



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

*Diligere Verum
Love the Truth*

13 MARCH 2015

NEWSLETTER NO. 3

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you

Our College is a Catholic Christian community with a particular flavour that we call our Marist Charism. We trace this back to the founders of the Society of Mary who had a particular affinity for the manner in which Mary supported the early Christian community and the mission of Jesus. This collection of men, united in common purpose, have shaped the education of thousands. We continue that work today by drawing upon the special gifts of each community member we are blessed with.

Saint Paul wrote to the people of Corinth and compared their Christian community to a body (1 Cor. 12). The body consists of many parts working in co-operation towards some desired outcome. Each part of the body (Community) has had gifts bestowed for the common good. The common good is central to Catholic teaching and the actions of Catholic Christian communities. We work for the benefit of all and sometimes this means we give more than what we receive. Collectively, we all benefit by belonging to the group as we can draw upon the gifts of a larger number of committed individuals.

Our College is a member of the Marist Network of Schools. This network has for many years supported programmes that have helped transform our College culture. Every year we have students and staff attend the Marist Young Leaders and the Marist Neighbours programmes. The benefits from such programmes are brought back into our College community and help shape our particular way of doing things. Each year is different because we have students attending the programmes with gifts that were different from their predecessors. This inevitably brings some challenge and change into our College community. Last year we were challenged to improve our endorsement and use of Māori culture within the school community. By the end of 2014 we had the whole school familiar with our haka and able to perform it. In 2015 our Year 13 students have taken the performance level to even greater heights.

On the weekend of 28th March we will host the head prefects and deputies of the Marist schools in New Zealand along with the Principals. We will also have some senior decision makers from the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers) join us, as we discern how to best meet the needs of our students in the years ahead. Hopefully there will not be any significant cricket games happening that might result in us taking our eye of the ball during this weekend.

Community celebrations and community living is important to us. They are a means by which we can address the needs of our "heart, soul and mind" (MK

12:30) to love God, others and self. The needs of our mind are addressed within the context of our curriculum within the College and outside of it.

The heart needs to be resilient in order to love. We challenge students to strive for outcomes that take them out of their current comfortable state towards something better for themselves or for the community. The needs of the soul are addressed in our community liturgy. Central to this must be the Masses we celebrate as a College community. However we need to draw our College community into the Sunday Mass as well. To this end we are placing greater expectations upon our students to attend the mass we organise each month. It would be great to see more families there with our students.

Thank you for all that you do towards building and sustaining our community here at Pompallier Catholic College. In working together, we can make a positive difference for all members of our community.

**Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL**

2015 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Monday 2 February	Thu 2 April
TERM 2	Mon 20 April	Fri 3 July
TERM 3	Mon 20 July	Fri 25 September
TERM 4	Mon 12 October	Wed 9 December

HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED??

Have you moved house over the holidays?

Changed your phone number or email address?

Have a new emergency contact person?

It is **vital** that we have the correct up-to-date contact information for you and your child. Therefore, any time you have a change in circumstances, please ensure you contact the College Office and let us know.

Also, a lot of College information is sent out via email, along with our newsletters, so if you change your email address, please let us know. Thank you.

VISION STATEMENT

Pompallier Catholic College is a Marist community that challenges all students to excel in their endeavours. We promote Christian values, learning excellence and quality relationships to enable students to be outstanding citizens.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Term 1

You can also check the Events page on our website for upcoming events.

