



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 10 : 25 July, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

In June I had the privilege and opportunity to join a pilgrimage of Marist Principals and Young Marists to places of origin of the Society of Mary. The Society of Mary, the Marist order, traces back to a pledge made on 23 July, 1816. This 'Fourvière Pledge', to establish an order in the name of Mary, was made at the Chapel of the Virgin, Fourvière, Lyon by 12 young priests, including Jean-Claude Colin, founder of the Marist Fathers, and Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers.

As we know, the pledge was fulfilled, and on 29 April, 1836, Pope Gregory XVI approved the Society of Mary as a religious congregation of pontifical right. The birth of the Marists coincided with a time of immense upheaval in France. The French Revolution of 1789 resulted in dramatic persecution of the French Church. Religious were killed, churches closed and desecrated. A new generation of French youth were, for the first time in many centuries, growing up without catechesis and the Sacraments.

Jean-Claude Colin, Marcellin Champagnat, and Jeanne-Marie Chavoin (founder of the Marist Sisters, who joined with the early Marist aspirants not long after the 1816 Fourvière Pledge), set about evangelizing and educating this largely untouched generation, whose religious culture had been uprooted by a sudden and militant secular uprising.

By December of 1836, the year the Society of Mary received Rome's official stamp, Jean-Baptiste Pompallier set sail for Oceania with three Marist Brothers and four Marist Fathers, including Fr. Peter Chanel, later martyred and canonized as the first saint of Oceania. As we know, Pompallier sailed into the Hokianga on 10 January 1838 with Marist Father Louis Catherin Servant and Marist Brother Michel Colombon. Our own history as a Marist college traces its roots back to not only this day, but to the Fourvière Pledge of 1816.

My thanks to the Board of Trustees, my Senior Leadership Team and colleagues at Pompallier Catholic College for supporting my pilgrimage to France. I have a deepened understanding of the taonga of Pompallier Catholic College and how it owes its academic tradition, its faith, and its warmth as a Christian community to the fierce commitment of its forebears - 12 young priests who, in 1816, pledged to follow Christ's call to faith and service by creating an order that bore his mother's name.



Photo: Celebrating the Eucharist with Fr Mark Walls SM,
in the chapel where the Fourvière Pledge was made in Lyon, 1816

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VISION STATEMENT

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



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Please note:

- We are beginning a Weekly Engagement Report at Pompallier Catholic College. Parents and caregivers will receive a weekly update of how well students are engaging with their subjects. Details of this will be provided in an email from the college next week.
- Congratulations to our Year 10 students for impressive achievement in the May sitting of the NCEA Common Assessment Activities (CAAs). The CAAs, sat in May and September of each year, are external exams in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics that must be achieved in order to achieve NCEA. Approximately 80% of Pompallier students passed the CAAs in May. This is a 15% jump on our May achievement in 2024. With another sitting in September, and the ability to sit the assessments in Year 11 if required, our students are on-track to continue with their learning in NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3. Well done to our COL team, the Learning Centre, and all Pompallier teachers who are so dedicated to the achievement of Pompallier Catholic College students.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

Hayden Kingdon
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 3

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

JULY

Sat 26	Youth Mass at St Francis	SFX Church	5:00pm
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AUGUST

Fri 1	Non-Uniform Day - raising funds for Soul Food		
Sat 2	NZ Engineering Science Competition	Science Rooms, Pompallier	9:30am - 6:00pm
Tue 5 - Wed 6	Flight Attending Course	NorthTec	9:30am - 2:30pm
Thu 7 - Fri 8	Senior Production	Room 26	5:00pm - 9:30pm
Tue 12	University Course Planning - Victoria University	Boardroom	10:00am - 11:00am
Wed 13	University Course Planning - Massey University	Boardroom	11:00am - 12:00pm
Fri 15	Feast of the Assumption Mass	College	
Mon 18	University Course Planning - Waikato University	Boardroom	10:00am - 11:00am
Tue 19	University Course Planning - Canterbury University	Boardroom	9:00am - 10:00am
Mon 25	University Course Planning - AUT	Boardroom	9:00am - 10:00am

SEPTEMBER

Mon 1 - Fri 5	AIMS Games	Tauranga	
Thu 4 - Fri 5	EDGEExams	College	
Mon 8 - Wed 10	EDGEExams	College	
Mon 15	Group Photo Day	College	9:00am
Tue 16	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations Dose 2	College	9:00am
Tue 16	Year 13 Leavers' Workshop	College	11:25am - 1:20pm
Fri 19	Last Day of Term 3	School finishes 3:00pm	



