



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 4 : 25 March, 2022

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

All around the world Catholics are being asked to unite in prayer this Friday, for peace in Ukraine.

The Pope asks us all to attend our local parish and spend some time in prayer. Because it is a Mary Feast Day, it is suggested that we pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. These mysteries reference five significant events associated with the mission of Jesus on earth.

Clearly there are some rather harmful things happening on our Earth today. Whether it be war, poverty, climate change or illness. As Christians, what should we be doing? Is prayer enough to bring about the desired change or do we need to do something more?

You might reasonably think that someone who could walk on water, change water into wine, bring the dead back to life, feed the thousands from so little, and cure the sick of their illness, would be able to actively intervene in a conflict that Pope Francis calls a massacre arising from a perverse abuse of power.

There have certainly been plenty of times when I have prayed for something and found my prayers answered. And other times I have been unsuccessful. Common wisdom is that God did not grant my request because it was not what God wanted. That does not always ring true for me when I meet Jesus in the Gospels. I see a man who weeps, who celebrates, who needs time alone, who protests, goes fishing and certainly cares for anyone he encounters. I don't think he would be ignoring prayer aligned with his values.

I don't know if my prayers for peace in Ukraine will bring about any change, but I do know that they are directed to someone who cares deeply about the plight of humanity. I do know that my prayers help shape my own behaviour, and I hope that in two nations where 70% of the population state that they are Christians, they might actually take the words of Jesus seriously.

There is a story about a statue of Jesus that was damaged during World War 2. The people found parts of the statue spread over the village square and brought them back together. They then reconstructed the statue, but they could not find the hands of Jesus. It was presumed that they had been broken into many fragments. They pondered how they might complete the task.

The next day a notice was placed at the feet of the statue. It read, "We are your hands Lord". Nothing more was needed. Nothing more is needed today.

Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL

2022 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Tue 1 February	Thu 14 April
TERM 2	Mon 2 May	Fri 8 July
TERM 3	Mon 25 July	Fri 30 September
TERM 4	Mon 17 October	Fri 9 December

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.

APRIL

Fri 1	STAFF ONLY DAY
Mon 4	University of Auckland Liaison Visit
Thu 7	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Sat 9	Youth Mass
Thu 14	Stations of the Cross Liturgy
Thu 14	Last Day of Term 1

School closed for instruction	
College	11.30am
College	3.30pm - 7.00pm
SFX Church	6.00pm
College	TBC
School finishes 3.00pm	

MAY

Mon 2 **First Day of Term 2**

School starts 8.45am

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 are currently investigating some options on whether we can offer parents an alternative to in-person meetings. We will send out an email to families early next week with up-to-date information, including 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 out next week.

Thank you.

OUTWARD BOUND OPPORTUNITIES

Outward Bound New Zealand is a not for profit organisation, offering personal development courses in the outdoors for New Zealanders young and old. Our courses are run from our school in Anakiwa in the Marlborough Sounds. We are excited to offer two new fully funded courses for youth with a physical disability.

Outward Bound NZ - Youth Activate

The fully funded Youth Activate is an 8 day course for physically disabled youth aged 16-17 years. Our next course date is **10 to 17 May, 2022**.

[Find more information about Youth Activate here.](#)

Outward Bound NZ - Leaps & Bounds Activate

The fully funded Leaps & Bounds Activate 8 day course is for physically disabled youth (13 to 16yrs) and their parent or caregiver. Our next course date is **10 to 17 October, 2022**.

[Find more information about Leaps & Bounds Activate here.](#)

VINNIES FOOD BANK APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society provides food parcels to help families in our community who are struggling.

At present there is a high demand for their services due to the pressures of Covid19 on families, and they are running low on their stock. If you would like to support their work, they would be grateful for the following items:

Tinned vegetables (sweetcorn, tomatoes), spaghetti, baked beans, breakfast cereals, pasta, white rice, or any non-perishable foods.

Items can be dropped off to the College office, and we will pass them along. Thank you!

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

We have confirmed dates with our Public Health Nurses for the following vaccinations:

Year 8 HPV: Wednesday 25 May

Year 7 Boostrix: Friday 3 June

Consent forms have been given to students by their Whānau teacher. **Please complete these and return to school as soon as possible.**

The District Health Board has shared the following link with advice for parents:

[Caring for you child with Covid19](#)



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 8

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Year 7/8

Pom Knights vs All Stars	lost 29 - 54
Pom Saints vs All Stars	lost 22 - 70
Pom Knights vs Huanui	lost 27 - 31
Pom Saints vs KIS Red	won 36 - 12
Pom Knights vs KIS Green	won 19 - 15
Pom Saints vs TAS Boys	lost 16 - 19
Pom Saints vs TAS Girls	won 39 - 20
Pom Knights vs TKW	draw 37 - 37
Pom Saints vs WIS Lakers	won 34 - 28

FUTSAL RESULTS

Senior Boys

Pom vs Nuts and Bolts	lost 9 - 10
Pom vs Good Palpitations	won 5 - 2

TRAINING DAYS / TIMES

Most of the sports codes are underway, however, please keep listening to the daily notices for additional information.

