



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 3 : 11 March, 2022

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

Our College has been teaching Catholic Social Justice Principles for the last five years. Staff have also studied the principles and we have integrated them into our decision making and teaching practice. Two of these seven principles, Solidarity and Subsidiarity, seem rather pertinent at this time.

Solidarity requires us to look at the other person and to respond to them with love. Solidarity is not "a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of others. It is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good" (1987 Pope John Paul II).

For some years now, we have encountered this call when we address Covid-19 and its impact upon the world and our local community. Most people were very willing to forgo some aspect of their personal freedom, or to incur other costs, in the interest of the common good.

Cost is frequently incurred when we apply the principle of solidarity. When we see that we are dealing with people, and not statistics, the suffering of others becomes more real and should demand a response from us. Pope Francis nicely summed this up when he stated, "I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt".



Prams are left for Ukraine refugee families at a Polish train station in Przemysl, Poland

The situation in Ukraine is another event where the principle of solidarity needs to be actioned. To quote another Pope, "The true measure of humanity is essentially determined in relationship to suffering and to the sufferer... Truth and justice must stand above my comfort and physical well-being or else my life itself becomes a lie" (Pope Benedict XV1).

The challenge for us is to discern an appropriate response to help those who are suffering in Europe. There are ways to respond at both a personal and collective manner. The picture is powerful evidence of this principle in action.

Subsidiarity is a principle that informs us how decision making should be undertaken, to allow for authentic freedom. Ideally, decisions should be made by those who are closest to the situation. But there is always a tension

between the need to promote authentic freedom and human dignity, and the demands of the common good, addressed by higher authority such as local and central Government.

This tension is acted out in the Ukraine TV series "Servant of the People" (Netflix), between the newly elected President, and the older statesmen, who are focusing upon the preservation and needs of the state. For a few years, people have been intrigued that the main actor in the series has now become the current president of Ukraine. Tragically, the tension within subsidiarity is now also being played out in real life, between Ukraine and those who believe authority resides elsewhere i.e. President Putin of Russia.

Pope John Paul II reminds us that there should always be limits placed upon the State/Government, "inasmuch as the individual, the family and society are prior to the State and inasmuch as the State exists in order to protect their rights and not stifle them".

If we all listened to this advice and discerned what it means for our world today, we might not be having a war in Ukraine.

COVID UPDATE

We ran into a bit of a rough patch with our Year 11 PE students on Great Barrier Island. Three students returned positive RAT results when we discerned a need to test the whole group on Monday. Unfortunately, that used up the supply of RAT's. Based on symptoms, we are now presuming that another 9 students have become Covid infected, and they have therefore been isolated. All students will be tested upon their return today.

Our Senior Leadership Team met with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health people who address Covid issues, and we discerned a response to the situation at Great Barrier Island.

At school we are finding that parents are supporting us by keeping students at home when they are sick or a household contact. Please continue to do that, as it certainly helps us to keep the school open for everyone. We will continue to seek a sensible balance between meeting the needs of our College, and minimising the impact of Covid.

For Ash Wednesday, we ran three services to keep group sizes to safe levels. The liturgical side of our school is really important for us. Our senior students and Mrs Davis provided an excellent liturgy for Ash Wednesday. It certainly showed us all that liturgy can be meaningful and engaging when we use an approach that gives attention to the needs of the group before us.

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

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation, and are dependent on the current CPF traffic light setting.

MARCH

Sat 12	Youth Mass	SFX Church	6.00pm
Mon 14	AUT Liaison Visit	College	10.00am
Mon 14 - Tue 15	Gateway First Aid Course (Group 1)	College (Marist House)	9.00am - 3.00pm
Wed 16 - Thu 17	Gateway First Aid Course (Group 2)	College (Marist House)	9.00am - 3.00pm
Fri 18	Otago University Liaison Visit	College	9.00am
Mon 21	Victoria University Liaison Visit	College	10.00am
Tue 22	Waikato University Liaison Visit	College	9.30am