MARCH

Tue 17	NSS Open Tennis Singles	Kamo	
Tue 17 - Fri 20	Gateway First Aid Course	Pompallier	
Wed 18	Careers Roadshow	College Hall	9.00am - 12.00pm
Fri 20	NSS Bowls	Whg Bowling Club	
Fri 20	International Students Trip	R Tucker Thompson, BOI	
Fri 20 - Sun 22	Kapa Haka Wānanga	Marist House	6.00pm
Sat 21	Clay Target Shooting	Kaeo	
Mon 23 - Tue 24	International Students Trip	Cape Reinga	
Tue 24 - Wed 25	Gateway Safe Trades, Group 1	Northtec	
Tue 24	Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccination 1		9.00am
Wed 25	Senior Health Day - RYDA	Kensington	
Thu 26	Parent/Teacher Interviews		
Thu 26	Special Olympics Swimming	Kawakawa	
Thu 26 - Fri 27	Gateway Safe Trades, Group 2	Northtec	
Sat 28 - Sun 29	NISS Athletics	Auckland	
Mon 30 - Thu 2	12PED Kayak Assessment	Ruakaka	
Tue 31	Parent/Teacher Interviews		
Tue 31 - Wed 1	Te Tai Tokerau Festival		7.00am
Tue 31	Chrism Mass	SFX Church	10.00am - 2.00pm

APRIL

Wed 1	Combined Training Event - Equestrian		
Thu 2	Stations of the Cross	College Hall	
Thu 2	Victoria University Liaison		2.00pm
Thu 2	Last Day of Term 1		
Sat 11	Youth Mass	SFX Church	6.00pm
Mon 20	First Day of Term 2		

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS (Year 7 - 13)

**Thursday 26 March and
Tuesday 31 March
3.30 - 5.30pm and 6.00 - 7.00pm**

Last year we carried out a parent survey asking what your preferences were on the structure of our Parent Teacher Interviews.

In response to that survey, this year interviews will be held over 2 afternoon/evenings and the duration of each interview will be longer.

Interviews will be held in the top block of classrooms for all year levels and will be 7 minutes duration.

We will send an email to parents closer to the interview dates with instructions on when and how to book and the school code you will need to use.

Please ensure the school has your current email address so you receive this information.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have a compulsory school uniform and we expect that our students will wear it with pride.

We are very proud of our College and, as our students are seen by members of the wider community both before and after school, we wish to ensure that our uniform is worn correctly.

For this reason we **insist** on the correct uniform being worn to and from school, as well as during school hours.

Please note that hoodies and black boots or gladiator sandals are not part of our uniform. Parents, please pay special attention to our shoe requirements.

If you require any clarification on our regulation uniform items, please refer to the Uniform pages on the College website: www.pompalliercollege.school.nz (under Enrolment Info).

Your assistance in enforcing that your child has the correct uniform is greatly appreciated.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 6

POMPALLIER SENIOR ATHLETICS - CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to all enthusiastic participants and winners.

Our champions for 2015 are ...

- **Junior Girl** Emily Luxford
- **Junior Boy** Joseph Luna
- **Intermediate Girl** Anya Gross
- **Intermediate Boy** Anton Kevey
- **Senior Girl** Daniela Powell
- **Senior Boy** Tyran Kitchen

House Winners ...

- 1st: **DOWLING**
- 2nd: **COLIN**
- 3rd: **CHAVOIN**
- 4th: **HOBSON**

Chad Whitehead broke another Triple Jump record this year, with a jump of 12.53m. This was previously held by N Christie (1999) with 12.20m.

We have 6 students who qualified and are able to attend the NSS Track & Field event on Wednesday 11 March.

See some photos from the day on Page 7.

NETBALL TRIALS - 2015

These have now been held and teams are practising in preparation for the commencement of the season on **Friday 24th / Saturday 25th April** (Intermediate grading is on Friday 4.15 - 6.15pm).

A fees newsletter will come home asap to advise you of costs and expectations.

Netball players were given a Code of Conduct at trials and we trust players and families will all represent Pompallier Catholic College in a favourable manner. ☺

If you are interested in helping on the Committee, please contact me at school on 438 3950 ext 222, or email: chantelle.yorke@pompallier.school.nz.

RUATANGATA JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB 2015

Kwik Sticks (School years 7 and 8)

Rally day will be held Sunday 15th March at 9.00am on the LJ Hooker Turf at Northland Hockey, Kensington.

