



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 3 : 7 March, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

## Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of Lent

Once a year, on a Wednesday, approximately one billion Catholics receive the symbol of a cross, drawn in ash, on their foreheads. The meaning of this earthy and visible symbol of Christianity is, of course, related to the beginning of Lent. At Pompallier Catholic College this week, we followed this centuries-old tradition with Ash Wednesday Liturgies, led by college Chaplain Fr Brian Prendeville. The season of Lent, which traces its origins back to the early days of the Church, is a period of 6 weeks of preparation for Easter. It is a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (giving to those in need).

Here at Pompallier, Lent is an opportunity for our students to remember that we have limited time here on earth to seek after our creator, to love and serve others, and to make our lives count. And, more importantly, Lent gives our whole community an opportunity to recall again the cornerstone and the reason for our existence as a school: the events of Holy Week and Easter 2000 years ago. Jesus's betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection, and the ultimate hope that this represents, seem as relevant as ever in a world that is facing serious, existential issues in 2025.

As Lent begins, we pray for the courage, faith and leadership required for us to hold out hope and strength to those around us. I am encouraged by the good young men and women at Pompallier Catholic College, and see them as young leaders amongst their peers, holding out this hope to those around them.

May God's blessing and guidance be with you all during this Lenten season.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

**Hayden Kingdon**  
**PRINCIPAL**

### Please note:

- Parents of Year 7-8 students, we look forward to seeing you at the 'Meet the Teachers' event on Tuesday 11 March, 3:00pm.
- As per email invite to the community, please join us on the evening of Monday 24 March, 6:00pm, when we host guest speaker Jake Bailey. Jake has a remarkable story of courage and resilience that will no doubt be inspiring to all listeners.
- Congratulations to our Pompallier Equestrian Team who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Northland Secondary Schools Show Jumping competition. Congratulations also to our young athletes who broke 4 school records at our Athletics Day on 26 February. See Page 3 for details.

### 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.**

### MARCH

Mon 10 - Tue 11	Gateway First Aid Course (Group 2)	College	9:00am - 3:00pm
Tue 11	Year 7 and Year 8 "Meet the Teachers"	Hall and classrooms	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Wed 12	Year 12/13 Business YES Kickstart	TBC	9:00am - 2:45pm
Wed 12	Year 12 RYDA programme	Northland Events Centre	9:15am - 2:30pm
Wed 12	University of Auckland Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9:30am - 10:30am
Thu 13	Hospitality Basic Meat Course	NorthTec	9:00am - 3:00pm
Fri 14	Victoria University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9:30am - 10:30am
Thu 20	Raiatea Mass	TBC	
Thu 20	Hospitality Basic Meat Course	NorthTec	9:00am - 3:00pm
Mon 24	Jake Bailey - Parents evening	College Hall	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thu 27 - Fri 28	NorthTec Barista Course	NorthTec	9:00am - 3:00pm
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
Wed 2 - Thu 3	Gateway Health & Safety Course	College	9:00am - 3:00pm
Thu 3	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations (Dose 1)	College Library	9:00am
Thu 3	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Year 9 - 13)	College	TBC
Thu 3 - Fri 4	NorthTec Barista Course	NorthTec	9:00am - 3:00pm
Tue 8 - Thu 17	French Overseas Trip	Tahiti	
<b>Fri 11</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>	<b>School finishes 3:00pm</b>	



### STUDENT LATENESS

We have a number of students arriving at school well after the bell has rung.

Our school day begins with Whānau class, so punctuality is especially important in the morning, as a lot of information is given to students during this time.

**The first bell is at 8:40am and all students are expected to be at school by then.**

Your assistance with ensuring your child is at school on time is appreciated.



### GIFTED & TALENTED

The College recognises that within its group of gifted and talented students, there is a wide range of ability from mild to profound. While most are catered for through differentiated programmes within the classroom, some may require provision beyond the classroom.

