



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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

Newsletter 5 : 4 April, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As we near the end of Term 1, the essentials of daily school life have been on my mind. A settled school environment enhances learning, and a thriving Catholic Character provides the foundation upon which a settled Catholic school is based.

There are key ingredients that contribute to this daily goal of learning based upon our Marist Catholic Character:

**Faith in action:** Our Catholic Character should be visible each day. Student leaders are role models of faith, prayer is a daily ritual, and service to others should be evident.

**Attendance:** We want our students at school, every day. Time away from the classroom should be limited to school activities or illness only.

**Respect:** A standard of respect is required at Pompallier Catholic College. This creates a safe culture where students are held accountable for words or actions that harm the community. This culture of respect enhances the learning environment.

**Uniform:** Wearing our uniform correctly is a symbol of belonging and pride.

A current snapshot of the college indicates that the majority of our young men and women score highly for all four of the above measures. Of the four, the uniform could improve the most. For this reason, it will be a focus for Term 2. A recent email from me (repeated on the following page) pointed out particular work-ons.

We can be proud of Pompallier Catholic College students. They are warm, outward-looking, and they are likewise proud of their school. We can also lift our sights and envisage their growth, nurturing and inspiring them to fulfill their potential.

The heart of the Gospel message is a constant call to growth, a striving to reflect Jesus' great commandment to love God and neighbour. As we pause next week to recall the events of Easter, may we receive the grace and courage to renew our commitment to this Gospel, the whakapapa of our faith community.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

**Hayden Kingdon, PRINCIPAL**

### Please note:

- We wish our Kapa Haka group all the best as they prepare to perform at the Te Tai Tokerau Kapa Haka Festival next Wednesday.
- A huge congratulations to all those involved in the Relay for Life last Saturday at Trigg Stadium. As a school we raised over \$17,000 and had over 50 students participate. A superb effort! Special thanks to Mrs Norrish and Mrs Hamilton for their organisation and supervision.
- Please note that Friday 27 June will be a Teacher Only Day. The school will be closed for instruction.
- Can I draw your attention to an important joint St Francis Xavier Parish & Pompallier Catholic College Statement directly below.

### St Francis Xavier Parish & Pompallier Catholic College Statement

Two Catholic Priests with links to Pompallier Catholic College and St Francis Xavier Parish Whangārei are currently before the courts in relation to the sexual abuse of minors. Father Rowan Donoghue is accused of offending at St. Bede's College in Christchurch between 1996 and 2000. He was at St Francis Xavier Parish in 2002 and was Pompallier Catholic College Chaplain in 2002. Father Michael O'Donnell has pleaded guilty to offending at Hato Pāora College in Feilding from 1986-1990. He was at Pompallier Catholic College from 1992-1994 and St Francis Xavier Parish in 2010.

### For Those with Concerns

The Auckland Diocese and the Society of Mary are committed to making the Church and our communities safe. Anyone with concerns or complaints is encouraged to contact the Police. Additionally, please contact the National Office for Professional Standards on 0800 114 622. Or to obtain a list of agencies who can provide you with ongoing support contact Lisa-May Gray [lisam@cda.org.nz](mailto:lisam@cda.org.nz) or <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/safeguarding/>

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### VISION STATEMENT

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



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## Uniform Reminders

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please **see below for a link** to our uniform requirements at Pompallier Catholic College. While most students are wearing their uniform correctly, there is room for improvement in a few areas. In particular, students have been reminded:

- All shoes are to be monotone black (see attached for full details)
- Boys are to be clean-shaven
- Hair is to be tidy and of natural colour
- Girls' skirts are to be knee length
- Non-regulation items are not allowed

It is understood that items requiring either alterations or new purchases may take a few weeks. For this reason, students have until the beginning of Term 2 to ensure items such as footwear and skirt lengths are remedied.

Please also remember we have secondhand items available at school. Visit our main office between 8:15am and 3:30pm on any school day.

Thank you for your support.

