



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 2 : 21 February, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

On Christmas Eve, 1836, Jean Baptiste Pompallier left France for Oceania. Having recently been consecrated as Bishop with responsibility for Western Oceania (including New Zealand), Pompallier joined forces with the newly established Society of Mary under Jean Claude Colin, and set off from Le Havre with four Marist priests and three Marist brothers.

So began an epic journey, undertaken in service of the Gospel, that would eventually lead to the establishment of the church in Aotearoa and Marist schools throughout the country.

This week our Year 13 students have retraced the footsteps of the first landing of Bishop Pompallier, Marist Priest Fr Catherin Servant, and Marist Brother Michel Colombon in January 1838. They entered the Hokianga Harbour on the morning of January 10<sup>th</sup>, and by the evening they were supping with their hosts, Thomas and Mary Poynton. Three days later, on January 13<sup>th</sup>, they celebrated the first mass in our young nation's history at Totara Point.

After a liturgy at Totara Point, our Year 13s travelled to St Mary's at Motuti, where Bishop Pompallier's remains have resided since 2002, where he was reinterred on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Pā Henare Tate, of Motuti, was the visionary who led the campaign to bring Pompallier back to rest at the very place his mission to New Zealand began. It was Pā Henare who commissioned Pompallier Catholic College students to make an annual pilgrimage to Motuti, to pay their respects and to symbolically clean the Bishop's casket.

For the Year 13 students of 2025, and, of course, for the entire Pompallier Catholic College community, this is a story of legacy and hope. The desire of three central figures of our whakapapa to serve both God and man had, and continues to have, enormous ramifications. This college, loved by so many as a place of community and learning, is here because of this story and because of these three men of faith: Jean Claude Colin, Bishop Jean Baptiste Pompallier, and Pā Henare.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

**Hayden Kingdon**  
**PRINCIPAL**

### **Please note:**

- We look forward to our annual Athletics Day, next Wednesday 26 February at Trigg Stadium. Please see information about this day that was emailed to families on Tuesday 18 February.
- As per email this week, our Chromebook loaning system has changed. Please ensure your son or daughter has a fully charged Chromebook to bring to school each day.
- Students have been reminded recently that vaping is not permitted at Pompallier Catholic College.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 1

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

### FEBRUARY

Mon 24	Massey University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9:30am - 10:30am
Mon 24	Year 12 English Creative Writing Workshop	Kiwi North	9:30am - 2:45pm
Tue 25	Year 12 Biology Field Trip	Waipu	8:45am - 3:00pm
<b>Wed 26</b>	<b>Athletics Day (p/p date Fri 28)</b>	<b>Trigg Stadium</b>	<b>8:45am - 2:45pm</b>

### MARCH

Tue 4 - Fri 7	Year 9 Special Character Event, 3 groups	Far North	
Wed 5	Ash Wednesday		
Tue 11	Year 7 and Year 8 "Meet the Teachers"	Hall and classrooms	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Wed 12	University of Auckland Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9:30am - 10:30am
Fri 14	Victoria University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9:30am - 10:30am
Thu 20	Raiatea Mass	TBC	
Mon 31	Waikato University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	10:00am - 11:00am

### APRIL

Wed 2	Otago University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9:00am - 10:00am
Thu 3	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations (Dose 1)	College Library	9:00am
Tue 8 - Thu 17	French Overseas Trip	Tahiti	
Fri 11	Stations of the Cross Liturgy	TBC	
<b>Fri 11</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>	<b>School finishes 3:00pm</b>	

## HOW TO NOTIFY US OF STUDENT ABSENCES

Notify us via SchoolBridge if your child is going to be absent, arriving late to school, or they have an appointment during the day. You must notify us each day they are absent.

There are 2 options:

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

### Notes:

1. **Please note that we no longer accept absences via the phone or email.**
2. **Students are required to be at school when the school is open for instruction.** Please email any requests for a holiday during term time to: [admin@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:admin@pompallier.school.nz). These will be passed to our Principal for consideration.
3. If you have an unplanned appointment that crops up during the day that your child is unaware of and they need to leave for, please phone and speak directly to the Student Centre on 438 3950 Option 1, so that we may get the message to them (please allow time for this).

If you have any queries regarding these procedures, please contact us via email: [admin@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:admin@pompallier.school.nz)



## SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 4

Term 1 is going to be a busy one, so please ensure that your child doesn't miss out! Check the school notices regularly, read the newsletter and [add us on Facebook](#) to keep up with sport this year!

