



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 19 : 6 December, 2024

Tēnā koutou katoa,

### Have a Blessed Christmas

The weeks of Term 4 have flown by since my welcome Pōwhiri on Tuesday, 15 October. I am slowly becoming a Northlander, as I found two weeks ago when I traveled to Auckland for a Principals' conference. "What is this traffic?!", I thought. I seemed to breathe easier once the Whangārei Heads were in sight again on the drive home.

I would like to thank the community for welcoming their new principal from Tāmaki Makaurau this Term. From the staff, to the students, to Fr Brian and St Francis Xavier Parish, to Bernadette Hall and team at St Francis Xavier school, and to my new principal colleagues in Northland who have reached out to the newbie. My wife Damaris and I already feel part of the community due to the warmth of this welcome, and we look forward to getting to know more of you in the future.

I wish the students of Pompallier Catholic College all the best for the summer break, especially our Year 12 and 13 leavers. I look forward to celebrating your academic successes in January. Don't forget to thank your teachers who played such a crucial role in your academic journey.

Thank you to the Pompallier Catholic College Board of Trustees, Teachers and Support Staff for all your hard work for the college this year. Special mention to our DRS Shaun Davison, who retires this year after 15 years' service to the college. And to our parents and whānau, thank you also for your support of Pompallier in 2024.

I look forward to working with all the community in 2025, as we continue the Pompallier Catholic College journey as a Catholic school in the Marist tradition.

I wish all of you a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

**Hayden Kingdon**  
**Principal**

Please note:

- School finishes for Years 7-10 at the conclusion of Junior Prizegiving on Friday, 13 December (approximately midday).
- End-of-year parents' night at the college on Thursday, 12 December (see flyer on the following page for details).

### In Memoriam

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of 2023 school leaver Ashley Wickman, who passed away by drowning last weekend. The Pompallier Catholic College community is deeply saddened by her loss. We are keeping her friends and loved ones in mind and in prayer at this time.

*"Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace."*

### VISION STATEMENT

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



# UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 4

**NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.**

## DECEMBER

Thu 12	Pompallier End of Year Parents Evening	College	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Fri 13	Junior Prizegiving	College Hall	10:00am
<b>Fri 13</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 4</b>	<b>School finishes at approx. 12:00pm</b> <b>(at the conclusion of prize giving)</b>	

## IMPORTANT SUN SAFETY REMINDER FOR ALL STUDENTS

Now that summer has well and truly arrived, it is crucial to remember the importance of protecting ourselves from the fierce Northland sun. At break times, all students are reminded to wear their hats. This is an essential step in preventing sunburn and long-term skin damage.

In addition to wearing a hat, please ensure you apply sunscreen before school and bring your sunscreen to school to reapply as needed throughout the day. Remember, sunscreen is most effective when used in combination with other sun protection measures.

We also encourage everyone to seek out the various shaded areas we have around the school during interval and lunch breaks. Staying in the shade, along with wearing a hat and sunscreen, will help protect you from the harmful effects of the sun.

**Let's all be sun-smart!**




### POMPALLIER END OF YEAR PARENTS EVENING

On Thursday, 12th December, Pompallier Catholic College PTFA invites all parents to join us for an evening to meet our new Principal, **Hayden Kingdon**, and connect with new parents.

You'll hear first-hand experiences from our guest speakers, including our MC and Head Boy 2024 **Tom Cunningham**, and **Angela Gordon**, a current parent with valuable insights. Learn about the role of the PTFA from Chair **Mark Going** and explore opportunities to get involved.

This is a wonderful chance to gain insight into school life, strengthen connections with other parents, and be an active part of the Pompallier community.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

 <b>Tom Cunningham</b> MC & 2024 Head Boy	 <b>Angela Gordon</b> Parent & More FM Breakfast Show	 <b>Hayden Kingdon</b> Principal	 <b>Mark Going</b> Chair PFTA
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**THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 6:00PM - 7:30PM**

**At Pompallier Catholic College**

RSVP by 6th December to [ptfa@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:ptfa@pompallier.school.nz)



**UNIFORM HUB BACK TO SCHOOL**

**Store open from: 6th January 2025**

577 Kamo Road, Te Kamo, Whangārei

MONDAY	8.30AM - 5PM
TUESDAY	8.30AM - 5PM
WEDNESDAY	8.30AM - 7pm (January)
THURSDAY	8.30M - 5PM
FRIDAY	8.30AM - 5PM
SATURDAY	9.30AM - 12.30PM

Wednesday: January 15th / 22nd / 29th Late night shopping 7pm close.

