



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 8 : 31 July, 2020

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

In a few weeks from now, eligible voters will have the opportunity to vote in a referendum about the proposed Cannabis Legalisation and Control Bill. According to the Government website [NZ Referendums](#), as a registered voter you have an opportunity to vote on whether the recreational use of cannabis should become legal, based on the proposed Cannabis Legislation and Control Bill.

The thought of legalising the recreational use of small amounts of cannabis within the adult population is appealing to many people. One argument advocated by the “Yes” supporters, is that if recreational use was legal, the police could use their resources in other areas and it will also remove the stigma that arises from a conviction, for what is considered by many to be a minor crime. Furthermore, it may also reduce the criminal trade in cannabis because it could now be purchased legally.

Under the proposed law, any cannabis that is provided legally will be regulated in its potency. That might reduce the potential for any adverse health effects relative to unregulated supply. There will be warnings on packaging associated with the purchase of products and an excise tax of some nature. This might increase the price a little, but it will generate funds to be used to meet the expressed purpose of the law, “to reduce cannabis-related harm to individuals, families/whānau and communities.”

Not everything has to be ingested via the lungs. It will be possible to buy cannabis in an eatable form. It will need to be baked with other ingredients and available at room temperature. The eatables must be of a nature that don't require refrigeration or heating. This should enable customers' greater portability for their purchases and provide them with a wider range of choice in regards to when and how they consume their baked product. The customer could now take the cookie home and leave it in a safe place.

Only people over the age of 20 will be able to purchase and use cannabis products. It will still be illegal for anyone under the age of 20 to possess, supply, or share cannabis. This should help to keep cannabis away from teenagers. This is an improvement upon regulations relating to vaping, where it's an offence to sell vaping products to young people under 18. That age limit has not kept the experimentation and use of vaping out of schools, so maybe an R20 could be more effective at keeping cannabis out of school.

Every adult will be allowed to have two cannabis plants, with a maximum of four per household. Families can now grow their own cannabis which should be less expensive than buying from the shop. Adults will be able to buy seeds legally, and presumably plants. It may be difficult to discern whether the family has got plants from a legal source, but that should not matter too much. Friends and

families have shared vegetable seedlings for many years with no adverse effects.

If you have an excess of supply, or if you are simply feeling generous, you can give away 14 grams of dry product each day. A good crop can be legally shared with your adult neighbour. They are not allowed to pay you for it, and there should be no expectation of quid-pro-quo associated with such generosity.

If you want some plants at home, they will need to be kept out of sight from the public, and they should not be accessible from a public area. This means that the plants should be in a secure environment and out-of-sight. In order to enhance security, it might be a good idea to instruct young people in the home that they must not let their friends, neighbours, teachers, or wider whānau know about any plants and/or cannabis products at their home, as such information could be misused.

While those young adults at home can head off to clubs and pubs when they turn 18, parents need to remind them that they should not pre-load with alcohol and that it's illegal for them to use any of the family cannabis until they are 20. Many responsible parents don't share alcohol with their children when they are under 18, and no doubt they won't share cannabis with them until they turn 20.

A “Yes” vote for the proposed Cannabis Legislation and Control Bill will provide the next Government with an opportunity to determine exactly what will be in the legislation. At the time of the referendum, the public will not know the final contents of the Bill. However, the behaviour and integrity of our elected representatives should provide some comfort to us in the presence of such uncertainty.

Finally, just because cannabis under a “Yes” vote will become more accessible, less expensive, safer and available in a variety of forms to teenagers, it would be wrong to presume that **every** student would be more tempted to try it. Forty years of educating teenagers tells me that there is always an exception to the norm when it comes to teenagers. But I have also learnt that once a behaviour is legalised, it quickly generates a new normal for a teenager. A “Yes” vote will therefore inevitably impact negatively upon our school environment. Nothing could be more certain.

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 3

AUGUST

Tue 4	Parent-Teacher Interviews	College	3.30pm - 7.00pm
Sat 8	Youth Mass	SFX Church	6.00pm
Sun 9	OPEN DAY	College	commencing 2.00pm
Tue 11	Waikato University Liaison Visit	College Library	11.00am - 1.25pm
Fri 14	School Ball		
Fri 14	TEACHER ONLY DAY		
Fri 14	Mathex	WBHS	3.00pm - 7.00pm
Wed 19 - Thu 20	Barista Course, Group 3	NorthTec	9.00am - 3.00pm
Tue 25	Otago University Liaison Visit	College Library	9.20am - 10.20am
Wed 26	Victoria University Liaison Visit	College Library	9.30am - 10.30am
Wed 26 - Thu 27	Barista Course, Group 3	NorthTec	9.00am - 3.00pm

SEPTEMBER

Thu 10	Year 7 Vision Screening	College Library	9.00am
Sat 12	Youth Mass	SFX Church	6.00pm
Tue 15	Year 11 MCAT External Exam	National Date	
Wed 16	Group/Sport Team Photos	College Hall	
Sat 19	PTFA Garage Sale	College Gym	
Thu 24	Fiafia Fusion Evening	College Hall	4.30pm - 7.00pm
Fri 25	XOR	College Fields	
Fri 25	Last Day of Term 3	School finishes 3.00pm	

OCTOBER

Mon 12 Oct **First Day of Term 4** **School starts 8.45am**



SCHOOL MAGAZINE

We are now taking orders for this year's school magazine and will be using the on-line ordering system again. **The cost of the magazine is \$20.00.** Any family that wishes to purchase a magazine will need to pre-order one by clicking on the following link for further information and the ordering page:

[Order 2020 Magazine](#)

All orders must be received by Friday 14 August. There will be limited extra copies to purchase after publication, so please ensure you order your copy to avoid disappointment.

