



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 14 : 17 October, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

"To get to easy, you have to go through hard. If it was easy, everyone would be winners - but it's the hard that builds character." So said guest speaker Steven Beazley at our inaugural Year 7-13 Sports Prizegiving yesterday.

Not only did Steve's words resonate with our audience of young Pompallier Catholic College athletes, they also aligned with our Catholic Marist values of humility and work ethic. Steve went on to extol the values of work, saying that "Discipline is doing the mahi even when no one's watching. It's showing up, every time."

Sport is fundamentally about community, about bringing people together, and about developing young people. The college is immensely grateful to all those who have contributed to Pompallier Catholic College sport in 2025.

This help has enabled the following Pompallier Catholic College sport participation this year:

- 295 students playing sport, many across multiple codes
- Representation in Football, Basketball, Netball, Hockey, Volleyball, Athletics, Rowing, Gymnastics, Equestrian, Futsal, Touch, Golf and more
- These young athletes have been supported by nearly 30 coaches, 10 of which have been senior students

There have also been some notable highlights, including:

- ◆ Our Collegiate Boys Basketball team being crowned Whangārei champions
- ◆ A record 4 teams heading to Tauranga for the AIMS Games, with Pompallier Catholic College fielding teams in Football, Basketball, Netball and Hockey. We were also represented in Cross Country and Gymnastics, in which we had our very first medal in, with Maeve Ryan winning bronze
- ◆ Our mixed 1st XI Hockey were runners-up in the Woolaston Trophy

And can I also acknowledge some outstanding achievements of Pompallier Catholic College athletes that were acknowledged last night.

All-Round Sporting Achievement:

- * Year 7-8: Ifeoluwa Falope for selection for the U14 Northland Basketball Squad and for being our Swimming and Cross Country Champion this year.
- * Year 9-10: Malachy Smedley for selection in the Northland Secondary Schools Track and Field Team at the North Island Championships, for being our Swimming and Athletics Champion this year, and setting two new school Athletics records.
- * Years 11-13: Zoe Roberts for achieving Player of the Season for Football, and Most Outstanding Senior Netball Player, and for her captaincy of both sides.

Colours: Colours are our highest sporting award, given to athletes selected for Northland at the highest level or for being selected for New Zealand Representation.

- * Anna Hewitt for New Zealand representation in Gymnastics
- * Jessica Kalkhoven for New Zealand representation in Gymnastics
- * Te Rauroha Paki for being selected to swim in the New Zealand Youth team and for currently holding 6 New Zealand records
- * William Gross for New Zealand Secondary Schools U19 Football representation and being a member of the winning Northland Men's Football team

Thank you to all those who attended the Sports Prizegiving last night. It will now be an annual fixture on our calendar.

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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:

- Please join us this evening as we celebrate Pompallier Catholic College Visual Art, Music and Drama at ONEONESIX Bank St, from 5-9pm. See flyer below.
- Some outstanding recent sports results:
 - Congratulations to our Senior Boys Basketball team and their coach Nick Findlay for being Whangārei Champions for 2025!
 - We had the following impressive results at the NZ 2025 XP Gymnastics Nationals:
 - ♦ FIG Junior International: Jessica Kalkhoven - 1st, Anna Hewitt - 2nd
 - ♦ Tumbling: Female 11-12 years: Charlee McKenzie - 2nd
 - ♦ Double Mini Trampoline: 13-14 years, Anna Hewitt - 2nd. 15+ years, Jessica Kalkhoven - 1st (making Jessica a double National Champion!)
 - Te Rauroha Paki achieved a stunning 10 new records at the recent New Zealand Short Course Swimming Championships.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

Hayden Kingdon
PRINCIPAL





UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 4

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

OCTOBER

Mon 20 - Wed 22	Year 8 Camp	Marsden Point	
Mon 20 - Tue 21	Forklift Education Course	Barge Park	8:30am - 3:00pm
Wed 22	Year 7 Vision Screening	College	9:30am
Mon 27	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	School closed for instruction	
Tue 28	Non-Uniform Day - fundraiser for St Vincent de Paul		
Wed 29	Leavers' Mass	College	TBC
Thu 30	Year 12 & 13 students begin study leave		
Thu 30	Senior Prizegiving	College Gym	7:00pm

