



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 7 : 23 May, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

The education world is currently digesting the 2025 Budget news for our sector. A significant change is the scrapping of the Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) scheme, established by the National government in 2014, which will conclude at the end of this year. In its place, \$2.5 billion is being allocated to Learning Support. Minister of Education Erica Stanford argued today that the Kahui Ako scheme had failed to raise student achievement, and that investing in early intervention Learning Support will prove to be more effective.

At Pompallier Catholic College, we have been proactively investing in Learning Support for many years. Our achievement rates suggest that this commitment is paying off. Beyond academic gains, Learning Support also plays a key pastoral role. Academic coaching, much like in the sporting arena, provides significant opportunities for connection and role modelling.

The ending of the Kahui Ako scheme will understandably be met with disappointment and criticism. It has undeniably brought schools out of their silos to discuss teaching and learning collaboratively. However, it is difficult to fault a greater investment in Learning Support, particularly when our education system has been declining against international standards for more than 20 years.

Pompallier Catholic College 'Beyond the Bell Parents' Evening'

Can I encourage you to take a unique opportunity to hear from our wonderful Head and Deputy Student Leaders, who are looking forward to hosting you on **Thursday 29 May** here at Pompallier Catholic College. Come and hear all about our kura from a student leaders' perspective, including their thoughts on issues facing young people today, the uniqueness of our Marist Catholic Character, and practical study tips for keeping up with academic commitments. There will also be a discussion of the upcoming Board of Trustees Elections, as we look to envisage Pompallier Catholic College's future with the creation of a new strategic plan later this year. Please see the flyer below for more details.



William, Zoe, Rose and Tafadzwa look forward to seeing you at the college, Thursday 29 May, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

Hayden Kingdon
PRINCIPAL

VISION STATEMENT

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



POMPALLIER BEYOND THE BELL PARENTS EVENING



On Thursday, 29th May, **Pompallier Catholic College PTFA** warmly invites all parents and caregivers to a special evening of kōrero and connection with our school leaders at the Pompallier Drama Room.

Principal Hayden Kingdon will share reflections on his first two terms at the College and offer early insight into the long-term vision for our kura. You'll also hear first-hand from our 2025 Student Leaders – **Tafadzwa Gono** (Head Boy), **Zoe Roberts** (Head Girl), **William Gross** (Deputy Head Boy), and **Rose Shaji** (Deputy Head Girl) – who will take part in a Q&A panel about what happens after the school bell, come and find out from our leaders.

This is a great chance to ask about NCEA, study tips, how to support your teen, and what life at Pompallier is really like – from the student perspective.

GUEST SPEAKERS



Tafadzwa Gono
Head Boy



William Gross
Deputy Head Boy



Zoe Roberts
Head Girl



Rose Shaji
Deputy Head Girl

**THURSDAY,
29TH MAY
6:00PM – 7:30PM**

At Pompallier Catholic College



RSVP

ptfa@pompallier.school.nz



UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 2

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

MAY

Mon 26 - Tue 27	Year 11 Corequisite Exams	College Hall	
Tue 27 - Mon 2 June	National Shakespeare Festival	Wellington	
Thu 29	PTFA Mid-Winter Community Evening	TBC	TBC
Fri 30	Beauty Taster Course	NorthTec	9:00am - 2:30pm

JUNE

Mon 2	KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Wed 4 - Fri 6	Ngā Manu Korero Regionals	Kaitia	
Fri 6	Beauty Taster Course	NorthTec	9:00am - 2:30pm
Fri 13	Beauty Taster Course	NorthTec	9:00am - 2:30pm
Wed 18	Pompallier Day & Fiafia Matariki evening	Pompallier	TBC
Fri 20	MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Thu 26	Year 7 Boostrix Vaccinations	College	9:00am
Fri 27	College Ball	TBC	
Fri 27	STAFF ONLY DAY (Last day of Term 2)	School closed for instruction	



WANTED ... HIKING BOOTS OR SHOES

If you have any spare or unwanted hiking boots or shoes of any size, we would love to accept donations for use in our school mentoring programme.

Please drop them off to the school office, or email damian.pullen@pompallier.school.nz and we can pick them up. Thank you!

POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE 2026 ENROLMENTS

**Applications open on Monday 5 May, 2025
and close on Thursday 19 June, 2025**

It is advisable that Parents/Caregivers read our current [Enrolment Policy](#) and [2026 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.

Completed enrolment application forms should be dropped into the college office between 8:00am - 3:30pm Monday to Friday during term time.

For further information on enrolment, please visit the [enrolment pages](#) on our website.

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

Note: students currently attending Pompallier Catholic College do not need to reapply for enrolment in 2026.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 2, Week 4

SPORTS RESULTS:

BASKETBALL

Intermediate

vs KIS AIMS	won
vs Thunder	won

Junior Boys White

vs TAS	lost
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Junior Boys Blue

vs TAS	lost
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Senior 1

vs TAS Green	won
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Senior 2

vs TKW Blue	won
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FOOTBALL

Collegiate Boys

vs Rodney College	won 2 - 1
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Collegiate Girls

vs Bream Bay College	lost 0 - 7
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HOCKEY

Collegiate 1st XI

vs Horahora	won 3 - 2
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Collegiate 2nd XI

vs Mangapai	won 3 - 1
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JMC A

vs Horahora Gold	won 4 - 0
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JMC B

vs TKIS Girls Green	lost 1 - 2
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NETBALL

Collegiate Tahiti

vs Whangaruru	lost 18 - 37
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Collegiate Rua

vs Otamatea	lost 19 - 27
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Collegiate Toru

vs Hikurangi	won 23 - 16
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Intermediate Tahiti

vs Huanui	lost 12 - 33
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Intermediate Rua

vs Takahiwai	lost 0 - 35
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CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual Cross Country event was held earlier last week - the sun was shining and we had some great results.

We have included some pictures from the day on page 5.

Congratulations to our age group Champions:

• Year 7 Girl	Immy Gillespie
• Year 7 Boy	Conor Leahy
• Year 8 Girl	Matilda Butler
• Year 8 Boy	Ifeoluwa Falope
• Year 9/10 Girl	Summer Roberts
• Year 9/10 Boy	Ronel Shaji
• Year 11-13 Girl	Georgia Perris
• Year 11-13 Boy	Louis Cook

House Placings:

1 st	TATE
2 nd	CHAVOIN
3 rd	COLIN
4 th	AUBERT

Good luck to our top runners who have been given the opportunity to run in the Secondary Schools event this Friday!

INDIVIDUAL & AMBROSE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

We had a group of individuals and an ambrose team entered into the Northland Secondary Schools Tournament, held at Waipu Golf course earlier this week!

Oliver Geaney (Year 10) came away with 1st place (Individual Stableford). Great work Oliver!



KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH SPORTS NEWS ...

[Add us on Facebook](#) for all sporting communication for Pompallier Catholic College!

Not on Facebook - no worries - all important information will still be posted internally through email and school notices!

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STUDENT SUCCESSES

Swimming

Congratulations to **Te Rauroha Paki** (Year 10) for breaking the 14yr old boys 200m Backstroke New Zealand record in his last meet, at the NZ National Age Group Swimming event, held at Hawkes Bay Regional Aquatic Centre from 13 - 17 April.

The record had stood for 29 years! He also produced the fastest time of all age groups at the meet.



Tumbling

Congratulations to **Anna Hewitt** (Year 9) who travelled to Rotorua recently for the first tumble meet of the season. She placed 1st in Junior International Womens and easily met the qualification marks for the Nationals in September.

Great work Anna!



UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 2

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

- Fri 23 May NSSSA Cross Country Champs *Barge Park*
- Wed 4 Jun Volleyball Mixed Snr Champs *McKay Stadium*
- Tue 10 Jun Bream Bay Exchange (Year 7/8) *Pompallier*

Sam Page
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

438 3950 Ext 219

sports@pompallier.school.nz





SPECIAL CHARACTER NEWS ...

Pompallier Shield 2025

On Thursday 1st May, a group of 14 students travelled to Sacred Heart College in Auckland to compete in the annual Pompallier Shield competition. There were seven different events the students entered, including Senior and Junior Speeches, Senior and Junior English and Māori Scripture reading, and a group Waiata.

