



# 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,

I have always found finishing at any school one of the most difficult things to do. It is not about those last few tasks, for that is easy as the essential work has already been done. Instead it is about recognising that there are imperfections, failings and needs that remain which might never be addressed or may never be noticed by others. The tasks may have been done well according to students, staff and families, but inevitably it falls short of the need to "be perfect as your heavenly father is perfect" (Matt 5:48).

As I leave this College after 15 years, I know that it does have a reputation for being a highly respected and sought after school. That might be appealing as we like being associated with a winning team. However, reputation should never be a goal of education. As soon as reputation becomes the goal, students are no longer the most important people in the school. Staff are no longer valued for who they are, but for what they might contribute to the reputation. Truth is no longer important, as it becomes subservient to getting the right story out to people. Trying to hold onto reputation is one sure way to lose, as it undermines the very purpose of education.

The strength of this College arises from it being a failure. It has failed because it tried to do its best for every single student irrespective of their unique set of needs. It has failed because it tried to be a Catholic school that lived out the key virtues of faith, hope and charity. It has failed because it tried to be a school that operated by the principles of social justice and the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Aiming to "be perfect as your heavenly father is perfect" is impossible to achieve. Perfection is for God alone. But the pursuit of perfection is necessary for generating something that is good. By seeking the best possible outcome for each student and striving to live as a Catholic community as a staff and student body, we inevitably failed and yet succeeded in becoming a very good school. I feel honoured to be part of that failure.

Moving on when the task of education is never finished is difficult. To some extent this can be remedied by starting again, but there inevitably comes a time when there is a need to walk other roads. Jesus got to say, "It is finished" (John 19:30) and he was probably the only person who could ever make such a claim.

As a young boy my mother would often ask me, "Have you finished?" when I was engaged in some task. My answer then is my answer now, "Almost finished Mum", and she would respond, "Leave it, and come and have your dinner". Thanks Mum, thanks Pompallier Whānau, it's time for my dinner.

### Thank you

To the students both current and past who have made everyday one in which I have felt blessed to work with you. Thank you for your cards, letters, notes and emails, and for the appreciation expressed by your presence and words. Thank you for the wonderful painting that captures so much of what I love about this school.

To the staff who have served the students of this College today and in the past. Your willingness to uphold the mission of the Church and to care deeply for our students, expressed in so many ways, has been an inspiration for me every day. Thank you for the words, letters, cards, hugs and tears and the amazing generous gift of yourself.

To the parents who have blessed us with their most precious people over the years. The journey that many of you walk with courage, faith and hope through difficult times has been an inspiration to me and challenged me to be a better person. Thank you for trusting me to work with such wonderful teenagers who bring God's presence to us every day.

To those trustees over the last fifteen years who have served the needs of the College with integrity, honesty, competence and discernment, aligned with a willingness to uphold the mission of the Catholic school. Thank you for your wisdom and support through the challenges and successes that we have encountered.

To the Marist Fathers who have served our Church, school and board for many years. Having your support and understanding over the years has been greatly appreciated. It has been an honour to carry and uphold the Marist charism at Pompallier Catholic College and to share in the wonderful legacy given to us by those young men who arrived from France almost 200 years ago to bring the Catholic faith to Aotearoa.

To my family who have been my greatest critics and greatest supporters. In bringing their wisdom, love, understanding and interest to all that I do, you have made every day an opportunity for rejoicing in the amazing gifts that God brings to me.

**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 2

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

### MAY

Mon 13 - Fri 17	e-asTTle Assessment Week		
Mon 13	NorthTec Nursing Student for a Day	NorthTec	9.00am - 2.30pm
Tue 14	Year 13 Studylink Seminar	College	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Mon 20	Year 10 Writing Corequisite Exam		
Mon 20 - Tue 21	Fencing Course	Pompallier	8.45am - 3.00pm
Tue 21	Pompallier Cross Country	Barge Park	9.00am - 3.00pm
Wed 22	Year 10 Numeracy Corequisite Exam		
Thu 23	Year 10 Reading Corequisite Exam		
<b>Fri 24</b>	<b>TEACHERS PAID UNION MEETING</b>		<b>School finishing 12.30pm</b>
Mon 27 - Tue 28	Chainsaw Course	Pompallier	8.45am - 3.00pm
Tue 28 - Wed 29	NorthTec Barista Course, Group 1	NorthTec	9.00am - 3.00pm
Fri 31	E-Mission Day	Pompallier	
Fri 31	NorthTec Hair & Beauty Taster Course	NorthTec Campus	9.00am - 2.30pm

