



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

“Diligere Verum” “Love the Truth” “Arohatia te Whakapono”

Newsletter 16 : 14 November, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

This coming weekend, the Board of Trustees is taking part in workshops for the purpose of creating a new strategic plan for the college. I want to thank the community for their input into this process via the recent surveys. Key feedback from these surveys will be guiding our process this weekend.

A telling result from the survey came in some remarkable similarities between staff, students, and parents when it comes to visioning the characteristics we hope to develop in our young people through their time at Pompallier Catholic College. **‘Faith-filled’** was the **second most chosen word** across all three surveyed groups. This striking synchronicity across the school community pays testament to a **shared valuing of our Catholic, Marist Character**. Other top priorities included:

- **‘Honest’** is of number one importance for parents, third for staff, and fourth for students.
- **‘Dependable’** is number one for staff, third for parents, and fifth for students.
- **‘Supportive’** comes in third for students and fourth for staff.

Also of note, **‘Courageous’** takes **first place for students**, while it doesn't feature in the top five for parents and staff. This is a timely reminder that our young people face challenges that require courage. Our planning for the future of Pompallier Catholic College needs to keep this in mind.

When it comes to where we want to be in five years' time, **excelling in academics is in the top two for staff, students, and parents**. Also of note:

- **Modernising our facilities** comes in as a number one priority for students.
- **Being innovative and progressive** takes the top spot for staff.
- **Having a caring and supportive community** features in the top five across all three surveyed groups.

Overall, I see a unified vision from the community: ***to, upon the foundation of our Catholic Marist Character, honour our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, promote academic excellence, foster a caring, supportive, and connected community, modernise our facilities, and enhance our arts, sporting, and cultural programmes.***

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

Hayden Kingdon
PRINCIPAL

Please note:

- Please join us for our end-of-year **Parents' Night** here at the college on **Thursday 27 November**. See the flyer below. RSVP by Thursday 20 November to ptfa@pompallier.school.nz
- Friday **28 November** will be a Ministry of Education stipulated **Teacher Only Day**. College staff will be planning for mandated curriculum changes for 2026. The school will be closed for instruction.

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

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	



OVERDUE LIBRARY & SUBJECT BOOKS

There are a number of overdue library books, and subject textbooks outstanding.

Students - if you have received an overdue library book notice and/or been issued a subject textbook during the year and have not yet returned them, please do so **before the end of this term**, to avoid being charged for the cost of the book.

Parents - if you could ask your child if they have a book outstanding, that would be very helpful! Thank you.



STUDYLINK 2026

If you're studying in 2026, 16 December is a very important date. It's one you just can't miss.

Around 120,000 students will need to get organised for study in 2026. Apply for your student allowance or loan before 16 December to give yourself the best chance of having everything sorted and ready for the start of your course.

If you've had a student allowance or loan in the last 12 months, login to MyStudyLink and use the Returning Application to apply. It'll take less than five minutes.

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

SCHOOL LOCKERS

Be in quick – limited lockers available!!

If you would like to **reserve a locker for 2026**, or **keep your current one**, please fill out the online order form at: www.stowawaylockers.co.nz as soon as possible.

If you **don't need your locker next year**, please email: info@stowawaylockers.co.nz to let us know. Check your emails for details on how to return your key for your bond refund.

Thank you,
Stowaway Lockers.



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



POMPALLIER PTFA FACEBOOK PAGE

This Facebook page is for the Pompallier Catholic College community, and is managed by the school's PTFA (Parent Teacher and Friends' Association).

They share PTFA events and fundraisers with the school community, and provide a platform for Pompallier families to buy, swap and sell second-hand school uniforms.

Should people wish to **donate** uniform, the PTFA also holds second-hand uniform sale days during the year and welcomes donations of quality, current uniform items via the school office. Sale dates will be advertised on the Facebook page and in school communications.

Check out the [Facebook page here](#).



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz

2026 TERM DATES

TERM 1 Wednesday 28 January Thursday 2 April

TERM 2 Monday 20 April Friday 3 July

TERM 3 Monday 20 July Friday 25 September

TERM 4 Monday 12 October Tuesday 8 December

TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Reflections on Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

As we draw near the end of the Jubilee Year in January 2026, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering its last webinar for the year "Reflections on Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope" with Fadi Yalda, Lecturer in Biblical Studies.

This webinar is on Wednesday, 26 November 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. Fee is \$20. To register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025



Partner with Tuckr® Low Capital, Local Opportunity!

Tuckr® is seeking a **connected, local owner/operator** to run our school tuckshop.

This is a **rare business opportunity** with **minimal upfront capital** and the potential for **strong positive cash returns** for a working licensee.

