



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

"learning excellence for life"

Newsletter 6: 15 May, 2015

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

SHAME ON ME!

I don't like feeling ashamed. Not so long ago I was a staff representative on a Board of Trustees. My son had been stood-down and this was reported at the Board meeting. It was done in a sensitive manner but I still recall feeling ashamed that my son had been stood-down. Not ashamed of him. He is my son and I love him greatly. But I must be a rather incompetent parent to have this happen. The shame was mine when I looked at this through the eyes of my fellow trustees.

As a parent, I think I got off lightly. Imagine if you were in the whānau of Jesus. He lived in a society where an individual's sense of worth resided in the judgement of the community. Your sense of self-worth was a reflection of what other people thought of you. As a parent, your children brought you either shame or honour.

The early years did not present much of a problem for his whānau, but once he got into his ministry things seemed to change. They soon needed to get him under control because his teaching and behaviour was not bringing them much credit at all. It was all rather shameful. He was certainly not behaving in a manner that was right for an adult male Jew (Mark 3:21).

What was upsetting them? Well for a start there was his tendency to go off and touch people. That's an ok thing for a parent, but you are not allowed to randomly place your hands on other people's children or to touch those who have a nasty skin disease. Those kids don't belong to you and touching a leper is just plain stupid. That's how disease spreads. Both of these actions also flout the law of Scriptures, so if you want to do that you should seriously think about living somewhere else.

If that was not enough, he would also eat with people that a respectable person should not be eating with. One eats with those who are of a similar status to oneself. That's the way of the world. Judges dine with Judges. The landed gentry with other property owners. CEO's eat with CEO's but not with their cleaning staff! There is, after all, a right order to these things.

But he was happy to eat with the tax collectors who helped prop up the Roman Empire. He advocated for going out to the highways and bringing anyone that you encounter to meals. What a social disaster that would be (Lk 14:23). At some of the meals there were single women. Why was he hanging out with single women? At one in particular there was a woman who had enough money to buy expensive perfume and could use it to wash his feet! Then she used her hair to dry his feet! No single woman should be outside the house unless she was accompanied by a male family member. There was only one possible name for a woman who had this amount of money and was single. What a collection of sinners.

What an embarrassment to his whānau. He needed to be taken under control before some other authority got hold of him.

Jesus went to dine with the "sinners". He shared in their bread, their stories, their company and their wine. These were his companions, the ones who were welcomed into the Kingdom of God and/or to his table. No doubt he dined with the other members of his whānau and those who were more socially acceptable, but it was his tendency to sit at table with the "sinners" that stood out to people.

So who dines with Jesus today? We have doctrine and a sacramental theology that helps us to set the place mats at the Lords table. We have doctrine and a sacramental theology that justifiably excludes some from dining with Jesus. Now we can dine with those who are just like us. We don't want open feasting. We don't want to bring dishonour to the Lord by having those who are not spiritually clean and theologically sound at his table. That would be wrong. A shame indeed.

Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL



Winter Sports season has begun! Good luck to all our students involved in sports for a successful season.

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 2

MAY

Tue 19	Year 7 & 8 Winter Sports Tournament	Kensington Park	
Tue 19	Otago University Liaison Visit		10.00am
Tue 19	9ENG EOTC Trip	KiwiNorth Museum	10.00am - 11.25am
Wed 20 - Fri 22	12ELE Auto Course	NorthTec Safe Trades, Dyer St	9.00am - 3.00pm
Thu 21	NYLeaders Day - Intermediate		
Thu 21 - Fri 22	Waikato University Visit	Waikato	
Mon 25	Te Ora Hou Youth Week Activities		1.25pm - 2.10pm
Mon 25 - Thu 28	Attitude Week		
Mon 25 - Fri 29	Assessment Week		
Tue 26	Cross Country & XOR (p/p Thu 28)	Barge Park/Pompallier field	
Wed 27	Pompallier Shield Competitions	Auckland	11.30am
Wed 27 - Thu 4	Social Justice Week		

