



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 15 : 31 October, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Thank you to all those who attended our Senior Prizegiving last night (Thursday, 30 October). For our staff, this was an occasion to celebrate the 'why' of our jobs: to see our students thrive in Catholic Character, Student Achievement, Culture, Sport, Arts, and Music.

Congratulations to all prize winners. In particular, congratulations to our 2025 College Dux, Ethan Gavin, and our Proxime Accessit, Sam Glover.

Congratulations also to our newly announced student leaders for 2026: Head Girl Aria Armstrong, Head Boy Denton Lim, Deputy Head Girl and Head of Catholic Character Mia Schutte, and Deputy Head Girl Ayla Johnson.

I also made mention last night of the new strategic plan that our Board of Trustees will be working on in the coming weeks. Please remember to complete the survey sent out by email on Tuesday of this week. We are seeking your input as we envisage the next steps for Pompallier Catholic College.

I invite you to attend an end-of-year **Parents' Night** here at the college on **Thursday, 27 November**. You will hear from our Head Boy Tafadzwa Gono and Head Girl Zoe Roberts, as well as Angela Gordon, Pompallier parent and More FM Breakfast Show Host. I will also be giving some reflections after my first full year as principal. Please see the flyer on page 2 for more details, and RSVP by Thursday, 20 November to ptfa@pompallier.school.nz

Later this Term we will be taking time to plan for mandated curriculum changes for 2026. For this reason, **Friday, 28 November** will be a Ministry of Education **Teacher Only Day**.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

Hayden Kingdon
PRINCIPAL

PPTA Strike Action, Wednesday Afternoon, 5 November

We have received confirmation of **industrial action affecting the whole school** on the **afternoon of Wednesday 5 November**. School will **finish for all year levels at 1:15pm**. The following school buses will leave earlier, soon after 1.15pm:

- D010518 - Onerahi
- D010501 - Kamo East
- D010507 - Whangarei Heads
- D010509 - Dargaville
- D010533 - Kamo West

The following school **buses** will leave at the **normal time, from 3:15pm**. For attendance purposes, [please register here](#) (by midday Tuesday 4 November) **if your child will be staying at school** to catch one of the following buses:

- D010503 - Waipu
- D010511 - Ngunguru
- D010532 - Whatitiri Loop
- D010516 - Kara Road
- D010522 - Cemetery Road - Otaika
- D010513 - Maungakaramaea
- D010519 - Portland

VISION STATEMENT

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



POMPALLIER WELCOME TO NEW PARENTS EVENING



Join us on **Thursday, 27th November**, as the **Pompallier Catholic College PTFA** warmly invites all new parents to an evening of connection, insight, and community. Current parents are also encouraged to come along and share in the spirit of whanaungatanga.

There will be a welcome from **Principal Hayden Kingdon**, and first-hand experiences from our guest speakers, with **2025 Head Boy, Tafadzwa Gono**, as MC and **Head Girl, Zoe Roberts**, as one of our speakers. We're also joined by **Ange "Flash" Gordon from MORE FM** – a current parent with valuable insights into life at Pompallier.

Discover how you can get involved with the PTFA, connect with other parents, and help strengthen the vibrant Pompallier community,

GUEST SPEAKERS



Tafadzwa Gono
MC & 2025 Head Boy



Angela Gordon
Parent & More FM
Breakfast Show



Hayden Kingdon
Principal



Zoe Roberts
2025 Head Girl

**THURSDAY, 27
NOVEMBER
6:00PM – 7:30PM**

At Pompallier Catholic College



RSVP by 20th November to
ptfa@pompallier.school.nz



UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 4

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

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 on Page 4	
Mon 17 - Wed 19	Junior Exams	Timetable on Page 4	
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	

IMPORTANT - MEASLES INFORMATION

Please note this important information regarding measles circulating around New Zealand at this time.

- Measles is highly contagious and serious – about one in three people may need hospital care.
- Measles is circulating and is very contagious. There is now measles in Northland, Auckland, Manawatu, Nelson and Wellington, and we expect further cases across New Zealand.
- Watch out for symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash:

[Measles – Health New Zealand](#)

- Anyone with measles symptoms must stay at home and should seek urgent advice by ringing their doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116.
- Anyone who is closely exposed to a measles case must stay at home. Health New Zealand will provide individuals with advice on a case-by-case basis (including when they can leave quarantine at home).
- Health New Zealand is actively working with the schools that currently have measles cases.
- People are considered immune to measles after having two doses of a measles vaccine from 12 months or older, or if you have had measles before. For more information on measles immunity visit: [Measles Immunity - Health New Zealand](#)

Please check your whānau's immunisation record through My Health Record:

[My Health Record – Health New Zealand](#)

- Anyone born between 1969 and 2004 may have only received one vaccine dose and might not be fully protected. It's safe to get extra doses. A free vaccine can be booked online or via the Vaccination Helpline on 0800 28 29 26.