Tuckr will Provide the Foundation:

- ✓ Proven Systems and Experience
- ✓ Menu & Supply Chain Support
- ✓ Marketing Guidance

Are You Pre-Qualified?

They are seeking partners who are local and committed. **Enquire to Tuckr ONLY if you can answer YES to ALL:**

- ⇒ **Local & Connected?** I live locally and have connections to the Pompallier Catholic College community.
- ⇒ **Positive Relationship?** I am able to build a strong, positive relationship with the school.
- ⇒ **Ready to Commit?** I will dedicate the necessary time and attention to ensure success for the school, community, and Tuckr® brand.

Note: Initial approval is handled by Tuckr®. They will then approach the school with the proposal to occupy the school tuckshop.

Ready to Own Your Local Tuckshop?

If you meet the qualifications, don't miss out on this unique opportunity!

Enquire Today to Start the Vetting Process! Email hello@tuckr.nz



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 4, Week 6

FAST 5 NETBALL

On Thursday 30 October we had 3 teams entered into the Year 9/10 Fast 5 tournament at Whangarei Netball Centre - two mixed teams and a girls team. They all had a great time and embraced the dress up theme! We even came away with some great results with our mixed teams placing 2nd and 3rd!



YEAR 9 & 10 VOLLEYBALL CUP

Our Junior Volleyball teams had their first taste at competition last week, with the Boys and Girls Volleyball Cup at McKay Stadium. They all had a blast and will compete again this week in the festival, putting all their training and hard work into play. Thank you to Mr Downes for taking the time to ensure that they could compete at these events!

YEAR 7 & 8 TOUCH

Last Friday our Year 7 & 8 Touch team headed to Kaikohe to compete in the Touch Cup - their end of year tournament. They all played so well in a very competitive draw, placing 5th overall. A huge thank you to Ngaia Davis and Tawhirimatea Sadler, our Year 11 student coaches, for giving up many of their lunchtimes to coach the team!



YEAR 7 & 8 CRICKET

With the sun managing to shine for one whole day this week, our Year 7 & 8 Boys Cricket team headed to Kensington Park to compete in the festival organised by Northland Cricket. While it wasn't our day on the pitch, it was great to see the boys getting out there and enjoying themselves with their mates and even getting a few non cricketers to join in for the day! Thank you to our seniors, Henry and Nate Cunis, for giving up their time to umpire and coach!



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STUDENT SUCCESSES

Rugby League

Congratulations to **Carson Leiataua** (Year 10) who was a part of the Toa Samoa Under 14 Rugby League team. He had a successful Pasifika Youth Cup Tournament, recently bringing home the win against the Under 14 Aotearoa NZ Māori Rugby League team. They played 6 hard games of rugby league over 3 days, bringing to an end their intense 6 week campaign. Amazing effort!



UNIFORM RETURN

There is a concerning amount of uniform that is yet to be returned to the school! All students should have their uniform returned **as a matter of urgency!**

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.

- Wed 19 Nov WPSSA Athletics Day *Trigg Stadium*

Sam Page
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
438 3950 Ext 219
sports@pompallier.school.nz

Surfers Healing

Waipu Cove, Aotearoa

21st February, 2026



Our mission is to enrich the lives of people living with autism by exposing them to the unique experience of surfing.

Please RSVP Via email

surfershealingnz@gmail.com



surfershealingnz.co.nz



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

November 2025

Saara Atiq

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate one of our Year 7 students, **Saara Atiq**, who was awarded the Volunteer of the Month for November by Keep New Zealand Beautiful. The published article read:

11-year-old Saara has a passion for our environment and is a driver to promoting a clean environment. She has a strong desire to spread knowledge about the harm we are causing to our surroundings, as well as being involved in cleanups around Whangarei.

She was involved in a recent cleanup at Te Kamo in Whangarei after enrolling herself for the cleanup campaign and also including a friend in this initiative. She participated in a cleanup at Onerahi 2 years ago and was recognized with a Paul Harris fellow last year for her service to the community. This year, her school project was about littering and pollution which included a presentation to kindergarten kids about the benefits of upcycling. Her thoughts also involve trying to think of a solution on what to do with the floating garbage island.

THANK YOU SAARA FOR KEEPING NEW ZEALAND BEAUTIFUL



SENIOR PRIZEGIVING : Thursday 30 October, 2025

Thank you to everyone that joined us for our Senior Prizegiving event. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the successes of our students. Congratulations to the following senior students who received special awards. A full list of prize winners will be included in our annual college magazine.

