



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 9 : 21 June, 2024

Kia ora koutou katoa,

There's a scorpion that sits on my desk. I call him Spike. Spike doesn't usually move, unless I pick him up.

I found Spike at the Hoover Dam, on the Colorado and Nevada border. We were in a camper van, on our way to Big Bear Lake after indulging in the delights of Las Vegas. There he was, sitting on a shelf in a souvenir shop, fully encased in a resin dome. Spike was exquisite in detail, the light streaming through window of the shop and exposing all his majestic menace. The clear resin exaggerated and distorted his pincers and upright tail, depending on the angle from which you viewed him. To me, he was terrifyingly beautiful.

But, if I had seen Spike, sitting on a rock or scuttling across a path out in the open, you wouldn't have seen me for dust! I distrust all spiders, especially ones that could deliver a fatal sting to any part of my uncovered skin.

Safely surrounded by resin, Spike is no longer dangerous, just fascinating. Spike keeps a silent vigil from his dome desktop vantage point. He keeps my piles of paper in one steady stack. Spike sits on my desk as a provocation. As a way to engage, to evoke curiosity, looking at him from differing angles and domed distortions.

But that wasn't his purpose or choice. His habitat is in the dry desert rocks and sands, not in an airconditioned office on the other side of the world.

When we look at our students, we can't encase them in rigid boundaries and limiting expectations, giving them no room to move and turning them into passive observers and leaden paper holders.

We must look through Mary's eyes and accept the whole person, and that might mean stinging tail, sharp pincers and all. We must make sure that we remove their captive domes and see the potential, providing the right environment to enable them to flourish.

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do." - Pope John XXIII

Ms Chris Allen
ACTING PRINCIPAL

2025 ENROLMENTS

Preference enrolment applications for 2025:

Open on Tuesday 4 June

Close on Friday 2 August

It is advisable that Parents/Caregivers read our current [Enrolment Policy](#) and [2025 Enrolment Process](#) document prior to applying.

Enrolment application forms are available at the College office, on our [website](#), or you can request a pack to be posted to you by phoning the office on 09 438 3950.

Note: Enrolment application forms have been posted direct to Parents/Caregivers of Year 6 students currently attending St Francis Xavier Catholic School.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to offer places to Non-Preference students in 2025.

For any enrolment queries, please contact Kelli Adams: 09 438 3950 ext 201, or admin@pompallier.school.nz

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.

JUNE

Mon 24 - Tue 25	International Students Trip	Auckland	8.30am - 5.30pm
Wed 26	Pompallier Day - College Mass	College Gym	9.00am
Wed 26	Pompallier Day - Fiafia Matariki	College Gym	5.00pm - 8.00pm
Thu 27	E-Mission Day	Pompallier	
Fri 28	MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY	School closed for instruction	

JULY

Tue 2	Parent Teacher Interviews	In-person, College	3.30pm - 7.00pm
Wed 3	Parent Teacher Interviews	On-line	3.30pm - 7.00pm
Thu 4	Non-Uniform Day - \$2 donation for Caritas or non-perishable food item for local foodbank		
Fri 5	College Ball	Forum North	7.00pm - 11.00pm
Fri 5	STAFF ONLY DAY (Last day of Term 2)	School closed for instruction	

UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 3

JULY

Mon 22	STAFF ONLY DAY (First day of Term 3)	School closed for instruction	
Tue 23 - Wed 24	Barista Course (Group 2)	NorthTec	9.00am - 3.00pm
Tue 23	Year 13 Retreat	Pompallier	9.00am - 12.30pm
Wed 24 - Fri 26	Young Marist Neighbours	Pompallier	9.00am - 3.00pm
Tue 30 - Wed 31	Barista Course (Group 2)	NorthTec	9.00am - 3.00pm



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.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS (Year 7 - 13)

Tuesday 2 July - IN-PERSON

3.30pm - 7.00pm (7 minute interviews)

Booking Code: 62tfy

Wednesday 3 July - ONLINE

3.30pm - 7.00pm (10 minute interviews)

Booking Code: cshsv

Note: start and end times this day may vary depending on the teacher

The interview site will open for bookings next Tuesday 25 June - please follow these instructions:

- Go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- Enter the School Code: **(as above)**
- Follow the online instructions

The site will close off at 8.00am on each morning of the scheduled interview day.