### JUNE

<b>Mon 3</b>	<b>KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		<b>School closed for instruction</b>
Tue 4 - Wed 5	NorthTec Barista Course, Group 1		8.30am - 3.00pm
<b>Fri 7</b>	<b>STAFF ONLY DAY</b>		<b>School closed for instruction</b>
Fri 7	NorthTec Hair & Beauty Taster Course	NorthTec Campus	9.00am - 2.30pm
Fri 7	NorthTec Basic Meats Course	NorthTec Campus	9.00am - 3.00pm
Tue 11	NorthTec Flight Attending Course	NorthTec Campus	9.00am - 3.00pm
Wed 12	Pompallier Speech Competitions	Library	9.20am - 11.10am
Fri 14	NorthTec Hair & Beauty Taster Course	NorthTec Campus	9.00am - 2.30pm
Fri 14	NorthTec Basic Meats Course	NorthTec Campus	9.00am - 3.00pm
Fri 21	NorthTec Basic Meats Course	NorthTec Campus	9.00am - 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>
Fri 5	College Ball	TBC	TBC

## 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

## BUS PASSES ...

If your child loses their pass, they can apply for a replacement by paying \$6.50 to the College office.



A temporary bus pass will be issued, and a new pass will be ordered for them. As these are printed off-site, this can take up to one week to arrive.



## SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 2, Week 2

### UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

All students playing for the school should have now been issued a uniform. If you have not then please come and see Mrs Page in her office asap!

### STUDENT SUCCESSES

#### Gymnastics

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May **Jessica Kalkhoven** (Year 11) competed at the MIGS Tumble competition in Rotorua.

She came second in Women's International Tumble - amazing work Jess!

The next competition is the Australian Nationals held in Surfers Paradise, Australia, where she will be competing as part of the New Zealand International Team. We wish her all the best for that event.

#### Football

**Will Gross** (Year 12) recently played in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Football tour of Sydney.

He played extremely well, but more importantly the feedback received from coaches and management of the tour was outstanding! Well done Will!

### EQUESTRIAN RESULTS

We had two teams competing at the Northland Secondary Schools Show Jumping event in February. The team consisting of Lily Aubrey, Vivienne Frank, Renee Boykett and Javahna Barrowman placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 24 teams.

Two teams again competed at the Northland Secondary Schools Combined Training in April. The team consisting of Lily Aubrey, Javahna Barrowman, Maggie Reiher and Casey Berger won the competition. Huge congratulations to these girls.



### WINTER SPORTS SEASON, 2024

With winter sport starting this term, I would like to remind all parents and family supporting our students from the sidelines that we expect positive encouragement only. This includes to team members, coaches, managers and the opposition.

We want to ensure that everyone participating is in a safe environment and are able to enjoy their sport of choice.

#### CROSS COUNTRY - Tuesday 21 May, Barge Park

All Year 7 & 8 students will run during period 1 and 2.

All senior students are encouraged to participate (especially those who play for a school sports team), but it is not compulsory.

Signups for cross country will be at the **House Meeting held on Friday 17 May.**

Please see the programme for the day below (note that all times are approximate).

#### Race Information:

- Boys and girls run together in races 1, 2 and 3
- Senior boys and girls races separate
- All students competing must meet a teacher outside the school office block area at their allocated time for attendance, before walking over to Barge Park
- After each race is completed students must stay in their House areas at Barge Park until a teacher walks them back to school.

