



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 13 : 25 August, 2023

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

If in 1963 at the Washington memorial, Martin Luther King Jr had said to the crowd, "I have a plan", rather than, "I have a dream", would things have turned out better? Plans are good. They give us a sense of direction and purpose. We can add targets into plans that can be used to measure performance and success. Targets can then be used to motivate people by offerings of money, power, authority or some other inducement that they desire. If the plan delivers the desired outcomes, we tend towards affirming that the boss is rather good at his/her work.

A plan can be explicit in terms of what people should do and what resources are needed. Plans bring order to what might otherwise be a chaotic situation. Students may have a plan for attaining desired academic outcomes, or for buying a car. Parents may have a plan for their children. They plan for them to be healthy and successful. They plan to keep them safe. They might even plan for them to meet a suitable future life partner, or to join a religious order later in life.

Our parents probably have, or had, a plan for us. How did that turn out? As a parent, you may have had a plan for your children. Did you get the desired outcomes? What about God? Does God have a plan for us? Did God have a plan for Mary and Jesus? Given that God is all powerful and all knowing, his plan should be predestined for success. It can't possibly go wrong. All we need is for people and creation to get on board with the plan.

And therein lies the problem. God's plans have a fatal flaw. They depend upon people doing what is in their job description. As soon as God gave his labour force free-will and evil conspired with people to undermine the plan, we had the conditions for failure locked into the plan. Failed plans must be a constant disappointment to God.

Martin Luther King Jr did not have a plan. He had a dream. God does not have a plan for us, God has a dream for us. God had a dream for defeating evil in the world and it needed humanity to get on board. The dream was shared with Mary and later with her husband Joseph. They were invited to be a part of the dream. Both had to say "Yes" to this dream to enable it to come about. It's conceivable that God had shared the dream with many others before the time of Mary and Joseph, but they had not said "Yes" to this dream. Finally, God had consent from humanity and he probably felt rather elated.

Mary's consent enabled God to enter into the human condition. She was the one who brought God into the world. Maybe she had a plan for Jesus. If she did, it's unlikely it was the one that turned out. Mothers don't plan for the execution and torture of their children. But she did hold onto the dream that God shared with her and this action enabled the defeat of death and the possibility for eternal life.

The consent to God's dream is the touchstone of being Marist. Being Marist is not about how we behave, but what we consent to. God has a dream for each of us. It's not a dream of wealth and pleasure and a life free from pain. It is a dream of being united with God in eternity and helping to bring about a world of joy, peace, justice and love. Have you said "Yes" to the dream?

Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL

2023 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Wednesday 1 February	Thursday 6 April
TERM 2	Monday 24 April	Friday 30 June
TERM 3	Monday 17 July	Friday 22 September
TERM 4	Monday 9 October	Friday 8 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 3

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

AUGUST

Mon 28	Central Northland Science Fair	Forum North	9:00am - 3:00pm
Tue 29	University of Auckland Course Planning	College Boardroom	9:00am - 11:00am
Tue 29	Waikato University Course Planning	College Boardroom	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Thu 31	E-Mission Day		

SEPTEMBER

Tue 5 - Wed 6	Online Learning EDGExams, Senior Students	College	
Thu 7 - Fri 8	EDGExams, Senior Students	College, Timetable on Page 5	
Mon 11 - Wed 13	EDGExams, Senior Students	College, Timetable on Page 5	
Thu 14	Year 13 Careers Workshop	College	9:00am - 11:00am
Tue 19	Sports and Cultural Photos	College	
Tue 19	Otago University Course Planning	College Boardroom	9:30am - 10:30am
Wed 20	Victoria University Course Planning	College Boardroom	9:00am - 11:00am
Fri 22	E-Mission Day		
Fri 22	Last Day of Term 3	School finishes at 3:00pm	

OCTOBER

Mon 9	First Day of Term 4	School starts at 8:45pm	
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2024 OPTION CHOICES

Students need to select their subject choices for next year via the KAMAR portal, by **Wednesday 30 August**.

