



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 4 : 21 March, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

The school has been a hive of activity this week. Senior students are engaged in NCEA internals, trials for winter sport have been taking place, our athletes competed at the Northland Secondary Schools Track & Field Champs, we hosted a Careers Roadshow where students could cast an eye to their future careers. Hotly contested House Tug of War competitions have been taking place at lunchtime, our Kapa Haka group have been filling the college with rousing waiata and haka as they prepare for the Te Tai Tokerau festival next month, and our Year 12 and 13 Rōpū leaders have been active across the college showing leadership in Catholic Character, Tikanga Māori, service, and mentorship.

A highlight of the week was the annual Raiatea School Mass on Wednesday, where Year 13 students took their pledge of commitment to leadership. Fr Brian's homily encouraged students to be mindful that their actions now foreshadow what their future holds; a fitting theme for our Year 13 cohort whose final year at school holds many opportunities for academic and character growth. Opportunities that, if taken, will serve them well in the very near post-school world that awaits.

To finish this week, I leave you with some key excerpts from the pledge that the Year 13 students undertook on Wednesday. In doing so, they held out to all Pompallier Catholic Students the ideal of a senior student who embodies our faith and values:

*As a Pompallier Catholic College Year 13 student, I make the following promises before Christ, Mary his mother, and the whānau of Pompallier Catholic College:*

- To uphold the Catholic Special Character and the Marist charism of the college*
- To serve this community like Mary, the First Disciple, in simplicity, courage and humility*
- To uphold the Christian virtues of love, hope and faith*
- To be a positive role model, both inside and outside of the college, and to honour and uphold the trust that has been placed in me*

Please join me in wishing our Year 13 students well as they pursue these important and lofty ideals in 2025.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

**Hayden Kingdon**  
**PRINCIPAL**

### Please note:

- Please join us on **Monday 24 March, 6:00pm** in the college hall for a talk from **Jake Bailey**. The college is delighted to host Jake, whose story of courage in the face of adversity is simply amazing.
- We wish our rowers well at the **Maadi Cup** next week. After strong performances at the North Island Secondary Schools Rowing Championships (including 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Under 18 Novice Double Sculls B Final), Year 10 students **Ashlee Walden** and **Holly Hodgson** are off to compete at New Zealand's premier secondary schools rowing event.
- Congratulations to our young athletes who had significant success this week at the **Northland Secondary Schools Track & Field Champs**, including **Malachy Smedley** who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in both the Junior Boys Discus and the Junior Boys Hammer (where he set a new record), **Ayla Johnson** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Senior Girls 100m Final, and **Summer Roberts** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior Girls 1500m Final. See Sports section below for full details.

### VISION STATEMENT

*Our Pompallier community living the values of Christ through faith, scholarly inquiry, aroha and courage.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 1

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

### MARCH

Mon 24	Jake Bailey - Parents evening	College Hall	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thu 27 - Fri 28	NorthTec Barista Course	NorthTec	9:00am - 3:00pm
Mon 31	Waikato University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	10:00am - 11:00am

### APRIL

Wed 2	Otago University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9:00am - 10:00am
Wed 2 - Thu 3	Gateway Health & Safety Course	College	9:00am - 3:00pm
Thu 3	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations (Dose 1)	College Library	9:00am
Thu 3	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Year 9 - 13)	College	TBC
Thu 3 - Fri 4	NorthTec Barista Course	NorthTec	9:00am - 3:00pm
Thu 3 - Fri 4	Music Mentor	Music Room	
Tue 8 - Thu 17	French Tahiti Trip	Tahiti	
Wed 9	Tai Tokerau Festival	Opononi Area School	TBC
Fri 11	Future Trades Day	NorthTec, Dyer Street	8:30am - 2:45pm
<b>Fri 11</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>	<b>School finishes 3:00pm</b>	

### JAKE BAILEY EVENT

**Monday 24 March | 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Pompallier Catholic College Hall**

A reminder that families are warmly invited to an evening with Jake Bailey, an internationally acclaimed speaker, bestselling author, and educator on resilience.

The event is being held in the college hall. There is no charge to attend, although a donation to help cover costs would be appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming you to this special event.

### ADVISING THE SCHOOL OF STUDENT ABSENCES

**Notify us via SchoolBridge** if your child is going to be absent, arriving late to school, or they have an appointment during the day. You must notify us each day they are absent.

There are 2 options:

- Click the "Report an Absence" button on the main page of our [school website](#).
- On the SchoolBridge app, click the "Report Absence" button.

**Notes:**

- We no longer accept absences via the phone or email.**
- Students are required to be at school when the school is open for instruction.** For this reason, we ask families to plan holidays during the 12 weeks of school holidays per year. We realise there are life events where this is not always possible. For these cases, please email any requests for a holiday during term time to: [admin@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:admin@pompallier.school.nz). These will be passed to our Principal for consideration.
- If you have an unplanned appointment that crops up during the day that your child is unaware of and they need to leave for, please phone and speak directly to the Student Centre on 438 3950 Option 2.

