



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 3 : 9 March, 2018

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

EIGHT GOLDS, ONE SILVER.

FIVE YEARS IN A ROW. BEST ACADEMIC RESULTS IN NORTHLAND!

NCEA 2017	Outcome	Pompallier Catholic College (%) *
Level 1	Excellence	26
	Merit	33
	Achieved	92
Level 2	Excellence	20
	Merit	30
	Achieved	97
Level 3	Excellence	39
	Merit	32
	Achieved	96
	U.E	91

* NCEA Participation based Data 2017 (percentages)

It's now possible for Principals to look at the academic outcomes of all schools in New Zealand. Other community members will be able to view the data in April. This is when I look to see how well we are performing relative to schools in the Whangarei area and in Northland.

When I compare our outcomes to the other five large secondary schools in the Whangarei area, we are placed first in eight of the ten academic areas. That is 8 Golds, 1 Silver and one outcome when we were fourth.

In the context of Northland, we are still well ahead, but we come second to Kerikeri High School in two areas of Level 1 via a difference of 0.2% and 0.1%. So we end up with 6 Golds, 3 Silver and 1 fourth place. Once again we are still well ahead of any other school.

That makes it **five years in a row** that we have had the best academic outcomes in Northland. In the good old days the Bishop may have granted us a day off school to celebrate, but that is not possible

anymore. So I can just express my thanks to all the parents, students and teachers in our community who work hard to ensure the success of all our students.

Students who have academic difficulties are not kept out of our College. We look for ways to enable them to succeed in our College. This is one thing that I am especially pleased with at our College. As a Catholic school, we are called to work with those who are at the edges of society, and in our context that means those students who find schooling difficult. Many of them produce excellent academic outcomes when they have the right support.

In the news at this time there is much comment about NCEA being too easy and offering “soft” credits. That is not happening at Pompallier. We make sure that our students have a very good grounding in the academic areas at all levels of their education, so that they can follow academic pathways into Year 13 and University Entrance. This is one reason why our University Entrance success outcomes are very high at 91%.

The other schools we compare with in Northland, for University Entrance, had success rates between 31 and 65 percent. So while 9 out of 10 of Pompallier graduates can go to University, the next best school has 6 out of 10, and a few Whangarei schools have around 3 out of 10.

One thing that we need help with is finding a teacher for te reo Māori. We have made great progress in many areas of Māori language and culture, so we don't want to lose our momentum. If you know of anyone who might be a good teacher for our senior students, could you please encourage them to contact us. We will soon appoint a new Head of Learning for English. Mrs Cohen resigned late last year and for the first term we have had Mrs Todd teaching some English classes. In Term 2 Mrs Todd will be moving to Hamilton to finish her postgraduate study in Counselling. We thank her for her teaching and for the unpaid counselling hours that she has given to our students over the last two years.

Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL

VISION STATEMENT

Pompallier Catholic College is a Catholic community with a Marist charism that challenges all students to excel in their endeavours. We promote Christian values, excellence in learning and quality relationships to enable students to be outstanding citizens. Our College shall be a place where all “...encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth”.



UPCOMING EVENTS: Term 1

MARCH

Sat 10	Youth Mass	SFX Church	6.00pm
Mon 12 - Tue 13	Gateway Work Safety Course	College	
Wed 14	Year 11 Electronics Safety Course		TBC
Wed 14	WPSSA Swimming Champs		TBC
Thu 15	NSSS Athletics		9.00am - 3.00pm
Fri 16	Peer Mediator Training/Retreat	Tutukaka	9.00am - 3.00pm
Sat 17	PTFA Car, Boat & Bike Fair	College Fields	10.00am - 2.00pm
Sun 18 - Sat 24	MYN	Ruatoria	
Tue 20	Athletics Day (<i>p/p: Fri 23</i>)		
Wed 21	Year 12 RYDA Program	Toll Stadium	9.15am - 2.30pm
Wed 21	Careers Roadshow	College Hall	12.00pm - 3.00pm
Thu 22	Parent / Teacher Interviews	College	3.30pm - 7.00pm
Thu 22	Special Olympics Swimming	Kawakawa	
Thu 22	1984 English EOTC Trip	Auckland	7.00am - 6.00pm
Sun 25 - Wed 28	12GEO EOTC Trip	Tongariro	
Mon 26 - Wed 28	Year 7 Camp	The Farm	
Mon 26 - Thu 29	Year 12 PE Kayak Camp	Ruakaka	
Tue 27	Parent / Teacher Interviews	College	3.30pm - 7.00pm
Tue 27 - Thu 29	Year 10 Retreat	Tangihua Lodge	
Thu 29	Stations of the Cross Liturgy	College Hall	
Thu 29	Whakapiki Ake		8.45am - 9.45am
Thu 29	Year 8 HPV Vaccination 1	College Library	9.00am
Fri 30 - Tue 3 Apr	Easter Holiday Break		

