



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

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### Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

If you ever feel inclined to agitate a teacher, just ask them to explain the theory of teaching that they practice in the classroom, and how it aids the learning of your child. One thing that you are likely to hear is that they aim to, “Set high expectations and to provide tasks that are appropriate for their level and are engaging”. High expectations aligned with actual success helps to build students self-belief in their ability, and enhances their motivation to perform at a higher level.

Many would know that setting high expectations for others, or themselves, works in other areas of life; such as sport and cultural outcomes and desired behaviour. In turn, setting low expectations for others tends to set in motion a general downward spiral of performance, unless the individual is highly self-motivated.

It should come as no surprise that Jesus set high expectations for anyone who desired to experience the Kingdom of God, whether it be on earth or in heaven. We can find these expectations in the gospels of Luke and Matthew within the Beatitudes. These are arising from one who has experienced Gods Kingdom of truth (pono), justice (tika), and love (aroha), and wants to lead us into the same experience.

Two thousand years ago Jesus was delivering this message to people who were living under the authority of an invading superpower (Rome). Everyday life for most of his audience was a daily struggle. Their very existence depended upon their ability to meet the needs of those who had power over them. It was little wonder that they had longed for deliverance from this situation for almost 100 years.

While the timeline, culture, and geography are different, it is very conceivable that Jesus would deliver the same message to the people of Ukraine. And it would be as offensive and perplexing today as it was 2000 years ago in Palestine. The last time this happened, he ended up on a cross.

The word “blessed” is frequently replaced these days with the word “lucky”, as it captures more accurately the original intent. Using this word and re-orientating the statements helps my understanding of Jesus’ message.

*Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. (Lk)*, becomes, “Unlucky are you that are wealthy, the Kingdom of God is not for you”.

*Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. (Lk)*. “Unlucky are you if you don’t shed a tear for the plight of others. You will be miserable soon enough”.

*Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. (Lk)*. “Unlucky are you if you have more than enough to eat today. You will be hungry soon enough”.

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. (Matt)*. “Unlucky for you if you are merciless, don’t expect mercy to be shown to you”.

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matt)*. “Unlucky are those who make conflict, you won’t be in Gods whānau”.

When you hear these words, it seems that most of us won’t make the cut. So how realistic are the high expectations that Jesus sets for us in the Beatitudes? If we consider them to be unrealistic (who wants to be poor), we will rationalise for a lower expectation and be satisfied by that. Surely Jesus means “poor in spirit” and not in a material sense.

High expectations should not be thrown out just because they seem to be unobtainable. Our inability to measure up is recognised via Gods amazing grace. Try and fail, and try again, is inherent in our Christian journey. Jesus built his Church on the shoulders of some men with a very questionable history. High expectations and grace worked well for them. Let’s not give up!

“The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried”, wrote G K Chesterton in his essay “What’s Wrong with The World” (1910).

**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 and Term 2

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

### APRIL

Sat 9	Youth Mass	SFX Church	6.00pm
Tue 12	Chrism Mass (selected students)	SFX Church	10.00am - 2.30pm
Thu 14	Stations of the Cross Liturgy	College	TBC
<b>Thu 14</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>	<b>School finishes 3.00pm</b>	

### MAY

<b>Mon 2</b>	<b>First Day of Term 2</b>	<b>School starts 8.45am</b>	
Sat 7	Youth Mass	SFX Church	6.00pm
Mon 9 - Fri 13	e-asTTle Exam week		
Mon 9 - Tue 10	Gateway Health & Safety Course	College Library	9.00am - 3.00pm
<b>Fri 20</b>	<b>STAFF ONLY DAY</b>	<b>School closed for instruction</b>	

### STATEMENT OF DONATIONS

On Monday this week, we emailed out a Statement of Donations to families, for the tax year ending 31 March 2022.

We had a few enquiries from parents who were confused as to why they were receiving the statement, and some thought it was a bill.

Each year we automatically send out a Statement of Donations to families that have made a donation during the current tax year to the College. You will require this statement if you wish to claim a partial refund back from Inland Revenue.

Please refer to the [Inland Revenue website](#) for further information and instructions on claiming for donations.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Jane Woolston in the College office, by phone 438 3950 ext 200, or email: [fees@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:fees@pompallier.school.nz).

Thank you.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVENT

**Friday 15 April, 10.00am**

There will be a Stations of the Cross Event on Good Friday in the St Francis Xavier Catholic School grounds.

The Event will start at 10.00am on the school courts, and will be led by students from St Francis Xavier and Pompallier.

A poster, a reflection and a prayer have been organised for each of the Stations.

This will be a blessed time to conclude our Lenten journey during the current crises taking place in our global communities, before the celebratory Easter weekend.