## 2025 TERM DATES

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



# SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 4, Week 8

## WPSSA ATHLETICS DAY 2024

On Wednesday 27 November our top Year 7 and 8 athletes headed to Trigg Stadium to compete in Athletics. The weather was perfect and we had some amazing results.

Awesome work team – you all did Pompallier proud. Some of our top performers and on the day;

**Charlee McKenzie** (Year 7) - 1<sup>st</sup> place in Long Jump & new WPSSA record holder.

**Frankie Pickering** (Year 8) - 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 200m sprint.

**Noah Jones** (Year 8) - 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 800m.

**Kate Mainland** (Year 8) - 3<sup>rd</sup> place in High Jump.



## STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Justin Reid** (Year 9) who has been selected for the U16 Boys United Northland Basketball team in 2025. Great effort Justin!

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### COACHES / MANAGERS REQUIRED FOR 2025

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:

**Football – Collegiate Girls**

**Netball - Collegiate**

**Hockey - JMC**

**Basketball - Junior and Intermediate**

### TRIAL DATES SET

All students wanting to trial for a sport must fill out the registration form below prior to the trial date. There will be two trial dates for each age group and sport. You MUST attend at least one of these dates to be considered for a team – it is highly beneficial that you attend both dates.

[Trial Registration Form 2025](#)

ALL trials are held at Pompallier Catholic College either in the Gymnasium or on the Turf.

#### Basketball

**Intermediate** Tuesday 4 February and  
Tuesday 11 February  
3:30pm – 4:30pm

**Junior (9/10s)** Wednesday 5 February and  
Wednesday 12 February  
3:30pm – 4:30pm

**Senior** Wednesday 5 February and  
Wednesday 12 February  
4:30pm – 6:00pm

#### Netball

**Intermediate** Monday 3 March and  
Tuesday 4 March  
3:30pm - 5:00pm

**Collegiate** Thursday 6 March and  
Friday 7 March  
3:30pm - 5:30pm

#### Hockey

**JMC** Tuesday 18 March and  
Thursday 20 March  
3:30pm - 4:30pm

**Collegiate** Wednesday 5 March and  
Wednesday 12 March  
3:30pm - 5:30pm

#### Football

**Collegiate Girls** TBC

**Collegiate Boys** TBC

**Intermediate** TBC

### END OF SPORTS FOR 2024

On behalf of the Sports Department I would like to thank everyone who has supported the 2024 sporting season at Pompallier Catholic College.

We appreciate all the parent and community support – whether you coach or manage a team, or are driving your children to and from sporting events, it is all appreciated!

Have a great summer and I look forward to an even better 2025 season!

Below are a few things to look forward to for next year...

### TERM 1 2025 - IMPORTANT DATES

- Wed 12 Feb Swimming 100m Heats (Y9 - 13) PCC
- Thu 13 Feb Swimming 100m Heats (Y9 - 13) PCC
- Fri 14 Feb Swimming Sports Champs PCC
- Wed 19 Feb Equestrian Show jumping
- Tue 25 Feb Futsal, Senior Boys McKay Stadium
- Wed 26 Feb Athletics Day (p/p date 28 Feb) Trigg Stadium
- Mon 3 Mar Futsal, Year 9/10
- Thu 13 Mar Senior Boys Volleyball
- Wed 19 Mar NSSSA Track & Field Trigg Stadium
- Thu 27 Mar Futsal, Senior Girls McKay Stadium
- Tue 1 Apr Equestrian Combined Training
- Wed 9 Apr Senior Girls Volleyball
- Thu 10 Apr NSSSA Swim Champs

**POMPALLIER SPORTS...** [Add us on Facebook](#) for all sporting communication for Pompallier!

**Sam Page**  
**SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR**  
438 3950 Ext 219  
[sports@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:sports@pompallier.school.nz)

## A MESSAGE FROM KIWIRAIL ...

We would like to let the community know that the regular scheduled freight trains have returned to the rail line between Kauri, just north of Whangārei, and Auckland.

Our key safety messages are:

- Always expect trains from at any time, from either direction.
- If you are in a car, always slow down as you're approaching a level crossing and be prepared to STOP.
- Look out for trains at all times, and obey all signs and signals.
- Stay off railway tracks and only ever cross at an official level crossing.



## 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 over the holiday break. Thank you.



## 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.

Thank you.

## HOST FAMILIES WANTED FOR SHORT-TERM VISIT

Would your family like to experience a unique cultural exchange? We are looking for warm and welcoming families to host 13 year old boys from Thailand, for **four weeks, from 9 March to 4 April, 2025**.

