



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 16 : 25 October, 2024

Tēnā koutou katoa,

It is with pleasure that I write my first newsletter to the Pompallier Catholic College community. I was welcomed to Pompallier Catholic College at a warm and lively pōwhiri last Tuesday, 15 October. I include below an excerpt from my speech on the day:

“It is those here in uniform, sitting before us today, who are the ‘why’ of Pompallier Catholic College. I acknowledge you this morning, students of Pompallier. I look forward to being your principal. I thank you for your welcome. This is your school, your place of learning and your community. One day ago, most of you did not know me. Now I am your principal!”

And as your principal, I have expectations of you:

- *To continue to excel in your learning (I say continue, because I know that you do very well in your academics).*
- *To treat each other, and to treat your teachers, with respect and dignity, a dignity that comes from being created in the image, and likeness of God.*
- *And of course, to continue to enjoy the fullness of life that Pompallier Catholic College offers you, not only through learning, but through sport, through culture and through the arts.*

I acknowledge the whakapapa of Pompallier Catholic College this morning. Its namesake, New Zealand’s first Bishop, Jean Baptiste Pompallier. And I acknowledge Jean Claude Colin, founder of the Society of Mary, from where Pompallier Catholic College has derived its charism and its history.

A Catholic College in the Marist tradition, according to Jean Claude Colin, has 3 key aims:

1. *The formation of Christians*
2. *The formations of good living people*
3. *The formation of scholars*

With this in mind, I also acknowledge the teachers and support staff of Pompallier Catholic College:

Yours is the noble task of enacting the vision and values of the college. I acknowledge you this morning. In particular, I acknowledge that this is your place of work and your community. It is because of your dedication to Pompallier Catholic College that it is a wonderful school, where students achieve academically and where the great potential of the young men and women before us this morning is nurtured, and where they are prepared for the adventure of the world that awaits them when they leave the gates of their school for the final time.

This is your work; I thank you in advance for continuing in this work, and I look forward to working with you as we continue the Pompallier journey together.”

I would like to thank all those involved in the organisation of the pōwhiri, including the Board of Trustees, Fr Brian Prendeville, Taipari Munro, Fred Tito, all invited guests, Chris Allen (Acting Principal Terms 2-3), the Senior Leadership Team, staff and students of Pompallier Catholic College. Your welcome has been generous. I am now enjoying the mahi that has begun.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Hayden Kingdon
Principal

Please note:

- There are tutorials for senior students in the lead-up to NCEA external exams. Students have been given the tutorial timetable. Students must utilise these tutorials to maximise their readiness for achievement success in the coming exams.
- I look forward to seeing you at the Senior Prizegiving, Thursday 31 October, 7:00pm in the college gym.
- Please keep in your prayers the Pool family, who lost Margaret Pool last week (grandmother to Fletcher, Hewitt, Lucas and Greta, and the Gross family, who are grieving the loss of Marina (mother of William) this week. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

VISION STATEMENT

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



Pōwhiri for Mr Hayden Kingdon - Tuesday 15 October, 2024





UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 4

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

OCTOBER

Mon 28 Labour Day Public Holiday

Wed 30 Leavers' Mass College Gym 1:00pm

Thu 31 Senior Prizegiving College Gym 7:00pm

NOVEMBER

Sat 2 Leavers' Dinner Whangarei Golf Club 6:00pm

Mon 4 - Fri 8 e-asTTle Assessments - Year 7 & 8

Tue 5 NZQA Exams begin

[Download timetable here](#)

Wed 6 Year 10 Careers Day College Gym 9:00am - 1:00pm

Thu 14 Junior Exams - Year 9 & 10 (Day 1)

Fri 15 STAFF ONLY DAY

School closed for instruction

Mon 18 - Wed 20 Junior Exams - Year 9 & 10 (Day 2 - 4)

Tue 19 Sacramental Programme Parental Meeting College Staffroom 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Thu 21 Sacramental Programme Confirmation Mass College Chapel 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Mon 25 - Fri 29 e-asTTle Assessments - Year 9 & 10

Tue 26 Orientation Day for 2025 Year 7 students College 9:30am - 1:00pm

Fri 29 Orientation Day for 2025 Year 9 students College 9:00am - 10:55am

DECEMBER

Fri 13 Junior Prizegiving College Hall 10:00am

Fri 13 Last Day of Term 4

School finishes at approx. 12:00pm
(at the conclusion of prize giving)

HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED FOR 2025

Our college will be hosting international students again in 2025. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested in hosting a student, short or long-term.