JUNE

Tue 2	9ENG EOTC Trip	KiwiNorth Museum	11.00am
Wed 3	Year 7 Boostrix vaccinations		9.00am
Thu 4 - Fri 5	Hospitality Course	NorthTec	
Fri 5	Service Day		
Fri 5 - Sun 7	Vatican III Group Retreat	Marist House	
Tue 9 - Wed 10	Nga Manu Korero Speech Competitions	Forum North	
Thu 11 - Fri 12	Hospitality Course	NorthTec	
Sat 13	Youth Mass	SFX Church	6.00pm
Mon 15 - Fri 19	Challenge Week		
Thu 18	Mass for the Deceased	College Chapel	1.25pm
Thu 18	Matariki Festival	College Hall	5.30pm - 7.30pm
Mon 22 - Tue 23	Hospitality Barista Course	NorthTec	9.00am - 3.00pm
Tue 23	Music/Drama Evening		TBC
Wed 24 - Fri 26	13GEO EOTC Trip	Rotorua	
Wed 24 - Fri 26	International Students EOTC Trip	Rotorua	
Wed 24	St John the Baptist Mass	College Hall	12.00pm
Thu 25	Parent/Teacher Interviews		3.30 - 7.00pm
Fri 26	Mathex		
Mon 29 - Tue 30	Hospitality Barista Course	NorthTec	
Mon 29	Junior Speech Competitions		11.25am - 1.25pm
Tue 30	Senior Speech Competitions		11.25am - 1.25pm

JULY

Wed 1	EXCEL School of Performing Arts visit	College Hall	9.00am
Thu 2	Parent/Teacher Interviews		3.30 - 7.00pm
Fri 3	College Ball		
Fri 3	Teacher Only Day		
Fri 3	Last Day of Term 2		
Sat 11	Youth Mass	SFX Church	6.00pm
Mon 20	First Day of Term 3		



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 2, Week 4

NETBALL RESULTS

Senior Team 2

2 May vs Te Kapehu Whetu lost 5 - 18
 POD Beibhinn Bristow
 vs Waipu BBC2 won 20 - 14
 POD Beibhinn Bristow, FP Laura Larkin

Intermediate Team 2

2 May vs KIS 2 won 6 - 3
 vs MPE Thunderbirds lost 4 - 11
 8 May vs TRR Takawaenga won 8 - 6

NOTICE: No Netball on Queens Birthday weekend!!!
 Enjoy the break ☺

MID-WEEK FOOTBALL RESULTS

Girls Team

6 May vs Rodney College won 2 - 1

Boys Team

6 May vs Rodney College won 2 - 1
 POD Bradley Vuletich, FP Connor Teh-Hall

RESULTS - CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

On Wednesday 29 April the College Clay Target Shooting team, consisting of **Odin Vasmer-Diecks, Jordan Saramet, Anthony Wei, Guillaume Chevolleau** and **Olivia Hendriks**, competed in Kaitaia for the day. Our team was only one point below third placers so we are getting close!

Olivia Hendriks added a second place to the first she obtained at the first shoot on 21 March in Kaeo. She still leads the High Overall in the single barrel event. Also her High overall win at this event added no less than 12 points over her nearest rival as she coped with the conditions a lot better!

The next shoot will be in Kaikohe on 10 June.

RESULTS - SWIMMING

Madison Brooke, Annabell Simpson, Ciara Smith and Matigan Smith attended the National Age Group Championship event last week in Wellington. Results:

Madison Brooke, 15 yrs: 50 free 11th, 50 back 16th, 100 back 16th, 100 free 22nd.

Annabell Simpson, 14 yrs: 50 back 2nd, 100 back 6th, 200 back 5th, 200 free 20th, 400 free 21st. Annabell qualified for NZ opens in 50 & 100 back.

Ciara Smith, 14 yrs: 50 breast 2nd, 100 breast 5th, 200 breast 5th, 200 IM 13th, 400 IM 20th.

Matigan Smith, 15 yrs: 50 back 9th, 100 back 14th. Matigan qualified for NZ opens in 50 back.

NZ opens (April) Results -

Annabell Simpson, 200 back 16th.

Ciara Smith, 50 breast 11th, 100 breast 13th, 200 breast 13th.

Annabell qualified for a B final in the 200 back & Ciara also in the 50.

FITNESS CHALLENGE - CROSSFIT

Congratulations to **Helayna Warren** who represented Pompallier Catholic College and was placed 3rd in her age group for the ASB Northland Secondary School's Fitness Challenge 2015 competition.



NORTHLAND SPORTS TALENT HUB

Congratulations to **Hadley Greenhalgh**, who has been selected as part of the 2015 Educare Northland Sports Talent Hub, for his hockey.

This Talent Hub provides support services to talented young Northland based athletes to better prepare and support them to enter the high performance sport system, as well as assisting with achieving their sporting goals.