Parents & Caregivers - if you think your child may be gifted, but they have not currently been identified as such by the college, please complete our [Questionnaire](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Gifted & Talented Co-ordinator, Sarah Edgecombe, via email: [sarah.edgecombe@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:sarah.edgecombe@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

### 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/>.



## SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 6

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:

##### Collegiate

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

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

### 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.

### ATHLETICS DAY - RESULTS

Well done to all our students who participated and had fun on the day!

#### Congratulations to our 2025 Athletics Champions:

- **Junior Girl** Olivia Lenssen
- **Junior Boy** Malachy Smedley
- **Intermediate Girl** Keira Davis
- **Intermediate Boy** Marco Janisch-Pavlovich
- **Senior Girl** Ayla Johnson
- **Senior Boy** Flynn Cunis

#### And congratulations to our new school record holders:

##### Junior Boys:

- Discus **Malachy Smedley** - 36.88m  
*Previously his own record, 2024 - 35.90m*
- Javelin **Malachy Smedley** - 36.14m  
*Previously M Buckley, 1997 - 32.40m*

##### Intermediate Girls:

- Long Jump **London-Rose Gould** - 4.80m  
*Previously Ayla Johnson, 2024 - 4.59m*

##### Senior Girls:

- Long Jump **Ayla Johnson** - 4.71m  
*Previously A Gross, 2017 - 4.37m*

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

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Tobias Greenwood (Year 12)** who represented Pompallier in the first Northland Surfing Series event last week at Sandy Bay.

Tobias placed 1<sup>st</sup> in his first heat and then 2<sup>nd</sup> in the following 2 heats. Overall he placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Under 16 Boys section – an amazing achievement, well done Tobias!

**Ashlee Walden** and **Holly Hodgson (both Year 10)** recently rowed at the Junior Regatta, placing 6<sup>th</sup> in the U18 novice double sculls and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the B Final in the U15 double sculls.

Both the girls are off to the NISS Rowing Regatta this week – all the best girls!

### 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

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

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## 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!

## UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

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

- Tue 11 Mar Volleyball Champs - Boys *McKay Stadium*
- Wed 12 Mar WPSSA Swimming Champs *WIS Pool*
- Wed 19 Mar Track & Field Champs *Trigg Stadium*
- Tue 1 Apr Combined Training Equestrian *Kaikohe*
- Thu 10 Apr NSSSA Swimming Champs *Whg Aquatic Ctr*

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



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

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

## ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL DARGAVILLE



*Flourish in Faith, Hope and Love, while  
 realising all our gifts and talents*

*"Kia inoi, Kia Mahi"  
 "Pray Hard, Work Hard"*

**Are you a passionate Catholic educator?**  
**St Joseph's School Dargaville is looking for a new Principal with the skill, passion, commitment and faith to lead the school towards an exciting future.**

For further information see the Education Gazette, or contact the Board Presiding Member, Karene Kaio: [bot@saintjosephs.school.nz](mailto:bot@saintjosephs.school.nz) to discuss this exciting opportunity confidentially, or to request an application pack.

Applications close 4:00pm Wednesday 2 April, 2025.



## LOST PROPERTY !!!

We have an enormous amount of lost property at our student centre.

Parents, if your child has lost an item, please ask them to pop into the student centre during their break to have a look through what has been handed in.

Also, this is a timely reminder to **please name your child's school uniform**. That way, if it lands up in our lost property, we can quickly return it to it's owner.

Thank you!



## PLEASE GIVE WAY TO BUSES AT ALL TIMES IN OUR DRIVEWAY

If you are entering or exiting our driveway, please ensure you give way to any oncoming buses - because they are long, they need to use a wider area at the corner of the driveway to avoid hitting the brick wall.

We would appreciate your co-operation in allowing all of our buses the right of way.

## VIEWING STUDENT INFORMATION

Our KAMAR Parent Portal allows parents to access some of the records we have for your child, like attendance, timetable, results/reports etc.