Come ready to play.

ALL STARS KIDS IN ACTION HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

We will be running our All Stars - Kids in Action OSCAR school holiday programme on the following dates:

- Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April
- Monday 13th - Friday 17th April

Venue: Raumanga (The Pulse)

OSCAR School Holiday Programme (8.00am - 5.30pm), \$35.00 per day, 5 - 14 years.

Activities will include: movies, swimming, turbo touch, basketball, bike riding, scooter and skate boarding, arts &

crafts and more.

For further information visit our website: www.kidsinaction.co.nz, or contact Paul on 021 951 925. Spaces are limited.

WHANANAKI TRAIL RIDE - SATURDAY 4 APRIL

Whananaki Community Fundraising Trail Ride. All ages and abilities catered for, quad friendly, expert only loops. No pillion passengers.

Where: Whananaki North Road (opposite the Whananaki Beach Store).

Sign on from 8.00am. Track opens 9.00am. Last rider through the gate 3.00pm.

Cost: \$35 Adult, \$20 Junior (accompanied by adult), \$10 Kids mini-track.

Hot food and cold drinks available. Overnight camping.

Contact Craig and Greta Harman (09) 433 8253 or email charolais@xtra.co.nz, or see:

<http://whananakievents.wordpress.com/>

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HEALTH CORNER

Hi Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Introducing the ATTITUDE site!

Click here: <http://www.attitude.org.nz/home/>

For many years, the attitude team has visited our school. They do a fine job endorsing the valuable life lessons we teach and no doubt you teach at home.

Check out the site and the presenters. They work hard to create and deliver talks which connect with students in a professional and appropriate way.

Maybe you'd enjoy taking the personality test and check which family members are lions, otters, golden retrievers and beavers. What does this mean in terms of relating to each other in the family?

Have some fun! Email me about your fabulous dinner conversation! johanna.parker@pompallier.school.nz.

HOMESTAY FAMILY WANTED ...

Our International Department is looking for a Homestay Family for a 15 year old boy from Germany, who will be here from 17th April to 29th September, 2015. He would ideally like to be around other children.

If you can help, please contact Julia Lecky on 438 3950 ext 219, or email: julia.lecky@pompallier.school.nz.

WHĀNAU CLASS

Our school day begins with Whānau Class which all students **must** attend. Punctuality is important in the morning, especially as a lot of information is given out 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.

Please remember that if a student arrives late, they must report directly to the Student Centre with an explanation. Thank you.



AFTER SCHOOL BUSES

Please note that variances to student travel may be made in **emergencies** only. The Ministry of Education provides buses to the students place of residence, **not** their after school activities.

We appreciate parents understanding that it would be impossible to manage any system where students were able to use any bus, as they wanted, to their wide and varied after school activities or friends houses. Please make your own arrangements in these cases.

Students are able to access 2 fare-paying services - Normans Route 1 and the Citylink-Maunu service.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



DROP-OFF'S & PICK-UP'S

It has been brought to our attention that some of our students are being dropped off and picked up outside Barge Park, with cars stopping on the yellow lines. Children are then crossing the road without looking properly.

As this is a **very** busy road, we urge parents to stop somewhere safe (and legal), take extreme care and please talk with your child about crossing the road safely.

Also as a reminder, the speed limit has now been **reduced to 60km/hr** along this stretch of road.

Your help with ensuring our students stay safe is appreciated!

SCHOOL LOCKERS

If you would like to rent a locker for 2015, you will need to fill in an online order form, at:

<http://www.stowawaylockers.co.nz/>

They are \$45.00 per year, plus a refundable \$10.00 bond.

At the moment Stowaway Lockers are taking names for a waiting list to see if there is enough interest for another bank of lockers.