[Book my vaccine – Health New Zealand](#)



JUNIOR EXAM TIMETABLE (Year 9 & 10)

YEAR 9 EXAM TIMETABLE

Exams begin at 8:55am

Period	FRIDAY 14 November Day 5	MONDAY 17 November Day 6	TUESDAY 18 November Day 1	WEDNESDAY 19 November Day 2
1 and 2	English	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies

YEAR 10 EXAM TIMETABLE

Exams begin at 11:25am

Period	FRIDAY 14 November Day 5	MONDAY 17 November Day 6	TUESDAY 18 November Day 1	WEDNESDAY 19 November Day 2
3 and 4	Social Studies	Science	Mathematics	English

COLLEGE ACCOUNTS



As we draw closer to the end of the year, we would like to remind families that your school account **should be paid by 5 December**.

Now is a really good time to look over your account to ensure this will happen. Many thanks to those families who have already paid their account in full, or have a regular payment in place.

A friendly reminder from the Auckland Diocese for parents and caregivers of **students who will be leaving Pompallier Catholic College at the end of their Year 13 study; Attendance Dues must be paid in full by 1 December 2025**. Families who have an ongoing AP are exempt from this date but must commit to continuing payments until the account is paid.

As always, if you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Jane in our college office to discuss payment options, in confidence. Thank you.



On behalf of our Whakapono Rōpū, we would like to thank all our families for your generosity and support during our recent Non-Uniform Day. Students were asked to bring a gold coin donation or a Christmas gift to support children and families in need within our community.

We were overwhelmed by the kindness shown - every whānau class contributed wonderful gifts and donations. All the gifts and money collected will be donated to **St. Vincent de Paul**, who will distribute them to families in need this Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us live out the values of compassion, service and caring for others.

God Bless you all

Lucy Correa, DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 4, Week 4

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS DAY

Our Intermediate Athletics Day was held during Week 2. We were blessed with sunshine for the day and some amazing achievements!

Congratulations to the 2025 Athletics Champs:

Year 7 Girl: Maeve Ryan

Year 7 Boy: Taylin Williams

Year 8 Girl: Charlee McKenzie

- New school record 200m Sprint and Discus

Year 8 Boy: Aadhya Randunu Pedige

Special mention to Katie Perris (Year 8) who broke the 800m Girls record.

A huge thank you to our Year 11 PE students for running each station and for our Year 12 Ngā Whare leaders who volunteered to assist on the day.

We have included photos of the day on the following page.

INAUGURAL SPORTS AWARDS 2025

We are proud to have hosted a successful and memorable evening for our Pompallier sporting community. It was truly inspiring to see so many students, whānau, staff, and supporters come together to celebrate the incredible talent, dedication, and teamwork that makes our sports programme so special.

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the event and share in the achievements of our athletes. Your presence and support mean so much to our school and to the young people who continue to represent Pompallier with pride and passion.

This year's Sports Awards not only highlighted the outstanding individual and team accomplishments across a range of codes, but also gave us the opportunity to honour two very special members of our coaching team who are retiring — Mr Nick Findlay and Mr Mark Meyer. We extend our deepest gratitude to both of you for your years of commitment, leadership, and the positive impact you've had on countless students through Basketball and Hockey. Your dedication and contribution have left a lasting legacy at Pompallier Catholic College.

A special mention to our higher awards winners:

Sports Colours:

- **Anna Hewitt** - Gymnastics
- **Jessica Kalkhoven** - Gymnastics
- **Te Rauroha Paki** - Swimming
- **William Gross** - Football

All Round Sports Achievement:

Year 7 - 8 **Ifeoluwa Falope**

Year 9 - 10 **Malachy Smedley**

Year 11- 13 **Zoe Roberts**

Excellence in a #1 Team - **Collegiate Basketball Tahī**

Service and Leadership in Sport - **Neve Reiher**

Marist Sports Award (Mark Going Cup) - **Kaley France**

A huge thank you to our guest speaker, Steven Beazley! He did an amazing job and had a great message to relay.

We have included some pictures on the following page.

HOCKEY - PAST VS PRESENT MATCH 2025



UNIFORM RETURN

There is a concerning amount of uniform that is yet to be returned to the school! All seniors should have their uniform returned by the end of the week! **This needs to be actioned asap!**

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 4

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

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| • Tue 4 Nov | Volley Cup Year 9/10 Boys | <i>McKay Stadium</i> |
| • Wed 5 Nov | Volley Cup Year 9/10 Girls | <i>McKay Stadium</i> |
| • Fri 7 Nov | Year 7 & 8 Touch | <i>Kaikohe</i> |
| • Tue 11 Nov | Year 7 & 8 Volleyball | <i>McKay Stadium</i> |
| • Wed 12 Nov | Volleyball Cup | <i>McKay Stadium</i> |

Sam Page
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
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Remember, if you have a student success you would like to share, email us at ...