APRIL

Fri 1	STAFF ONLY DAY	School closed for instruction	
Mon 4	University of Auckland Liaison Visit	College	11.30am
Thu 7	Parent / Teacher Interviews	College	3.30pm - 7.00pm
Sat 9	Youth Mass	SFX Church	6.00pm
Thu 14	Stations of the Cross Liturgy	College	TBC
Thu 14	Last Day of Term 1	School finishes 3.00pm	

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Mon 2	First Day of Term 2	School starts 8.45am	
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PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS (Year 7 - 13)

Thursday 7 April

3.30pm - 5.30pm and 6.00pm - 7.00pm

At this stage, our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on the date above, for all year levels.

We will confirm the event by sending an email to parents closer to the time. The email will include instructions on when and how to book, and the school code you will need to use. This information will also be included in the Progress reports due to be emailed in a few weeks.

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

Thank you.

STUDENT LATENESS

Student lateness continues to be an issue, with a significant number of students arriving at school well after the bell has rung.

With Whānau Class at the start of the day, punctuality is vital so your child does not miss out on important messages for the day.

The first bell is at 8.40am and all students are expected to be at school by then. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

SCHOOL LOCKERS



Lockers are available again this year for students.

Cost is \$50.00 per year, plus a refundable \$10.00 bond.

If you would like to rent a locker for 2022, you will need to fill in an online order form as soon as possible, at: <http://www.stowawaylockers.co.nz/>.

Get in quick as they are going fast!

Please contact Stowaway Lockers direct for any queries or for more information, on 027 4221 783, or 437 5818.



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 6

POMPALLIER SPORTS TEAMS

We are in the process of trials and finalising teams. Team lists will be placed on our school sports noticeboard as teams are selected. Congratulations to all those who have been selected so far.

As always, these sports codes can only go ahead if we have the support of coaches and managers in our Pompallier community. Thank you to all those parents who have committed to coaching and/or managing a team this season.

From our students, we expect respect towards the coach, manager, officials and your team mates. This includes making a solid commitment to the team by making all trainings and games on time with your gear.

Team Selection:

- Based on merit / skill / attitude and a willingness to learn
- Selection panel: coach, school rep and independent person(s) not related to player
- Players must attend trials to be considered for a team(s), **exceptional** circumstances may be considered by the school and management

TRAINING DAYS / TIMES

Some of the sports codes are underway, however, please keep listening to the daily notices for additional information. If, for some reason, you cannot make a training or game, please contact your coach or manager asap.

FOOTBALL TRIALS, SENIOR BOYS

Year 9 - 13 Boys'

Monday 21 March: 3.30pm - 5.00pm, School Field

Monday 28 March: 3.30pm - 5.00pm, School Field

HOCKEY TRIALS

JMC (Year 7 & 8)

Monday 21 March: 4.00pm - 5.00pm, Hockey Northland

If possible, please arrive 10 minutes earlier for registration.

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Hinewai Baltus, who has been selected for the Under 13 representative team for The Tai Tokerau Māori Netball 2022 Campaign. She will participate in the 35th Aotearoa Māori Netball Oranga Healthy Lifestyles National Tournament in Palmerston North, from 15 to 17 April. Well done Hinewai!

POMPALLIER VOLUNTEER SPORTS ROLES

All adults working with our students (in any capacity for sports, or other areas too), must sign our **Code of Ethics** form, which is valid for the current year/season, and also be willing to undergo a **Police Vetting Check** (unless the College already has a current check). You will also be required to be fully vaccinated and provide this evidence to the College.

REFEREES / UMPIRES

As a requirement of entering some sport codes, we need to provide an umpire/referee. If there are any students, or a parent/caregiver/adult from our Pompallier families who are willing to help with this, please contact the Sport Co-ordinator for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

All events entered are subject to student interest, parent help and Covid level settings.

