



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

"learning excellence for life"

Newsletter 18: 4 December, 2015

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you,

Much is written and heard about children and adults being victims of fear and violence. They learn to live with it, sometimes die from it, and are frequently born to repeat it. If all they experience in the home and school are forms of discipline that involve physical punishment and/or deprivation that create a sense of fear, they soon learn that making a person afraid is the way to influence other peoples behaviour.

Schools ruled via fear for many years. However, the problem with such an approach is that given time, fear diminishes. When one leaves school or home and is no longer subjected to the imposition of fear, suppressed patterns of behaviour and/or desires can return. Reckless behaviour can emerge. Alternately, the fear remains but is countered by the adoption of an aggressive response. "You threaten me, I will threaten you".

Via the regime of fear and punishment we have taught people that if they want others to behave in a certain way, the use of fear or violence is one way to get the desired response. Because that is the way we have trained them, the cycle repeats itself.

Schools, from a very young age, encounter students who have adopted aggressive and anti-social patterns of behaviour. Such behaviour is almost always a response to some event, or series of events, that have occurred in their life. Meeting such behaviour with higher levels of aggression, rejection, or punishment, does nothing to break the cycle or to mitigate their fear. It just fills our prisons a few years later.

The breaking of such cycles does not happen overnight. In the French historical novel, *Les Miserables*, Victor Hugo presents us with many characters, but two feature for me. The main character is Jean Valjean. He is imprisoned for stealing bread for a hungry child. After a lengthy sentence he is pardoned. He has to wear a symbol that identifies himself as a former criminal, and so can't find work. He steals some silver from a Church to make ends meet. The police catch him and take him back to the Bishop of the Church. The Bishop tells the police that the silverware was a gift to Jean Valjean and the police release him. Presented with such forgiveness (grace) and understanding, Valjean turns his life around and repeats such acts of mercy many times. However, he also reinvents himself as another person and breaks his parole conditions.

Another character is the Police Inspector Javert. He knows Valjean from an earlier time and experiences acts of mercy from Valjean. As a police officer he must uphold the law. But he has to deal with his internal conflict of upholding the law and arresting Valjean, or ignoring the law for the sake of the greater good. He was unable to reconcile the two and takes his own life.

In the novel, grace triumphs over law. This is what brings desirable behaviour. It is a key message in the novel. It is a key message of Jesus. It is time we tried it.

Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL

2016 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Tuesday 2 February	Fri 15 April
TERM 2	Mon 2 May	Fri 8 July
TERM 3	Mon 25 July	Fri 23 September
TERM 4	Mon 10 October	Wed 14 December

PTFA - UNIFORM DAY

Our PTFA will be holding a Uniform Day, as follows:-

Date: Thursday 28 January, 2016

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: Pompallier Catholic College – Room 31

This Uniform Day is to offer parents and caregivers two options:

- You may have uniform items that you would like to **swap** for bigger sizes.
- You would like to **purchase** second-hand uniform items.

The PTFA sells uniform items that have been donated to the College. This is one way they raise money to spend on new equipment, school events and resources for the school and student community; all money from second hand uniform sales goes to the school.

Uniform purchases must be paid for on the day, **by CASH ONLY** (no eftpos facilities sorry).

Please note we do not sell uniform items on behalf. Should you wish to sell your uniform items, please make your own arrangements.

If you would like to donate second hand, clean, washed uniform items that are in good condition, the PTFA is happy to accept these now.

For any queries please contact Kay Kirwan via email: kayosh@paradise.net.nz.

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 4

DECEMBER

Wed 9	Junior Prize Giving	College Hall	10:00am
Wed 9	Last Day of Term 4	School finishes at 12:00pm	

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

Year 9 Retreat

We have a few families who will have difficulties funding their child's retreat cost next year. We are therefore seeking help to allow these students to attend this important curriculum event with their classmates.

If you can help with any donation amount, we would be very grateful. Please contact Anna Williams, via email: anna.williams@pompallier.school.nz. Thank you.

YEAR 9 RETREAT

Monday 7 - Friday 11 March, 2016

Our Year 9 students in 2016 will be attending a retreat in the Bay of Islands on the above dates. There is an expectation that **all** students attend this event as it is part of our Special Character curriculum.