Click [here](#) to be directed to the log-in page. Log on using your child's name: firstnamedotlastname (eg: fred.flinstone) and your Caregiver password.

If you have not used this portal previously, please phone the college office to request the Caregivers logon password. We will email this to the registered email address we have on our system for you.

## SITUATION VACANT

### Manager, Pleroma Christian Supplies

We seek a dedicated and enthusiastic Manager to oversee the daily operations of Pleroma Christian Supplies. The successful candidate will be responsible for managing the store, leading a team of dedicated staff, and fostering a welcoming environment for our customers, online, by phone and face-to-face.

If you have a passion for Christian resourcing and a strong desire to serve the community, this is a fantastic opportunity for you. Apply online at [Pleroma - Seek](#) or directly to The Trust Board Chair, Chris Duthie-Jung, [c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz)



# POMPALLIER ATHLETICS DAY Wednesday 26 February, 2025





NorthCATE Presents



# Careers Roadshow

WHĀNAU EVENING EVENT

19 MARCH 5.30-7.30PM

WHANGAREI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM

Whangarei Secondary School Students bring your Whānau to check out Career Pathways, Future Opportunities and Tertiary Providers.



**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



2019 Sistema Scholar: Paw Moo  
Onehunga High School  
Studying BioMed @ UoA  
Mentored by Mary Davenport

**FIRST  
FOUNDATION**  
[www.firstfoundation.org.nz](http://www.firstfoundation.org.nz)  
Meet our 2024 Scholars

## VALUE

Four-year scholarship programme (valued at \$28,000) managed by First Foundation to provide talented young New Zealanders opportunities and resources to help them successfully navigate from school, through university and into a meaningful career.

### Our life-changing 4 year programme offers:

- A personal mentor\* for 4 years (Year 13/1st Year University to 3rd Year University)
- Exposure to Work\*\* (4-5 weeks per year)
- Access to wrap around support from First Foundation's Student Support Team
- Access to Workshops and Events\*\*\*
- \$14,000 towards tertiary fees/costs\*\*\*\* at degree level (\$2,000 at the end of the final year of school, \$4,000 per year for the second, third and fourth year of university)

\*All efforts will be made to successfully match scholars to a personal mentor in their recruitment region by the Orientation and Induction in January – February. There may be delays if scholars are recruited outside of our main regions (Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch) OR if a scholar moves away from their recruitment region.

\*\*Not all scholarships naturally come with work experience opportunities. Where they don't we will make every effort to work with you to create those opportunities.

\*\*\*Workshops will primarily be delivered online, larger events will be delivered in our main regions (Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch)

\*\*\*\*The scholarship provider determines how the scholarship funds can be used. The scholarship funds are primarily for tertiary fees. However, some scholarship partners do allow scholarship funds to be allocated for some university costs such as, textbooks, coursework resources, transport, accommodation, and IT resources. Please note, this is not guaranteed for all scholarships.

## ELIGIBILITY

First Foundation scholarship applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Household income threshold guidelines
  - Income cap \$75,000 1-2 dependents\*
  - Income cap \$90,000 for 3 or more dependents\*
- Currently be enrolled at Year 12 at a NZ Secondary School
- Endorsed Merit or Excellence at Level one NCEA or equivalent. \*\*
- Be a New Zealand Citizen, NZ Resident, or Refugee Status

\*Dependents are your parents/caregivers children who are financially dependent on their income. We do have some grey areas here.

\*\* Where a school does not offer qualifications at level 1 we will use schools recommendation or equivalence in the first instance.

## PRIORITIES

- Year 12
- First in Family to attend University
- Scholars meeting the household income threshold
- Endorsed merit or excellent at level one (or equivalent)
- Intergenerational change



2020 Indigeneous Growth Scholar: Ella Haare  
Henderson High School  
Studying Vet. Nursing@ Unitec  
Pictured with her Scholarship Partner and Family  
2005 ASB Scholar Michael Moka

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