Year 7 & 8 Events:

- Mon 21 Mar JMC Hockey Trials *NtInd Hockey*

Secondary Events:

- Mon 21 Mar Y 9-13 Boys Football Trials *Pompallier*
- Mon 28 Mar Y 9-13 Boys Football Trials *Pompallier*
- Thu 7 Apr Equestrian Event *TBC*
- Sun 10 Apr Rogaine *Mata*

***You don't have to be great to start
BUT
You have to start to be great***

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE WANTED: Te Kupenga - Catholic Leadership Institute

Te Kupenga - Catholic Leadership Institute combines academic, leadership, faith formation and bio-ethical research and advocacy responsibilities for the Catholic church in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Board is looking for a Chief Executive with relevant leadership experience, possibly gained in a faith-based, non-profit or secondary/tertiary education setting. The role will probably be based in Auckland.

For full details and how to apply, please visit: <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/uncategorized/seeking-for-tumuaki-chief-executive/>

Applications close on Monday 28 March.



PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

2022 Vaccinations

We have had an update from the Northland District Health Board, that the School Based Vaccination programme for the Year 7 Boostrix, and Year 8 HPV vaccinations, may be able to commence in Term 2.

We have been provided with information and consent forms for every student within these year groups, and will be sending those home in the coming weeks. Please complete these forms and return to school as soon as possible.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Public Health Nurse, Pip Butturini on 0800 746 944, option 8. Thank you.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Starting in Week 9, we will be offering a Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion programme for those students who have not yet received one or more of these sacraments, and would like to do so.

If you have a child, or children, at Pompallier Catholic College who have not received these sacraments, please talk with them about it. If they would like to enrol in this course, please let Anna Williams or Eloise Wright know as soon as possible. *Parents who enrolled their child under Preference Criteria 5.2 or 5.3, are expected to enrol their child in this programme.*

Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion are about belonging – belonging to God and to his Family, the Church. We enter the church through Baptism, as through a door. In Confirmation our new faith is strengthened, and in Holy Communion we take our place at the Family Table to be sustained in our weakness. Reconciliation (or confession) is to receive God's forgiveness, enabling us to pick ourselves up after sin and start out afresh. In each of these sacraments Jesus is there. In a most mysterious and gentle way, he really comes to us. As you may know, these moments can be a great source of peace and happiness to a young person.

You may be wondering about the necessary background to receiving these sacraments. Your child has already experienced a degree of Catholic belonging here at Pompallier Catholic College. They have seen some of these sacraments take place (for example, Mass), and will know from observation some of what life as a Catholic entails.

A Parents information meeting will be held on **Tuesday 22 March, at 6.00pm in the College Library.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of the following:

Anna Williams: anna.williams@pompallier.school.nz

Eloise Wright: eloise.wright@pompallier.school.nz

Note:

If you would like to enrol your child in the sacramental programme, please provide the following information for them, via email to Anna or Eloise:

- Name
- Whānau Class / Year level
- Have they been baptised? If yes, what religion? When? Where?
- Have they been Confirmed?
- Have they received their First Holy Communion?

Thank you.



PLANNERS • SURVEYORS

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Reyburn and Bryant are a Whangarei based surveying and planning company with a focus on land development. We are still looking for good quality personnel to come onboard and join our team as a Junior Draughtsperson or Surveying Technician.

As a draftsperson, you work with our Surveyors and Planners to prepare a number of different plan types, including:

- Scheme Plans;
- Topographic Survey Plans;
- Civil Engineering Plans;
- Asbuilt Plans; and
- Land Transfer Survey Plans.

The successful applicant will work with our team and learn their trade on the job. No experience or qualification is necessary. Most importantly, we are wanting someone who is motivated to learn, has a good work ethic, is a good communicator and enjoys being part of a team.

If this sounds like you, or you would like more information, please contact our Director, Richard Smales, on 438 3563 or 021 754 696, or via email: richard@reyburnandbryant.co.nz.

BUS PASSES ...

If your child loses their pass, they can apply for a replacement by paying \$6.50 to the College office.



A temporary bus pass will be issued, and a new pass will be ordered for them. As these are printed off-site, this can take up to one week to arrive.



YEAR 13 HIKOI : Tuesday 15 - Friday 18 March, 2022