Hosting an international student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first-hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. You might even make a friend for life!

Families will be paid **\$340.00 per week** to host a student.

For more information, or if you are interested in hosting, please contact our Homestay Co-ordinator as soon as possible:

Lisa Linford

lisa.linford@pompallier.school.nz

Please include your contact phone number in your email.

SCHOOLBRIDGE

SchoolBridge is the central sign in point for our school.

SchoolBridge can be used from any web browser and is also available as an app for mobile devices.

Web Sign In:

- Go to our [school website](#) and click the **Login to SchoolBridge** button
- Click on your account type
- Students sign in using their Google or Microsoft accounts. Caregivers sign in easily with one of the options shown on the sign in page. Alternatively, use the Magic Link sign in option.

SchoolBridge Mobile App:

- To use the app you must first install it on your device - scan the QR code to install the app.





SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 4, Week 2

YEAR 7 & 8 ATHLETICS DAY

The weather held out for another great event this year! A huge thank you to all our teacher helpers and senior students who assisted with running stations and made the day run smoothly.

Congratulations to our **Champions** for 2024 ...

- **Year 7 Girl** **Charlee McKenzie**
- **Year 7 Boy** **Ifeoluwa Falope**
- **Year 8 Girl** **Waira Samuels**
- **Year 8 Boy** **Lance Mulle**

Congratulations also to the following student who broke our school records:

Year 7 Girls:

Long Jump **Charlee McKenzie** - 4.16m
Previously T. Hepi, 2007 - 3.79m

We have included some pictures from the day on Page 7.

SPORTS FEES

We are coming to the end of the year and we still have many sports fees outstanding. **These are now extremely overdue and need to be paid as soon as possible.** If you have any queries or are having trouble with paying fees, please contact Jane in the front office.

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Football

William Gross (Year 12) has been selected for the U19 NZ Secondary Schools North Team for Football this year. Well deserved Will!

William Gross (Year 12), **Nico Healey** (Year 13) and **Max Eckstein** (Year 12) were selected for the Northland U19 Football squad who will head to Napier this weekend to compete in the National U19 Tournament. Best of luck!

Finlay Hodgson, Lorcan Ryan and Jovi Stratton (all Year 8) competed in the Weir Rose Bowl Football tournament as part of the Northland FC U13's. They played extremely well and secured a place in the semi-finals, then on to the final, where they were only just pipped at the post in sudden death by 1 penalty. Great effort boys!



Ronel Shaji and **Iris Green** (both Year 9) were selected to head to Australia and compete for the Northland Rangers Football team. Ronel and his team place second overall! Great job to you both.



Gymnastics

Rosie Hewitt (Year 11), **Jessica Kalkhoven** (Year 11), **Charlotte Butler** (Year 13), **Katie Perris** (Year 7) and **Charlee McKenzie** (Year 7) competed for Northland in the NZ Gymnastic National Champs recently. Amazing performances by all the girls with special mention to Rosie who placed 3rd in Synchro Trampoline and Jessica who placed 4th in both Individual Trampoline and Junior International Tumble.



Rugby

Ngaia Davis (Year 10) competed in the Kiwi Warrior 1v1 Rugby 101, placing 2nd the Girls youth division! Awesome work Ngaia.

UNIFORM RETURNS

With sports coming to an end, please bring back your sports uniform as soon as possible. Please ensure it has been washed and is in a bag with the student's name attached, and drop to the sports office or the student centre – thank you!

Any students who have not returned their issued uniform by the end of the year will be charged for the uniform on their school account.

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UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 4

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

- Tue 29 Oct Year 9/10 Boys' Cricket *Kensington*
- Thu 31 Oct Year 9/10 Volleyball *McKay Stadium*
- Fri 1 Nov Year 9/10 Touch *Lindvart Park*
- Mon 4 Nov Year 7-10 Ambrose Golf *Sherwood Golf Club*
- Mon 11 Nov Fast 5 Netball *Whg Netball Centre*
- Wed 27 Nov Year 9/10 Tennis Doubles *Kamo*
- Wed 27 Nov WPSSA Athletics *Trigg Stadium*

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
 438 3950 Ext 219
sports@pompallier.school.nz

STUDENT ABSENCES

New process for advising us of student absences:

SchoolBridge is the new way to notify us that your child is going to be absent, or arriving late to school.

