



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 14 : 13 September, 2024

Kia ora koutou katoa,

"Let's just get started and doesn't need to be perfect from Day 1". These were the words from the Minister of Education, Erica Stanford, as the opening keynote speaker at the Association of Integrate Schools conference that I attended in Wellington earlier this week.

She was discussing the need to take urgent action to address the 'crisis' we have in our education system. While I might not have agreed with her assertion that our current education is in a crisis, I did agree that, sometimes, you just need to make a good start and then do the tweaks and adjustments as you develop an initiative or programme of learning.

The good start that we are making is addressing the recurring theme of our parent surveys – communication! Having already introduced SchoolBridge in a previous college, this is one way that we are going to be addressing and improving our communication with our community – for parents, students and staff. It comes as both a desktop app and a mobile app, so, for parents, from the convenience of your phone, you can send in absences, check the school calendar, get the daily notices and soon, receive and respond to permission slips for EOTC trips and camps. You can also see your child's NCEA results. If you want an overview of SchoolBridge, this is the link: <https://www.inboxdesign.co.nz/schoolbridge>.

We are looking to release this shortly and will be sending further information about how to download the app and start communicating.

As Pope John Paul II said: "*The future starts today, not tomorrow.*" This is a beginning for our improved communications and, as communication is a two-way process, please let us know if you can see opportunities to strengthen our communications within this community. With SchoolBridge, there is a lot more potential in this software that we will continue to develop as we progress and hopefully, get to a place where "*Dialogue [or, in our case, communication], in fact, educates when the person relates with respect, esteem and sincere listening, and is expressed with authenticity without obscuring or softening one's own identity, nourished by evangelical inspiration.*" Pope Francis.

Ms Chris Allen
ACTING PRINCIPAL

2025 ENROLMENTS

Our enrolments for 2025 closed on 2 August 2024. We are now operating a waiting list in accordance with our [Enrolment Policy](#).

If your child is not going to be returning in 2025 please email Kelli Adams as soon as possible, so we may offer places to those applicants on our waiting list.

For any enrolment queries, please contact Kelli Adams: admin@pompallier.school.nz

VISION STATEMENT

Our Pompallier community living the values of Christ through faith, scholarly inquiry, aroha and courage.



UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 3

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16 - Wed 18	Senior EDGExams (timetable below)	Pompallier	
Wed 18 - Fri 20	Corequisite Exams (Session 2)	Pompallier	11:30am
Mon 23	International Students Snow & Sculpture Trip		8:30am - 5:30pm
Tue 24	Sport and Group photos	Pompallier	
Thu 26	University of Auckland Course Planning	Pompallier	10:30am - 11:30am
Fri 27	Last day of Term 3	School finishes at 3:00pm	

OCTOBER

Mon 14	First day of Term 4	School starts at 8:45am
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2024 EDGExams

Years 11 – 13

	THURSDAY (Day 5) 12 September	FRIDAY (6) 13 September	MONDAY (1) 16 September	TUESDAY (2) 17 September	WEDNESDAY (3) 18 September
MORNING					
8:55 AM START (report at 8:40 AM)					
HALL	11RST 12BUS 12FRE ESOL	11ENG 12DRA 12GEO 13BUS	11GEO 12ENG 12ENI 13FRE	11SCI 12HIS 13GEO	11FRE 13MAS <i>Reading Corequisite starts Period 3</i>
Other				Boardroom 12MUS	Room 21 12/13ART*
AFTERNOON					
12.00 START (report by 11.45 AM)					
HALL	12CHE 12MAO 13ENG	12BIO 13MAC 13HIS	12PHY 13BIO 13DRA	12MAC 13CHE	13PHY 12PHYwaves
Other	Room 21 12/13ART* (12:35 start)		Room 19 12/13ARD*	Room 19 12/13ARD* (12:35 start)	

The library will be open for students to study each day.

The morning time slot is officially two hours; however, students may continue into interval.

Year 11 students will have normal classes for periods 3, 4 and 5 during the first four days of EDGExams. All Year 11 classes will run on Wednesday, 18 September. Year 11 students are expected to be in school uniform.

Year 12 and 13 students will not have any classes running during EDGExams. Year 12 and 13 students are expected to wear appropriate, comfortable clothes.

All OLC exams will run on Tuesday, 10 September. This timetable will be emailed to OLC students.

Official Corequisites (session 2) will run Wednesday, 18 September (Literacy: Reading); Thursday, 19 September (Numeracy); and Friday, 20 September (Literacy: Writing)
All corequisites will start Period Three at the Hall.

*Scheduled exams takes precedence over 12/13ART and 12/13ARD times.

If your school bus is running late when you have a morning EDGExam, please do not panic – just come to the Hall as soon as your bus arrives.

INFORMATION FOR EDGExams:-

Students need to report to the exam venue **fifteen minutes before the exam** is due to start. They will not be allowed into the exam if they are **more than 30 minutes late**.

If they are doing a digital exam, they must provide their own computer. With all exams, they are expected to bring their own equipment such as calculator, ruler or coloured pencils.

Appropriate, comfortable non-uniform clothes should be worn by the Year 12 and 13 students who are on study leave. Students may be asked to clear out pockets of clothing with large pouches or pockets.

Year 12 and 13 students will not have any classes running for the duration of exams, however, the Year 11 students timetable will vary due to the new Level 1 NCEA structure. The library will be open for students to study each day.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 3, Week 8

WINTER TOURNAMENTS

This year both our 1st XI Boys' Football team and 1st XI Mixed Hockey team attended their respective Winter Tournaments. Hockey headed south to Whakatane and Football stayed home to compete in Whangarei.

