



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,

I am a member of a few educational organisations at a local, regional, and national level. It is important to belong to such groups as it helps to shape what happens at our College and also other schools. Currently I am also on a few executive groups such as the Northland Secondary Principals, the Marist Network Principals, the New Zealand Catholic Secondary Principals, and the Auckland Catholic Secondary Principals. I think much of this has happened because I have been a Principal for a few years now and people think it's time for me to stop playing the Northland isolation card when we can meet on-line so readily.

I value the collegiality of these meetings greatly, because it is an opportunity to spend time with people who understand and live the complexity of a Principal's role. It is an incredibly influential role, as what we do or say impacts upon the lives of hundreds of students and staff from a small to significant way. So, we need to get it right.

I had a few days this week at the conference for the New Zealand Catholic Secondary Principals. Our key presenter was Brother David Hall from the Catholic University of Australia. He spoke about leadership within the Catholic school, which meant that we covered a wide range of ideas, including the principle of human dignity and the theology of being made in the image and likeness of God.

The Catholic Church teaches us that humans are body and soul (spirit) and this is the image and likeness of God. Body and soul are not two separate things but are one within our humanity. When this theology is aligned with biological knowledge it was advocated that we became human when ensoulment happened. When do we get our soul? No one knows, so the default position in Catholic tradition was that it happened at conception. This is a good position to start with, but our more recent knowledge about monozygotic twins (a splitting and developing of two embryos) does not easily align with this.

I have attended many presentations on well-being where humanity was considered to be a combination of the physical, mental and emotional. Spiritual only got a look in by virtue of being something important to Māori, the treaty partner of the Crown. Consequently, not Māori was to be not spiritual in these presentations to schools, where education must be non-secular. Such presentations always left me feeling that I had been hollowed out because I believe that spirituality is a key component of humanity.

Brother David presented a new way (for me) to consider my humanity. God is spirit, God became human (in Jesus) and then spirit again post resurrection. To be made in the image and likeness of God is to be made spirit (soul). Rather than being created human with a spirit (soul), we can consider that we are truly spirit with an associated humanity. In effect, our birth is like the incarnation (God made human) of Jesus. I know that this raises a lot more questions, but I do like this premise, and it does line up with the Catholic teaching of body and soul unity.

Following this logic our true state is spiritual, not physical. Maybe we could spend more time in prayer and less at the gym. More time reading the Bible and less searching for healthy eating on Google. More time looking at our soul instead of a receding hairline.

The Catholic tradition of saints captures this spiritual notion and so does Māori spirituality of tupuna in the heavens. As Catholics, we therefore get to have the best of both of the spiritual and physical. Lucky us!

Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL

JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING (Year 7 - 10)

Friday 9 December in the College Hall - beginning at 10:00am

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 4

NOVEMBER

Mon 7 - Tue 6 Dec NZQA Exams

College

Mon 28 STAFF ONLY DAY

School closed for instruction

Tue 29 PPTA Paid Union Meeting

Students can leave from 12.30pm

DECEMBER

Thu 8 Year 9 Beach Day

Parihaka & Matapouri Beach 9.30am - 2.30pm

Thu 8 Year 10 Beach Day

AH Reid & Whangaumu Beach 9.30am - 2.40pm

Fri 9 Junior Prize Giving

College Hall 10.00am

Fri 9 Last Day of Term 4

School finishes 12.00pm approx.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

Our College is looking for families who would be interested in hosting an international student in 2023.

Families are paid **\$280.00 per week** to host a student.

If you (or someone you know) may be interested, or if you have any questions, please contact:

Lisa Linford

☎ 438 3950

or: lisa.linford@pompallier.school.nz

PARENT PORTAL

We would like to notify Parents and Caregivers that our Parent Portal will be **unavailable from the last day of school this year**, until school returns next year.

This allows our Timetable team the opportunity to work on classes and student timetables. Many changes are made during the period before school begins in 2023, so we like to ensure that when the portal is activated next year, the correct timetable and information is available.

Thank you.

2023 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Wednesday 1 February	Thu 6 April
TERM 2	Mon 24 April	Fri 30 June
TERM 3	Mon 17 July	Fri 22 September
TERM 4	Mon 9 October	TBC

Please Note: Dean meetings with Year 11 - 13 students to confirm subject choices for 2023, will be held at the College on Wednesday 25 January, 2023.



LEAVING SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

If you are leaving the College this year, there are a few things you need to do before you go:

- Return all library books and subject textbooks, otherwise you will be charged for them
- Complete a **LEAVERS FORM**, available from the Student Centre (Year 13 students will receive one shortly from your whānau teacher)
- Return your **completed** Leaver's Form to Mrs Woolston in the College office **BEFORE** the end of term.

Thank you!

SENIOR LOCKERS

Be in quick – limited lockers available!!

If you wish to reserve a locker for 2023, or keep your current locker, you will need to fill in an online order form at: www.stowawaylockers.co.nz as soon as possible.

