



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 17 : 28 November, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

This week we had Orientation Days for our new Year 7 and 9 students for 2026. Both days consisted of tours of the school, led by Pompallier Catholic College students. This is a time of nervous anticipation for our soon-to-be young Pompallier men and women. It is also a chance for us to model our Catholic Marist values, with student-led prayer, visits to the chapel, and a warm Marist welcome to students as they made their way around the school.

Later that evening, we hosted a PTFA Parents' Evening, aimed especially at our new parents to the college. Head Boy Tafadzwa Gono was an outstanding MC, keeping our new parents entertained throughout the evening. Head Girl Zoe Roberts gave a stellar speech on her journey at Pompallier Catholic College, from being a timid newbie who knew no other students at the school, to finding herself, her tribe, and her home. We were also treated to a rap (yes, a rap!) from Pompallier Catholic College mum and More FM Breakfast Show Host Ange "Flash" Gordon. Ange somehow managed to rhyme a welcome to the school to new parents, espousing key school values and what to expect from the Pompallier Catholic College community.

We look forward to welcoming our new students to the college at a Pōwhiri on Wednesday 28 January at 9:00am in the college gym. Parents are also invited to join us for the ceremony.

I'd like to leave you with an excerpt from Head Girl Zoe Roberts' excellent speech at the parents' evening yesterday:

"When my mum drove me down the driveway on that first day, I didn't know a single soul. And if I'm honest, I was terrified. I remember worrying about the little things that feel massive when you're that young. Who will I sit with? What if I get lost? What if I don't fit in? But what I didn't know then, and what I really want to share with you, is that this school would become the place that completely changed my life for the better... I came here scared and unsure. I now leave here grateful and proud."

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

Hayden Kingdon
PRINCIPAL

Please note:

- Please join us for our Junior Prizegiving starting at 10:00am in the college gym, Friday 5 December. We are asking students and parents to bring donations of spreads and canned goods on this day for a St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal.
- **The first day of 2026 for Years 11-13 will be Tuesday 27 January.** Ritchies buses will be running on this day. **The first day for Years 7-10 and for all new students to the college will be Wednesday 28 January.**
- Congratulations to Malachy Smedley (Year 10) who broke the Porritt Stadium record for 14-year-olds at the recent Sam Memorial Throwers Meet.

VISION STATEMENT

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



UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 4

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

DECEMBER

Mon 1 - Thu 4	Year 9 Garden Project - <i>details emailed home</i>	College	9:00am - 11:00am
Fri 5	Junior Prizegiving	College Gymnasium	10:00am
Fri 5	Last Day of Term 4	School finishes at approx. 12:00pm (at the conclusion of prizegiving)	

Senior Student Preparation Day Tuesday 27 January, 2026

All Year 11 - 13 students are expected at this day, in full school uniform. Normal school hours.

Buses will be running.

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

PTFA SECOND-HAND UNIFORM DAY

Our annual second-hand uniform day will be held as follows:-

Date: Tuesday 27 January, 2026

Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Venue: College tuck shop area

This uniform day is to offer families two options:

- You may have uniform items that you would like to **swap** for bigger sizes.
- You would like to **purchase** second-hand uniform items.

With the help of our PTFA, we are able to offer uniform items that have been donated to the college. We have a suggested price guide on items of between \$5.00 - \$20.00, however, we are more than happy to accept a koha. On the day, we can accept cash or internet banking (no eftpos facilities sorry).

Please note we do not sell uniform items on behalf. Should you wish to sell your uniform items, kindly make your own arrangements.

If you would like to donate second hand, clean, uniform items that are in good condition, we are happy to accept these now. Items can be dropped off to the college reception during office hours.

For any queries please contact Jane Woolston in our college office: jane.woolston@pompallier.school.nz, or our PTFA on: ptfa@pompallier.school.nz.

KINDO COMING SOON !

Quick, easy online payments - 24/7.

We're excited to introduce Kindo. This user-friendly platform will allow you to purchase school items, register for sports and support fundraisers 24/7, with one convenient account for the whole family. Enjoy flexible payment options anytime, anywhere!

We'll share more details soon, so keep an eye out for this new way to manage payments.

Why families love Kindo:

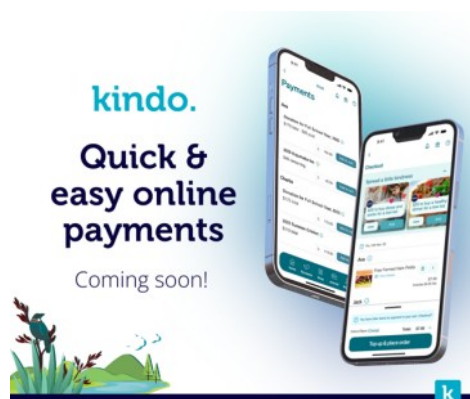
Flexible Payment Options:

- Pay in full, spread it out, or set up hassle-free automatic payments
- Choose from three FREE payment methods: online eftpos, bank transfer, or POLi.
- Prefer debit or credit cards? We've got you covered!