APRIL

Thu 5	Inaugural Mass	College Hall	TBC
Thu 5	Nathan Wallis Seminar	Forum North	7.00pm
Fri 6 - Sun 8	NISS Athletics	Wanganui	
Sat 7 - Sat 28	Europe Trip		
Mon 9	Senior English Shakespeare Performance		11.30am - 12.30pm
Tue 10	AUT Insights Presentation		12.00pm - 12.50pm
Wed 11 - Thu 12	Te Tai Tokerau Kapa Haka Festival	Kerikeri	TBC
Thu 12 - Tue 24	Japan Trip		
Fri 13	Last Day of Term 1	School finishes 3.00pm	
Mon 30	First Day of Term 2	School starts 8.45am	

IMPORTANT BUS INFO...

We cannot emphasise how important it is that **only passengers with the correct bus pass use each service.**

Overloading is a serious safety concern and those using incorrect buses risk other students safety.

Parents, we appreciate you discussing this with your children and your understanding in this matter.

If you require further clarification or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact our Bus Co-ordinator, Barb Clarke on: buses@pompallier.school.nz.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 6

POMPALLIER SWIMMING SPORTS - RESULTS

Firstly, my apologies for making a mistake in the Champion results in our last newsletter - **the Year 8 Boy Champion is Chris Benton.**

House results were ...

1 st	TATE
2 nd	AUBERT
3 rd	COLIN
4 th	CHAVOIN

SENIOR ATHLETICS DAY - Tues 20 March, (p/p: Fri 23 March)

This is our next upcoming HOUSE event for Years 9 - 13.

EVENTS: 100 & 200m sprints, discus, long-jump, shot put, 400/800/1500m, House relays.

Triple Jump, High Jump & Javelin are run during lunch-times by the PE Department.

BRING: PE gear in HOUSE colours, lunch, drink, hat and sun-block. Extra sun-block can be applied during the day – provided by both Sports Department and the PTFA.

HOUSE RELAYS:

4 x 100m (fastest 4, any age)

6 x 100m (1 boy & 1 girl from each age group – Jnr/Int/Senior)

Mufti for Year 9-13 - wear your HOUSE colours (no black!) and show support – no paint please.

Points for HOUSE spirit are awarded – HOUSE parade starts at 9.00am from the Track Finish line.

BE SUNSMART = SLIP SLOP SLAP & WRAP, “Sun-smart” behaviour – spot prizes awarded!

Parent & Caregivers – all welcome ☺

The programme will be advertised at school very soon.

NSS SWIMMING CHAMPS - RESULTS

Sub-junior Boys:

Kayden Kim 1st 100m Backstroke, 1st 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Backstroke.

Chris Benton 2nd 100m Backstroke, 2nd 100m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle.

Junior Girl:

Evana Piskulic 2nd 100m Backstroke, 2nd 50m Backstroke, 3rd 50m Butterfly.

Intermediate Girl:

Rebecca Reade 1st 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Freestyle, 1st 50m Butterfly, 2nd 100m Butterfly.

Many thanks to our parent helpers, Kevin Reade and Michael Benton.

JMC HOCKEY

If you missed selection for the Pompallier team, Marist and Maungakarama Clubs are looking for extra players.

MARIST JUNIOR HOCKEY

Marist is having a Junior Rally Day on Sunday 11th March, from 3.00pm - 4.00pm, by the RDT Turf at Kensington Park, Whangarei. Or register online anytime before, with registration forms on the Facebook page, or email hockeymarist@gmail.com for a form to be emailed to you.

MAUNGAKARAMEA JMC HOCKEY

Contact Jenna Huntington 432 9332 or 021 437 3380.