If you no longer require your locker for 2023, please let us know by email: info@stowawaylockers.co.nz. You will need to return your key at the end of the term, sellotaped to a piece of paper with your details on for your bond refund. Ensure the locker is left empty, as any remaining items will be disposed of at the end of the year.

Keys will need to be received within one week of Term 4 ending, and can be posted to: Stowaway Lockers, 475 Crane Road, RD 1 Kamo, Whangarei 0185.

Refunds will be direct credited to your bank account in January 2023.

Robyn, Stowaway Lockers.



Welcome to Term 4 Sports News... Week 6

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.

Thank you to all those families who have paid their fees. **Any outstanding sports fees are now overdue** - please ensure payment is made as a matter of urgency.

SPORTS UNIFORMS - REMINDER

Please return your uniform to the Sports Office ASAP.

SPORT CODE SIGN-UP - Thursday 2nd February, 2023

There will be an extended whānau time on the above date for students to sign up for their chosen sport code. Please make sure you put your name down and attend the relevant rally/meetings and trials - which will be advertised in the school daily notices. All sports will depend on coaches/managers availability.

Most sports team trials are at Pompallier, but our Hockey trials are at the Northland Hockey Centre.

Dates will not be confirmed until next year, as it depends on facility bookings and selectors availability.

All players will trial, then be placed into teams according to the selection process. Once in a team they will train and play for the entire season.

ATHLETICS DAY - Thursday 23rd February, 2023 (p/p Wednesday 1st March)

Our annual event includes the whole school and is held at Trigg Stadium in Kensington.

Information will be given regarding transport to this, as we ask that students go direct to the arena on the day - our buses are re-directed and there are a couple of buses provided from Pompallier for Maunu residents/other bus links.

Last year some people experienced discomfort on their feet due to the running on the artificial track. If you want to, you may wear shoes on the day.

CHAMPION SWIMMING SPORTS - Friday 10th February, 2023

All entries will be taken at the first House meeting on Friday 3rd February.

Students race in age groups (as at the 1st January 2023), as follows:

Year 7/8 : period 1 - 2

Year 9 to 13 : period 3 - 5, Junior (U13), Intermediate (U14) and Senior (U16).

Only the Year 9-13 programme has 100m Champ races.

The Year 7 & 8 programme - 50m Champ races – these are for strong swimmers, club swimmers and those wishing to attend the championship competitions later in the term.

PREPARATION FOR WINTER SPORTS SEASON, 2023

Just a reminder, we hit Term 1 running in regards to our winter sports team trials. Students, try and keep your fitness level up throughout the holidays.

Fitness is important for how you perform in trials/games, and assists with injury prevention.

COACHES / MANAGERS REQUIRED

In order to offer opportunities in sports, we always need volunteers. If you are interested in helping next year with the following sports codes, please contact me:

Hockey - Collegiate and JMC

Basketball - Senior and Year 7/8

Netball - Collegiate and Intermediate

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1, 2023

The most important school events are listed below, with more to be advertised next year.

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| • Thu 2 Feb | Sports Code Sign-up | Whānau Class |
| • Fri 3 Feb | Swimming Entries at House Meetings | |
| • Wed 8 Feb | Swimming 100m heats (Y9-13) | PCC Pool |
| • Thu 9 Feb | Swimming 100m heats (Y9-13) | PCC Pool |
| • Fri 10 Feb | Swimming Sports Champions | PCC Pool |
| • Fri 10 Feb | House Meetings for Athletics | TBC |
| • Thu 23 Feb | Athletics Day (p/p 1 Mar) | Trigg Stadium |
| • Fri 17 Mar | NSS Track & Field Event | Trigg Stadium |
| • Wed 22 Mar | NSSSA Swim Champs | TBC |
| • TBC | Hockey & Netball Trials | |
| • TBC | WPSSA Swimming | |

Note: All events entered are subject to students' interest, parent help and organiser's changes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many coaches, managers, parents, staff and students who have helped our Sports Department this year.

Your support is greatly appreciated; we couldn't do it without you!

Many thanks, have a lovely restful holiday with your family and friends.

All the best for 2023.... Go POM!!!

God Bless,

**Julia Lecky
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR**

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2023 BUS INFORMATION

Pompallier Catholic College buses will begin running from **Wednesday 1st February 2023** on all of our school routes. **However**, the students who use other schools' buses to connect to ours should check with their bus company to confirm their start date.

There may be changes to bus services early in the new year to allow for changes in our school population. We do our best to accommodate as many of our students as possible, within the guidelines set by the Ministry of Education. All changes will be notified as soon as possible.

All services are under review by the Ministry of Education, and will be confirmed at the beginning of 2023. Once finalised, details will be available on our College website: www.pompalliercollege.school.nz.

A reminder that eligibility is dependent on where a student lives, available public services in the area, and loading limits.

Student ID's also double as your bus pass, and these will be issued in the first few weeks of the new year. Until then, no pass is required.

For any queries please contact our Bus Co-Ordinator, Ms Clarke via email: buses@pompallier.school.nz



COLLEGE ACCOUNTS

We are nearly at the end of Term 4, so we would like to ask families that your school account is paid by 31st December.

