



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 9 : 19 June, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

It was a privilege to be part of the special Pompallier Day and Matariki celebrations yesterday. I am back briefly while Mr Kingdon takes part in a significant Marist hikoi. At the Founder's Mass we remembered our namesake Bishop Jean Baptiste Pompallier and our Patron Saint John the Baptist. John was sent by God to be a witness to the light of Christ so that others may believe through him. We also acknowledged our House patrons, Father Jean Claude Colin, Sister Suzanne Aubert, Sister Jeanne Marie Chavoine and Pa Henare Tate.

As well as this we prayed for Father Brian Wysocki, the founding Rector of the college.

At the end of Mass Father Brian Prendeville was farewelled with a rousing haka, led by Cordell Allan.

In Father Brian's words:

*I have just returned home from celebrating the Founder's Mass. Once again what a moving experience being with you. Celebrating Mass for the last time, and yes, sad that this is the last time the Marists of the Parish of St Francis Xavier will be with you. Your Faith, and your courage, may they blossom and grow. Your education is so structured to help in the formation of good people, humble before God, and the people you will serve and care for.*

*I do remind you to have a look at the two Saints, these are the Saints for the young, and will be made so:*

[St Carlo Acutis](#) and [St Pier Giorgio Frassati](#)

*Thank you, Mr Kingdon, for your planning and placement of the Statue of Mary.*

*It is a great honour to have served the people of God, in the Parish of St Francis Xavier.*

Go with our blessings and aroha Father Brian as you return to Hawkes Bay.

**Monica Johnson**  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

**Please note:**

- A reminder that **Friday 27 June is a Staff Only Day**. The school is closed for instruction on this day.

## *Father Brian Thomas Wysocki SM RIP*

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of the first Rector of Pompallier Catholic College, Fr Brian Wysocki. Fr Brian served as Rector from 1971 - 1976.

He then went on to spend time as staff (and later Rector) of St Patrick's College in Wellington and St Bede's College in Christchurch. He had many other roles during his ministry; some of which included 4 years as Executive Secretary Bishops' Conference, 5 years as Superior at General House in Rome, and 4 years as Superior & Parish Priest at St Mary of the Angels in Wellington.

Though retired for some years, Fr Brian returned to Pompallier Catholic College for the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations in 2021, and remained very active until recently. He kept in touch with Marists and other friends through phone calls and visits. Fr Brian's health declined rapidly over the past couple of weeks, and he died peacefully on Monday 16 June, at 93 years of age.

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.**

**May he rest in peace. Amen**

### **VISION STATEMENT**

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



## POMPALLIER DAY MASS

*A special mention and thank you to our student photographers for our Mass and Matariki celebrations: Lara McKenzie, Paige Thompson and Graecyn Gent.*







## FIAFIA MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

### *"Matariki hunga nui - Matariki of many people"*

This proverb acknowledges how Matariki brings people together. It speaks to the communal aspect of the celebration, where whānau, hapū, and iwi gather to remember those who have passed, celebrate the present, and plan for the future.

In 2025 the national theme for Matariki is about "inclusion, embracing diversity and celebrating the season together". Our 2025 Matariki celebration was a tremendous success, bringing together around 600 students, whānau, and community members for a memorable evening of culture, connection and reflection. The vibrant turnout and enthusiastic participation showcased the strength of our school community, the strength of our special character, and our shared commitment to honouring Aotearoa's rich traditions. Thank you to everyone who made the event such a special occasion!





## PUANGA MATARIKI CELEBRATION

Matariki signals the beginning of the Māori New Year. However, iwi Māori in some locations favour the rise of Puanga because Matariki sits low in the eastern horizon and is therefore not always visible from their location.

Puanga (Rigel) is the star most recognised in Tai Tokerau, as the signal of a new year. It is not one of the stars in the Matariki cluster and can be seen shining brightly just above Tautoru (the three bottom stars of 'the pot' or Orion's Belt).

Each year Pompallier Catholic College staff and students tautoko Matua Fred Tito at this annual gathering that acknowledges the past, welcomes in the new year, and celebrates the whanaungatanga within the Onerahi community.