Ngā manaakitanga,

**Catherine Davis**  
Deputy Principal Pastoral

**Hayden Kingdon**  
Principal

[Click here for Pompallier Catholic College Uniform Requirements](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 1 and Term 2

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

### APRIL

Tue 8 - Thu 17	French Tahiti Trip	Tahiti	
Wed 9	Tai Tokerau Festival	Opononi Area School	TBC
Fri 11	Future Trades Day	NorthTec, Dyer Street	8:30am - 2:45pm
<b>Fri 11</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>	<b>School finishes 3:00pm</b>	

### Term 2:

**Mon 28**      **First day of Term 2**      **School starts at 8.45am**

### MAY

Thu 1	Pompallier Shield	Sacred Heart College, Auckland	9:00am - 9:00pm
Thu 1	ShowQuest & TOI Wearable Arts Competition	Forum North	9:00am - 9:15pm
Wed 7	Canterbury University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9:00am - 10:00am
Mon 12 - Fri 16	e-asTTle Assessment Week (Year 7-9)	TBC	TBC
Thu 15	Kai & Kōrero Evening	TBC	TBC
Tue 20 - Thu 22	Year 10 Corequisite Exams	College Hall	TBC
Fri 23	Year 11 Corequisites	College Hall	TBC
Mon 26	Year 11 Corequisites	College Hall	TBC

### JUNE

<b>Mon 2</b>	<b>KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		
Wed 18	Pompallier Day & Fiafia Matariki evening	Pompallier	
<b>Fri 20</b>	<b>MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		
Fri 27	College Ball	TBC	
<b>Fri 27</b>	<b>STAFF ONLY DAY (Last day of Term 2)</b>	<b>School closed for instruction</b>	



## SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 10

Please ensure that your child doesn't miss out on sports! Check the school notices regularly, read the newsletter and [add us on Facebook](#) to keep up with sport this year!

### TRAINING DAYS AND TIMES

#### Basketball:

##### Intermediate Boys/Girls

Thursdays: 3:15pm - 4:30pm

##### Junior Boys

Tuesdays: 3:15pm - 4:30pm

##### Collegiate Boys 1

Tuesdays: 4:30pm - 6:00pm

##### Collegiate Boys 2

Wednesdays: 4:30pm - 6:00pm

#### Hockey:

##### JMC Team 1 & 2

Tuesdays: 3:15pm - 4:30pm

##### Collegiate Mixed 1

Wednesdays: 3:30pm - 5:00pm

##### Collegiate Mixed 2

Thursdays: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

#### Netball:

##### Intermediate Team 1

Wednesdays: 3:00pm - 4:30pm

##### Intermediate Team 2

Thursdays: 3:00pm - 4:00pm

##### Collegiate Team 1 & 2

Mondays and Tuesdays: 3:00pm - 4:30pm

##### Collegiate Team 3

Fridays: 3:30pm - 5:00pm

##### Collegiate Team 4

Wednesdays: 3:00pm - 4:30pm

#### Football: TBC

Students will need to check the daily notices and the sports noticeboard to see when they are to come and collect their sports uniform!

Students please also don't forget to utilise the sports room to put your hockey bags/sports gear during the day, as this saves you having to lug everything around. Please see Mrs Page for more details.

#### AIMS GAMES

AIMS Games entries are now open – with our teams all entered and ready to go. If there are any individuals who would like to attend AIMS Games this year, please get in touch with Mrs Page asap for entries. [Click here](#) for all the sports that are on offer.

All individual entries will need to be with Mrs Page **by Friday 4 April** – in some cases there is a limit on numbers, so the sooner the better to not risk missing out.

#### EQUESTRIAN COMBINED TRAINING

Our Equestrian team competed in Kaikohe this week for combined training. Renee Boykett placed 1<sup>st</sup> in dressage and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, Maggie Reiher placed 4<sup>th</sup> in dressage. The girls did so well and we had some great individual efforts.



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## NISS SATELLITE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Senior Boys Volleyball team headed to North Harbour for summer tournament this year. The boys played with a lot of resilience and despite the loses were very competiive the entire tournament.

Thank you to all the supporters who were there for the weekend and to Mr Downes for coaching and managing the team.



If you have a student success you would like to share, email us at ... [newsletter@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:newsletter@pompallier.school.nz)

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Malachy Smedley (Year 10)** and **Ayla Johnson (Year 12)** who were both selected to represent Northland and Pompallier at the NISS Track and Field Champs in Hamilton this weekend.

Ayla is enetering the Senior Girls 100m and Malachy in the Junior Boys Hammer and Discus.

**Carson Leiatua (Year 10)** had the opportunity recently to get involved with the Sydney Roosters NRL Development camp in the North Island for 13 – 15 year olds.



Definitely one to watch – well done Carson.

## UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

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

- Wed 9 Apr Senior Boys Volleyball Cup McKay Stadium
- 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)



## 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!

## NZ TRAVELLER DECLARATION

Going overseas for the school holidays? Everyone travelling into New Zealand must complete a New Zealand Traveller Declaration, including returning New Zealand passport holders.

Its FREE and you can do it on the [online form](#) or on the [NZTD app](#).

To make your arrival easier, do your digital declaration before your flight back to New Zealand.