Many thanks to those families who have already paid their account in full, or have a regular payment in place.

A friendly reminder from the Auckland Diocese for parents and caregivers of **students who will be leaving Pompallier Catholic College at the end of this year; Attendance Dues must be paid in full by 9th December 2022**. Families who have an on-going AP are exempt from this date but must commit to continuing payments until the account is paid.

Failure to pay the account or make contact with the College Office to arrange alternative methods of payment, may result in the overdue account being sent to Debtworks NZ Ltd for default listing at credit reporting agencies.

ENROL PRIVACY STATEMENT

Electronic information about your child

The information held in ENROL is collected under the authority of [section 237 of the Education and Training Act 2020](#).

The Ministry of Education is responsible for the management and storage of the information held in ENROL and uses ENROL information in accordance with the Act and the Privacy Act 2020.

The ENROL privacy statement has been updated for parents and whānau and outlines how ENROL collects and uses student information.

You can view the updated privacy statement [here](#).

POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES'

The Board has now completed its process of filling the Parent Representative vacancy. We would like to inform you that **Mr Simon Reiher** has been duly appointed.

Signed

Jane Woolson, Returning Officer

2022 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Our magazine is currently at the printers and we hope to have them here next week! If you have ordered a magazine and have a younger child still at school, we will deliver it to them. If your child is a senior, they can collect your copy from the College office - we will let you know when they are available.



OVERDUE LIBRARY & SUBJECT BOOKS

There are a number of overdue library books, and subject textbooks outstanding.

Students - if you have received an overdue library book notice and/or been issued a subject textbook during the year and have not yet returned them, please do so **before the end of this term**, to avoid being charged for the cost of the book.

Parents - if you could ask your child if they have a book outstanding, that would be very helpful! Thank you.

You can't miss it.

STUDYLINK 2023

Apply before **16 December**....

If you're studying in 2023, 16 December is a very important date. It's one you just can't miss.

Around 130,000 students will need to get organised for study in 2023. Apply for your student allowance or loan before 16 December to give yourself the best chance of having everything sorted and ready for the start of your course.

If you've had a student allowance or loan in the last 12 months, login to MyStudyLink and use the Returning Application to apply. It'll take less than five minutes.

Apply before **16 December** for your student allowance or loan.

studylink.govt.nz



Back to School made easy

OfficeMax MySchool

You'll find your child's school stationery list online at myschool.co.nz
It's easy to shop online, in-store or by phone.

FIND YOUR LIST *Conditions apply. See myschool.co.nz for details

Earn SCHOOL* REWARDS for our school*

Back to School 2023

HOW DO I ORDER MY STATIONERY?

We team up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy!

We DO NOT issue stationery lists to students. This is because all your child's school stationery list requirements are uploaded online at myschool.co.nz, to make it easy for you to purchase your child's back to school requirements. Simply search for our school, select your child's class and/or subject lists and follow the instructions on the easy-to-use website.

Buying through OfficeMax MySchool also **earns School Rewards for our school**, which we can redeem for much needed educational supplies, equipment for our classrooms, or to help those students in need.

Stationery is delivered to your home (or a designated address) by courier. This means that ordering is quick and easy, stationery lists are not lost and the correct products are obtained.

OfficeMax also have a Laybuy payment option, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments - and still get your order right away. Or you can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card.

If you prefer, you can call the OfficeMax MySchool team on 0800 724 440, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

Delivery is free for orders over \$46.00 (incl. GST).

The website will "go live" for ordering stationery on Wednesday 30th November.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go for the start of Term 1. Don't wait until mid-January - order now and avoid the back to school rush!

All students are expected to have their stationery requirements on the first day of Term 1 (Wednesday 1st February), as teaching will begin on that day.

TO ORDER ONLINE:

1. Go to www.myschool.co.nz and enter Pompallier into the School Name field
2. Select Pompallier Catholic College

3. Click on "Start"
4. Enter Students First Name, Last Name & Year Level
5. Select the Subjects required
6. Click the "View Requirements List" button
7. Review the list, adding or deleting items as required. You may also add additional stationery items
8. When finished, click "Shopping Cart"
9. You now have the option to add another student, otherwise select "Checkout"
If items are unavailable at the time you order, these will be placed on backorder and delivered to you as soon as they arrive. This will be indicated on your delivery docket
10. Follow the online instructions to enter your delivery address details and payment options
11. Print a copy of the order and retain it for your records. Note your Order Number, as this will be required if you need to return items

TO SHOP IN A STORE:

1. Follow steps 1 through 7 to establish which items you require
2. Print the requirement list
3. Take the list to your preferred stationery supplies store

CONDITIONS:

1. Please allow up to ten working days for delivery. **Orders placed after 16th January 2023 may result in delays** and OfficeMax cannot guarantee delivery before school starts on late orders.
2. **If you have any problems, please call OfficeMax direct on 0800 724 440, NOT the College.**
3. Incorrect items can only be returned by first contacting Customer Services on the 0800 number. You will need to quote your Order No.