### TRIAL REGISTRATION FORM

If you are wanting to play in a weekly league for Pompallier this year, please ensure that you have filled in the registration form. **If you do not register, then you are unable to trial.**

[Click here for the Trial Registration Form.](#)

### TRIALS

**You must attend both trials! If you are unable to attend both, please speak to Mrs Page as soon as possible.**

#### Team Selection:

- Based on merit / skills / attitude and a willingness to learn
- All trials will have a selection panel to make the process as fair as possible. In the selection panel, we will **endeavour** to include: coach, school representative and independents (not related to students).

#### Football:

##### Collegiate Boys and Collegiate Girls

Friday 14 March: 1:20pm, School Field

Friday 21 March: 1:20pm, School Field

##### JMC

Friday 28 March: 1:20pm, School Field

#### Hockey:

##### Collegiate

Wednesday 5 March: 3:30pm - 5:30pm, School Turf

Wednesday 12 March: 3:30pm - 5:30pm, School Turf

##### JMC

Tuesday 18 March: 3:15pm - 4:30pm, School Turf

Thursday 20 March: 3:15pm - 4:30pm, School Turf

#### Netball:

##### Intermediate

Monday 3 March: 3:15pm - 5:00pm, School Turf

Tuesday 4 March: 3:15pm - 5:00pm, School Turf

##### Collegiate

Thursday 6 March: 3:15pm - 5:30pm, School Turf

Friday 7 March: 3:15pm - 5:30pm, School Turf

### SPORTS UNIFORMS - REMINDER

Please return any uniforms from last year to the sports office ASAP – if we don't have enough uniforms we cannot play!

### ATHLETICS DAY - Wednesday 26 Feb (p/p Fri 28 Feb)

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

Year 9 – 13 students will be competing at Trigg, while the Year 7 - 8 students will be participating in a tabloid style sports day on Kensington park.

Students must stay at the stadium for the entire day so bring everything you need! Food, water, sunscreen and hat. The downstairs canteen will also be operational to purchase food.

Please wear your PE gear and support your House colours. **Please note that no paint to be brought to the stadium (due to stadium rules).**

Spectators are welcome and encouraged to come along and support the school.

**Please refer to the email sent to families on 18 February, for further information about the day, including event times and bus timetables.**

### COACHES / MANAGERS REQUIRED

In order to offer opportunities in sports, we always need volunteers. If you are interested in helping with the following sports codes, please email me at: [sports@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:sports@pompallier.school.nz)

**Netball** - Collegiate and Intermediate

**U15s Rugby** - we have a group of keen rugby players who are in desperate need of a coach!

### SPORTS FEES

A reminder that sports at Pompallier are an extra-curricular activity, and as such, there are fees associated with joining a team or event.

**These fees are a compulsory charge, and must be paid prior to the start of the season or event**, in order to secure your child's place in the team.

Any students that have sports fees outstanding from 2024 or previous **will not be eligible** for sports this year until the prior years fees are paid.

### KEVIN READE MEMORIAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Saturday 1 February, the Bream Bay Swim Club hosted the Kevin Reade Memorial Carnival at the Dargaville Kauri Coast swimming pool. This special event honours the memory of Kevin Reade, who served as the club's president for several years before his sudden passing two years ago. Kevin was also the husband of Sara, who was a staff member at Pompallier for a brief period, and father of Rebecca and Lawrence, past students.

Kevin was a dedicated and passionate supporter of swimming in Northland, often stepping up as a marshall at events and cheering on every swimmer, no matter which club they represented. His generosity and big-hearted spirit left a lasting impact on the swimming community.

**Eliana Kau Kau** (Year 8) represented Pompallier Catholic College at the event.

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### SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

We held another successful swimming championship last Friday. A big thank you to everyone involved on the day!

#### Congratulations to our Champions for 2025...

- **Year 7 Girl** Immy Gillespie
- **Year 7 Boy** Asher Te Ao
- **Year 8 Girl** Eliana Kau Kau
- **Year 8 Boy** Frankie Dong
- **Junior Girl** Ashlee Walden
- **Junior Boy** Malachy Smedley
- **Intermediate Girl** Hinewai Baltus
- **Intermediate Boy** Te Rauroha Paki
- **Senior Girl** Zoe Ryan
- **Senior Boy** Hans Haufe

The following school records were also broken:

#### Open:

50m Butterfly **Te Rauroha Paki** - 27.65s  
*Previously Hans Haufe, 2024 - 28.65s*

#### Intermediate Boy:

50m Breaststroke **Te Rauroha Paki** - 32.78s  
*Previously Hans Haufe, 2024 - 36.25s*

100m Breaststroke **Te Rauroha Paki** - 1.16.32s  
*Previously R Ryan, 2011 - 1.22.16s*

100m Freestyle **Te Rauroha Paki** - 57.41s  
*Previously D van der Star, 2012 - 1.01.13s*

50m Backstroke **Te Rauroha Paki** - 28.06s  
*Previously Hans Haufe, 2024 - 31.47s*