There are 2 options available:

- Click the "Report an Absence" button on the main page of our school website: <https://www.pompallier.school.nz/>
- On the SchoolBridge app, click the "Report Absence" button.

Please note that we will no longer accept absences via the phone or email.

If you need to take your child out of school early for an appointment, please ensure that they bring a note to school and take it to the Student Centre in the morning, so this can be recorded. If you have an unplanned appointment that they need to leave for during the day, please phone and speak directly to the Student Centre on 438 3950, Option 2.

If you have any queries regarding these procedures, please feel free to contact us via email: admin@pompallier.school.nz



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, subject textbooks and sports uniforms, 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!

BUS PASSES ...

If your child loses their pass, they can apply for a replacement by paying \$6.50 to the college office.



A temporary pass will be issued, and a new pass will be ordered for them. As these are printed off-site, they can take up to a week to arrive.



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.

2025 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Wednesday 29 January	Friday 11 April
TERM 2	Monday 28 April	Friday 27 June
TERM 3	Monday 14 July	Friday 19 September
TERM 4	Monday 6 October	Friday 5 December



WHĀNAU HELPING WHĀNAU

Like our Marist whānau, we are all interconnected and the well-being and welfare of each individual impacts our whole community.

We are reaching out to you with an opportunity to strengthen and support whānau who are facing financial difficulties in these challenging times.

Help Us Help Others: Your Donation Makes a Difference

How You Can Contribute:

- ◇ **Donate:** Any amount helps! Your contribution will go directly to supporting our families in need. Visit the [whānau helping whānau page](#) on our college website for details on how to make a secure donation.
- ◇ **Spread the Word:** Share this initiative with friends and whānau to help us reach a wider audience.

Every dollar counts, and no contribution is too small. Together, we can create a ripple effect of kindness that reaches our families in need and provides them with hope and support.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to give back. Your generosity will have a profound impact on those who need it most, and we are grateful for your support.

"To serve others is to serve God. In helping others, we find our own fulfilment and purpose."

Whānau e tautoko ana i te whānau – families helping families.



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz

A MESSAGE FROM KIWIRAIL ...

Over the past 20 months, KiwiRail have been working hard to remediate the North Auckland Line (NAL) from Whangārei to Auckland. This line has reopened and in the upcoming weeks you may notice an increase of freight trains travelling through this section as we help settle the tracks in.

We remind students, friends, and whānau that it is illegal and extremely unsafe to enter into the rail corridor and to only ever cross the tracks at an official level crossing and never walk on, or across the tracks at any other point. Always expect trains and rail vehicles, they can come at any time of the day or night, and from either direction.

Tracks are for trains. Help us keep everyone safe and remember to only ever cross the railway tracks at an official level crossing and obey all signs and signals.

SCHOOL LOCKERS

Be in quick – limited lockers available!!

If you wish to reserve a locker for 2025, or keep your current locker, you will need to fill out an online order form at: www.stowawaylockers.co.nz as soon as possible.

If you no longer require your locker for 2025, 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 2025.

Robyn, Stowaway Lockers.

COLLEGE ACCOUNTS



As we are beginning the last term of the year, we would like to remind families that your school account **should be paid by 13 December**.

Now is a really good time to look over your account to ensure this will happen. 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 their Year 13 study; Attendance Dues must be paid in full by 1 December 2024**. Families who have an on-going AP are exempt from this date but must commit to continuing payments until the account is paid.

As always, if you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Jane in our College office to discuss payment options, in confidence. Thank you.

STUDYLINK 2025

Apply before 16 December - you can't miss it.

You can't miss it.

Apply before 16 December for your student allowance or loan.

studylink.govt.nz

If you're studying in 2025, 16 December is a very important date. It's one you just can't miss.

Around 120,000 students will need to get organised for study in 2025. 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.



YEAR 7 & 8 ATHLETICS DAY - Tuesday 22 October, 2024





SCHOOL CANTEEN - TUCKR

As mentioned in our newsletter last term, the college has brought in a specialist tuck shop provider, Tuckr: www.tuckr.nz.