<b>9.20am</b>	Year 7 and 8 students – complete attendance and walk to Barge Park with Whānau teachers
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Race 1 – Year 7 boys and girls</b> Run 3km – 1.5 laps of the course
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Race 2 – Year 8 boys and girls</b> Run 3km – 1.5 laps of the course
<b>11.10am</b>	Year 9/10 boys and girls meet outside reception office, complete attendance and walk to Barge Park with teacher assistance
<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Race 3 – Year 9/10 boys and girls</b> Run 4km – 2 laps of the course
<b>12.00pm</b>	Year 11-13 girls - meet outside reception office, complete attendance and walk to Barge Park with teacher assistance
<b>12.15 - 12.30pm</b>	<b>Race 4 - Year 11-13 girls</b> Run 4km – 2 laps of the course
<b>1.10pm</b>	Year 11-13 boys - meet outside reception office, complete attendance and walk to Barge Park with teacher assistance
<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Race 5 – Year 11 - 13 boys</b> Run 6km – 3 laps of the course

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

AIMS Games registrations have officially opened and we are seeking any 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!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 2

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

- Wed 15 May WPSSA Winter Tournament *Kensington*
- Mon 20 May Ambrose Golf Day *BOI Golf Club*
- Tue 21 May Cross Country *Barge Park*
- Tue 28 May Mixed Volleyball (Y11-13) *McKay Stadium*

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

[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!

**Sam Page**  
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR  
438 3950 Ext 219  
[sports@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:sports@pompallier.school.nz)



## SCHOOL MAGAZINE

We are now taking orders for this year's school magazine and will be using the on-line ordering system again. **The cost of the magazine is \$20.00.** Any family that wishes to purchase a magazine will need to pre-order one by clicking on the following link for further information and the ordering page:

[Order 2024 Magazine](#)

**All orders must be received by Friday 23 August.** There will be limited extra copies to purchase after publication, so please ensure you order your copy to avoid disappointment.

**Advertising:** We will be offering advertising space again this year. Our fee is \$150.00 for a full page advert, \$80.00 for a half page advert, or \$40.00 for a quarter page advert.

If you would like to support the magazine and advertise your business/organisation, or for further information, please contact Sarah Edgecombe via email: [sarah.edgecombe@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:sarah.edgecombe@pompallier.school.nz).

## REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES and THE STUDENT CENTRE

### Reporting a student absence:

- Please phone the Student Centre Absence Line: **438 3950 option 1. This service is available 24/7.**
- Leave a message on the answerphone with your child's name, whānau class, reason for their absence, your name and contact details.
- Please ring in **each day** your child is going to be absent.
- For absences of 3 days or more, we require a medical certificate to be provided to the Student Centre.
- **We do not accept email notification of absences,** as emails cannot be guaranteed to be checked prior to our daily attendance procedures.

### Speaking directly to the Student Centre:

- Phone the College office: **438 3950 extension 202.**
- **Use this method if you have an urgent message for your child,** and it would be most helpful if you contact us in plenty of time to deliver the message to your child before the end of the school day.

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.



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

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



## YEAR 11 COMMUNITY SERVICE ...

As part of our Year 11 community service, students from one of our RE classes have been spending time with residents at Selwyn Park Rest Home in Maunu.

This week we joined them to celebrate Mother's Day with a morning tea. Our students performed poetry, sang and kept the residents company. They had also prepared hand-made gifts for each resident to brighten their day.

We have been visiting the rest home since the beginning of the year now, and it is heartwarming to see the relationships that are being formed. Residents are beginning to recognise our students, and remember their names.

This service to our community is an opportunity for our students to put their faith into action, and to share part of themselves with others. We are reminded of the passage in Philippians (2:3-4) that says "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

**Mrs Katrina Perry**  
RE TEACHER





## TE MANAWA TAHI - Community Timetable Whangārei, Term 2

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](mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz). All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

Date	Hub Locations	Term 2 2024, Weeks 1 to 5
Tuesday 30 April	Te Rito, 165 William Jones Drive, Otangarei	
Wednesday 1 May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wednesday 8 May	Bream Bay Community Trust 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thursday 9 May	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thursday 16 May	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi	
Wednesday 22 May	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thursday 23 May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Tuesday 28 May	Te Rito, 165 William Jones Drive, Otangarei	
Wednesday 29 May	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

Date	Hub Locations	Term 2 2024, Weeks 6 to 10
Wednesday 5 June	Bream Bay Community Trust (10.00am to 12.30pm) 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thursday 13 June	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup, 20 George Street, Hikurangi	
Wednesday 19 June	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall 172 Hurdall Street East, Maungaturoto	
Thursday 20 June	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wednesday 26 June	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thursday 27 June	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
	Ngunguru School (9.00am - 10.30 am) Te Maika Road	