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 3, Week 2

SPORTS RESULTS:

FOOTBALL

Collegiate Boys

vs Otamatea College won

HOCKEY

Collegiate 1st XI

vs Horahora Collegiate lost

Collegiate 2nd XI

vs Tauraroa Collegiate lost

JMC A

vs Bay of Islands lost

JMC B

vs TKIS Girls Green lost

NETBALL

Collegiate Tahī

vs Whangaruru won

Collegiate Rua

vs Renew Collegiate lost

Collegiate Toru

vs Tauraroa draw

Intermediate Tahī

vs WIS Green won

Intermediate Rua

vs Waipu lost

MCKENDRY & SHEPHERD CUP

Our Intermediate Hockey players competed in the 2025 Shepherd & McKendry Tournament on Sunday 22 June. The team did so well and placed 3rd overall!

A special mention to Matt Watts (Year 7) who was the teams Good Sports Award recipient.



STUDENT SUCCESSES

Congratulations to **Ronel Shaji** (Year 10) and his U15s Northland Football team who took out the Bronze cup for the Christchurch International Football Cup, held over the school holidays.

The team won all their games except against Wellington Phoenix U15 in the semi-final. A great achievement for the team.



Congratulations to **Justin Reid** (Year 10) and the U16 Northland Basketball team who competed in the U16 Basketball Nationals over the holidays.

The team placed in the top 10 teams in Aotearoa - amazing achievement!



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

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

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STUDENT SUCCESSES contd...

On 13th July **Anna Hewitt** (Year 9) and **Jessica Kalkhoven** (Year 12) represented NZ at the Australian Gymnastic National Champs (held in Surfers Paradise) in the discipline of Tumbling.

Anna competed in the Junior U15 years category, placing 9th overall. An amazing result for her first time representing her country!

Jessica competed in the Junior U22 years category. She progressed from the Top 8 to the Top 4, ultimately earning a bronze medal – an extraordinary result against older, more experienced athletes!



TIKIPUNGA HIGH SCHOOL - YEAR 7 & 8 SPORTS EXCHANGE

In the last week of Term 2, some of our Year 7 & 8 students headed to Tikipunga High School for a sports exchange.

It was an amazing day with lots of positive competition and a great atmosphere - with Pompallier being the first ones to take home the annual shield!

A huge thank you to Tikipunga High School for welcoming us into your kura and also to the senior students who assisted with coaching and officiating - bring on next year!



UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 3

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

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| • Tue 29 Jul | Senior Boys Basketball | McKay Stadium |
| • Wed 30 Jul | Intermediate Basketball | McKay Stadium |
| • Tue 5 Aug | Jnr Netball Tournament | Whg Netball Centre |
| • Wed 6 Aug | WIS AIMS Exchange | WIS |
| • Tue 12 Aug | Senior Netball Champs | Whg Netball Centre |
| • Wed 13 Aug | Intermediate Futsal | McKay Stadium |

Sam Page
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
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sports@pompallier.school.nz



SEEKING TUCK SHOP ASSISTANT

Our Tuck Shop provider (Tuckr), is looking for a part-time Tuck Shop assistant.

Hours are 9:00am - 2:30pm, 2-3 days per week (negotiable) and during term-time only.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in part-time employment, **please email Leo Li: leo@tuckr.nz**, with Pompallier Catholic College Tuck Shop in the subject line.

You can find out more about Tuckr via their website: www.tuckr.nz.

REUBEN O'NEILL BURSARY

Auckland Common Fund Ltd is very pleased to share the Reuben O'Neill Bursary for 2026. Reuben and Alice O'Neill both passed away earlier this year, Alice in January and Reuben a few months later. Their generosity of spirit and deep faith continue to inspire and touch the lives of many. May they rest in eternal peace.

The Reuben O'Neill Bursary has been established by the Catholic Diocese of Auckland to assist in making Catholic education available to some families and their children who otherwise would be unable to receive a Catholic education. The Reuben O'Neill Bursary has been established to honour Reuben O'Neill, who was an exceptional volunteer and supporter of Catholic education throughout his lifetime. Reuben O'Neill (1932-2025) was a husband, parent and grandparent and was recognised by Pope John Paul II in 1989 receiving a papal knighthood for his services to the Catholic Church of New Zealand. Reuben was proud of his own Catholic education and worked faithfully to make Catholic education accessible to as many people as possible, through building the Common Fund Cooperative, developing new schools, and improving the standard of existing schools across the Diocese of Auckland.