If you have any issues with booking an appointment, please contact Becky Saxton in our Student Centre, on 438 3950 ext 202.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 2, Week 8

BASKETBALL RESULTS - No more games until Term 3

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Boys 1st XI

12 June vs Otamatea won 4 - 0

Good luck to the Boys' who will face Otamatea next week in the semi-finals!

Girls 1st XI

12 June vs Otamatea lost 3 - 4

HOCKEY RESULTS

Collegiate 1st XI

10 June vs WBHS lost 1 - 5

17 June vs WBHS draw 0 - 0

Collegiate 2nd XI

10 June vs Springfield lost 1 - 7

17 June vs Tauraroa lost 1 - 6

JMC Team 1

7 June vs Bream Bay lost 5 - 7

14 June vs WIS won 3 - 2

JMC Team 2

8 June default

13 June vs TAS lost 2 - 11

NETBALL RESULTS

Collegiate Team 1

8 June vs KTN Whero won 26 - 22

15 June vs TRR won 38 - 6

Collegiate Team 2

8 June vs POM 3 won 18 - 17

15 June vs WGHS won 35 - 16

Collegiate Team 3

8 June vs POM 2 lost 17 - 18

15 June vs Hikurangi won 25 - 15

Collegiate Team 4

8 June default

15 June vs Tauraroa won 27 - 3

Intermediate Team 1

8 June vs KIS won 18 - 9

15 June vs Huanui won 19 - 13

Intermediate Team 2

8 June vs KIS lost 0 - 15

15 June vs WIS won 9 - 4

Good luck to our 3 teams who are going into promotion round this week!

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Gymnastics

On Saturday 9 June **Jessica Kalkhoven (Year 11)** competed at The Tristar Tumble and Trampoline competition in Auckland.

She placed 1st in tumble and 3rd in double mini tramp. Well done Jessica!

Squash

Congratulations to **Jeremy McAllister (Year 7)** who competed in the Northland Squash Open recently and won the Junior Division! Great work Jeremy.

Hockey

Congratulations to **Alex Kite (Year 12)** who made it into the Northland Under 18 Hockey team.

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!

WINTER SPORTS SEASON, 2024

We are well into our winter sports season for Pompallier, with some great results coming through! We have included some shots of our students in action on the following page!

MULTI-SPORT SURFACE OPENING

We had the official opening of our multi-sports surface on Monday.

This is a great facility for our students and will be well used by multiple sport codes at school.

A huge thank you to our PTFA for spearheading this project, which has taken a few years to reach fruition! Also thank you to the Board for their contribution and our many sponsors who have donated generously. Photos of the occasion are on page 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 2

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

- Tue 25 June NSSA Cross Country Champs *Barge Park*
- Wed 3 Jul Year 7/8 Bream Bay Exchange *BB College*

EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN TERM 3...

- 3 x 3 Basketball and Basketball Championship, Badminton, Netball Cup and Championship, Bay of Islands Beast
- Year 7 & 8 Basketball, Mixed Futsal, Squash

Sam Page
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
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SPORTS PHOTOS ...





MULTI SPORT SURFACE OFFICIAL OPENING ...





VIEWING STUDENT INFORMATION

Our KAMAR Parent Portal allows parents to access some of the records we have for your child, like attendance, timetable, results/reports etc.

Click [here](#) to be directed to the log-in page. Log on using your child's name: firstnamedotlastname (eg: fred.flinstone) and your Caregiver password.

If you have not used this portal previously, please phone the College office to request the Caregivers logon password. We will email this to the registered email address we have on our system for you.



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Our college will be offering a Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation programme for those students who have not received one or more of these sacraments. The programme will be run at school.

We invite parents/caregivers to register as soon as possible via the following link if you wish for your child to receive the sacraments:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SacramentalProgramme>

All families will be required to attend a registration meeting, at a date to be announced.

If you have any queries, please contact Shaun Davison: shaun.davison@pompallier.school.nz.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

The Parish is readvertising the above position involving bookkeeping and property maintenance.

This role is expected to be full time, or could be shared by two part-timers sharing the role to suit their skillsets.

We are seeking strong organisation skills and attention to detail, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and proficiency in Microsoft Office and accounting software.

To find out more, please contact Leah Peacock, Chair of the Parish Finance Committee, on 027 273 7301.

POMPALLIER SPEECH COMPETITIONS

The recent speech competition held at school was a resounding success, showcasing the exceptional oratory skills of the students. Participants delivered speeches of an impressively high standard, which demonstrated not only their eloquence, but also a deep understanding of their chosen topics. Subjects ranged from social issues and personal anecdotes, to global concerns and philosophical reflections.