100m Backstroke **Te Rauroha Paki** - 1.01.23s  
*Previously D Platt, 2012 - 1.12.69s*

50m Freestyle **Te Rauroha Paki** - 25.94s  
*Previously Hans Haufe, 2024 - 26.94s*

#### Senior Boy:

50m Breaststroke **Hans Haufe** - 35.22s  
*previously T Gillespie, 2010 - 37.50s*

100m Breaststroke **Hans Haufe** - 1.16.47s  
*previously T Gillespie, 2011 - 1.22.16s*

100m Freestyle **Hans Haufe** - 56.55s  
*previously D van der Star, 2013 - 57.75s*

50m Backstroke **Hans Haufe** - 28.31s  
*previously D Platt, 2013 - 31.00s*

100m Backstroke **Hans Haufe** - 1.03.63s  
*previously D Platt, 2013 - 1.05.66s*

We have included some photos of the day on Page 5.

### UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

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

- Tue 25 Feb Futsal Senior Boys *McKay Stadium*
- Wed 26 Feb Athletics Day (p/p 28 Feb) *Trigg Stadium*
- Thu 27 Feb Futsal Senior Girls *McKay Stadium*
- Fri 28 Feb Rangitahi Coaching Pilot *McKay Stadium*
- Mon 3 Mar Futsal Year 9/10 *McKay Stadium*
- Tue 11 Mar Volleyball Champs Boys *McKay Stadium*
- Wed 19 Mar Track & Field Champs *Trigg Stadium*
- Tue 1 Apr Combined Training Equestrian *Kaikohe*

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



## ATTENTION PARENTS AND BUS USERS!!

All students have now been issued with Student ID cards that show which bus they are eligible to catch.

Please note that variances to student travel may be made in **emergencies** only, and with prior approval from the school.

The Ministry of Education provides transport, in the form of bus services, **to and from a students place of residence, and not their after school activities**.

We appreciate parents understanding that most of our bus routes are at their loading capacity, so to ensure the safety of our students, **children are not to hop on any bus they choose to get to their after-school activities - you must make your own transport arrangements**. Note that there are 2 fare-paying services available to any student - Route 1 and the Citylink-Maunu service.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

If your child loses their bus pass, they can apply for a replacement by paying \$7.00 to the college office. A temporary pass will be issued, and a new one will be ordered for them.





# POMPALLIER SWIMMING CHAMPS

## Friday 14 February, 2025







We would like to introduce you to our Family Support person for Pompallier Catholic College and St Francis Xavier Catholic School, **Rosie Ponifasio-Hughes**.

This is Rosie's fifth year with us. She has a background in teaching and community work. Her role involves attempting to remove any barriers that are preventing our young people getting the most out of their schooling... for some families that's support to help cover the basics (food, clothing etc), and for others, it's more moral support and a listening ear as our families navigate the bumps in the road that life throws at us all. The absolute highlight of her job is walking alongside so many promising young people AND having the privilege of making close connections with our amazing families.

Rosie currently works Monday – Thursday, from 8:30am to 3:00pm, primarily based out of St Francis Xavier Catholic School. Her office is at the school end of the church carpark, in the building right next to the Parish office - up the little ramp and into the Family Support room.



Rosie operates on an open door drop in policy, and would love to have you join her for a cuppa and chat anytime! This is open to all whānau from both our schools. Rosie is also available to meet with families at Pompallier, or another place, at a time that suits - she can be contacted on 021 028 33587 (feel free to text, call or WhatsApp), or via email: [rosie.hughes@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:rosie.hughes@pompallier.school.nz)

### **So... what does a Family Support person actually do?**

Rosie has listed below some of the specific things she can offer. Of course, this is not an absolute list, so please don't hesitate to let her know if she can help in any way - she looks forward to meeting you!

- A confidential, non-judgemental listening ear regarding whatever's going on at home. I can also provide tailored links to other agencies or specialist services who may be able to offer support.
- I have hot drinks, chocolate bikkies and comfy chairs in a toddler friendly/breastfeeding friendly space at SFX - all welcome!
- I am happy to meet families up at Pompallier, do home visits, or converse via email, text, WhatsApp or phone.
- I can offer support to whānau experiencing bereavement, illness, separation, new baby, changes in family circumstances etc.
- I can work alongside families who are struggling with the basics, to help them access food, clothing, uniforms, stationery, housing, and advise on Work & Income subsidies and other wrap-around supports specific to their situation.
- I can help some of our families who are new to the area get settled in and get connected with local organisations.
- I can help source funding or find a way to make things happen for specific projects or special children.
- I can help Caregivers fill out applications/paperwork, and if needed, support families to navigate new school systems and processes and offer moral support at school based meetings.