Whānau/families can apply at primary or secondary levels. Eligibility criteria include a desire for Catholic education for their child, and financial benefit to their family. Students of any year level can apply for the scholarship.

In 2025 5 primary and 5 secondary bursaries were awarded and are for the duration of a student's time at primary or secondary school. In **2026 an additional 5 primary and 5 secondary bursaries will be offered**. It may be a family whose child is already enrolled in a Catholic school, or someone you know who desires a Catholic education for their child but for whom the associated cost of Attendance Dues are a barrier.

All applications should be emailed to **Viki Trainor** at scholarships@cda.org.nz or posted to Pompallier Diocesan Centre, Private Bag 47904, Ponsonby, Auckland 1144.

Please [click here](#) for further information and the application form.



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.

USING INTERNET BANKING??

As we have over 650 students, and not every student has the same surname as their parents, **please make sure that you use your child's name and their ID No.** (shown on the statement) as a reference on all internet payments.

This way, we can ensure that your payment is allocated correctly.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz



NZTA SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS

Please be aware that NZTA have implemented a school zone speed of 30kph on SH 14 and Austin Road (outside Pompallier Catholic College and Maunu School).

These are active as the following times:

8:15 - 9:10 AM

2:45 - 3:30 PM

Thank you for your part in ensuring the safety of all our young people.



BUS UPDATE - Important Information for Families

Great news! A **direct bus service to Dargaville** began in Term 2 and is running smoothly. We're pleased that this has significantly shortened the travel time to and from school for students who live in this area.

There is also a smaller service available for students living in the **Whatitiri area**, which also accommodates students from Renew School.

Full details of our school bus routes can be [found on our website](#).

Please Note:

Students **must travel only on the bus they are registered for**. Ministry of Education buses are operating at full capacity and **cannot carry extra passengers**. This means students cannot take a different bus for after-school plans such as sports training, going to a friend's house, or attending other activities.



Please make alternative transport arrangements in these situations.

Alternative Bus Options:

1. **Route One (Fare-Paying Service)**

This is not a Ministry of Education service. Students must pay a fare directly to the driver. Concession tickets are available.

- Arrival at Pompallier: approx. 3:20pm
- Afternoon Route: Te Mai → Kensington → Percy Street → Whau Valley → Kamo → Springs Flat → Apotu → Hikurangi
- Morning Route: Reverse order
- Enquiries: Phone Ritchies on 09 438 7142

2. **CityLink Green Buses**

Public buses operated by CityLink also service our area. The bus **stops at the end of our school driveway**, so students are **not required to cross Maunu Road**.

- Timetables & information is available from: citylinkwhangarei.co.nz/timetables



Other Useful Information

• **Changed Address?**

Please email admin@pompallier.school.nz with the details.

• **Bus Pass Issues?**

If your child has lost their bus pass, you can order a new one from reception (cost \$7.00) and get a temporary pass from the Student Centre until it arrives.

If your child requires a different bus pass, please see Becky in the Student Centre, or contact her by phone: 438 3950 ext 202, or email: rebecca.saxton@pompallier.school.nz

• **Bus Travel Concerns?**

For any concerns while travelling on a school bus, contact Michelle Lawson: buses@pompallier.school.nz



Expectations for Student Behaviour on Buses

To ensure the bus remains a **safe and respectful environment** for everyone:

- Students may travel on the school bus as long as they behave safely and respectfully.
- Unsafe or inappropriate behaviour may result in a student losing their place on the bus, either temporarily or permanently.
- Travelling by bus is a privilege, not a right.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school transport system safe and running smoothly!



ROCKQUEST 2025

On the evening of Friday 27 June, Miscalcul4tion competed at the Smokefree Rockquest held at Whangarei Boys' High School. This band is made up of Oliver Jones (drums & vocals), Lucas Dirksen (lead guitar & vocals), Mitchell Dalton (rhythm guitar), and Matous Mastik (bass guitar).

Competition at this event was fierce, with 22 solo and band performances. Although the band did not place, they received very encouraging comments from the judges about their confidence on stage, tightness as a group, and performance.

Well done to these boys, we look forward to seeing what they can do next.

Ms Edgecombe
HOL ARTS





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS ...