NOVEMBER

Sat 1	Year 13 Graduation Dinner	Whangarei Golf Club	6:00pm
Tue 4 - Fri 28	NZQA External Exams	College	
Wed 5	Year 10 Careers Day	College	9:00am - 3:00pm
Fri 7	Year 11 students begin study leave		
Fri 14	Junior Exams	Timetable TBC	
Mon 17 - Wed 19	Junior Exams	Timetable TBC	
Mon 17 - Fri 21	e-asTTle Assessment Week (Year 7-8)		
Mon 24 - Thu 27	e-asTTle Assessment Week (Year 9)		
Tue 25	Year 9, 2026 students Orientation morning	College	9:00am - 11:00am
Tue 25 - Fri 28	National Network of Marist Schools - Awa Run Fundraiser	Click here for more information and to donate	
Thu 27	Year 7, 2026 students Orientation Day	College	9:30am - 12:30pm
Thu 27	New Parents & Families Night	College Drama Room	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Fri 28	STAFF ONLY DAY	School closed for instruction	

DECEMBER

Fri 5	Junior Prizegiving	College Hall	10:00am
Fri 5	Last Day of Term 4	School finishes approximately 12:30pm	

KICKSTART BREAKFAST CLUB

Thanks to the support of Fonterra and Sanitarium, we have now joined the Kickstart Breakfast Programme.

We have weetbix and milk to start off with, and we hope to add other breakfast products such as toast and spreads if we can source contributions. Students are welcome to bring along other products, such as bananas or fruit they would like to add to their weetbix, if they want to.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help with the programme. All volunteers are police vetted prior to starting.

Our Breakfast Club started this week and will be open from 7:45am until 8:30am everyday in Room 20. We encourage students to take up this opportunity.

If you have any questions, or would like to donate items for our breakfast club, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: lucille.spring@pompallier.school.nz

Lucille Spring
KICKSTART BREAKFAST CO-ORDINATOR



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 4, Week 2

AIMS GAMES WRAP UP

This year we had our biggest ever participation in the Zespri AIMS Games. Our school represented with pride in Basketball, Football, Hockey and Netball, as well as Gymnastics/Tumbling and Cross Country.

Although by far one of the busiest weeks for sport, it is a highlight for not only the players but for myself to be able to witness our students in action on the 'big stage'. Our community could not be more proud of how our students played with marist charism, team spirit and resilience. Our students were gracious losers and humble winners.

A huge thank you to all our parents and staff who put in a lot of effort towards making this week a success - you are all the real MVP's.

We have included some photos on page 6 of our week away, and look forward to 2026!

Teams:

Hockey - placed 35th

Netball - placed 95th

Football - placed 58th (first year attending!)

Basketball - placed 74th (first year attending!)

Individuals:

Maeve Ryan - 3rd place Overall Artistic Girls Open WAG Step 4!

- ◆ 8th place Beam
- ◆ 7th place U-Bar
- ◆ 2nd place Vault
- ◆ 3rd place Floor

Charlee McKenzie - 9th place Overall Artistic Girls Open WAG Step 6.

- ◆ 9th place Beam
- ◆ 7th place U-Bar
- ◆ 2nd place Vault
- ◆ 1st place Floor

Charlee McKenzie - Tumbling Girls Open 11-12 Years - 3rd place overall!

- ◆ Routine 1 - 1st place
- ◆ Routine 2 - 6th place

Conor Leahy - 36th place Cross Country Year 7 Boys.

UNIFORM RETURN

With all weekly sporting leagues coming to an end, can we please ask that **all uniforms be returned by Week 4 of this term** in order to avoid a non-return fee.

All uniforms will need to be washed and returned to the sports office (or student centre) in a bag with the students name attached, so it can be marked off.

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

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

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Gymnastics

Congratulations to the following Pompallier students who represented Northland at the National Gymnastics Championships in Auckland recently!