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz



SPORTS PHOTOS ...

INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS DAY



SPORTS AWARDS EVENING





2025 NORTHTEC ACADEMY GRADUATES ...

Another successful year for students attending the NorthTec Academies, and congratulations to them all for completing their courses over the past year, and gaining certificates in their subject areas.

Tourism Academy - International Travel College:



Danica Withers received the Rising Star Award for the Tourism Academy

Automotive Academy:



Maz Findlay



Declan Treloar



Hato Tracey

Hair and Beauty Academy:



Mia Ross



Conor Wilson



NORTHTEC continued ...

Cookery Academy:



Lucas Dirksen



Jamie Cramer



Alex Hansen



Cooper Hope

Food and Beverage Academy:



Greta Charlesworth

WHANGAREI CADET FORCES RECRUITING 2026

Parents - are you looking for something different for your child that will challenge them and encourage personal growth? Students - are you looking for a fun activity that gives you the chance to meet a bunch of great new friends and try some things that others in your class won't get the chance to do?

Cadet Forces provide an excellent opportunity for young people to develop leadership, teamwork, and life skills in a fun, disciplined, and supportive environment. Participants will engage in activities such as adventure training, firearms safety, bushcraft, camping, navigation, community service, and more, all while building confidence and forming lifelong friendships.

The Army, Navy & Air Cadet Units are inviting students who will be aged 13 - 15 years (in 2026) to enrol with us to start in Term 1 of next year.

Get ready to Join Cadet Forces in Term 1, 2026! Our first recruiting evening (and the only one this year) is on **Thursday 27 November @ 18:30, NorthTec Campus, 14 Murdoch Crescent (Gate 4).**

So - are you aged 13 - 15 and looking for a challenge? The Local Cadet Force Units are recruiting now! Learn leadership, teamwork, and practical skills while having fun and making new friends.

Contact:

whandcu@cadetforces.org.nz, or

20sqn@cadetforces.org.nz, or

ts.diomede@cadetforces.org.nz

For more info visit: <https://cadetforces.org.nz/>, or Facebook: Whangarei Army Cadets or No 20 Squadron Air Training Corps or TS Diomede.



INFINITY PLUS ONE VISIT TO POMPALLIER ...

On Monday 20 October, Subash Chandar K, the founder of Infinity Plus One, visited our college. Infinity Plus One is a mathematics website that is free for all students to access. Subash has developed tutorial videos for senior mathematics students at Level 1, 2 and 3 NCEA.

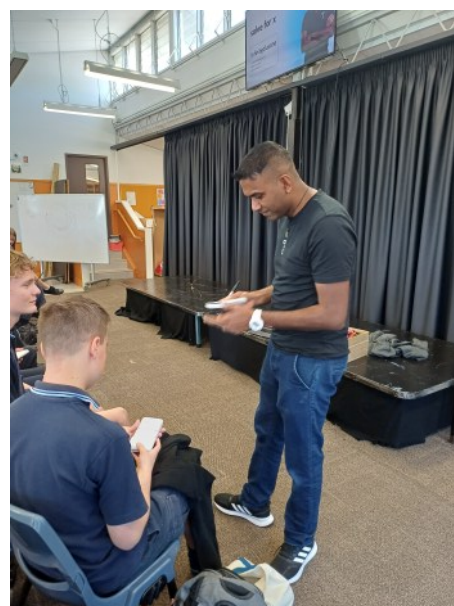
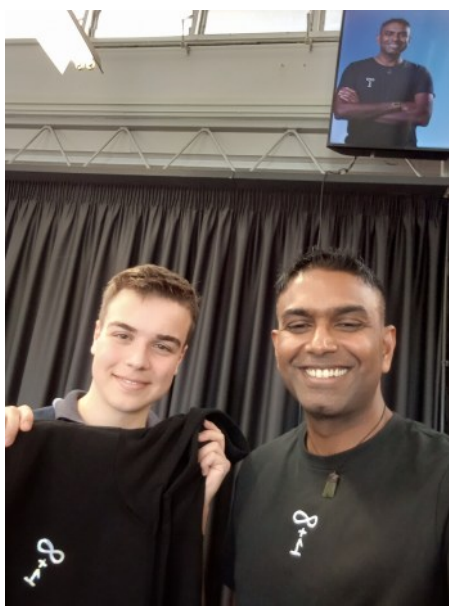
Pompallier Catholic College students access these videos regularly, because Subash explains clearly and in detail how to complete algebraic and calculus NCEA examples.