Advertising: We will be offering advertising space again this year. Our fee is \$150.00 for a full page advert, \$80.00 for a half page advert, or \$40.00 for a quarter page advert.

If you would like to support the magazine and advertise your business/organisation, or for further information, please contact Sarah Edgecombe via email: sarah.edgecombe@pompallier.school.nz.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

You can still book interviews for **Tuesday 4 August, from 3.30pm - 5.30pm and 6.00pm - 7.00pm.**

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- Enter the school code: **m2xxc**
- Follow the online instructions

2021 ENROLMENTS COLLEGE OPEN DAY Sunday 9 August Commencing at 2.00pm

Meet the teachers, meet our students and see class displays on a tour of the College.

2021 enrolment packs will be available

A Parish Priest will be available on the day to discuss any queries relating to eligibility for Preference enrolment.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 2

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Boys XI

- 22 Jul vs WBHS Gold won 5 - 1
Congratulations to Kieran Hamilton for scoring all 5 goals!
- 29 Jul vs Kerikeri High School lost 0 - 5

HOCKEY RESULTS

Mixed 1st XI

- 20 Jul vs Kamo High School draw 1 - 1
POD Isaac Going
- 27 Jul vs MGK Crazyfrogs won 3 - 2
POD Sophie Luxford
- Captain: Rose Martin, Vice-Captain: Ah Him lamafana

Mixed 2nd XI

- 20 Jul vs WGHS Black won 6 - 1
POD Antony Hunter-Willetts, FP Holly Weir
- 27 Jul vs Horahora Green lost 2 - 3
- Captain: Sam Webber, Vice-Captain: Holly Weir

JMC A (Year 7 & 8)

- 24 Jul vs Horahora Gold lost 0 - 5

JMC B (Year 7 & 8)

- 24 Jul vs Maunu 2nd won 4 - 2

NETBALL RESULTS

Collegiate Team 1

- 25 Jul vs Ahukura Taiohi won 39 - 21
POD Stella Blake, FP Kimiora Armstrong

Collegiate Team 2

- 25 Jul vs Otamatea Yr 9 Dev won 22 - 14

Collegiate Team 3

- 25 Jul vs Waipu Coll Black lost 30 - 5

Intermediate Team 1

- 25 Jul vs WIS Bronze won 16 - 6
POD Hinewai Baltus, FP Aria Armstrong

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Swimming

Lawrence Reade with the following recent achievements:

200m Back - 2:30.52 (a 4.44 second PB, qualifying for NZSSC)

100m Free - 1:00.75 (a 1 second PB, qualifying for NZSSC)

100m IM - 1:11.53 (a massive 8.21 second PB)

50m Breast - 41.57 (a 0.03 second PB, qualifying for NZSSC)

Well done Lawrence, and all the best for NZSSC.

SPORTS FEES - REMINDER

Please note that sports fees are an extra-curricular activity cost, which shows on your child's school account as a compulsory charge.

Sports fees MUST be paid separately to your school account (if you have a regular automatic payment to the school this will not be allocated to any sports costs).

We appreciate you attending to this as soon as possible.

SPORTS & ARTS COLOURS AWARDS

If you are excelling in the Sports/Arts sector, please fill out a Sports/Arts Colours Application so your achievements can be recognised! Forms have been emailed to families, and are also available in hard copy from the red tray at the Student Centre.

Applications close Friday 18 September 2020.

KAMO SCOUT GROUP IS RECRUITING

Boys & girls ages 8-18.

Scouts is about having fun while gaining valuable leadership skills and self-confidence, by doing outdoor adventures and opening up many opportunities. If this sounds like something you are interested in, then join today and get your **FIRST MONTH FREE**.

Cubs (ages 8-10): Tuesday nights 5:30pm – 7:00pm.

Scouts (ages 10-14): Monday nights 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

Venturers (ages 14-18): Monday nights 6:00pm – 8:00pm (can also help with gaining Duke of Ed).

Location: Kamo Scout Hall, 15C Three Mile Bush Road.

Please make contact with Brian on the night you are attending, as we may not be meeting at the Hall - Ph: 022 040 5064, or email: corney.brian@gmail.com

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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz

POMPALLIER 50TH JUBILEE

Remember to head over and "Like and Share" our Facebook Page: [Jubilee Facebook Page](#)



CAREERS

LEAVING SCHOOL MAGAZINE – Issue #18 – July 2020

This magazine is now available to read online: www.oliverlee.co.nz/leavingschool-issue18 and can be easily downloaded onto PC's, iPads, Smart phones and other devices.

There is plenty of interesting information in the magazine that will help students as they prepare for life after school, whether they go on to further study, start an apprenticeship or join the workforce.

Julie Hamilton, CAREERS ADVISOR



Matariki is the celebration of the Māori New Year. In Māori tradition, Matariki is celebrated by coming together as a whānau, celebrating the harvest season, and sharing kai. Unfortunately, since the impact of COVID-19, we have been unable to hold our traditional Matariki Festival for the Year 7 and 8 classes at the usual time.

This year we will be merging together our Matariki Festival and FIAFIA, to celebrate and embrace the diversity and beautiful cultures of our kura. Part of this celebration will be our annual inter-class competition, where each Year 7 and 8 class will perform two items they have learned in Māori Performing Arts.

This year, we will be selling tickets for entry to the performances. Your ticket will automatically put you in the draw for one of our raffles, or a spot prize, throughout the night. Food stalls will also be available.

Information notices will come home with students shortly.

Ticket Prices - Adult: \$5.00, Child: \$3.00, Whānau (2 adults, 2 children): \$15.00, Under 5's & Performers: Free