Anna Hewitt (Year 9)

- ◆ 5th place Individual Trampoline 13-14 Women's
- ◆ 2nd place Double Mini Trampoline 13-14 Women's
- ◆ 2nd place International Junior Women's Tumble
- ◆ 8th place Synchro Trampoline 13-14 Mixed

Nathan Hewitt (Year 9)

- ◆ 7th place Individual Trampoline 13-14 Men's
- ◆ 11th place Double Mini Trampoline 13-14 Men's

Rosie Hewitt (Year 12)

- ◆ 11th place 15+ Women's Individual Trampoline
- ◆ 11th place 15+ Mixed Synchro Trampoline

Jessica Kalkhoven (Year 12)

- ◆ 1st place Internationals Junior Women's Tumble
- ◆ 2nd place 15+ Women's Double Mini Trampoline
- ◆ 17th place 15+ Women's Individual Trampoline

Charlee McKenzie (Year 8)

- ◆ 2nd place 11-12 Women's Tumble

WAG STEP 6 (Step 6 Under)

- ◆ 2nd place Vault
- ◆ 12th place Bars
- ◆ 38th place Beam
- ◆ 12th = Floor
- ◆ All-Around 39th out of 72 (both age groups combined!)

Katie Perris (Year 8)

- ◆ 22nd place 13-14 Women's Tumble



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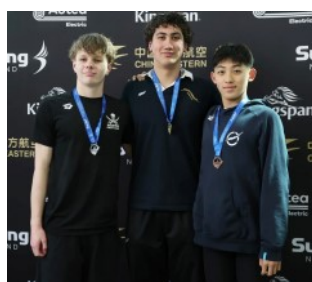
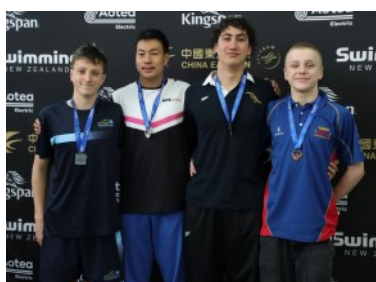
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STUDENT SUCCESSES continued...

Swimming

Te Rauroha Paki (Year 10) achieved a stunning 10 new records at the recent New Zealand Short Course Swimming Championships. Congratulations to Te Rauroha for the following New Zealand records:

- 50m Freestyle - 23.96
- 200m Individual Medley - 2:06.02
- 200m Butterfly - 2:05.14
- 50m Backstroke - 25.85
- 50m Backstroke - 25.75
- 200m Backstroke - 1:59.38
- 200m Backstroke - 1:58.11
- 400m Individual Medley - 4:30.64
- 100m Backstroke - 54.74 - 2025
- 100m Backstroke - 55.01



Football

Congratulations to **Jovi Stratton** (Year 9) who was part of the U15 Northland Football team who competed at the Pacific Champion State of Origin Cup and came away as the Plate Final winners!



YEAR 7-8 RIPPA RUGBY

Please note that due to the PPTA Strike Action on 23 October, we are unable to facilitate teams attending this event.

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 4

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

- Fri 24 Oct Year 9/10 Touch *Kaikohe*
- Thu 30 Oct Fast 5: Y7-8 and Y9-10 *WNC*
- Tue 4 Nov Volley Cup Year 9/10 Boys *McKay Stadium*
- Wed 5 Nov Volley Cup Year 9/10 Girls *McKay Stadium*
- Fri 7 Nov Year 7 & 8 Touch *Kaikohe*
- Tue 11 Nov Year 7 & 8 Volleyball *McKay Stadium*

Sam Page
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
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2026 ENROLMENTS

Our enrolments for 2026 closed on 29 June and our process has been completed. We are now operating a waiting list in accordance with our [Enrolment Policy](#).

If your child is not going to be returning in 2026 please email Kelli Adams as soon as possible, so we may offer places to those applicants on our waiting list.

For any enrolment queries, please contact Kelli: admin@pompallier.school.nz

SCHOOLBRIDGE

SchoolBridge is the central sign in point for our school.