RESOURCES REQUEST - XOR 2015

This is my next attempt at securing sponsorship or discounts from families who may have access to the items we require for our upcoming new event – to be held in Week 6.

As part of the Cross Country on Tuesday 26 May, we will be holding the XOR 'Xtreme Obstacle Race' which is a fun cross country run/climb/crawl with obstacles throughout the course.

There are some things that we need to set it up, if you can help PLEASE contact me at the College on 438 3950 ext 222, or chantelle.yorke@pompallier.school.nz.

Items needed:

Haybales	x 24 - 36
Dishwashing liquid	5 - 10 litres
Sponges	x 12 - 24 (about 10 x 20cm size)
Black Polythene sheet	30 - 40 metres long (2-4m wide)

THANK YOU !!!!!

A **BIG THANKS** to all our volunteer coaches, managers and staff helpers for ALL our sports teams this winter season:

Hockey: Brendon Quaid, Diane Dowling, Stella Martin, Dorothy Simpson and Julia Lecky.

Netball: Liza Taurua, Veronica Grant, Dawn Ellmers, Elena Iamafana, Jayson Hoera-Marsters, Trish Clarke, Jessie Redwood, Lei Delfin and Patricia Potter.

Football: Gary Nimmo, Shane Ace, David Wills, Bridie Hibbert and Gary Thurlby.

7 & 8 Rugby: Dylan Lynch, Kieran King and Paul Hope.

Basketball: Eric Adams, Bruce Simperingham, Paul Simperingham, Mr Gallardo and Ms Rowe.

Shooting: John Hendriks.

Spirit of Adventure: Damien Pullen.

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BASKETBALL TEAMS

This year we have three teams; Senior Boys, Junior Boys and Girls, entered in the Tai Tokerau Secondary Schools competition, held on Thursday afternoon/evenings.

We have two new Coaches from the community, Eric Adams (Senior Boys team) and Bruce Simperingham (Girls and Junior Boys teams). Bruce is an ex-student and brother of Paul, so it is great to have him back in Whangarei helping out his old school.

Chantelle Yorke
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

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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.

We appreciate that the onset of colder weather has come suddenly, however, provision has been made for this with several regulation options available; including jackets, polar fleeces and scarves.

Please note that hoodies and black boots are not part of our uniform.

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

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



VIEWING STUDENT INFORMATION

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

Click on the following link to be directed to the log-in page:

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

Logon using your child's name: **firstname.lastname** (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.



HEALTH CORNER

Healthy Habits

How's your year going? Your month? Your week? Your day? Life is a challenge, so how do we rise to it, rather than be dismantled by it? How can we be more resilient? Bounce back sooner? Maybe it's about healthy habits.

Here's a few that have helped many:

1. Take 5 to stop and sit with a piece of paper and pen when you feel overwhelmed. Write down the things you have to do and **PRIORITISE**. Then, one by one, work on your top priorities.
2. Need a holiday? Often we really only need a few minutes rest. In quiet. No distractions. A 15min 'power nap', relaxation exercise or yoga stretch. Makes you feel renewed. Diarise it once a day.
3. Create a morning or evening routine. While you are showering, preparing meals etc start to think of all the things you are grateful for, or pray individually for everyone you can think of, sending them love, health and the best of God's blessings.

Look after yourself, so you can better look after others. A quote from M.Scott Peck (Psychiatrist): "The truth is that our finest moments are most likely to occur when we are feeling deeply uncomfortable, unhappy or unfulfilled. For it is only in such moments, propelled by our discomfort, that we are likely to step out of our ruts and start searching for different ways or truer answers."

MAUNGATAPERE CHURCH ...

Do you live in Maunu, Kara Rd, Kokopu, Maungatapere, Poroti, Whatatiri, Otaika Valley, Cemetery Road?



You're only 5 minutes from Maungatapere Mass and Liturgy.

Let's together build this cosy community. Just 2 Sundays a month, we meet at 11.00am (2nd and 4th Sundays). We are currently blessed to have a Priest saying mass on the 2nd Sunday.

Great chance to shake up the routine and have a leisurely breakfast before you join us. All welcome!



BUS PASS/STUDENT ID

If your child loses their pass, they can apply for a replacement by paying \$6.00 to the College office and a new pass will be ordered for them.

As these are printed off-site, they can take up to a week to arrive.