Please email [admin@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:admin@pompallier.school.nz) if you have any queries regarding these procedures, or would like instructions on how to access SchoolBridge. Thank you.

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS (Year 9 - 13)

**Thursday 3 April**

**3:30pm - 5:30pm and 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Our parent teacher interviews will be held on the date above, for Years 9 - 13, in the top block of classrooms. They will be 7 minutes duration.

**We will send an email to families closer to the date with instructions on when and how to book, and the school code you will need to use.** This information will also be included in the progress reports due to be emailed next week.

Please ensure the school has your current email address so you receive this information.

Thank you.



## SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 8

Term 1 is going to be a busy one, so please ensure that your child doesn't miss out! Check the school notices regularly, read the newsletter and [add us on Facebook](#) to keep up with sport this year!

### WINTER LEAGUES

With most of our trials completed for winter leagues, please ensure that students are regularly checking their emails and the notices to keep up to date with trainings, game times and uniform collections.

**Trials that are still to be completed:**

#### Football:

**Collegiate Boys and Collegiate Girls**

Friday 21 March: 1:20pm, School Field

#### JMC

Friday 28 March: 1:20pm, School Field

### 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 email me at: [sports@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:sports@pompallier.school.nz)

**Netball** - Collegiate Teams 1, 2 and 3 require managers.

**U15s Rugby** - we have a group of keen rugby players who are in desperate need of a coach!

### AIMS GAMES

AIMS Games entries are now open – with our teams all entered and ready to go. If there are any individuals who would like to attend AIMS Games this year, please get in touch with Mrs Page asap for entries. [Click here](#) for all the sports that are on offer.

All individual entries will need to be with Mrs Page by Friday 4 April – in some cases there is a limit on numbers, so the sooner the better to not risk missing out.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Lily Aubrey (Year 11)** attended the 'Horse of the Year' in Hastings recently. She placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 1.05 class riding her horse named icarly. A huge achievement for Lily with around 50 riders in her class.

**Hans Haufe (Year 13)** competed at the ASA Swimming Championship in Auckland over the weekend. He won all three backstroke events (50m, 100m & 200m) in the 16/17 year-old age group, and came second and third in the 200m & 100m backstroke events respectively in the open category. A great achievement!

**Holly Hodgsn and Ashlee Walden (Year 10)** recently rowed at the NISS Rowing Champs. The girls did exceptionally well in their first secondary schools event. They won the B Final in the U18 Novice Double Sculls and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the B Final of the U15 Double Sculls. Great achievement girls!

### SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Our Senior Boys Volleyball team recently attended the Northland Volleyball Champs at McKay Stadium. The team came in seeded right at the bottom, but after some great pool wins they came 4<sup>th</sup> overall, narrowly missing out in their 3<sup>rd</sup> place match against WBHS.

Next week the team head away on Summer Tournament - good luck boys!



### WPSSA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

We had 4 great swimmers represent Pompallier at the WPSSA Swimming meet last week.

**Immy Gillespie (Year 7)** did exceptionally well and is heading to the Northland Primary Schools Swimming Champs next week in Dargaville. Good luck Immy!

### SPORTS FEES

This year, all compulsory sports fees **must be paid before the start of the season**, in order to secure your child's place in their team.

Any students that have sports fees outstanding from 2024 or previous **will not be considered** for a 2025 team.

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### NSSSA TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

Some of our top track and field athletes attended the Northland Secondary Schools event this week. Everyone put in their best efforts and we had some amazing results.

Congratulations to the following:

<b>Tyla Bucknell</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Intermediate Girls 100m 3 <sup>rd</sup> Intermediate Girls 200m Final
<b>Keira Davis</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Intermediate Girls Long Jump 2 <sup>nd</sup> Intermediate Girls 100m 2 <sup>nd</sup> Intermediate Girls 200m
<b>London-Rose Gould</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Intermediate Girls Triple Jump
<b>Ayla Johnson</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Senior Girls 100m Final 2 <sup>nd</sup> Senior Girls 200m Final 2 <sup>nd</sup> Senior Girls Long Jump
<b>Olivia Lenssen</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Junior Girls Long Jump
<b>Summer Roberts</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Junior Girls 1500m Final 2 <sup>nd</sup> Junior Girls 800m Final
<b>Kevin Shaji</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Intermediate Boys 400m
<b>Malachy Smedley</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Junior Boys Shot Put 1 <sup>st</sup> Junior Boys Discus 1 <sup>st</sup> Junior Boys Hammer ( <i>new record</i> ) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Intermediate Boys Javelin

### SPORTS UNIFORMS - REMINDER

Please return any uniforms from last year to the sports office ASAP – if we don't have enough uniforms we cannot play!

### UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

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

- Tue 1 Apr Combined Training Equestrian *Kaikohe*
- Wed 2 Apr Hockey 5's *Northland Hockey*
- Wed 9 Apr Senior Girls Volleyball Cup *McKay Stadium*
- Thu 10 Apr NSSSA Swimming Champs *Whg Aquatic Ctr*

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



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

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

## 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 2025.

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](https://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.