Youth Mass ~Thank you

A big thank you to all the families and students who attended the Youth Mass on Saturday 21 June.

We had a lovely representation of students across all year levels attend and taking on various roles throughout the Mass. Many compliments were given by parishioners at the end of the Mass on how beautiful the children responded to their roles, especially our group of Pompallier Worship Band!

Thank you to Father Brian and Josh Lim (our Parish Youth worker) for assisting with the Mass and music.

This term we look forward to seeing more families and their children attend and actively participate in our Youth Mass - the next one takes place on Saturday 26 July at 5:00pm.

Lucy Correa
DIRECTOR CATHOLIC CHARACTER



Ashbury Heights Lifestyle Village visit

On Friday 18 July, Mrs Perry took her Year 13 class to visit the residents at Ashbury Heights Lifestyle Village. This has become a regular occurrence for Mrs Perry and her Religious Studies classes, and is enjoyed immensely by both students and the residents!

This visit coincided with bingo day! Our students took turns calling the numbers and working with the residents - they met a lawyer, a neurosurgeon, a midwife and a classic car collector.

As always, they represented us beautifully, and had a lot of fun as well!





CAREERS NEWS ...



Tahatū Career Navigator has just been rolled out into all secondary schools and kura kaupapa across the country. Tahatu.govt.nz is designed to give you and your rangatahi a new way to explore careers advice and information.

Tahatū has been created by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) with help from teachers, schools and kura across the country.

Choosing a direction in life can be a challenging time for rangatahi, and they may turn to you for guidance. Tahatū will support you as you work together, navigating towards an exciting future.

You'll find information for nearly 100 NCEA subjects to support subject selection at school or kura, over 4000 qualifications in one place, and be inspired by more than 800 career ideas.

To get started, check out the '[Interest quiz](#)', a quick and easy quiz that can help your rangatahi discover their interests and explore future careers that align with them.

Other helpful pages on Tahatū that you can explore:

- [How NCEA works](#)
- [Choosing NCEA subjects](#)
- [Explore NCEA subjects](#)
- [Explore study and training](#)
- [Ways to pay for study and training](#)
- [Explore career ideas](#)
- [Kaupapa Māori career ideas](#)

If you have any questions about Tahatū, please get in touch with Mrs Hamilton, Careers Advisor, 438 3950 ext 228.

Choosing NCEA subjects ...

It can be tricky choosing which NCEA subjects to study. Here are some steps to help you and your child decide. Do these steps in any order you like.

1. Work out what subjects you enjoy

Whiriwhiria ngā marau e kaingākau ai koe,

Your study will be more enjoyable and interesting if you choose subjects you like. Have a think about:

- which subjects you like doing
- any subjects you're interested in that you haven't already studied
- what you like doing outside of school, like playing music, helping people, thinking creatively. Do any subjects include these activities? What subjects could lead to a career that includes them?

2. Work out what subjects you're good at

Whiriwhiria ngā marau e pai ai ō mahi,

Choosing subjects you have a natural talent for will help you achieve NCEA credits. Have a think about:

- which subjects you're strongest in
- which subjects other people say you're good at

3. Find out what subjects you need for your career ideas

Rapua ngā marau e hiahia ana koe mō tō aramahi,

If you're unsure about what you want to do in the future, don't worry. You can keep your options open by studying a range of different subjects.

Keeping up with English, te reo Māori, maths and at least one science subject is a good idea, because these subjects are useful for many programmes and careers.

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4. Check you have the right subjects for your career ideas

Me hihira kei te tika ō marau mō ō whakaaro aramahi,

Have you got the right subjects for the next NCEA level?

E tika ana ō marau mō te taumata whai ake o NCEA?,

You may need to have already studied a subject at NCEA Level 1 to study Level 2 in that subject. For example, to study NCEA Level 2 maths you may need to have studied maths at Level 1. For some subjects at NCEA Level 2 or 3 you may need to have studied a combination of Level 1 or Level 2 subjects.

If you're not sure which subjects you need, check your school's website or ask your teacher or school career adviser.

Have you got the right subjects to do tertiary study or training?

E tika ana ō marau hei whai akoranga mātauranga matua, whai whakangungu rānei?,

If you want to study or train with an education provider, like a Te Pūkenga division, wānanga, university or private training establishment, you may need a certain number of NCEA credits or a tertiary entrance qualification like University Entrance.

If there's a tertiary programme you'd like to do when you finish school, make sure the NCEA subjects you study will earn the credits you need for it.