**Important
DATE!**

NZQA FEES EARLY REMINDER

Payment of NZQA fees is due at the College office **by Friday 14 August**, so mark this date on your calendar.

This year the cost is \$76.70, which has now been added to your school account, as a reminder. Please note that if you have a regular automatic payment coming to the school for your account, payments are not usually allocated to this charge *unless we receive specific instructions from parents to do so*. If you would like to discuss this, please contact Jane in Reception.

Payments after the due date must be made direct to NZQA and incur a \$50.00 late payment fee!

Families who have a community services card are eligible for financial assistance with exam fees. Please contact Jane in the College office for a form before Friday 15 August.

DISCO INFERNO - PRODUCTION

This year's College production is called Disco Inferno. Set in the seventies, it tells the tale of Jack, a "wanna be" pop star and what happens when his wish comes true. The show features hit songs from the seventies, so get your platforms and flares out of storage and get ready to groove!

Rehearsals are underway, costumes have been sorted, the set is being constructed and sound is covered - but we need someone with an interest in assisting with the lighting for the show. If you are free the first week of August and know how to hang a Fresnel, please contact Stephen McAteer through the College office, or via email: stephen.mcateer@pompallier.school.nz.

The show runs for 3 nights from Wednesday 5 - Friday 7 August. Tickets will go on sale in Week 1 of Term 3. We hope to see you all there!

SHARING WHO WE ARE

St Francis Xavier Church, Whangarei
June 14 & 28, 11.30am - 3.00pm

Exploring Church and Tools for Evangelization.

As Baptised members of the Church we are called to share the Good News of Jesus. This can be a daunting task. Together let us explore what we do that makes us Church and how as people of faith we can evangelize in our everyday life.

An interactive time of formation and sharing. Workshops facilitated by Sr Siân Owen rsj.

Bring: Finger food for shared lunch, and a friend! \$10.00 per session if you can, don't worry if you can't. You are welcome at either or both days.

Please RSVP by Tuesday 9 June (also indicate if you want childcare), to: sfx@whangareicatholic.org.nz, or 437 7902.

PARENT INFORMATION

Important Information regarding leave passes and sick children

We would like to remind Parents and Caregivers of the process if your child needs to leave school during the day for an appointment, or if they are sick.

Leave Passes for appointments:

Students **must bring a signed note from home** to the Student Centre **before school** and ask for a pass. They must do this before they need to leave the College. If someone other than a parent/caregiver is taking your child, we **must** have their name included in the note, otherwise we will have to call you for verbal permission, which could cause delays in your child leaving for their appointment on time. If unexpected appointments arise during the day, parents should ring the Student Centre and speak with Yvette before collecting your child. This is to allow us time to arrange a pass and get the message to your child.

Before students leave for their appointment, they **must** go to the Student Centre, and an adult must sign them out. Please do not go directly to your child's class to collect them, you must meet them at the Student Centre. When students arrive back at school, they must go and sign back in before heading back to class. This is extremely important as we need to know where all students are at all times in cases of emergency or fire.

Sick children:

If students are feeling unwell, they need to go to the Student Centre, and we will ring parents.

We would appreciate parents reminding their children that they are **not to go home or text/contact parents themselves before reporting to the Student Centre**. The College must ring parents before students are allowed to go home.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact Yvette Smith in our Student Centre on 438 3950 ext 202, or email: yvette.smith@pompallier.school.nz.

We appreciate your assistance with these matters.

KNITTING MATERIAL NEEDED!!

Some of our Year 7/8 students are planning on doing a knitting project for Challenge Week. They would love any donations of knitting wool and size 0-8 knitting needles. If you can help out, please drop items to the College office, or contact Barb Clarke: barb.clarke@pompallier.school.nz.



Thank you!

SCHOOL LOCKERS

If you would like a locker from Term 2 until the end of this year, you will need to fill in an online order form, at:

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



YEAR 11 MĀORI TRIP TO MITIMITI: 8 - 11 May, 2015



Te Whānau o te Kura Pomapārie

Upcoming Events for Māori Whānau

Tuesday 2 June, 2015

Meeting: 7.00 - 8.00pm, College Staffroom

Come along to to the meeting to help with the planning of the Matariki Festival.



Te Wairua o Pomapārie

Upcoming Events for Kapa Haka

Thursday 18 June

Matariki Festival: 5.00pm, College Hall

Wednesdays - Practice

Period 5 (2.10pm) in the College Hall, All welcome