### PTFA - UNIFORM DAY

Our PTFA will be holding a Uniform Day in **Term 2**, as follows:-

**Date: Monday 9 May, 2022**

**Time: 8:30am – 9:00am**

**Venue: Outside the main admin block**

This Uniform Day is to offer parents and caregivers 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.

Uniform purchases must be paid for on the day, **by CASH ONLY, or internet banking** (no eftpos facilities sorry).

**The PTFA is now looking for donations of uniform items. If you would like to donate second hand, clean, washed uniform items that are in good condition, they are happy to accept these now. Items can be dropped off to the College office.**

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

For any queries please contact the PTFA via email: [ptfa@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:ptfa@pompallier.school.nz)



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

**[newsletter@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:newsletter@pompallier.school.nz)**



## SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 10

Welcome to our final sports newsletter for Term 1.

### FUTSAL RESULTS

Pom vs The Bolts won 12 - 2

### TEAM NEWS - RUGBY LEAGUE

At long last we have a Pompallier 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby League Team!

Many thanks to Mr Mackay (the coach) for making this possible, and the players who have been training really hard in preparation for the season.

The team played their first game on Wednesday afternoon against Kamo High School. It was a great game!

Pompallier managed to score first and by half time it was 6 all. Kamo High scored another two tries in the second half. Pompallier then scored three un-answered tries in the last 15 minutes.

The final score was 20 - 12 to Pompallier. Well done team!

### VOLLEYBALL

On Wednesday this week Pompallier sent a Senior Girls' team to the Volleyball Champions Tournament. What a fantastic outcome. The girls were amazing and will definitely be a team to look out for in the future!

Special thanks to Suzy, Finn and Aynsle for supporting the team on the day.



### STUDENT SUCCESSES

Congratulations to **Tiras Mamea**, who has been selected for the Warriors U18 Squad. Tiras will travel to Auckland once a week, to train at Mount Smart Stadium. Well done Tiras, what a huge achievement, and good luck!

Congratulations to **Tobias Greenwood**, who won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Ocean Beach Board Riders competition for his year level. Well done!

### TEAM TRAININGS

JMC hockey training begins 4 May, time TBC (Eves Turf).

Football - to be confirmed by Coach.

Rugby League - confirmed by Mr Mackay each week.

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

Wednesday 13 April: 3.30pm - 5.00pm, School Field

### FOOTBALL TRIALS, YEAR 7 / 8

Wednesday 13 April: Lunchtime, School Field

### UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 2

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

#### Year 7 & 8 Events:

- Wed 18 May Winter Sports (TBC)

#### Secondary Events:

- Wed 11 May Clay Target Shooting # 2 *Kaitaia*
- Wed 11 May Senior Football
- Thu 12 May Surfing Series # 3 *TBC*
- Fri 13 May Volleyball Snr Mixed *Kensington*
- Fri 27 May Cross Country *Barge Park*
- Wed 1 Jun Clay Target Shooting # 3 *Kaikohe*
- Thu 9 Jun Basketball Year 9/10 *Kensington*
- Tue 14 Jun Basketball Year 11 - 13 *Kensington*
- Tue 28 Jun Cross Country Champs *Barge Park*

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

Happy holidays, and take care,

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**CALLING ALL  
U14 & U16 BOYS**

*We are looking for a couple more players to join our team's, so if you are 2006 / 2007 / 2008 born & keen to play then come along!*

**\*\*U14 Boys Training\*\*  
Tuesday & Thursday's 4.30pm - 5.30pm**

**\*\*U16 Boys Training\*\*  
Wednesday's 4.30pm - 6.00pm**

**Bring boots, mouthguard & water bottle.**

**Register Online at [www.sporty.co.nz/obmrfc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/obmrfc)**

**ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT CHANELLE ON 021 417 271**



# AUTUMN HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT KIWI NORTH

*Enjoy history & conservation  
activities this school holidays*

**SCAVENGER HUNT** - A fun way for curious kids to explore Kiwi North.

**KIWI FEEDING** - 10:45am & 2:45pm

**EXTERNAL FOCUS** - Practical and decorative casings. New exhibition open.



## Activities with our Educator

### **Tuesday 26th - A 1898 School Lesson**

Experiment with print, chalk, ink and dress-up.  
11am and 1pm starts.

### **Wednesday 27th - Get Creative in the Ed Centre**

Craft activities including making 3D bugs and colourful sea creatures. From 10am.

### **Thursday 28th - Space Science in the Ed Centre**

Find out about the vast universe beyond earth.  
Launch a rocket! From 10am.

Incl. with general admission, adult supervision required.



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