One Simple Account for the Whole Family:

- One account works for multiple members - even at different schools, clubs or organisations.
- Easily track all expenses in one place.

Available 24/7 - purchase school items, manage registrations, and support fundraisers anytime, anywhere!



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 4, Week 8

And that's a wrap!!

And a busy year it has been - with so many highlights to mention! Our very first participation in a summer tournament with our Senior Boys Volleyball team, AIMS Games with our biggest ever participation to date, Woolaston Trophy runners up and our inaugural Sports Awards event just to name a few!

As the year concludes, we also want to acknowledge our Year 13 students and leavers. We thank you for everything you've contributed and wish you all the very best as you move beyond school - you will always be part of the Pompallier sporting family.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported Pompallier sport this year - our coaches, managers, parents, and supporters. None of our achievements would be possible without you. And to our students - well done on representing our college with pride, passion, and heart. A very special mention to our retiring coaches - Mark Meyer (Hockey) and Nick Findlay (Basketball).

We look forward to 2026, as we continue to grow our sporting community, challenge ourselves, and celebrate our many future successes!

YEAR 9 & 10 VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL

This was our final volleyball event for the year! Our Year 9/10 Girls and Boys teams competed in the volleyball festival, placing 4th in the Girls Division and 3rd in the Boys Division.



STUDENT SUCCESSES

Tennis

Congratulations to **Noah Jones** (Year 9) who has qualified for the Manuka Doctor Road to the ASB Classic U13s!

Noah will compete in Auckland in January during the ASB Classic, with finals being played on Centre Court!

Amazing work Noah - give it your all!



Cricket

Congratulations to **Nate Cunis** (Year 10), **Oliver Geaney** (Year 10) and **Henry Cunis** (Year 9), who have all been named in the U16s Northland Cricket squad who will head to Hamilton in December to compete in the Northern Districts U16 Rangitahi Tournament.

Nate, who captains the side, has also been training with the Northern Districts Academy and recently played in an invitational match at the Mount - he had a great day Keeping - keep up the good work!



Rugby League

Carson Leिताua (Year 10) had the opportunity to train within the Warriors development camp this week. He also recently received the Stan Memorial Award at the ESP Trust on the weekend!

Amazing achievement Carson!



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!

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YEAR 7-8 WPSSA ATHLETICS DAY

A group of our Year 7 & 8 Athletics Champions headed to Trigg Stadium last week to compete in the WPSSA 7 & 8 Interschool Athletics.

We have not had the official results from the organisers yet, but we can announce that **Charlee McKenzie** (Year 8) is a new record holder for Year 8 Girls Discus - an amazing effort.

All our students competed with school spirit and we are proud of your efforts! A big thank you to Malachy Smedley (Year 10) who came as a student adviser.



UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1, 2026

- Wed 11 Feb Swimming - 100m races (lunchtime) PCC Pool
- Thu 12 Feb Swimming - 100m races (lunchtime) PCC Pool
- Fri 13 Feb Swimming Sports PCC Pool
- Tue 3 Mar Athletics Day Trigg Stadium

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PARENT PORTAL

We would like to notify Parents and Caregivers that our Parent Portal will be **unavailable from the last day of school this year**, until school returns next year.

This allows our timetable team the opportunity to work on classes and student timetables over the holiday break.

Thank you.



LEAVING SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

If you are leaving the college this year, there are a few things you need to do before you go:

- Return all library books, subject textbooks and sports uniforms, otherwise you will be charged for them!
- Complete a **LEAVERS FORM**, available from the Student Centre
- Return your **completed** leaver's form to Mrs Woolston in the college office **BEFORE** the end of term. Thank you!



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.

2026 BUS INFORMATION

Pompallier Catholic College buses will begin running **from Tuesday 27 January 2026** on all of our school routes. **However**, the students who use other schools' buses to connect to ours should check with their bus company to confirm their start date.

There may be changes to bus services early in the new year to allow for changes in our school population. We do our best to accommodate as many of our students as possible, within the guidelines set by the Ministry of Education. All changes will be notified as soon as possible.

All services are under review by the Ministry of Education, and will be confirmed at the beginning of 2026. Once finalised, details will be available on the [transport page](#) of our college website.

A reminder that eligibility is dependent on where a student lives, available public services in the area, and loading limits.

Student ID's also double as your bus pass, and these will be issued in the first few weeks of the new year. Until then, no pass is required.

For any queries please contact Becky in our Student Centre by phone 09 438 3950 ext 202, or via email: rebecca.saxton@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.

IMPORTANT SUN SAFETY REMINDER FOR ALL STUDENTS

With the warmer sunnier weather upon us, it is crucial to remember the importance of protecting ourselves from the fierce Northland sun. At break times, all students are reminded to wear their hats. This is an essential step in preventing sunburn and long-term skin damage.