It was great to see past and present students at the dawn ceremony, held on Wednesday 18 June, including Esther and Pearl Cullen and Clare Maguire. Pictured here are (from left): Moeawa Baker-Titore, Rebecca Leato and Ata Leato.

**Monique van Stokkum, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**



## PRAYER

Matariki is a cluster of stars; *Let the heavens be glad.*

Matariki is a time of year; *Let the earth rejoice, let the seas and all that is in them roar.*

Matariki is a time of remembering. *Be still and know that I am God.*

Matariki is a new beginning; *let the fields and all that is in them exult. Let all the trees of the forests shout for joy.*

Matariki is the eyes of God; *O God, what variety you have created, arranging everything so wisely. The Earth is filled with your creativity.*

Matariki is a time of seeing; *Both day and night belong to you; you made the starlight and the sun. You set the boundaries of the earth and you made both summer and winter.*

Matariki is a time of rejoicing; *All creatures depend on you to feed them at the proper time. Open your hand, they are well satisfied.*

The new light of Matariki has risen!

May it be to you a sign of resurrection and new life.

May it be to you a sign of hope in times of darkness.

May it be to you a sign of the wondrous mystery of Atua who loves you.

May it be to you a sign that the eyes of the Eternal One are ever upon you and that the presence of the Holy One is ever with you. And may this be the cause of your rejoicing.

Go in peace.

Through Christ and in the perfect unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray.

Amen





## UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 2 and Term 3

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

### JUNE

<b>Fri 20</b>	<b>MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		
Sat 21	Youth Mass at St Francis	SFX Church	5:00pm
Thu 26	Year 7 Boostrix Vaccinations	College	9:00am
Fri 27	College Ball	Forum North	7:00pm - 11:00pm
Fri 27	Rockquest	WBHS	4:45pm - 10:00pm
<b>Fri 27</b>	<b>STAFF ONLY DAY (Last day of Term 2)</b>	<b>School closed for instruction</b>	

### Term 3:

### JULY

<b>Mon 14</b>	<b>First day of Term 3</b>	<b>School starts at 8:45am</b>	
Mon 14 - Fri 18	Young Marist Week activities		
<b>Thu 17</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Interviews</b>	<b>Pompallier</b>	<b>TBC</b>
Fri 18	Senior French Auckland University Trip	Auckland	7:00am - 6:30pm
Sat 19	Youth Mass at St Francis	SFX Church	5:00pm
<b>Tue 22</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Interviews</b>	<b>Pompallier</b>	<b>TBC</b>

### AUGUST

Tue 5 - Wed 6	Flight Attending Course	NorthTec	9:30am - 2:30pm
Sat 16	Youth Mass at St Francis	SFX Church	5:00pm

### SEPTEMBER

Thu 4 - Fri 5	EDGEExams	TBC	
Mon 8 - Wed 10	EDGEExams	TBC	
Tue 16	Year 13 Leavers' Workshop	College	11:25am - 1:20pm
<b>Fri 19</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 3</b>	<b>School finishes 3:00pm</b>	
Sat 20	Youth Mass at St Francis	SFX Church	5:00pm

### **Pompallier Catholic College – Call for Board of Trustees Nomination**

Are you passionate about the future of Pompallier Catholic College? Do you want to join a board that is dedicated to guiding our wonderful school for the next three years and beyond?

We are seeking nominations for **five parent representatives** to join our Board of Trustees. This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute your skills and dedication to the governance of our college.

While no previous board experience is required, we would welcome individuals with an understanding of:

✚ **Our Marist Catholic Character**    ✚ **Property**    ✚ **Finance**    ✚ **Strategic planning**

Ultimately, what matters most is your commitment to Pompallier Catholic College and your willingness to assist a dedicated board in ensuring our continued success.

For more details, please contact **Presiding Member Bronwen Gilmour** at **021 942 262**.

For more information on the elections, including an explanation of the fact they will be conducted online this year, please [click here](#).



## SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 2, Week 8

### SPORTS RESULTS:

#### BASKETBALL

Intermediate	won
Senior 1	won
Senior 2	
vs TKW	won

#### FOOTBALL

##### Collegiate Boys

vs WBHS 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	lost 1 - 7
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##### Collegiate Girls

vs Kerikeri High School	lost 0 - 6
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#### HOCKEY

##### Collegiate 1<sup>st</sup> XI

vs MGK 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	lost 1 - 4
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##### Collegiate 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

vs WBHS Blue	won 4 - 0
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#### JMC A

vs Matarau Awa 2	won 2 - 1
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#### JMC B

vs WIS Mixed	won 4 - 0
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#### NETBALL

##### Collegiate Tahiti

vs KTN Sapphire	lost
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##### Collegiate Rua

vs Wahine Toa Manuka	lost
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##### Collegiate Toru

vs NPA Ekara	won
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##### Intermediate Tahiti

vs Wahine Toa Karemu	lost
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##### Intermediate Rua

vs NOA Phoenix	lost
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**Reminder, no games this weekend due to Matariki.**

### PARENT INFORMATION - BREAM BAY EXCHANGE

On 10 June our annual Year 7 & 8 Bream Bay Exchange was postponed due to the weather. This has been **rescheduled for Wednesday 23 July**. The same timing will occur and it will be held at Pompallier.

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

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

### NSSA CROSS COUNTRY

**Caoimhe Leahy** (Year 9) and **Ronel Shaji** (Year 10) ran in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country event held at Barge Park over the weekend. While the sun was shining the track was most definitely wet!

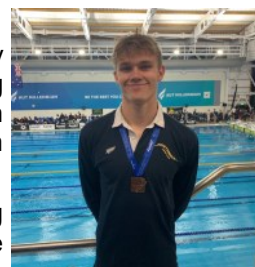
Caoimhe placed 68<sup>th</sup> and Ronel placed 82<sup>nd</sup> (even while nursing an injury). Amazing achievement for their first National event!



### STUDENT SUCCESS

**Hans Haufe** (Year 13) recently competed in the NZ Swimming Championships and came away with a bronze medal in the 200m backstroke.

Great results, especially considering he was sick leading up to the competition.



### UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 2 and TERM 3

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

- Tue 24 Jun Tikipunga Exchange (Year 7/8) *Tikipunga*
- Fri 18 Jul Year 9/10 3x3 Basketball *McKay Stadium*
- Tue 22 Jul Senior 3x3 Basketball *McKay Stadium*
- Wed 23 Jul Bream Bay Exchange (Year 7/8) *Pompallier*
- Fri 25 Jul Bay of Islands Beast *Ohaeawai*
- Tue 29 Jul Senior Boys Basketball *McKay Stadium*
- Wed 30 Jul Intermediate Basketball *McKay Stadium*

**Sam Page**  
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## WEEKLY LEAGUE SPORTS PICTURES ....





## STUDENT VOLUNTEER ARMY

Last Wednesday at assembly I had the honour of presenting two wonderful students with silver and gold pins for the Student Volunteer Army.

On September 4<sup>th</sup> 2010, a 7.1 magnitude earthquake struck Canterbury, New Zealand, causing widespread damage - particularly in the city of Ōtautahi Christchurch. In the wake of the disaster, 11,000 students mobilised to help with the clean-up - coordinated by their founder, Sam Johnson.

**This was the beginning of the Student Volunteer Army (SVA).**

The SVA supports young people across Aotearoa to engage in meaningful volunteering. The programmes align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and include:

- **Service Award Programme:** Operating in 258 schools and recognising 20,000+ students for their volunteering efforts.
- **Ambassador Programme:** Empowering student leaders to champion service in their communities.
- **University Clubs:** Student-led groups active across Aotearoa New Zealand, especially during crisis responses.
- **SVA App:** A platform for logging hours and discovering community-led initiatives.

The **GOLD award** went to **Samuel Davidson (Year 12)** for 500 hours of volunteering – his volunteering included working at a soup kitchen, coaching gymnastics and being involved in Youth Theatre.

The **SILVER award** went to **Jamie Cramer (Year 13)** for 250 hours of volunteering in the I Have a Dream organisation and work with his previous primary school.

If you wish to be part of this amazing organisation, go to [sva.org.nz](http://sva.org.nz) to register.

Anyone who is volunteering can take part. A great way to see your volunteering hours grow and use the information for applying for jobs or for university/scholarship applications.