## 2025 TERM DATES

<b>TERM 1</b>	Wednesday 29 January	Friday 11 April
<b>TERM 2</b>	Monday 28 April	Friday 27 June
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 14 July	Friday 19 September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Monday 6 October	Friday 5 December

## SCHOOL LOCKERS

**Lockers are available for any student to rent.**

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

If you would like to reserve a locker for 2025, you will need to fill out an online order form as soon as possible, at: <http://www.stowawaylockers.co.nz/order-form/>.

## CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB)

CAB has some exciting resources for the youth of NZ, in the form of a new website specifically aimed for people under the age of 25: <https://youth.cab.org.nz/>. The site answers a lot of the common questions and issues young people ask CAB to help them with. It is a go-to online resource when young people have a question or need help with something, but don't know where to start.

The CAB service is free to all, with a variety of channels and ways for young people to access our free service:

- CAB freephone number: 0800 367 222.
- Drop in to their local CAB (no appointment needed) - contact details on our [website](https://youth.cab.org.nz/).
- [Youth Tool Kete website](https://youth.cab.org.nz/): information about rights and responsibilities regarding many of the key issues for rangatahi embarking on those 'firsts' in adult life.
- [CAB website](https://youth.cab.org.nz/)





## BUSINESS STUDIES NEWS ...

### Northland Field Days 2025: A Valuable Learning Experience

On Friday 28 February, the senior business studies class attended the Northland Field Days in Dargaville, to gain valuable insights into local businesses. This trip was designed to support students in their upcoming NCEA marketing and motivational studies assessments. Students attended with prepared questionnaires and surveys, offering them a hands-on opportunity to learn from industry professionals, business owners, and members of the public.

The Field Days proved to be an interactive and engaging experience, allowing students to immerse themselves in the world of business. One of the most beneficial aspects of the visit was the chance to speak directly with business workers and receive their honest and helpful advice. Professionals from various industries shared their experiences, offering insights into what makes a business successful and how to navigate challenges. Topics such as financial management, marketing strategies and customer service were frequently discussed, providing useful takeaways for future business endeavors.

In addition to speaking with business owners, the students found that the public also played a crucial role in their learning experience. Many visitors at the event were eager to offer suggestions and share their thoughts on business strategies, product development and customer engagement. This open exchange of ideas helped students understand consumer perspectives and how businesses can adapt to meet customer needs effectively.

Walking around the Field Days and observing other businesses in action further enriched the learning experience. Students had the opportunity to see firsthand how businesses set up their stalls, engaged with customers and presented their products. This exposure to real-world business operations highlighted the importance of adaptability, innovation and effective communication in running a successful enterprise.

The students explored a variety of industries, including Massey Agriculture, real estate agencies, the Northland District Council, and retail businesses. Each sector provided unique insights into different aspects of business, from large-scale agricultural operations to government-led initiatives and customer-driven retail strategies. These interactions broadened students' understanding of how different industries contribute to the economy and the diverse challenges businesses face.

Despite the educational focus, there was plenty of fun to be had! Students enjoyed complimentary train rides, delicious takeaway foods and ice cream, while making the most of the day. With 18 students attending, there was a great sense of camaraderie and excitement throughout the trip. A particularly memorable moment was when some students, while collecting information, were interviewed and featured on the *NZ Herald* news page - an exciting and unexpected highlight of the experience!

Overall, attending the Northland Field Days 2025 was a valuable experience for the senior business studies class. It provided real-world exposure, fostered industry connections, and encouraged critical thinking about business development. The insights gained from this event will undoubtedly benefit students in their studies and future careers.

We highly encourage other students interested in business, agriculture, or entrepreneurship, to take advantage of events like the Northland Field Days. The knowledge and inspiration gained from such experiences are invaluable, and we look forward to attending again next year!





**Mrs. Peggy  
Hartshorne**

**Heartbeat  
International**

*"Your work should be the model for Catholic pro-life ministry....in the "living out" of the full teaching of our Church on the sanctity of human life, the dignity of the person, and the beauty of God's Plan for marriage and family.... I feel very blessed to know that Heartbeat is still helping you to carry out your mission."*

*Message after Peggy's previous visit to FLI in New Zealand.*



**FAMILY LIFE  
INTERNATIONAL NZ**

**Gianna's CHOICE**  
Pregnancy options and support

## Pro-Life Talk

*With international speaker*

**Mrs. Peggy Hartshorne**



You are invited to hear dynamic and outstanding Pro-Life speaker Mrs. Peggy Hartshorne. The Chair of Heartbeat International, serving 3,600 pregnancy centres worldwide including our Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options and Support here in New Zealand. This talk is relevant to those of all ages.

An encouraging and hopeful event for those of all ages. This talk will equip you with the knowledge of how to continue to defend life and family in a culture which is rapidly changing.

TUESDAY

APRIL

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7PM

**St. Francis Xavier's  
Catholic Church  
Whangārei**

**Free Event | Tea & Coffee Provided**

For more info contact: **clared@fli.org.nz**