### Key details:

- ✓ \$340 per week per student Homestay payment.
- ✓ Opportunity to host two boys in a twin room.
- ✓ Boys will be out sightseeing with their group on Saturday, so perhaps a trip to the beach, kiwi bbq and hanging out with your family is all that is required.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share your home and learn about Thai culture, while providing a supportive environment for these young visitors.

For more information, please contact our International Homestay Coordinator, Lisa Linford:

021 031 6263 or [lisa.linford@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:lisa.linford@pompallier.school.nz)

## STUDENT ABSENCES

There are 2 options available to notify us of absences:

- Click the "Report an Absence" button on the main page of our [school website](#)
- On the [SchoolBridge Mobile app](#), click the "Report Absence" button

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

Thank you for following our procedure.

## 2025 BUS INFORMATION

Pompallier Catholic College buses will begin running **from Wednesday 29 January 2025** 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 2025. Once finalised, details will be available on the [transport page](#) of our college website.**

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 Becky in our Student Centre by phone 09 438 3950 ext 202, or via email: [rebecca.saxton@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:rebecca.saxton@pompallier.school.nz)

## SUMMER READING



A great Christmas gift, for all ages, is a book/novel.

We would like to encourage all of our students to read for pleasure to enrich vocabulary and thinking skills. There are so many options, fiction, non-fiction, short, extended, poetry, biography, autobiography, the list goes on.... The goal is to find a genre that is interesting for the individual reader and then to increase the degree of complexity/difficulty - no more than 5 new words per page.

Happy holiday reading to all the family!

**Pompallier English Department**



## COLLEGE ACCOUNTS

We are nearly at the end of Term 4, so we would like to remind families that your **school account should be paid by Friday 13 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 should have been 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. 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. Thank you.



## Awa Run 2024: Running for a Cause, Bonding for Life

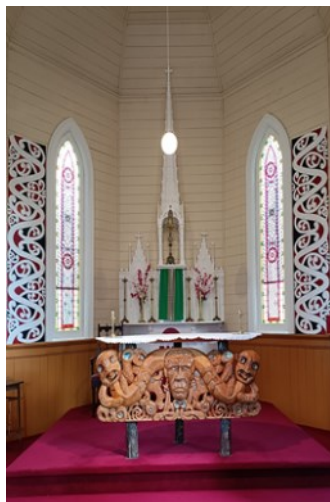
From 26 - 29 November, the Awa Run brought together young people with big hearts. Organised by the Young Marist Network in partnership with the Next Door Young Neighbours Trust, the event raised funds to help rural students achieve their NCEA levels.

With a 5am start from school, the group set off with a mixture of nerves, excitement, and perhaps a bit of sleep deprivation. After touching down in rainy Palmerston North, the warm welcome of new faces quickly wiped away any apprehension. From there, it was onward to Whanganui, where the adventure truly began.

Over four unforgettable days, each student ran at least 50km along the stunning Whanganui River trail, visited two Maraes, celebrated Mass at the quaint St. Joseph's Church in Jerusalem (Hiruharama), and even bunked down in the convent-orphanage Mother Suzanne Aubert started. Amid all this, they connected with students from across nine Marist schools, creating friendships that will last well beyond the finish line.

Pompallier Catholic College's students brought the spirit of the North to the event. They dug deep to help where needed, cheered on teammates, and rose to all challenges presented. Even a delayed return flight couldn't dampen their spirits; instead, it turned into a singalong of old-school classics, leaving everyone hoarse but buzzing!

### Madelein Schutte TEACHER IN CHARGE OF EVENT





## YEAR 9 FRENCH ...

Year 9 French is all about discovering new things - a new language, a new culture and different food. This year we have had 90 Year 9 students learning French, and at the end of each rotation they all have the opportunity to sample camembert, brie, croissants, pain au chocolat and, of course, les escargots!

There are always a lot of questions from students prior to tasting snails - what will the texture be like, what do they taste of, and do I find them in my garden (no, they are imported from France!). So it is always interesting to watch their facial expressions when they bite into the snails which have been slathered in garlic butter and then baked.