**Mrs Julie Hamilton**  
**YEAR 13 DEAN, CAREERS ADVISOR**



## 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](mailto:sarah.edgecombe@pompallier.school.nz).

## 2025 ICAS COMPETITIONS

[Login to purchase](#) your child's ICAS assessments using our schools Parent Payment System code.

Enter your child's details and choose the ICAS Assessments for the subjects they want to participate in.

Finalise payment, and your child is now registered!



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

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

## DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP STUDENTS

It has been brought to our attention that some of our students are being dropped off and picked up outside Barge Park, with cars stopping on the yellow lines. Children are then crossing the busy road without looking properly.

Please remember that **parking or stopping on yellow lines is illegal.** The purpose of these lines is to ensure the safety of pedestrians and other road users by preventing obstructions.

We ask that you are respectful of this rule and ensure you are stopping somewhere safe and legal, and talk to your child about taking extreme care crossing the road safely. Thank you.





## POMPALLIER CELEBRATES OUTSTANDING TALENT AT OUR ANNUAL SPEECH COMPETITION

Pompallier Catholic College recently hosted its much-anticipated annual Speech Competition, showcasing the impressive oratory skills of students across both junior and senior categories. Our judges, Mr Kingdon and Ms Edgecombe, were extremely impressed by our talented students and the final results were so close that our moderator, Mrs Walton, was called in to make the final decision.

The standard of speeches this year was particularly high, with every participant demonstrating careful preparation, confidence, and strong delivery. The judges commented on the maturity of the topics chosen, the clarity of ideas, and the powerful use of language by all speakers.

In the **Senior Category**, **Rose Shaji** took out **1<sup>st</sup> place** with a compelling and eloquent speech that captivated both audience and judges alike. **Ayla Johnson** was awarded **2<sup>nd</sup> place**, impressing with her animated and articulate argument, while **Krissa Jerry** claimed **3<sup>rd</sup> place** with a heartfelt and engaging delivery.

The **Junior Category** also featured exceptional talent. **Anna Treeza Anto** secured **1<sup>st</sup> place** with a confident and persuasive presentation that demonstrated excellent structure and creativity. **Ronel Shaji** earned **2<sup>nd</sup> place** with a powerful message delivered with clarity and conviction, and **Eva Ragnat** received **3<sup>rd</sup> place** for her expressive and well-organised speech.

The competition not only highlighted the students' ability to express their ideas publicly but also celebrated the courage it takes to stand up and speak with purpose. Events like these continue to strengthen the culture of excellence in communication at Pompallier Catholic College.

Congratulations to all participants, and especially to our winners, who exemplified both skill and spirit in this year's Speech Competition.

**Mrs Van Zyl**  
**HOL JUNIOR ENGLISH**



**Senior Category Winners (L-R):**

*Pictured with Ms Edgecombe*

Rose Shaji, Ayla Johnson, Krissa Jerry



**Junior Category Winners (L-R):**

*Pictured with Ms Edgecombe*

Anna Treeza Anto, Ronel Shaji, Eva Ragnat



## FUTURE LEADERS ACADEMY PROGRAMME

John Gadolo (Year 13) recently attended one of the Future Leaders Academy programmes for student leaders, held in the Cook Islands for 11 days during the school holidays.

The comments from John's group leader were very positive.

"John stood out for his dedication and positive attitude. He jumped into every task with enthusiasm, never shying away from hard work or responsibility. A true service leader, he was always ready to lend a hand to his peers and support the team in any way he could. He struck the perfect balance between knowing when to have fun and when to focus, showing maturity."

The Future Leaders Academy programmes are available to Years 12 and 13 students, and although the cost can be as high as \$6,000, the experience is valuable and even life-changing.

If you are interested in attending one of these courses, visit the website [www.flacademy.com](http://www.flacademy.com) and apply, or talk to John about his experience.







## TE MANAWA TAHI - Community Timetable, Term 3

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)

DATE	HUB LOCATIONS	Term 3 2025, Weeks 1 to 5
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā	
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Rd, Onerahi	
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

DATE	HUB LOCATIONS	Term 3 2025, Weeks 6 to 9
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā	
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Te Kura o Otangarei School, William Jones Drive, Otangarei, Whg	
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Hikurangi School, 4 Swan Avenue, Hikurangi	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, Maungaturoto	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ngunguru School, Te Maika Road, Ngunguru 0173	



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