Our Mixed Hockey team showed some great skill in their pool play games, coming out top of their pool after the first few days. They headed into the quarterfinal which proved to be a very exciting match, with Pompallier winning in a penalty shoot-out. Pompallier unfortunately had a loss in the semi-finals and then a quick turnaround into the 3rd and 4th playoff match against Huanui College.

Pompallier finished 4th overall! Such a great result for a young team – bring on next year!

Our Football team had a long week - with a tough pool and a few injuries, the boys placed 19th overall in the Malcolm Cowie Tournament. While the results may not have gone their way, we are all proud of their performance and team spirit! We also sadly say goodbye to an amazing group of Year 13's who played their last match in the Pompallier Blue.

A huge thank you to all our coaches, parent helpers and school support! These events are a huge endeavour that we couldn't be a part of without our community support.

We have added some photos on the following page.

AIMS GAMES

Our top Intermediate Hockey and Netball teams, as well as individuals competing in Squash, Tennis and Gymnastics, headed to Tauranga to compete in the AIMS Games for 2024.

Both our Netball and Hockey teams played some skilful games with some amazing wins, a draw and some very tight losses.

The Hockey team's final game ended in a draw at the final whistle, sending them to a shoot-out, which they unfortunately lost. They placed 28th overall in the mixed 7 -aside division and the Netball team placed 106th overall in their 7-aside division.

Our individuals also had a great week:

Noah Jones competed in Tennis and came 4th overall out of a field over 90 players.

Charlee McKenzie competed in Gymnastics and pulled off some of her personal best performances.

Jeremy Warren competed in Squash and produced an amazing effort out of an unlucky draw, placing 18th overall.

The best part of AIMS games – although we all love to win – is to see the students build new relationships, support each other and have a great time.

All athletes should be proud of their performances and we hope you all had an amazing time. We are looking forward to what the next year will bring!

We would like to thank all our coaches, managers and parent helpers for giving up their time to attend AIMS Games with our students - we could not have done this without you!

We have added some photos of the week on Page 5.

Many thanks to our wonderful sponsors for their generous donations in helping our teams get to the AIMS Games. Please support them where possible:

Oxford Sports Trust

Pub Charity Ltd

Grassroots Trust

SportClub

Urban Sea Ltd

Hainesco

Ola Surf & Lifestyle

Steve Macmillan

Beth Tweedie Real Estate

Brandt

Kensington Fitness

HRV

Whangarei Aquatic Centre

Benny's

Petrina Mendes - Fox & Gunn

Frazerhurst Property Services

Bowling Infrastructure Group

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Equestrian

Javahna Barrowman (Year 11) and her horse Bo were selected to represent NZPCA individually in the Virtual dressage. Virtual dressage is an international competition where 24 people are selected from each country. Javahna will be competing against USA, Hong Kong, Canada, United Kingdom, South Africa and Australia. All the best for the competition Javahna!



Swimming

Following on from his successes at recent events, **Te Rauroha Paki's** (Year 9) performances in the 100m and 200m Backstroke earned him an invitation to the NZ National Development Program, Gold Standard, while his performances in the 200m and 400m Individual Medley earned him an invitation to the SNZ National Development Program, Silver Standard.

What an amazing achievement Te!!

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SPORTS PHOTO DAY

Our sports photo day will be held next week, Tuesday 24 September, at the college. Coaches and managers - save the date! We would love to have you in the photos as well ☺ Keep an eye out on emails and KAMAR for the timetable.

UNIFORM RETURN

With winter sports coming to an end, this is a gentle reminder to please bring back any issued uniform. Please ensure it has been washed and is in a bag with the student's name attached, so it can be marked off our list. Items can either be dropped to the sports office or the student centre – thank you!

KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH SPORTS AT POMPALLIER...

[Add us on Facebook](#) for all sporting communication for PCC! Not on Facebook? – no worries – all important information will still be posted internally through email and school notices!

Sam Page
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
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TOURNAMENT WEEK ...





AIMS GAMES ...





JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



TRUE SPIRIT
A tenacious Australian dyslexic teen chases her dreams — and faces her fears — as she sets out to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world.

October 11, 2024
The last Friday of the holidays
Anglican Care Centre lounge
Entry off Deveron St, Regent

6 PM (BYO DINNER) | 7 PM (FILM STARTS)
BYO CUSHION/ BEANBAG

Please RSVP below by 4 Oct

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VetMAP Kōrero/Talanoa Information Online 2025

Massey University is excited to announce our **Māori and Pacifica Veterinary Pathway Information Kōrero/Talanoa**.

Massey will be hosting an online hui for prospective Māori and Pacific ākonga and their whānau on Thursday 17th October 7:00pm - 8:30pm.

Attend this session to find out more about the Māori and Pacific pathways and pre-selection requirements. Join us and have your questions answered by our VetMAP team and whānau whānui.

Register via the link here:

[VetMAP online kōrero/talanoa information session 2025 - Massey University](#)

For any queries please email : vetmap@massey.ac.nz

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/>

USING INTERNET BANKING??

Please remember when making payments via internet banking to the College, you use the **student's name and their ID No.** (shown on the statement) as a reference. Also, if you would like it allocated to a particular fee, please let us know. Thank you.



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz



Eat a range of healthy foods
Kaingia ngā kai hauora

TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING

Fluoride in toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth. Especially at night so the fluoride can keep working to protect and strengthen teeth.

Need a dental appointment for your child?

0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm



0800 698 3384
(0800 MY TEETH)

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand



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