Tuckr is now running and managing the tuck shop as a business independent from the school. There will be a transition period this term - updating the menu, running sampling sessions, introducing online ordering and in-store kiosks!

A limited menu is available (see below) whilst they undergo these changes, and will be added to as the term goes on.

tuckr.
Menu

<p>Pitas and Salads</p> <p>Small Pita..... \$6.50</p> <p>Salad Box..... \$7.50</p> <p>Pita Toasties</p> <p>Cheesy Pita..... \$3.50</p> <p>Cheesy Garlic Pita..... \$3.50</p> <p>Sub Sandwich</p> <p>Chicken..... \$6.00</p> <p>Falafel..... \$6.00</p> <p>Pretzels</p> <p>Sweet..... \$5.00</p> <p>Cheese..... \$5.00</p> <p>Steam Bun..... \$5.00</p>	<p>Burgers</p> <p>Double Beef..... \$6.00</p> <p>Chicken..... \$6.00</p> <p>Pizzas</p> <p>Cheesy..... \$4.50</p> <p>Pepperoni..... \$5.00</p> <p>Butter Chicken..... \$8.00</p> <p>Chilli on Rice</p> <p>Beef..... \$8.00</p> <p>Vegetarian..... \$8.00</p> <p>Vegan..... \$8.00</p> <p>Nachos</p> <p>Beef..... \$8.00</p> <p>Chicken..... \$8.00</p> <p>Vegan..... \$8.00</p>	<p>Wedges..... \$4.00</p> <p>Snacks & Sides</p> <p>Garlic Bread..... \$2.50</p> <p>Waffles..... \$3.50</p> <p>Hash Brown..... \$1.50</p> <p>Seasonal Fruit..... \$1.00</p> <p>Crisps..... \$2.50</p> <p>Juicic..... \$2.50</p> <p>Paddle Pop..... \$3.00</p> <p>Cyclone..... \$4.00</p> <p>Cookie Caramel Slice..... \$3.50</p> <p>Brownie..... \$3.50</p> <p>Cookie..... \$3.50</p> <p>Drinks</p> <p>H2Go Water 825ml..... \$3.00</p> <p>Just Juice..... \$2.50</p> <p>Aqa Lite..... \$3.00</p> <p>Mizone Sports Water..... \$5.00</p>
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Check tuckr.nz for daily specials

tuckr.nz tuckr.nz



Safe speeds around schools Ngā tere haumarū tata ki ngā kura

New variable speed limit coming to your school from 29 October

To help keep young New Zealanders safe, NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) is setting a new variable speed limit that targets the times when vulnerable tamariki are most active around this school.



What this means

Following formal consultation with the public, the Director of Land Transport has approved a variable speed limit of 30 km/h on State Highway 14 past Maunu School and Pompallier College.

We've installed electronic variable speed limits signs outside your school to display the lower variable speed limit during peak school travel periods.

When will the variable speed limit operate, and how will people know it's operating?

The variable speed limit will be active from 8 to 9.30am and 2.30 to 4pm on school days to help slow traffic down when people are travelling to and from school.

When operating, the variable speed limit of 30km/h will appear on a flashing electronic sign. When the sign is not operating, the sign will be blank and the permanent speed limit of 60km/h applies.

Variable speed limits are legally enforceable.

Helping students understand the importance of safe speed limits

If you're a parent, caregiver or teacher wanting to help students understand why safe speeds are important around schools, there are several resources available in the **NZTA Education Portal** (education.nzta.govt.nz).

These include ideas for fun and interactive lessons you can do with tamariki in the classroom, in the courtyard, or at home.

Scan the QR code to go to the Education Portal resource, **Safe Speeds Around Schools**.



For any queries, please email speedmanagement@nzta.govt.nz

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WHANGĀREI

Fireworks Spectacular

Great Family Night Out

Saturday 2 November, 6pm Semenoff Stadium

Delicious food & beverage for sale
Alcohol free event

Live music from JTB



Fun, free activities for all ages!

Performances from WADPA & Taonga o Te Moana

MC'd by Char from The Hits Northland

Tickets available from eventfinda and from the gate on the night.

Adults \$14, Child \$7, Family \$32 (2 Adults, 2 Children or 1 Adult, 4 Children). Includes booking fees. Under 5 FREE.