The cost of the retreat is \$160.00 per student, however, we are applying for funding to hopefully bring this cost down. We understand this is a large expense at the beginning of the year, hence the early notification.

If you foresee any difficulties with paying for the camp, please contact Jane Woolston in the College office to discuss options.



SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Our magazine has arrived and looks great, thanks to the hard work of Miss Edgecombe and our Magazine Team!

Most students have been given or collected their pre-ordered copy from the office. For those students who have not received theirs yet, they were posted home on Wednesday.

An email was also sent to families regarding a problem with the laminate on the cover of the magazine. If your copy is faulty, please remember to return it to the Office for a replacement.

Thank you!

2016 BUS INFORMATION

Pompallier Catholic College buses will begin running **from Tuesday 2 February 2016** on all of our school routes. **However**, the students who use other schools' buses to connect to ours should check with their bus company to confirm their start date.

Due to students changing residences, students who have left our school, and new enrolments, there is likely to be some changes in who can use each service. We will monitor this in the first few weeks of Term 1.

Please check the route timetables on the transport page of our College website:

<http://www.pompalliercollege.school.nz/indexs.php?record=transport>

A reminder that eligibility is dependent on where a student lives, available public services in the area and loading limits.

For any queries please email our Bus Co-Ordinator: buses@pompallier.school.nz

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

2016 Vaccinations

Just a reminder to parents/caregivers: All Year 8 girls will be offered the **FREE** vaccination to protect against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) in the New Year.

Education and consent forms will be provided in the first term. Information leaflets are currently being sent home with Year 7 girls.

For any further enquiries please contact the School Public Health Nurse, Sue Baker: 021 917 574, or phone 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863), or visit:

www.health.govt.nz/hpv

Tentative dates for 2016 vaccinations are as follows:

Year 8 Girls HPV immunisations: Tuesday 22 March, Tuesday 5 July and Tuesday 18 October.

Year 7 Boys and Girls Tetanus, Diphtheria & Whooping Cough booster: Friday 27 May.

These dates will be confirmed next year.



COLLEGE ACCOUNTS

A reminder to families that as we approach the end of Term 4, your school account **must be paid in full by 31 December**. Many thanks to those who have already paid their account in full, or have a regular payment in place.

As always, if you are experiencing any difficulties with payment of your account, please contact Jane Woolston in our College office, *in confidence*, on 438 3950 ext 0.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 4, Week 8

RESULTS - WPSSA ATHLETICS CHAMPS

Our students had a fantastic day at Kensington Park on Tuesday. Results were:

1st Year 7 Girls High Jump - Trinity Alp

2nd Year 7 Girls Shot Put - Olivia Cyprian

2nd Year 8 Girls Shot Put - Sharon Gadolo

2nd Year 8 Boys 800m - Antony Dubost

Relays, Year 7 Boys team - 3rd - Thomas Charlesworth & AJ Iamafana (Pompallier) and Jacob Campbell & Ronan Payinda (Huanui).

Ty den Enting was given high praise by teacher/officials at the champs for being an amazing helper - doing a fabulous job! Also thanks to our Year 9 helpers: Ella Woodford, Keely Berghan-Osborne, Ariano Osmena, Olivia Harris, Helayna Warren, Cassandra Ruatu and Khaira Avila.

Also a big thanks to Mr Hoera-Marsters and Mr Hamilton for being our fabulous Team Managers and taking photos too!



RESULTS - YEAR 7 & 8 BEACH VOLLEYBALL

We had a team of 7 girls (pictured below) who were keen to play up in Okaihau, so a van was hired and off we went! The girls almost won a set against an Okaihau team, and they definitely enjoyed the experience.

We saw some excellent skills and team-work from other coached teams too.



SHOOTING TEAM:

Last newsletter we congratulated 3 of our students who competed in the McMillan Cup and placed 3rd. They are pictured below.



NORTHLAND HOCKEY - U21 REPS, 2016

Please register your interest for the Northland U21's for the 2016 tournament.

Details and more information included in the registration process.