If, for some reason, your child cannot make a training or game, please contact their coach or manager asap.

Unfortunately this does not seem to be happening. We must remember our coaches/managers are **volunteers**. They have to travel quite a distance, take time off work and prepare their training sessions.

We could not function as a sports department without the wonderful support of these amazing people.

All families have their coaches and managers contact details, **please, out of courtesy, let them know if your son/daughter is unable to attend a training or game asap**, so they can organise their time wisely.

We only had 2 boys turn up for a training this week - this is disappointing and not acceptable!

FOOTBALL TRIALS, SENIOR BOYS' (Year 9 - 13)

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

HOCKEY TRIALS - JMC (Year 7 & 8)

Thank you to all those who attended the JMC trial.

There will be a second trial. Date TBC - please check the daily school notices for information.

Please arrive 10 minutes earlier to be registered.

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.

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Denton Lim and Lucas Pool for their selection in the Under 15 Northland Basketball team.

This is a wonderful achievement, well done boys!

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.

TEAM TRAININGS

Monday:

3.15pm - 5.00pm Netball, Collegiate (Courts/Gym)

Tuesday:

3.15pm - 5.00pm Basketball, Year 9/10 (Gym)

Wednesday:

3.15pm - 5.00pm Basketball, Year 7/8 (Gym)

5.00pm - 6.00pm Hockey, Collegiate - starting 6th April (Currie Electrical Turf)

Thursday:

3.15pm - 5.00pm Volleyball, Senior Girls (Gym)

Friday:

3.15pm - 5.00pm Netball, Year 7/8 (Courts/Gym)

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

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

Secondary Events:

- Mon 28 Mar Year 9-13 Boys Football Trials *Pompallier*
- Thu 7 Apr Equestrian Event *TBC*

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

**Julia Lecky
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COLLECTING CHILDREN DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

We have had a number of parents arriving at school to collect their child for an appointment that we have not been notified about.

If your child has an appointment during the day, a note should be sent from home and handed to the Student Centre when your child arrives at school in the morning. This is to ensure that we issue them with a pass to leave class, and make arrangements for them to be at the Student Centre when you arrive to collect them, so you are not waiting unnecessarily.

Likewise, we have also had parents arrive unexpectedly towards the end of the day to collect their child to take them home early. We realise that in some instances in an emergency it is not possible to phone us, however, in most cases advance notice is possible, and we ask that you do phone us in plenty of time so that we can arrange for your child to come to the Student Centre and be ready for when you arrive.

We appreciate your understanding that it can be very difficult to run around last minute to find your child, putting our staff under unnecessary pressure.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding these matters, please feel free to email: admin@pompallier.school.nz

Thank you.



Volunteering Northland is Celebrating Young Volunteers during Student Volunteer Week, 4th - 10th April, 2022.

Celebrating #SVW2022 is an opportunity to acknowledge the impact that student and young volunteers make through volunteering. There are thousands of young volunteers who give, grow, and connect through volunteering. This contribution has a major impact on communities and causes, on both the national and international stage.

We want to hear from you! Are you a young volunteer or do you know young volunteers that are helping their community and making a difference? Do they support their peers in school? Do they volunteer for an organisation? Do they clean up the beach regularly? It doesn't have to be formal volunteering with an organisation, it can be anything where they are making a difference that benefits their community.

For #SVW2022, we are asking you to nominate all the awesome young volunteers out there, so we can provide them with a certificate and a Thank You for their important mahi, which they can then include in their Social CV.

Any questions? Contact us at: info@volunteeringnorthland.nz, or 09 945 4984!

[- NOMINATE YOUNG VOLUNTEERS HERE -](#)



ATTENDANCE DUES - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Information regarding Attendance Dues:

- Attendance Dues are the compulsory component of the school account, and they are charged to every child who attends a Catholic School in New Zealand.
- Payment is a condition of enrolment that parents agree to when they enrol their children at a Catholic school.
- Without this charge, the Auckland Diocese would not be able to provide new buildings, build new schools, repay the loans incurred for recent new builds, or pay insurance and compliance costs on integrated buildings.

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues, for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in the Auckland Diocese.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest, or Auckland Common Fund Ltd at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, on: 09 360 3069, for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>



ATTENDANCE DUES

Attendance Dues are used to pay for building related costs at Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese. Paying Attendance Dues is a condition of enrolment for all students attending New Zealand Catholic Schools. Attendance Dues are compulsory – there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education and Training Act 2020.

ATTENDANCE DUES ARE:

2022	PRIMARY STUDENTS	SECONDARY STUDENTS
per year (incl. GST)	\$468	\$916
per term (incl. GST)	\$117	\$229

For more information:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/Compulsory-Charges-and-Contributions

Phone: (09) 360 3040

Email: acfl@cda.org.nz