Pompallier Shield is a competition involving 16 schools around Auckland and Northland. Our students worked hard to prepare for this competition. The level of competition was extremely high this year, so whilst we did not get any placings, our students represented the school very well and made Pompallier proud.

The students really enjoyed the experience and comradery, and I'm sure they will come back even stronger next year!

Lucy Correa
DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

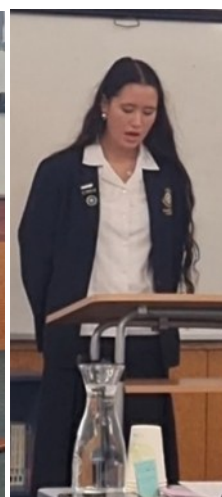
Students Voices:

It is honestly such a breathtaking event, all the singing, the speeches. It was an eye-opening experience to all the talent in our country. – *Tafadzwa Gono*

All 16 schools were there for the same purpose, to praise God. Even though it was a competition we built connections through our faith. An amazing experience. – *Juri Lee*

The passion from our school showed that we are more than capable to do competitions like these. The friendships made with the other schools highlighted how we all had one thing in common, our faith. – *Rose Shaji*

Pompallier Shield is always such an open and inviting experience filled with love and acceptance. I enjoyed reconnecting with my friends and family from the other schools. – *Aria Armstrong*



Mass at Ngunguru.

Catholic Mass will be celebrated at the Tutukaka Coast Community Church (corner of Waiotoi Road and Ngunguru Road), on the second Sunday of each month at 5:00pm.

Sunday 8 June; Sunday 13 July; Sunday 10 August .



BUSINESS STUDIES NEWS ...

Year 10 Market Day - Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 May

The atmosphere was electric at the Year 10 Market Day, with crowds of students eagerly queuing and chatting. Excitement buzzed through the air as everyone explored the fantastic selection of food and goods on offer. Stallholders worked tirelessly to promote their products, creating a lively – and sometimes overwhelming – noise and energy.

The students had clearly put thought into their sales strategies, using videos, posters, surveys, and word-of-mouth to draw in customers. Many business students even recruited friends to help run their stalls, as the high demand kept everyone on their toes.

A big thank you goes out to the parents who supported the event – from delivering cool boxes to providing essential food equipment, their help was invaluable.

The business students all shared how much they enjoyed the day and how much they learned from the experience. They've gained practical insights into pricing, marketing, and sales – lessons they'll carry forward beyond the classroom.

This is all great preparation for the senior business/enterprise course, where students progress to forming a formal business that trades outside of the school, attending local markets, and competing in the Young Enterprise Scheme.

Mr Andy Thomas
TEACHER IN CHARGE OF BUSINESS STUDIES





SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in the Auckland Diocese.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest, or Auckland Common Fund Ltd at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 09 360 3040 for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

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Mō tātou, ā, mōngā uri ā muri ake – For us, and our children after us.

2025 TERM DATES

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



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 2025 Magazine](#)

All orders must be received by Friday 29 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.

TUCKR - CANTEEN

A reminder from Tuckr that students can view the menu and pre-order morning tea and lunch from their website:

<https://tuckr.nz/>

They can also place orders from the kiosk at the canteen, to save time waiting in line!

CAREERS INFORMATION EVENING

You are invited to attend this event, which will be hosted by Mrs Julie Hamilton, our Careers Advisor.

Mrs Hamilton will be discussing the options available for your child after school, including all you need to know about the University process.

There will also be a representative from Studylink present to answer any questions about student loans and allowances.

When: Tuesday 17 June, 2025

Time: 6:00pm

Where: Pompallier Catholic College Staffroom

We look forward to seeing you then.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hamilton via email: julie.hamilton@pompallier.school.nz. Thank you.

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:

- Please note that we do not accept absences via the phone or email.**
- Students are required to be at school when the school is open for instruction.** Please email any requests for a holiday during term time to: 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, so that we may get the message to them (please allow time for this).
- Instructions for accessing SchoolBridge or downloading the app have been emailed to families.