Please note: DO NOT contact the school regarding these lockers, we only provide an area for them, we are not the owners - contact Stowaway Lockers for any queries or for more information.

Thank you.



STUDENT ABSENCES

Important Information

We thought it timely to remind parents not to send an email through to Yvette in our Student Centre when you need to let us know that your child is going to be away from school for the day. **We do not accept emailed notification of student medical absences.**

There are two main reasons for this. The first is that we are unable to verify that the sender is in fact a parent or guardian, and not the student themselves (yes this has happened!). Secondly, if Yvette happens to be away herself, there is no-one monitoring her emails. In both instances, we still have to contact a parent or guardian for confirmation of the absence.

Therefore, if your child is going to be away from school, please ensure that you **ring and let us know**, by either speaking to Yvette direct, or leaving a message on the Student Centre answer phone outside school hours.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

USING INTERNET BANKING??

As we have over 500 students, and not every student has the same surname as their parents, please make sure that you use the **student's name and their ID No.** (shown on the statement) as a reference on all internet payments.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Annemieke Hendriks (past pupil of Pompallier), gained one of the highest marks in NZ for Classical Voice Advanced Certificate exam in Music in 2014, from Trinity College.

Well done to Annemieke on this great achievement!

VIEWING STUDENT INFORMATION

To access our Parent Portal, click on the following link:

<http://www.pompalliercollege.school.nz/portal/>

Logon using your child's name: firstnamedotlastname (eg: fred.flinstone) and the password they use at school. Or you can phone the College office and request the Caregivers logon password. We will email this to you using the email address we have on our system for you.

PTFA AGM ...

Tuesday 28 April, 2015
7.00pm, College Staffroom

All are welcome to attend.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS ...

Pompallier Catholic College is hosting 10 International Students during Term 1. It is a special time for our College community to be able to host these wonderful young people from Germany, Chile, Japan and Thailand. It is an exciting but nervous time for our students as they begin their stay in a new country, school, culture and family.

We began our school year with a welcome Powhiri for all our new students.

The following week we had a meet and greet pot-luck BBQ with our homestay families and their students. It was most enjoyable and an ideal time for everyone to get to know each other.

A big thank you to Mr Darron Hammond and Mr Denys Clark for mastering our BBQ!

The food and company was outstanding.

Our students, along with other International Students in the district, were invited to a special ceremony at the Council Chambers by Mayor Sheryl Mai. She spoke about life in Whangarei and how the students would benefit from staying in such a beautiful part of New Zealand.

All the students had their photo taken and were presented with a certificate from the Mayor.

Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to one of our International Students, Miku Ito, at the end of Term 1. Miku has been with us for nearly 12 months. We wish her all the best in the future and a safe trip home to Japan.

Many thanks to our homestay families in our community - without your support, care and understanding none of this would be possible.

God Bless,

Julia Lecky
DEAN OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Photo by Simone Myburgh, ex Pompallier student

KAPA HAKA WĀNANGA: Friday 20 - Saturday 21 February, 2015



Te Whānau o te Kura Pomapārie

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MĀORI WHĀNAU

Monday 20 April, 2015
Meeting: 7.00 - 8.00pm,
College Staffroom

A big thank you to the whānau that attended our barbeque and NCEA workshop last Thursday!

Our next whānau meeting will be on the first Monday of next term. We look forward to seeing you there!



Te Wairua o Pomapārie

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR KAPA HAKA

Friday 20 - Sunday 22 March, 2015
Wānanga: 6.00pm Friday - 3.00pm Sunday,
Marist House

Wednesday 1 April, 2015
Tai Tokerau Festival Performance: 1.30pm,
Ōpōnoni Area School

Thank you to all those involved in our first wānanga of the year. It was a success! Above are a few pictures from the weekend.

We still have one wānanga to go as well as our performance in Ōpōnoni at the end of the term.

Kia Kaha!



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz

ATHLETICS DAY: Tuesday 24 February, 2015