Subash's talks on Monday were about "Balancing the Equation" and "Solving for X". However, his talks were not about Mathematics, they were about: making and achieving short-term and long-term goals, balancing productive and leisure time, reflection on the use of time, patterns and happiness chemicals.

The overwhelming consensus of Subash's visit was that it was exciting, interesting and helpful.

Subash signed calculators, gave out Infinity Plus One key tags and posed for selfies with students. Daniel Hugo received an Infinity Plus One hoodie from Subash, for being the most active Pompallier Catholic College student on the Infinity Plus One website. Daniel was also instrumental in us booking Subash's visit. Thank you, Daniel.

Ms McAulay, MATHEMATICS TEACHER

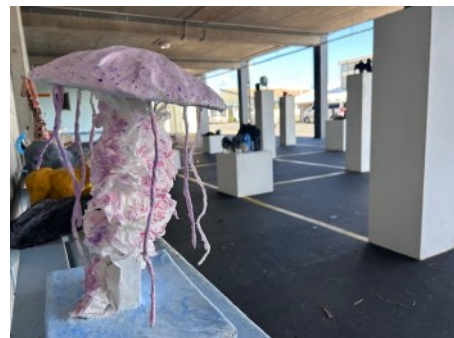
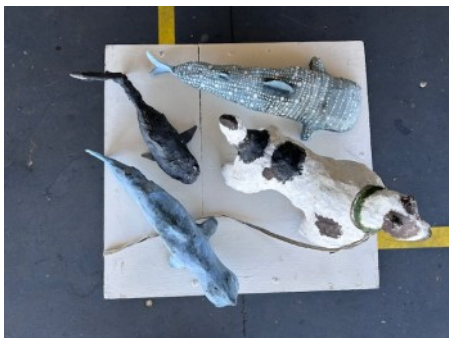
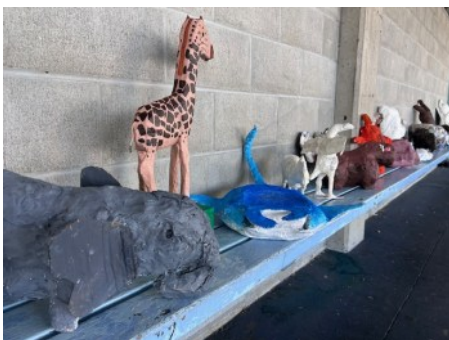
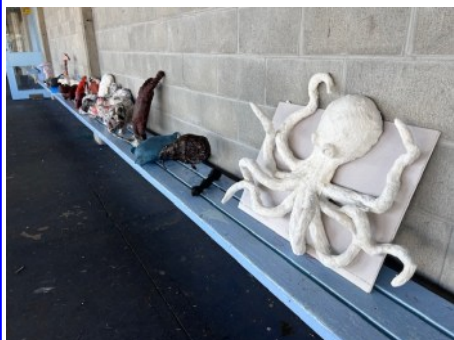
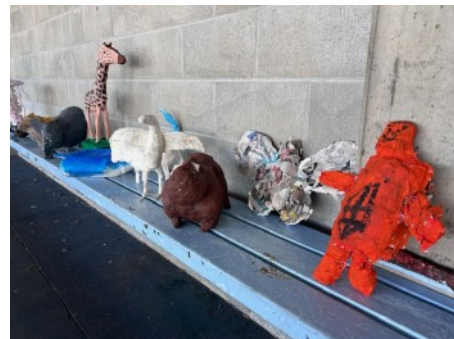




YEAR 7 ANIMAL EXTRAVAGANZA CELEBRATION EXHIBITION ...

On Tuesday 21 October, our Year 7 students held an art exhibition at school during interval. There were some amazing works of art, and the students were very proud and excited to see their work on display.

Thank you to our Art teacher, Ms Jensen, for organising this event.





Northland Ensemble Orchestra *and* Northland Ensemble Youth Orchestra

Two **NEW** orchestras present...

An Unmissable Fantasy Experience

WILLIAMS

HANDEL

ELGAR

\$15 Students & Senior Citizens
\$20 Adults

St Francis Xavier Church 15th November, 2pm

ONEONESIX 16th November, 2pm



For more information, visit: [Northland Ensemble Orchestra – An Unmissable Fantasy Experience](#)

PICNIC TABLES FOR ST FRANCIS XAVIER

Our Year 12 Construction students have been working hard this year to design and build four outdoor picnic tables as part of their course project. The tables were beautifully made, and our students were very proud to gift them to St Francis Xavier Catholic School on Wednesday 22 October. What a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage in a meaningful community service project.

