and the victory of Christ who became man to address this reality. Evil does not walk around with a long tail, pointy ears, red eyes and a pitchfork. It is not a person, it is a presence, and a very subtle one most of the time. Its intent is to alienate us and others from the loving presence of God.

Evil tends to get a free hit in the presence of natural disasters, because it is hard to reconcile a God or creation and love with the impact of a Tsunami or Earthquake upon people. But it does even better when it can find fertile ground in our humanity and orientate our behaviour towards things such as: promotion of self importance (Adam and Eve), revenge (Samson), the distrust of others (siblings of Joseph) and a failure to discern truth (Pharisees).

Under the right set of circumstances an individual or collective entity is pretty much capable of anything. Both good and bad. Goodness and evil do not come with a recognisable label. The recent scandals relating to sexual abuse within the Catholic church evidences this, and reminds us that we all need a healthy distrust of our own inclinations to presume goodness and righteousness to be present within an entity, an individual, or even within ourself.

The good news of Easter is that Christ shows us a path through the presence of evil. It is a path that is hard to stay on unless we have faith in God and take to heart (and head) Saint Paul's message that "...in all things God works for the good of those who love him" (Romans 8:28).

Christ showed to us that evil (sin) can be overcome. It was not self-evident to the disciples when they gathered with Jesus at the Mount of Olives and even less evident 24 hours later. It was not until the Holy Spirit became present that these men became liberated from doubt and despair. God tends to work that way. Things do take time because God works with and through our imperfect humanity.

However, Easter enables the rewards to keep coming and I know the cost is both universal and individual. The real cost of Easter falls upon Jesus and those who give witness to his kingdom of truth, justice and peace in the world today.

May God continue to bless and strengthen all those transformational people who bring Easter to us without heeding the cost. They are the people who are putting Christ in Pompallier Catholic College today. May they continue to do so in the years ahead.

**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 and Term 2

**NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.**

### APRIL

Sat 6 - Sat 27	Europe Trip		
Tue 9	RYDA (Year 12 students)	Semenoff Stadium	9.15am - 2.30pm
Wed 10 - Thu 11	Tai Tokerau Festival (Kapa Haka)	Okaihau College	
<b>Fri 12</b>	<b>STAFF ONLY DAY (Last day of Term 1)</b>	<b>School closed for instruction</b>	

### Term 2:

<b>Mon 29</b>	<b>First day of Term 2</b>	<b>School starts at 8.45am</b>	
Tue 30	Gateway Health & Safety Course	College Library	9.00am - 3.00pm

### MAY

Wed 1	Gateway Health & Safety Course	College Library	9.00am - 3.00pm
Thu 2	Year 7 & 8 Social	College Hall	5.00pm - 7.00pm
Fri 3	Pompallier Shield	Rosmini College, Auckland	9.00am - 9.00pm
Sat 4 - Mon 6	Marist Head Students Forum	Pompallier	
Tue 7	Year 7 Boostrix Immunisations	College Library	9.00am
Tue 7	Canterbury University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9.00am - 10.00am
Mon 13 - Fri 17	e-asTTle Assessment Week		
Mon 20	Year 10 Writing Corequisite Exam		
Mon 20 - Tue 21	Fencing Course	Pompallier	8.45am - 3.00pm
Wed 22	Year 10 Numeracy Corequisite Exam		
Thu 23	Year 10 Reading Corequisite Exam		
Mon 27 - Tue 28	Chainsaw Course	Pompallier	8.45am - 3.00pm
Fri 31	E-Mission Day	Pompallier	

### JUNE

<b>Mon 3</b>	<b>KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>School closed for instruction</b>	
<b>Fri 7</b>	<b>STAFF ONLY DAY</b>	<b>School closed for instruction</b>	
Fri 7	NorthTec Hair & Beauty Taster Course		8.30am - 3.00pm
Fri 14	NorthTec Hair & Beauty Taster Course		8.30am - 3.00pm
Fri 21	NorthTec Hair & Beauty Taster Course		8.30am - 3.00pm
Thu 27	E-Mission Day	Pompallier	
<b>Fri 28</b>	<b>MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>School closed for instruction</b>	

### JULY

Tue 2	Parent Teacher Interviews	TBC	
Wed 3	Parent Teacher Interviews	TBC	
Fri 5	College Ball	TBC	
<b>Fri 5</b>	<b>STAFF ONLY DAY (Last day of Term 2)</b>	<b>School closed for instruction</b>	



## SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 10

### UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

Please keep an eye out in the school notices for when you need to come and collect your uniform for the upcoming season.

If you have not returned your uniform from last year, you WILL NOT be issued another.

### SPORTS GEAR

With winter sport training having started up, we have made a designated area for students to put their sports bags (hockey, rugby, gym etc) without having to lug them around all day. This area is next to the Sport Co-ordinators office and is under video surveillance for security purposes.

If you would like to utilise this area, please see Mrs Page in the sports office.

### AIMS GAMES (YEAR 7 & 8) - INDIVIDUALS

AIMS Games registrations have officially opened and we are seeking interest from our individual athletes who may want to compete this year.

For more information on sports offered for AIMS, please follow the link: <https://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz/sports-hakinakina/all-sports>

**Any students who are wanting to attend, as an individual (or in a team), please get in touch with me!**

### STUDENT SUCCESSES

#### Rugby

Congratulations to **Nate Cunis** (Year 9), who has been selected for the Whangarei U14's Taniwha Rugby team.

#### SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

Last week our senior volleyball teams competed at McKay Stadium in the NSSSA Volleyball Cup. The teams had been training for many weeks leading up to the competition and played with marist spirit.

Congratulations to our top senior boys' team who came in second place.

Next term our girls' and boys teams will combine in the Mixed Division – keep up the good work! Special mention to Mr Downes who has been giving up his lunchtimes to coach.



### 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!

### UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

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

- Tues 9 Apr Equestrian Combined *Kaikohe*
- Wed 10 Apr Surfing Series Trial *Ahipara/Sandy Bay*
- Fri 12 Apr Pickleball (Y7-13) *Te Ora Hau, Tikipunga*
- Sat 13 Apr Netball Grading *Whangarei Netball Centre*

**Please also refer to the Term 2 NSSSA Sporting Events sheet emailed with this newsletter, for upcoming events.**

**Sam Page**  
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR  
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Remember, if you have a student success you would like to share, email us at ...

[newsletter@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:newsletter@pompallier.school.nz)



## RELAY FOR LIFE

We had a large group of students attend this event, and do our school and themselves proud.

Congratulations to everyone on the massive effort - our school won the team with the highest contribution, over \$20,500, with the Cancer Society raising over \$122,000 in total.

Many thanks to Mrs McAulay, who stepped in at the last minute to support the team.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS LITURGY

We celebrated a wonderful liturgy as a full school last Thursday.

Many thanks to our staff and students for their time and effort in making this such a special event.



## 2024 TERM DATES

<b>TERM 1</b>	Wednesday 31 January	Fri 12 April
<b>TERM 2</b>	Mon 29 April	Fri 5 July
<b>TERM 3</b>	Mon 22 July	Fri 27 September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Mon 14 October	Fri 13 December

## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

### Situations Vacant

#### Accountant - Graduate Role

The Accountant role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager and CFO with operational leadership for the financial management of the Diocese and its related entities.

In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring all financial reporting requirements, imperatives are delivered accurately and add value to the organisation. You will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and monthly management reporting information for entities, which ensures the Diocese both fully meets its statutory requirements and to support the Diocese in the achievement of its strategic goals.

This role will suit a recent graduate of a Bachelor's degree or relevant tertiary qualification (Accounting).

To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

**Applications close 12 April 2024.**

## STATEMENT OF DONATIONS

We will be emailing out a Statement of Donations to families prior to the end of this term, for the tax year ending 31 March 2024.

Each year we automatically send out a Statement of Donations to families that have made a donation during the current tax year to the College. You will require this statement if you wish to claim a partial refund back from Inland Revenue.

Please refer to the [Inland Revenue website](http://www.inlandrevenue.govt.nz) for further information and instructions on claiming for donations.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Jane Woolston in the College office, by phone 438 3950 ext 200, or email: [fees@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:fees@pompallier.school.nz).

Thank you.

## HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED??

Have you moved house recently?

Changed your phone number or email address?

Have a new emergency contact person?

**It is vital that we have the correct up-to-date contact information for you and your child.**

Therefore, any time you have a change in circumstances, please ensure you contact the College Office and let us know: [admin@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:admin@pompallier.school.nz).

Thank you!



# E-MISSIONS DAY

Kia ora from Manaakitanga.

We are the student leadership group that takes care of our school environment and the mental wellbeing of students. As part of our responsibilities, we run 'E-Missions day', which falls on one Friday per month, where we encourage the students of Pompallier to use sustainable methods of transport to school, such as walking, biking, carpooling or using public transport. Ideally, students will be using environmentally friendly methods of transport to get to school everyday, however we have created this as a challenge to further incentivise them to reduce their carbon footprint. We would really appreciate it if students make an effort to reduce their carbon emissions on these days, and we will be asking for a gold coin donation from cars with less than two Pompallier students in them. E-Missions days are consistently on Fridays throughout the year, in the hope that carpooling opportunities will be able to be organised for students and become a habit.



**Many thanks from Manaakitanga**



# E-MISSIONS DAY DATES

Please remember to try extra hard to walk/use public transport/carpool to school on these dates!

3rd May

27th June

2nd August

6th September

18th October



**Many thanks from Manaakitanga**



## YEAR 12 CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP ...

On Wednesday 27 March the Year 12 English students visited Kiwi North Museum in Maunu to explore and create a beautifully crafted creative writing piece, using the many artifacts and photographs as their inspiration.

Kiwi North is a treasure trove of historic artifacts and photographs that vividly depict the growth and development of Whangārei over the years. Exhibits ranging from Māori artifacts to World War memorabilia provide a comprehensive narrative of the town's evolution.

Photographs from various periods offer glimpses into the past, illustrating the transformation of Whangārei from a small settlement to a bustling city. Images of early settlers, bustling marketplaces and iconic landmarks provide valuable insights into the town's socio-economic development.

One of the many highlights of the visit was the exploration of the historic schoolhouse within the museum premises. The students were transported back in time as they entered the meticulously restored classroom. The schoolhouse provided a fascinating glimpse into the education system of yesteryears, allowing the students to experience firsthand the conditions in which past generations were educated.

The day proved to be a captivating journey through the history and heritage of Whangārei, leaving the students inspired and motivated to write.

**Mrs van Zyl**  
**ENGLISH TEACHER**