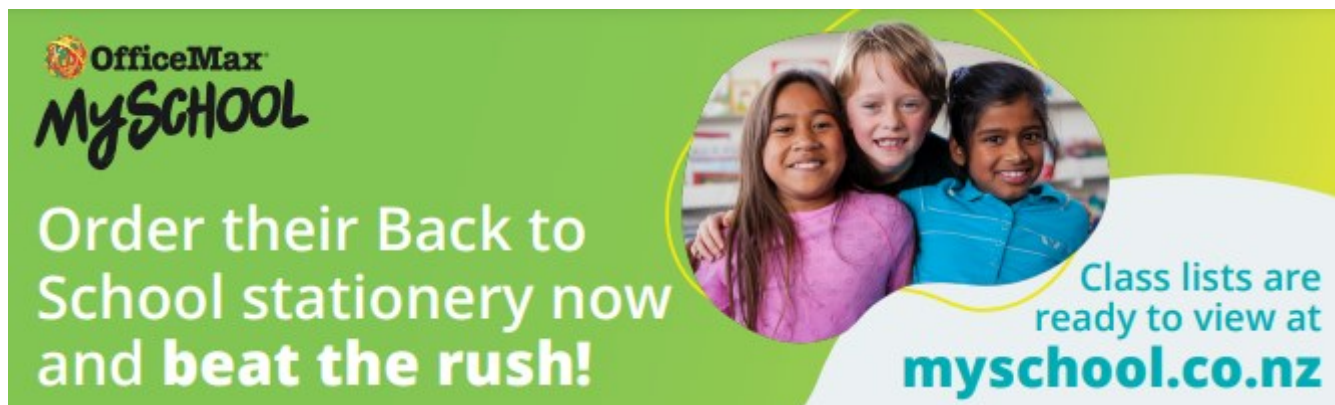
Some students become big fans of this French delicacy, returning for as many as we have, some are pleasantly surprised that they are not slimy, and a few are just repulsed at the whole idea.

Anybody who popped into the food room where we were enjoying our feast was also urged to try the escargots, with very favourable feedback. We invited Mr Kingdon to join us but he was unable to this time.... there's always next year!

We usually have Level 3 French students to help us prepare and serve the food, but with seniors being on study leave, we were ably assisted by Jake Blomfield, Bailey Anderson and Ben Weir - thank you to these boys, as well as to Mrs Hurley for her support.

**Denise Finchett**  
**TEACHER IN CHARGE OF FRENCH**





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Class lists are ready to view at [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz)

# Back to School 2025

## 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](http://myschool.co.nz), to make it easy for you to purchase your child's stationery 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 partners with Zip, so you can pay in 4 interest free payments over 6 weeks - and still get your order right away (conditions apply). 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 \$70.00 incl. GST. Rural delivery incurs a small additional fee.

**The website will "go live" for ordering stationery on Friday 29 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 29 January), as teaching will begin on that day.**

### TO ORDER ONLINE:

1. Go to [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz), enter Pompallier into the School Name field, then select Pompallier Catholic College.
  2. Click on "View the Requirements List"
  3. Enter students First Name, Last Name & Year Level
  4. Select the subjects required on the year level list
  5. Click the "View Requirements List" button
  6. Review the list, adding or deleting items as required.
  7. You now have the option to add another student, otherwise click "Extras"
  8. Select anything else you would like to purchase, otherwise click "Shopping Cart"
- 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*
9. Review your list and if correct, click "Checkout"
  10. Follow the online instructions to enter your delivery address details and payment options
  10. Save 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

### CONDITIONS:

1. Please allow up to ten working days for delivery. **Orders placed after 15 January 2025 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 Number.





# Friends & Family Christmas Deals

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# ELECTRICAL APPRENTICE

JOB ID 22656004



## JOB DESCRIPTION

A nation wide business is looking for their next Electrical Apprentice to start around mid January. This will be a 4 year Apprenticeship, and will be based either in Whangarei, or out of the Kerikeri branch. Assist trades people as required and attain all off job and on job training, to become a qualified Electrician!

You will need to act in a safe and reliable manner, adhere to the company Health and Safety policies, complete paperwork and records including all SKILLS assessments and timesheets in an accurate and timely manner. You will work on a wide range of jobs, with various team members and supervisors. Some stay-away travel may be required.

If you have a genuine interest in the industry, are punctual and reliable, work well with others, and are committed to a long-term qualification, we would like to hear from you.



## JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Wants to work and learn on the job
- Respectful to customers and other team members
- Understand they need to start at the bottom, and take instruction from other team members
- Punctual and reliable
- Good communication, written and oral.

## JOB DETAILS

- Payrate: \$23.15
- Days and times: Mon-Fri 8am - 430pm
- Start date: Mid-late January
- Pre-employment drug test required
- Clean MOJ required
- Location: Either Whangarei or Kerikeri

APPLY NOW



Please make sure all pre-requisites are met and an up to date CV is available:

SHANE.PAUL007@MSD.GOV.NZ

# WHANGĀREI CADET FORCES RECRUITING 2025

Are you interested in Bushcraft, Shooting, Tramping, Aviation, or Leadership?  
Gain experience, develop skills, and be part of a team? Join us!

Recruitment Open for ages 13-15 Term 1 2025

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