Following this date, the portal will be closed for this option, and students will need to see their whānau teacher.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNIFORM SUBCOMITTEE SURVEY

A survey has been emailed this week to College families from the Board of Trustees Uniform Subcommittee.

They are inviting our school community to provide feedback on our school uniform.

Please look out for this in your email inbox.

The survey will close on Thursday 31 August.

2024 CURRICULUM BOOK

The 2024 Curriculum booklet, which has detailed course information on subjects available next year, is now available to view on our website:

[2024 Curriculum Booklet](#)

If you have any queries please contact your child's Year Level Dean.



LEAVING SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

To help with our 2024 planning, if your child is not returning to us next year (excluding students currently in Year 13), please let us know by emailing: admin@pompallier.school.nz



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 3, Week 6

We wish to advise families that we are currently advertising for a new Sports Co-ordinator at the College, following the resignation of Allyssia Halliday.

In the interim, we are fortunate to have Mr Chris Keep helping us in a part-time capacity covering this role. Many of you will be familiar with Mr Keep, who retired as our Head of Physical Education in 2021.

He will be in school on Monday's and Wednesdays or Thursday's should you need to contact him.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Intermediate

11 Aug vs WIS Lakers won 42 - 20

HOCKEY RESULTS

Collegiate 1st XI

14 Aug vs WBHS Black lost 0 - 1

21 Aug vs WBHS Gold lost 1 - 4

Collegiate 2nd XI

14 Aug vs Mangapai Black draw 2 - 2

21 Aug vs WBHS Blue draw 1 - 1

JMC Team 1

3/4 Aug vs KIS Mixed 1st lost 3 - 7

11 Aug vs MGK Masters lost 3 - 4

17/18 Aug vs HH Gold lost 0 - 4

JMC Team 2

3/4 Aug vs Mangapai Jaguars lost 2 - 9

17/18 Aug vs KIS Girls Black lost 2 - 7

NETBALL RESULTS

Collegiate Team 1

12 Aug vs Hikurangi Coll Black won 30 - 23

19 Aug vs Otamatea Silver lost 18 - 24

Collegiate Team 2

12 Aug vs Waipu Coll Blue lost 7 - 51

Collegiate Team 3

12 Aug vs WGHS 9-Blue won 27 - 17

19 Aug vs TRR Kauru won 16 - 7

Intermediate Team 1

12 Aug vs Excellere Ferns won 27 - 25

19 Aug vs Excellere Ferns won 23 - 10

Intermediate Team 2

12 Aug vs Manaia Supremes won 16 - 12

19 Aug vs Otamatea Pink won 14 - 13

Intermediate Team 3

12 Aug vs WGHS 9-Blue won 27 - 17

19 Aug vs NGU Serpents won 18 - 2

SPORTS FEES

Please remember to pay your sports fees as soon as possible. **These are now overdue!**

SPORTS UNIFORMS

Please return any sports uniforms that are not being used.

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Swimming

Congratulations to **Te Rauroha Paki** (Year 8) who attended the NZ Short Course Swimming Championships, held in Hastings, from 8 – 12 August.

He came away with the following impressive wins:

1st 200 Back - pb splits off a NZ Record

1st 100 Back - pb Northland Swimming Record

1st 400 Individual Medley - pb Northland Swimming Record

1st 200 Individual Medley - pb

1st 200 Butterfly - pb Northland Swimming Record

1st 100 Butterfly - pb Northland Swimming Record

2nd 100 Breast - pb Northland Swimming Record

2nd 100 Individual Medley - pb Northland Swimming Record



Netball

Congratulations to **Jacinta Moors-Lemana** (Year 12), who has been selected to sit on the Netball Northern Zone's first Youth Advisory Group.

The Youth Advisory Group is set up to inform and consult with Netball Northern Zone and key stakeholders on various aspects of netball in the Northern Zone and how they affect young people.

We wish Jacinta all the best in this role.

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MIXED BASKETBALL FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 9th August our Pompallier Intermediate Team 1 competed in the NSSSA Mixed Basketball Festival, at McKay Stadium.

They came 2nd in the competition. A fantastic effort team!