Head to [travellerdeclaration.govt.nz](http://travellerdeclaration.govt.nz) today!



# CAREERS ROADSHOW 2025 ...

At the end of March we had our annual Careers Roadshow with upwards of 30 providers attending. This year we had a huge range of providers, not only some universities such as the University of Auckland, Massey, Victoria, Lincoln and AUT, but a variety of government agencies including the NZ Police, Defence Forces and Customs NZ, all offering many opportunities for our school leavers.

We also had some providers offering opportunities for all of our students to get outside their comfort zones, such as R Tucker Thompson, Volunteering Northland and America Summers.

It is always great to see all our students interacting with the providers, and as always they were attentive and engaged. The providers even said they really look forward to the Thursday (they are in Whangarei schools from Tuesday until Friday) as they get to spend time with our students, which they find very rewarding. Having the Year 7 and 8's joining at lunchtime also adds something extra to their day - their enthusiasm is contagious!!

If your child has any questions about what to do after leaving school, or if you have a question – feel free to ring the school and make an appointment to see me, or email me on [julie.hamilton@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:julie.hamilton@pompallier.school.nz)

**Mrs Julie Hamilton**  
**CAREERS ADVISOR**





## SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL WINNERS !!

On Thursday 27 March, Northland schools joined together at Whangārei Boys' High School to compete in the regional Shakespeare Festival. There were twenty entries overall. Pompallier had four entries - one performance from our Year 10 students and three from the Senior Drama class.

Those who competed represented our school exceptionally well, receiving a great deal of positive feedback from the public on their performances. Our senior-most group performed an excerpt from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and successfully won the 15-minute section. They will now be heading to Wellington to compete in the national festival during King's Birthday weekend.

To fundraise for the National Festival, the students will be performing on Friday 2 May, and a Quiz night will be held on Saturday 10 May. Further information on these events will be emailed to families closer to the dates.



# UNLOCK YOUR LEARNING POTENTIAL



**April 15, 2025**  
Tuesday, 7 pm to 9 pm

**Corner Rust Avenue  
and Alexander St,  
Whangarei  
Women's Club**

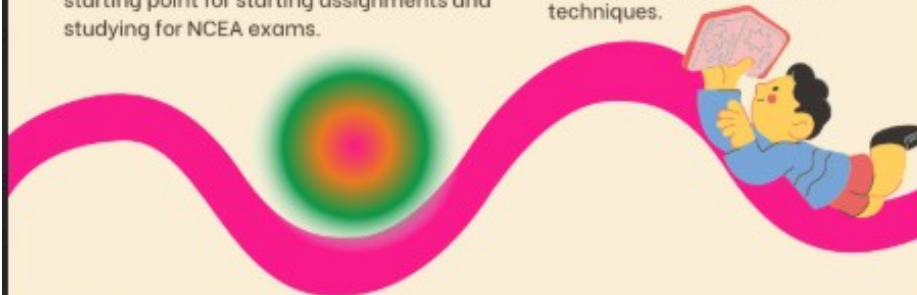
**FOR STUDENTS FROM YR 9 TO 13**

### JOIN US!

This event is based on making sure that those who come along will understand where to start for assignments and exam preparation. It will be engaging for you and your high schooler. We will share sheets based on topics in English, Maths, Science, and History. These sheets will give a starting point for starting assignments and studying for NCEA exams.

### SPECIAL GUESTS

Past students will aid the high school by guiding students with the questions they bring to the event, ones that they do not understand in class. This will give the high schoolers the ability to go away and apply these strategies to their own study habits and assignment techniques.



**PLEASE REGISTER HERE : <https://forms.gle/sxVbiJvv2oMzR6KZA>**  
**REGISTER BY THE 11 APRIL**

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[dyslexiaplus.co.nz](http://dyslexiaplus.co.nz)

[admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz](mailto:admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz)



## TE MANAWA TAHI - Community Timetable Whangārei, Term 2

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahī sign or flag.

Drop into a hub, or make an appointment by: Phone: 0800 524 842, or Email: [TT.Support@education.govt.nz](mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz). All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

DATE	HUB LOCATIONS	Term 2 2025, Weeks 1 to 5
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā	
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Rd, Onerahi	
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

DATE	HUB LOCATIONS	Term 2 2025, Weeks 6 to 9
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā (10am – 12.30pm)	
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Hikurangi School, 20 George St, Hikurangi	
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> June	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, 172 Hurndall St East, Maungaturoto	
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Ngunguru School, Te Maika Rd, Ngunguru (9 – 10.30am)	