PERMISSION SLIPS FOR COLLEGE EVENTS & TEAMS

Information newsletters and fees newsletters will be sent home with student players.

Please try to have these signed and returned as soon as possible in every instance.

This allows ample time for completing on-line entries, team transport issues, registrations etc.

GIRLS FOOTBALL COACH & TEAM MANAGER NEEDED

If you are capable of taking the Girls First XI team, which plays in the mid-week competition (on Wednesdays), starting next term, please contact the Sport Co-ordinator on 438 3950 ext 222, or email: chantelle.yorke@pompallier.school.nz.

A role description can be emailed to you if interested.

NETBALL NOTES

A few girls have pulled out of teams which means we are short of players. If there are girls who did not trial and would like to join us for a great season of Netball – please see Mrs Yorke urgently.

UMPIRING

The Whangarei Netball Centre runs courses for this and we highly recommend taking the class as it teaches you the rules and aids your own game understanding when playing. Some players go on to do further training but this is not compulsory ☺

One Day Course – Sunday 25 March from 9am - 4pm, or;

Night Course – Wednesdays, 2 to 16 May from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

The cost is \$20.00, but Pompallier Sports Department will subsidise this, so you only need pay \$10.00 per person (which includes a rule book).

See Mrs Yorke if you are interested in doing this.

There is also a One Night Basic Netball Rules/Q & A Session – a short evening class to go over the basics; contact, obstruction etc. To be held on Monday 7 May from 6.30pm - 8.30pm, gold coin entry.

This would be valuable to parents helping with Netball.

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TABLE TENNIS NORTHLAND

Years 5 - 8: Wednesdays 3.30pm - 5.00pm, beginning Wednesday 21st February, at the Table Tennis Centre at Kensington Park.

Cost: \$40.00 subscription for a year, or \$2.00 casual fee per session.

Years 9 - 13: Wednesdays anytime between 3.30pm - 6.45pm, beginning Wednesday 21st February.

Cost: \$60.00 subscription for a year, or \$4.00 casual fee per session.

We have bats for sale or they may be hired for \$1.00. Soft soled non marking shoes must be worn.

Enquiries phone Jessica 027 925 4538.

O'NEILL SURF ACADEMY - HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The O'Neill Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the next holidays on Tutukaka Coast, and at Taupo Bay.

This is free for 11-17yr olds. Fun, Active & Healthy.

Monday-Friday Week One 16-20 April | Week Two 23-27 April.

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment plus fun beach games.

Limited spaces.

Please email to book: surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz
www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz.

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PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS (Year 7 - 13)

**Thursday 22 March and
Tuesday 27 March
3.30 - 5.30pm and 6.00 - 7.00pm**

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held over 2 afternoon/evenings.

Interviews will be held in the top block of classrooms for all year levels and will be 7 minutes duration.

We will send an email to parents closer to the interview dates with instructions on when and how to book, and the school code you will need to use.

Please ensure the school has your current email address so you receive this information.

Vacancy Pompallier Diocesan Centre Coordinator, Pastoral Office

The Pastoral Office seeks an enthusiastic committed person to work as Coordinator to provide administrative support to specified Diocesan groups and working parties, and to provide formation, resources and advice to pastoral councils in parishes and chaplaincies and clergy throughout the Diocese.

This is a full time position of 40 hours a week.

You will need to be committed to the ministry of the Catholic Church with an understanding of its teachings and structures; have extensive management and leadership skills in planning, assessment, goal setting and evaluation; an excellent communicator; a people person, able to relate, work and communicate effectively and warmly with others; be available to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends.

A qualification in Theology or Religious Education is desired. Some theological formation is essential, if a degree is not held. Experience on a parish pastoral council is also desirable.

For full details please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, go to Quicklinks and Staff vacancies.

Applications close midday Friday 6 April 2018.

P.T.F.A

Car, Boat & Bike Fair

Saturday 17th March, 10am - 2pm

The PTFA would like to invite you and your child to be involved in our **CAR, BOAT and BIKE** Fair, which is to be held at the College.

- * We will need help with the Car Wash, Sausage Sizzle and Parking Vehicles.
- * There will be rostered times available in the three areas over the four hours.

The money raised will assist the school in creating a pleasant canteen space for your child/ren, now and in the future.

Please spare a couple of hours to support your PTFA. If you can help, please email us on:

ptfa@pompallier.school.nz