WHANGAREI JUNIOR DEVELOPMENTAL BASKETBALL

There will be a Breakaway Camp from 3rd - 5th October 2023. Participants MUST be aged 11-18.

Full details within the link below. Click here to register:

<https://forms.gle/zxdzEzFyUT2hyL9U9>

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 3

The most important sports events are listed below, with more to be advertised as they are added.

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

- 27 Aug - 1 Sep Collegiate Hockey Tnmt *Auckland*
- Wed 30 Aug WPSSA Cross Country *Barge Park*
- Thu 31 Aug Special Olympics Basketball *Ksgtn*
- 3 - 8 Sep AIMS Games *Tauranga*

Chris Keep
ACTING SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
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WINTER RUNNING ATHLETICS WHANGAREI

Every Saturday at 1.45pm
Cross country, road and trail
Run/jog/walk.
Varied distances to suit everyone.
Ages 7 years – 97 years.
A different course every week,
come along!



Email harriersathleticswhangarei@gmail.com
or txt/ph Robyn on 021468323
FB Harriers Athletics Whangarei - winter running

To report a student absence:

Phone 438 3950

Option 1

Leave a message on the answerphone with your child's absence details. This is available 24/7.

Please ring in each day your child is absent.

Note that we do not accept emailed notification of absences.

Thank you!

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Last day to order this year's school magazine!

The cost of the magazine is \$20.00. Place your pre-order by clicking on the following link for further information and the ordering page:

[Order 2023 Magazine](#)

All orders must be received by Friday 25 August. There will be limited extra copies to purchase after publication, so please ensure you order your copy to avoid disappointment.

Advertising: We are 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.

Please contact Sarah Edgecombe via email for further information: sarah.edgecombe@pompallier.school.nz.



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz



2023 EDGExams : Years 11 - 13

All exams are 3 hours long (unless noted)

	THURSDAY (Day 2) 7 September	FRIDAY (3) 8 September	MONDAY (4) 11 September	TUESDAY (5) 12 September	WEDNESDAY (6) 13 September
MORNING					
9:15 AM START (report by 9 AM)					
HALL	11ENG 11ENI 13MAS	11SCI 11SCN 12BUS 12FRE 13FRE 13GEO	11GEO 12BIO 13CHE	MCAT (1 hour) NCEA L1 Ministry set external date ----- 12GEO 12ESOL (1 hour)	11MAT 13PHY 12PHY(Wave Systems)
Boardroom			11MUS	12MUS 13MUS	
AFTERNOON					
1 PM START (report by 12.45 PM)					
HALL	11HIS 12CHE 13ENG	11FRE 11MAO 12ENG 12ENI 13MAC	11DRA (2 hours) 12HIS 12MAC 12MAT 13BIO 13DRA	12DRA (2 hours) 12PHY 13HIS	
Boardroom					

Exams for OLC (formerly FARNET) are scheduled in the Boardroom on Tuesday, 5 September or at an alternative date.
The above table may not have all individual exams for offline courses or rescheduled exam times. No known clashes.

NOTE: Afternoon exams may finish after buses leave - please make own travel arrangements

INFORMATION FOR EDGExams:-

This year, the EDGExams run from Thursday 7th to Wednesday 13th September.

EDGE stands for Emergency & Derived Grades Exams.

If your child is too unwell to sit a final exam in Term 4, these exams will be used for derived grades.

The majority of exams will be held in the Hall, but in some cases they may be in other rooms, so students need to check the timetable they have been provided with.

If your child gets Special Assessment Conditions (SAC's) and they decide not to attend an exam, please inform us beforehand, as it is likely we will have booked a supervisor or reader/writer.

Students need to report to the exam venue **fifteen minutes before the exam** is due to start.

If they are doing a digital exam, they must provide their own computer.

With Mathematics exams, they are expected to bring their own calculator.

Appropriate, comfortable mufti clothes should be worn.

Students may be asked to clear out pockets of clothing with large pouches or pockets.

They will not be allowed into the exam if they are **more than 30 minutes late**.

Most exams are three hours.

Students are not allowed to leave the exam room within the first 45 minutes, or the last 15 minutes of the exam.