SchoolBridge can be used from any web browser and is also available as an app for mobile devices.

Web Sign In:

- Go to our [school website](#) and click the **Login to SchoolBridge** button
- Click on your account type
- Students sign in using their Google or Microsoft accounts. Caregivers sign in easily with one of the options shown on the sign in page. Alternatively, use the Magic Link sign in option.

SchoolBridge Mobile App:

- To use the app you must first install it on your device - scan the QR code to install the app.





AIMS GAMES ...





KIA ORA! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

THE AWA RUN



On November 25–28th, Year 10 students from schools in the National Network of Marist Schools will be running 102km over three days down the Whanganui river to help reduce educational inequality in Aotearoa.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

DONATE HERE AND SPREAD THE WORD!

[HTTPS://GIVEALITTLE.CO.NZ/FUNDRAISER/PCC-AWA-RUN-2025](https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/pcc-awa-run-2025)

WHO'S RUNNING?

- TAINUI BESSELINK
- ELIZABETH BUXTON
- SUMMER ROBERTS
- MALACHY SMEDLEY
- CHASE ANDERSON
- MIA SCHUTTE



LET'S GET BEHIND OUR POMPALLIER WHĀNAU!

[DONATE NOW!](#)



SHORT-TERM HOMESTAY REQUIRED

We **urgently** require a homestay family for 1 month, **from 2 - 28 November**, for a 14-year old male Thai student, attending our college in Year 10. There is also an opportunity to host in 2026 if you are interested.

Homestay payment is **\$340.00 per week**.

If you can help, or know someone who can, please contact Lisa as soon as possible:

Lisa Linford

☎ **021 031 6263**

or: lisa.linford@pompallier.school.nz

✧ Thinking about a career in hairdressing? ✧

We're on the lookout for enthusiastic young adults who are interested in starting a **Hairdressing Apprenticeship!**

We're looking for people who are:

- ✧ **Creative** – with a passion for style and trends
- ✧ **Hard-working** – ready to learn and grow
- ✧ **Keen & motivated** – excited to build a career in hairdressing
- ✧ **Friendly & team-spirited** – great with people

At our salon, we pride ourselves on our values:

- ✧ **Growth** – always learning and improving
- ✧ **Teamwork & Respect** – supporting one another
- ✧ **Encouragement & Kindness** – creating a positive environment for all

You'll be learning from **skilled stylists** who are passionate about training the next generation of hairdressers, ensuring you gain the confidence and skills to shine in your career.

Join us at our **Apprenticeship Open Evening**, where you'll get the chance to:

- ✧ Chat with our owners and stylists about the industry
- ✧ Hear firsthand from current apprentices about their journey
- ✧ Discover what it takes to start your career in hairdressing

We're taking **expressions of interest now** – you'll need to register to secure your place. Don't miss this opportunity to see if hairdressing is the perfect fit for you!

Open evening date - **Wednesday October 29th** – 5:00pm-6:00pm.

Email threehairdressingcareers@gmail.com to register your interest!

DEFENCE CAREERS FORCE INFORMATION EVENING

Defence Careers will be hosting a Force Information Evening in Whangarei on **Thursday, 23 October 2025**. This event is a great opportunity for students, parents, and community members to learn more about careers in the New Zealand Defence Force.

- Location: Whangarei (Defence Careers, 6 Okara Drive, Whangarei, Northland, 0110)
- Session 1: **6:00pm – 8:00pm**
- Session 2: **8:00pm – 10:00pm**

Doors will open **15 minutes** prior to each session (doors will be closed at 6 and presentation will start), and registration is required to attend.

For more information on this event, link and registration below:

Session 1 - [Whangarei Force Information Evening | Defence Careers](#)

Session 2 - [Whangarei Force Information Evening | Defence Careers](#)

We look forward to seeing you there and helping answer any questions about career pathways in the NZDF.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND VACANCY

Project and Music Coordinator!

Are you looking for a role where you can make a positive impact in the lives of young people? Do you have experience in the areas of music ministry and events? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time **Project and Music Coordinator**. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland.