Have you got the right subjects to do an apprenticeship or trade?

E tika ana ō marau mō tētahi piatanga, mahi-ā-rehe rānei?,

If you want to get an apprenticeship or a job in a particular industry, you could choose subjects with skills that will help you complete a Vocational Pathway.

Vocational Pathways use different NCEA credits to show you the skills employers value, and help you pick a tertiary or trade programme that's right for you. [Find out more about Vocational Pathways – Youth Guarantee](#)

5. Discuss your subject choices

Kōrerorerotia ō kōwhiringa marau,

Discussing your NCEA subject choices with someone you trust will give you more confidence that you've made the right decision. Try talking to your teacher, school career adviser, or a career practitioner

If you would like more help and support with this, please encourage your child to make an appointment with me, Mrs Hamilton – the Careers Advisor, as soon as possible.

Find Your Future Day ...

This is an event for Year 12 or 13 students interested in tertiary study.

Please see Mrs Hamilton for further information or to express your interest in attending: julie.hamilton@pompallier.school.nz



FIND YOUR FUTURE
KITEA TO HEKE MAI

7 and 14 August 2025
An interactive careers event for secondary students planning on tertiary study

EXPLORE
career possibilities in Northland's professional primary industries

DISCOVER
where a tertiary qualification can take you

PARTICIPATE
in practical sessions and visit a professional workplace

Register here now!
Registrations close Thursday 27 July






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FUN GAMES AFTERNOON



Come join us and let's play some games! Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of friendly competition, great fun and loads of laughter... PRIZES TOO!



Sunday 10 August 2025
2 - 4:30 pm
Whangarei Women's Club
Corner of Rust Ave and Alexander St



Koha entry:
\$10 for Dyslexia PLUS families
\$15 for families who are not members
\$5 for an individual

Light afternoon tea will be provided



Email us to register

www.dyslexiaplus.org.nz
admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz



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Storewide, exclusions apply[†]

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WHAKAPIKI AKE YR 12 & 13 WHĀNAU HUI-A-ROHE

Invites whānau and rangatahi Māori to look at pathways towards future Māori health careers

SPEAK TO SPECIAL GUESTS

FIND OUT WHERE BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY AND/OR PHYSICS CAN LEAD YOU

THE POWER OF CULTURAL IDENTITY

CALCULATING RANK SCORES IN NCEA/CIE/IB

ACADEMIC PATHWAYS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

PREPPING FOR UNI IN 2025/2026

Whāngarei: Te Ora Hou Northland

Date: Thursday 31st July | Time: 6-8:30 pm

Venue: Te Ora Hou Northland Inc., 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga, Whangārei 0112



REGISTER NOW



WHAKAPIKI AKE YR 9-11 WHĀNAU HUI-A-ROHE

Invites whānau and rangatahi Māori years 9 to 11 to join us in a discussion around building blocks to success for Years 9-10-11 in a future in Health

SPEAK TO SPECIAL GUESTS

THE FIRST YEARS IN HIGH SCHOOL ARE THE FOUNDATIONS TO SUCCESSFUL SENIOR YEARS

REAFFIRM CULTURAL IDENTITY IS OUR GREATEST STRENGTH

IMPACTS OF CHOICES AND SUBJECT SELECTION

UNDERSTANDING NCEA, UE, & RANK SCORES

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A COMBINED LIONS CLUB PROJECT

Lions Clubs are asking residents of Whangarei & Districts to check out their citrus trees, in particular Sweet Oranges & lemons for fruit to send to the people of Christchurch, Dunedin & Clyde + Districts.

SUNDAY 10th AUGUST 2025 - 8:30am to 2pm.

COLLECTION POINTS - Bring your freshly picked citrus to:

1 - Trigg Sports Arena , City end of Park Ave, Kensington, Whangarei.

2 - The Maungatapere Hall - Contact: Royce Kokich, Mangakahia Lions -

Ph. 027 430 5374

Mainfreight in Whangarei have again kindly agreed to pay for the shipment of banana boxes full of citrus from Whangarei to the South Island. Your gifts will be delivered to fruit, vege and food co-ops for distribution.

Please contact us if you have any queries. We can arrange some picking.

Terry Ward, ward41@xtra.co.nz, 435 0654

Gary Younger : gary@northrentals.co.nz , 021 467 514

A popular Lions Clubs project supported by North Rentals Property Management.

If YOU want some citrus, call in to collection area on the day.