All the participants gave a commendable account of themselves, exhibiting confidence, clarity and a strong command of the language. Their ability to articulate complex ideas with such poise was a testament to their preparation and a passion for their topics.

Our judges, Ms Edgecombe and Mr Thornton, noted that the competition was extremely close, making the task of determining final placings particularly challenging. Each speech had unique strengths, whether in content, delivery or emotional impact, highlighting exceptional talent among our students. The high standard of the speeches, the maturity of the topics and the difficulty in deciding the winners, all speak to the success of the competition and the bright future of these young orators.

Congratulations to this year's winners (pictured below with Ms Edgecombe and Mr Thornton):

Senior:

- 1st Anabella Hugo**
2nd Rose Shaji
3rd Angel Lucas

Junior:

- 1st Krissa Jerry**
2nd Joshua Lee
3rd Mitchell Dalton



Senior Competition Winners
(L - R) Angel Lucas, Rose Shaji, Anabella Hugo



Junior Competition Winners
(L - R) Krissa Jerry, Joshua Lee, Mitchell Dalton



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5PM TIL 8PM

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE

POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM

**HANGI SALES \$15 AVAILABLE
FROM SCHOOL OFFICE UNTIL
SOLD OUT**

**YEAR 7 & 8 PERFORMANCES
CULTURAL DANCES
KAI STALLS**



POP-UP PUPPET EXHIBIT

On Wednesday 12 June, we had a Year 7 & 8 pop-up puppet exhibit at lunchtime.

There was a great turn out! Lots of happy students showing off their work and curious older students mesmerised by all the creative ideas.

Thanks to everyone involved in this fun activity for our students, especially Sophie Jensen, our wonderful Art teacher who spends many hours helping students to create these treasures.





LEARNING CENTRE VISIT TO THE FIRE STATION ...

On Thursday 13 June, students and staff from our Learning Centre visited the Whangārei Fire Station.

The team there really looked after us and gave the students a great tour. Students were able to have a look in a fire engine, had a go using fire hoses (they all had to squirt the hose to hit and knock down buckets!), popped on a fireman's uniform, sat and relaxed in the "media room", saw the jaws of life, and experienced what actually happens when the Fire Station received a real call out while they were there.

Our students really enjoyed the day, they were very engaged and asked great questions!

We would like to extend a big thank you to the Fire Station for hosting us.





SHOWQUEST 2024 ...

At Showquest 2024, held on Thursday 6 June, our performers and crew had an absolute blast, showcasing incredible talent and energy! We proudly won Best School Spirit, Best Choreography, Best Public Speakers (Lana and Khloe), and Highly Commended Props.

The event was a fantastic celebration of creativity and teamwork, making unforgettable memories! An extra special thanks goes out to our amazing creative director, George Pickering, who spent countless hours designing the entire performance, and Jannica Lubrica and Amelia Vun (Year 12 students) who were the genius artists who designed and created the visual art.

Our performers were:

Year 7: Holly Aubrey, Raina Gillespie, Zariah Windelborn

Year 8: Maya Evans, Sofia Higgins, Georgia Johnson, Lana Johnston-McCluskey, Marabella Macpherson, Khloe McCully, Frankie Pickering, Gabriella Ricketts

Our backstage crew were:

Year 7: Jordan Kamlade-Smith, Ollie Runciman

Year 8: Marika Cutforth

Year 10: Lily Aubrey, Molly Franks

Hana Wellington
TEACHER IN CHARGE OF SHOWQUEST 2024





TOI WEARABLE ARTS 2024 ...

On Friday 7 June, Toi Wearable Arts was held at Forum North. Toi is a separate event to Showquest, but looped into the same show.

Our two Toi Wearable Arts teams were fantastic. It was a long day, but the girls were so happy just to be there, surrounded by all the fun and hype. They especially enjoyed the silent disco and watching the other school's dance rehearsals with their crazy costumes!

The teams worked so hard on their garments and won 2 awards!

Most Outstanding Stage Performance to Milla Lovell for modelling her teams garment 'The Queen of Hearts', designed by Capri Benson, Kayla Seaman, and herself.

Best use of innovative materials for 'Ray of Sunshine', modelled by Elizabeth Buxton, Isabella Seaman, and Jillian Carlos.

I am very proud of all our students for their hard work and commitment. I would also like to thank Sarah Edgecombe for her support on the afternoon.

Sophie Jensen

TEACHER IN CHARGE OF TOI WEARABLE ARTS 2024