To learn more, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

NZ TERTIARY COLLEGE

Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary)

Pompallier Catholic College has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the NZ Tertiary College. This establishes a formal partnership to collaboratively support the Schools Onsite Training Programme (SOTP), aimed at the professional preparation of student-teacher candidates. The programme combines in-school professional experience with online academic study. Upon completion, graduates are eligible to apply for New Zealand teacher registration.

Applications for 2026 are now open. For further information or to apply, [please visit their website](#).

NZ Tertiary College has also received Government funding for the 2026 intake, so the programme will be fees free.



Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Te Taumata o te Hāhi Katorika

A Night at the Conclave

WITH CARDINAL JOHN DEW

Friday, 21 November 2025 | 7.30pm

St Mary's College, St Mary's Bay



TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

<https://events.humanitix.com/conclave>

Tickets \$35 Adults | \$19 Students | \$150 for a group of 10

By joining us, you'll be supporting the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph,
with all funds raised going towards our Mother Church.



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TAI TOKERAU WĀNANGA

Youth Pathway News

October 2025

Upcoming Events

Open Day - Ngāwhā and Kerikeri
Tuesday 14th October

Open Day - Kaitia
Wednesday 15th October

Sport and Rec Information Evening - McKay Stadium
Wednesday 22nd October
4pm to 6pm

Nursing Information Evening - Raumanga Campus
Thursday 23rd October
5.30pm - 7pm

Visit our website and [Facebook page](#) for event details



NCEA me te Whānau workshop registrations

Kei ngā pou whakahā, kei ngā pou whakawhitinga o te mātauranga i ngā kura puta noa i Aotearoa, tēnā koutou katoa!

The NCEA me te Whānau team would like to invite you to book our upcoming workshops for Term 4, 2025. Given the examination season is approaching, these workshops will **ONLY** be available during the first 4 weeks of Term 4 (from **Monday 6 October** to **Thursday 30 October**).

How our workshops are designed:

Workshops are 1-hour long and can be delivered in-person* or online. The NCEA me te Whānau workshop is delivered in the evening when whānau are available to attend. Ākonga workshops are offered during school hours.

*Note: In-person delivery is subject to the availability of a kaiāpai (facilitator) in your area or region at the date/time requested.

How to request a workshop:

If you would like to host a workshop, please complete our registration form by scanning the QR code or clicking [here](#).

Once the registration has been received, a member of our team will be in touch to confirm dates and other arrangements.

In Term 4, we will be offering the following workshops:

1. **NCE A-Z** is designed to ensure **ākonga** are well-prepared for NCEA. This workshop focusses on essential information that ākonga can quickly grasp, instilling confidence within themselves to embark on their NCEA journey.
2. **Tertiary Prep** is designed to ensure **ākonga** are present to the considerations and decisions they may need to make when considering tertiary study.
3. **NCEA me te Whānau** is designed to assist **parents and caregivers** in supporting their tamaiti. It covers every crucial aspect of NCEA and offers guidance on how to help their tamaiti make informed subject choices.



For more information about our workshops, please reach out to nceametewhanau@nzqa.govt.nz





TE MANAWA TAHI - Community Timetable, Term 4

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahi 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 Tahi sign or flag.

Drop into a hub, or make an appointment by: Phone: 0800 524 842, or Email: TT.Support@education.govt.nz

DATE	HUB LOCATIONS	Term 4 2025, Weeks 1 to 5
Thurs 9 th Oct	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 15 th Oct	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā	
Thurs 16 th Oct	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Rd, Onerahi	
Wed 29 th Oct	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Thurs 30 th Oct	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 5 th Nov	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

DATE	HUB LOCATIONS	Term 4 2025, Weeks 6 to 9
Wed 12 th Nov	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā	
Thur 20 th Nov	Hikurangi School, 4 Swan Avenue, Hikurangi	
Wed 26 th Nov	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, Maungaturoto	
Wed 26 th Nov	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wed 3 rd Dec	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Thurs 11 th Dec	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	