HONOUR ROLL

Year 11

- Moeawa Baker-Titore
- Alen Bony
- Julian Dirksen
- Molly Franks
- Krissa Jerry
- Oliver Jones
- Joel Jose
- Caleb Jungwin
- Aliz Lloyd
- Lucy Luxford
- Mia McAllister
- Julian Parkinson-Gilmour
- Sieana Paterson
- Athalia Saunders
- Andrey Sebastian
- Kevin Shaji
- Valentina Yelcich

TOP ACADEMIC STUDENT

Athalia Saunders

Year 12

- Lucas Andrae-van den Bosch
- Aria Armstrong
- Ebes Arun
- Maxim Blomfield
- Lena Bretschneider-Weber
- Benjo Carlos
- Talia Dalton
- Samuel Davidson
- Mikaela Dela Cruz
- Sam Foreman
- Daniel Hugo
- Niya Jacob
- Ayla Johnson
- Adam Langdon
- Sofia Lobo
- Ethan Matos Santos Jepsen
- Fritz Sebastian Mayo
- Georgia Perris
- Taj Roberts
- Aza Schimanski
- Cole Schultz
- Mia Schutte
- Peyton Seymour
- Kate Stratton
- Reanna Stratton
- Thomas Sweeney
- Victoria Wackrow
- Ryan Waenink

TOP ACADEMIC STUDENT

Ayla Johnson

Year 13

- Nicholas Beare
- Eleanor Coates
- April Rose Drilon
- Mikaela Gallardo
- Jamie Gardner
- Ethan Gavin
- Sam Glover
- Tafadzwa Gono
- Nolan Gublin
- Kimberley Harris
- Hans Haufe
- Juri Lee
- Felicia Therese Padilla
- Neve Reiher
- Zoe Ryan
- Rose Shaji
- Leia Velez

PROXIME ACCESSIT

Sam Glover

DUX

Ethan Gavin (pictured below)





SENIOR PRIZEGIVING : Thursday 30 October, 2025

HEAD STUDENTS 2026



Denton Lim
Head Boy



Aria Armstrong
Head Girl



Ayla Johnson
Deputy Head Girl



Mia Schutte
Deputy Head Girl
Head of Catholic Character





REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

To supporters of the Marist Mission in Ranong, Thailand,

Marist Asia Foundation is preparing for the new academic year (April 2026 to April 2027), and we are looking for two volunteers to help us provide education to our Burmese migrant children.

1. Volunteer English Teacher

Teach English for one year to high school and younger students in our Burmese migrant community. No prior teaching experience required - just enthusiasm, flexibility, and a love for working with young people.

2. Volunteer Qualified High School Teacher

Teach and support our high school students in subjects such as Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, and English. Ideal for an experienced high school teacher who enjoys working in a cross-cultural setting and contributing to the growth of a small, mission-driven education program.

Volunteer Requirements:

- At least 21 years old.
- Able to reside legally in Thailand for the duration of the placement.
- Culturally and religiously sensitive.
- In good physical, mental, and emotional health.

If you know anyone who may be suitable and interested in one of the positions above, please reach out to me at haydenpowick@gmail.com

For more information, please visit:

www.maristasiafoundation.org/volunteers.

Blessings,
Fr. Hayden Powick SM

ICAS COMPETITIONS

This year we had students from across Years 7-11 take part in the six ICAS exam subjects - English, Science, Mathematics, Digital Technologies, Writing and Spelling Bee.

We would like to congratulate everyone on their efforts and offer an extra congratulations to the following students.

Award categories:

High Distinction top 1%
Distinction next 10%
Credit next 25%
Merit next 10%

Digital Technologies

Credit: Jacob Rotella
Merit: Agnes Sunil

English

Credit: Damien Fernandes
Merit: Agnes Sunil, Ruby-Lee Parry-Mitchell

Mathematics

Credit: Amelia Milner, Jacob Rotella, James Buxton, Lorcan Ryan, Elizabeth Buxton

Science

Distinction: Jacob Rotella, Lorcan Ryan
Credit: James Buxton
Merit: Damien Fernandes

Spelling Bee

Credit: Lennox Buchanan

Writing

Merit: Evelyn McDermott



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SANTA PARADE Float Prizes

TOP FLOAT \$750 BOOST BROKERS
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3RD FLOAT \$250 PAK'N'SAVE
EDUCATIONAL FLOAT - CRANIUMS
People's Choice - Bocky Boo

Share this post in social media
Tag your 3 friends to put in a float

WHANGAREI SANTA PARADE

Saturday 29 November, 11am
Whangarei CBD

The organisers of this event are offering **free entry** for all schools and youth organisations that would like to enter a float — a fantastic opportunity for students to work together, showcase their creativity, and celebrate the festive season with the wider community.

This year's Educational Float Prize: Thanks to our generous sponsor **Craniums**, the **best school or educational float** will receive **\$250 in vouchers!**

Or could win one of the top 3 prizes!

For more information or to register your float, contact us at:

whangareisantaparade@hotmail.com