 **Coffee & bikkies in a toddler friendly space!**  
(\*Breastfeeding friendly zone with seating)

 **A friendly, non-judgemental listening ear.**

 **Space for a confidential chat about anything going on at home.**

 **Support to find services to best match your personal situation.**

Please text, WhatsApp or email Rosie to make an appointment:

**021 028 33587**

[rosie@sfx.school.nz](mailto:rosie@sfx.school.nz)  
[rosie.hughes@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:rosie.hughes@pompallier.school.nz)



## SCHOOLBRIDGE

SchoolBridge is the central sign in point for our school - providing easy access for students, parents/caregivers, and staff. It can be used from any web browser and also available as an app for mobile devices.

### Web Sign In

- Go to our school's homepage and click the **Login to SchoolBridge** button
- Click on your account type: Parent/Caregiver, Student, or Staff
- Students and staff can sign in using their Google or Microsoft accounts
- Parents & Caregivers can sign in using the **email address you have registered with the school**
- Caregivers can sign in easily if your email address is registered with one of the following services:
  - \* **Apple** (icould.com, mac.com, me.com)
  - \* **Google** (gmail.com or other google account)
  - \* **Yahoo** (yahoo.com, ymail.com)
  - \* **FaceBook**
  - \* **Microsoft** (outlook.com, hotmail.com, live.com, msn.com)
  - \* **Zoho** (zoho.com, zohomail.com)
- If your email address is not registered with one of the above services, you can use the **Magic Link** sign in option to receive an email that contains a link allowing you access.

### HOW TO SIGN IN

### SchoolBridge Mobile App

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



Once the app is installed, you tap the SchoolBridge icon on your home screen and use the same sign in as you would for the web version.

Once signed in, you remain signed in.

### HOW TO USE THE APP



## LET'S ALL BE SUNSMART !!



At break times, all students are reminded to wear their hats and to seek out the various shaded areas we have around the school. In addition, please ensure you apply sunscreen before school and bring your sunscreen to school to reapply as needed throughout the day.

These sun protection measures are essential steps in preventing sunburn and long-term skin damage.



**Please remember to give way to pedestrians when entering or exiting our school driveway.**

There is a footpath that runs across our driveway, that many of our students, and students from Maunu Primary School use.

Pedestrians have right of way when cars drive across a footpath, so a friendly reminder to **please be vigilant and look very carefully when entering and exiting our driveway.**

## Zero Fee Science Programmes

from NZ's government funded laboratory education specialist

Selected New Zealand Laboratory Education Programmes (Real World Education) designed to be completed during school breaks

NCEA Level 2 (or equivalent) required

### General Laboratory Safety (Micro-credential)

10 credits, Level 4, Fully remote

*Work with laboratory safety scenarios. You will have access to videos, a book we lend and educators.*

### Mass and Volume Dispensing Proficiency (Micro-credential)

30 credits, Level 4, Remote and a few days in-person

*Heaps of hands-on practice with key skills laboratory employers value. Start learning in-person at a location listed below, then continue practice at home with equipment we will lend you. Educators will have video sessions with you when you are at home.*

Auckland	07-10 Jul 2025
Christchurch	22-25 Sep 2025
Dunedin	07-10 Jul 2025
Hamilton	29 Sep – 02 Oct 2025
New Plymouth	22-24 Apr 2025
Palmerston North	14-17 Apr 2025
Tauranga	30 Jun - 03 Jul 2025
Wellington	30 Jun - 03 Jul 2025

**Maybe interested?** Get more information before 28 February 2025 by either:

- Texting 022 153 0983 with your name and email address
- or-
- Emailing 2025@real.ac.nz with your name and mobile number

Subject to change





# Free Fun Family Event - WHANGĀREI



**TE RĀ O NGĀ  
TAMARIKI**  
CHILDREN'S DAY

Te Ora Hou Centre  
104 Corks Rd, Tikipunga  
10am-1pm  
Sunday 2 March 2025

Giant  
slippery slide  
Bring your  
togs



## TAHI

### Open Day

FREE ENTRY

Saturday 1st March, 9am - 3pm  
1824 Pātāua North Road, Whangārei RD5



**EXPLORE** Our 800 acre living eco-lab with our guided walks  
**LEARN** About biodiversity regeneration & beekeeping  
**ENJOY** Mānuka honey tastings, food trucks, coffee carts & more

www.tahi.com

### SCHOOL LOCKERS

Lockers are available for any student to rent.

Cost is \$60.00 per year, plus a refundable \$15.00 bond.

If you would like to reserve a locker for 2025, you will need to fill out an online order form as soon as possible, at: <http://www.stowawaylockers.co.nz/order-form/>.



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

[newsletter@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:newsletter@pompallier.school.nz)

### 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