Lloyd Gurr, phone: 437 3830, or 022 183 1639

Email: lloyd@northlandhockey.org.nz

Website: www.northlandhockey.org.nz

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/hockeynorthland>

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SPORTS ROLES 2016

The Sports Department needs assistance to run our programme each year. If you could help out in one of our volunteer roles (see below) throughout the season, at a one day event, or some other task throughout the year, it is GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

Our Cause: "Provide an inclusive **ACTIVE** environment through sports opportunities and encouragement".

Benefits of volunteering in sport at Pompallier Catholic College:

- Sport has physical and mental health benefits
- Shows positive attitude toward sport in our lives
- Be a good role model to youth and others in the community
- Fun and new friendships
- Increased family time - working with your own child's team
- Students have a very positive relationship with staff who volunteer
- Support structures in place
- Complimentary gift from Sports Department

Our main focus is our winter sport codes: Basketball, Football, Hockey, Netball and Rugby. There are other events/competitions that will also be offered.

Vacancies:

Basketball: Teacher in charge (TIC) & Coaches

Clay Target Shooting: TIC (liase with Coach/Manager, Mr Hendriks)

Football: TIC & Coaches

Hockey: May need an additional Coach – dependant on numbers

Netball: Coaches, Committee Secretary, TIC Year 7 & 8 Netball

Surfing: TIC/Team Manager

The Sport Co-ordinator has a description of available roles – please contact me for these if you are interested in helping next year.

STUDENT SUCCESS

AJ Iamafana has been selected in the Te Tai Tokerau Touch Rugby U13 Development team, which will be attending the National Tournament at the end of January 2016.

Congratulations AJ and all the best for tournament!

PARIHAKA WAKA AMA INC

We are looking for keen and committed paddlers to join our club and compete at Nationals at Lake Karapiro in January 2016. Years 9 and up (from next year).

Training is Monday 4.15pm, Thursday 5.00pm and Saturdays 8.30am, at Kissing Point, Onerahi.

New paddlers welcome. Only \$25 – \$32 to join the club, and resources are provided.

For more information, please contact Liz Nelson on 027 436 4022, or email: lnelson@clear.net.nz. Check us out on Facebook: Parihaka Waka Ama.

Chantelle Yorke
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

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SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

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 outside of school, we **insist** on the correct uniform being worn to and from school, as well as during school hours.

Please note that hoodies, coloured jerseys & t-shirts, black boots, canvas shoes & gladiator type sandals 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 at the beginning of the year is greatly appreciated.

YEAR 12 & 13 STUDENTS

Remember to order your (optional) Number 1's from **Bethells Uniforms** in the Strand in plenty of time before school starts next year, as there is a waiting time on delivery once you have them fitted.

PE UNIFORMS

A reminder that **all students** should be wearing regulation PE T-shirts in House colours.

If you are not sure which house you are in, please see your Whanau Teacher.

SENIOR LOCKERS

If you wish to reserve a locker for 2016, or keep your current locker, you will need to fill in an online order form at: www.stowawaylockers.co.nz as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can call or text Robyn on 437 5818 or 0274 221 783.

If you no longer require your locker for 2016, please let us know by email: stowawaylockers@ihug.co.nz. You will need to return your key at the end of the term, sellotaped to a piece of paper with your details on for your bond refund. Ensure the locker is left empty, as any remaining items will be disposed of at the end of the year.

Keys will need to be received within one week of Term 4 ending, and can be posted to: Stowaway Lockers, 220 Ngunguru Road, RD 3, Whangarei 0173. Refunds will be posted or direct credited to your bank account in January 2016.



YEAR 7/8 EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY - 2 December



On Wednesday the Year 7 and 8 students of Pompallier took part in an Emergency Services Day.

The day started with the students gathered outside watching a chilling and heart-racing scenario unfold right before their eyes! Two boys were sitting in a rusty old car in the parking lot. The scene got more interesting as police appeared and ambulance services and even fire-fighters! As the scene rolled into realistic action, a worker from the fire-fighting department (Mr Dudley) explained what the workers were doing and the reason for why they were doing it. The car got dissected into pieces by a special, heavy, scissor-like machine so the 'unconscious boys' could get out safely and unharmed without breaking any vital bones.

Saint John Ambulance Service taught us about first aid and we talked to them about what emergencies that they have helped with. The Fire Service taught us about fire safety and other emergencies. They showed us a demonstration of a kitchen fire which was really spectacular! The Police talked to us about what they do and they even let us go inside one of their cars and play with the sirens!