In addition to wearing a hat, please ensure you apply sunscreen before school and bring your sunscreen to school to reapply as needed throughout the day. Remember, sunscreen is most effective when used in combination with other sun protection measures.

We also encourage everyone to seek out the various shaded areas we have around the school during interval and lunch breaks. Staying in the shade, along with wearing a hat and sunscreen, will help protect you from the harmful effects of the sun.

Let's all be sun-smart!





Back to School Stationery 2026

We team up with OfficeMax MySchool to make your back to school shop super easy. And if you order in December, you'll go in the draw to WIN 1 of 5 \$1000 cash prizes*. Back to School easy!

We DO NOT issue stationery lists to students. Your child's class list is already loaded. Just go to myschool.co.nz. Simply search for our school, add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm - and OfficeMax MySchool will get it underway, with free delivery on orders over \$70*.

You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Zip[#] is also available, so you can pay in 4 interest free payments over 6 weeks and still get your order right away. Plus, you'll be **helping our school earn school rewards** that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school, or to help other students in need.

Quotes for WINZ are available by contacting 0800 724 440 or via email enquiry@myschool.co.nz.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1. **All students are expected to have their stationery requirements on the first day of Term 1 (Tuesday 27 January for Year 11-13 students, and Wednesday 28 January for Year 7-10 students), as teaching will begin on that day.**

The website has our 2026 stationery lists loaded - so go ahead and beat the back to school rush, order today with OfficeMax MySchool and give them the best start possible!

[#] Zip Pay in 4 is available to approved applicants only and subject to completion of satisfactory credit checks. For more information visit myschool.co.nz/zip. T&Cs and late fees apply. Zip Co NZ Finance Limited FSP 598969.

* T&Cs apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.

NOTES:

1. Please allow up to ten working days for delivery. **Orders placed after 16 January 2026 may result in delays** and OfficeMax cannot guarantee delivery before school starts on late orders.
2. If you have any problems ordering, please call OfficeMax direct on 0800 724 440, not the college.
3. Incorrect items can only be returned by first contacting Customer Services on the 0800 number. You will need to quote your Order Number.

get back to school ready!

Order your Back to School stationery in December at myschool.co.nz

...and get more beach time in summer!

Order in December and be in to **WIN \$1000 CASH*** 5x TO BE WON

Order by December 31st. See website for details.

Give them the best start possible

We know getting ready for the first day back at school can be a challenge for parents and kids. That's why we've made your back to school shop super easy. Do it early and give them the best possible start.

Your child's class list is already loaded, just jump on to myschool.co.nz. Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm - and we'll get your delivery underway.

Zip Pay in 4 interest free payments over 6 weeks

free delivery on orders over \$70

myschool.co.nz 0800 724 440

Ordering is super easy

Click Go to myschool.co.nz to find your school list

Tick Check that you want everything on the list

Pay Enter your details and choose how to pay

Pick Pick when you want your order delivered, before Christmas or in the new year

and go! Your delivery is under way plus you're in to win \$1,000 cash*

ORDER IN DECEMBER AND BEAT THE RUSH...

Choose how you pay

You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Plus, we've partnered with Zip, so you can pay in 4 interest free payments over 6 weeks and still get your order right away.

Pick when you want it

Whether you want your order delivered before Christmas, or in the new year - the OfficeMax team will make it happen.

Help your school

Earn School Rewards with every order. It's our way of giving back to the community, and it helps your school get the extra things they really need.

See myschool.co.nz/school-rewards for terms and conditions.

Order in December and be in to **WIN \$1000*** 5 prizes to be won

*PROMOTION TERMS & CONDITIONS: 1 - 31 December 2025. The promotion (Promotion) gives you the option to order in December and choose whether you receive the goods in December 2025 or January 2026. 2 - The Promotion is only available for orders placed online at myschool.co.nz in December 2025. 3 - If you place your order in December 2025 you will be automatically entered into the draw. The prize is \$1000 cash, 5 to be won. The winners will be notified by 23 January 2026, by telephone or email. Inability to contact any winner by close of business on 30 January 2026 will result in the prize being forfeited and a further draw will be conducted. Winners consent to their name and photo being used for public relations purposes relating to this promotion. 4 - School stationery lists are published as soon as your school has approved them for publication. OfficeMax is not responsible if the Promotion is shortened due to any delay in OfficeMax receiving approved lists. 5 - Payment options include: internet banking, credit/debit card, or Zip (Zip Pay in 4 is available to approved applicants only and subject to completion of satisfactory credit checks. For more information visit myschool.co.nz/zip). T&Cs and late fees apply. Zip Co NZ Finance Limited FSP 598969. 6 - School donations and other charges will be charged when you place your order. These are paid direct to the school and will show as a separate transaction. Payment for school donations and other charges can only be made by internet banking if your school has opted for this payment method or on your credit/debit card. 7 - The Promoter is OfficeMax New Zealand Limited, 35 St Woolf Palmer Drive, East Tamaki, Auckland.



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