The Fire Service, the Police and Saint John Ambulance Service do so much for our community and we are very thankful to them for coming to Pompallier. Thanks for coming to spend the day with us!

By Inioluwa Falope and Lucy Jakicevich (Year 7 students)



YEAR 10 MĀORI TRIP TO PATAUA SOUTH - 19 November



Whāngaihia te Reo

Ākona te Reo | Learn the Language

Tirohia ngā kupu i raro nei. Karawhiua! Look and learn. Give it a go!

- Meri Kirihimete** - Merry Christmas
- Hato Nikora** - Saint Nicholas
- Taonga** - gift
- kai rorerore** - barbecue

- Hana Koko** - Santa Claus
- Te Tau Hou** - New Years
- hākari** - feast



Back to School 2016

HOW DO I ORDER MY STATIONERY?

To make life easier for Back to School, we team up with OfficeMax MySchool so that you can buy all your stationery requirements over the internet (or in store at OfficeMax).

We DO NOT issue stationery lists to students, as the list of stationery requirements has been pre-entered into the ordering software - you simply click on the subjects your child is taking and a stationery list will be created.

All orders placed earn points for our College, which will be channeled directly back to better resources. Last year the College earned over \$1,500 through this programme.

Stationery is delivered to your home (or a designated address) by courier. This means that ordering is quick and easy, stationery lists are not lost and the correct products are obtained. Payment is by credit card or internet banking (online) or by cheque, cash or credit card (in store).

Delivery is free for orders over \$57.50 (incl. GST).

The website is already open, so you can start ordering your 2016 stationery requirements at your convenience.

It is recommended that you **order stationery before 18 January 2016** to ensure delivery before school starts and to allow you time to cover books etc. if necessary.

All students are expected to have their stationery requirements on the first day of Term 1 (Tuesday 2 February) as teaching will begin on that day.

Unless otherwise stated, **the College will not stock the stationery items listed with OfficeMax MySchool**. We will, however, continue to hold a small stock of basic items such as pens, pencils etc, for students to purchase.

TO ORDER ONLINE

1. Go to www.myschool.co.nz and enter Pompallier into the School Name field
2. Select Pompallier Catholic College
3. Click on "Start"
4. Enter Students First Name, Last Name & Year Level
5. Select the Subjects required

6. Click the "View Requirements List" button
7. Review the list, adding or deleting items as required. You may also add additional stationery items
8. When finished, click "Shopping Cart"
9. You now have the option to add another student, otherwise select "Checkout"

If items are unavailable at the time you order, these will be placed on backorder and delivered to you as soon as they arrive. This will be indicated on your delivery docket

10. Follow the online instructions to enter your delivery address details and payment options
11. Print a copy of the order and retain it for your records. Note your Order Number, as this will be required if you need to return items

TO ORDER IN STORE

1. Follow steps 1 through 7 to establish which items you require
2. Take the list to your nearest OfficeMax store :-

**OfficeMax
21 Okara Drive
Whangarei**

If the store does not have all the required items in stock, they will be able to order them for you.

3. If you are asked for your participating school number, please quote: 4083170

CONDITIONS

1. Please allow up to ten working days for delivery. **Orders placed after 18 January 2016 may result in delays** and OfficeMax cannot guarantee delivery before school starts on late orders.
2. **If you have any problems, please call OfficeMax direct on 0800 724 440, NOT the College.**
3. Incorrect items can only be returned by first contacting Customer Services on the 0800 number. You will need to quote your Order No.



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SORE THROATS

can break a heart!

Preventing Rheumatic Fever

Kensington and Otaika Pharmacy Whangarei are offering a free sore throat swabbing programme for children and young people aged 4-19 years and for other eligible members of their Whanau (aged 3-35years)

Free sore throat assessment and treatment is available for those at high risk of Rheumatic Fever:

- Maori and Pacific Island children aged 4-19years
- Families/whanau with a history of Rheumatic Fever
- Families/whanau living in crowded homes

If your child or young person **(aged between 4-19 years)** has a sore throat visit **Kensington or Otaika Pharmacy** Whangarei for a **FREE** sore throat check.

