



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

*Diligere Verum  
Love the Truth*

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NEWSLETTER NO. 5

## Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you

When a region such as Europe has more than a thousand years of Christianity and a tendency to build churches to recognise significant events or people, they are left with some rather amazing structures. Many of the city churches are full of sculptures, stained glass, art and marble.

During the day they are full of people and at night they are lit in a way that captures their external shapes and shadows. One church was so popular, people needed to buy a ticket to get into the front of the church. I could not recall any church in New Zealand that looked half as grand as these ones. So many people full of curiosity and awe in God's house. I felt both humbled and amazed by the legacy we have. What a marvellous way to give honour to God. Or is it?

The experience left me feeling uneasy. The churches appeared to be full of people who wanted nothing more than to look at the building. People jostled with each other to get the best view, to take the ideal photo, or to read some inscription. And then they left after ten minutes or so. Very few seemed intent on prayer. When they left the church they often needed to walk around people kneeling and asking for money. For every church, there seemed to be two people begging for money outside of it. So much magnificence on show. Why did the beggars have to undo such a sensory experience. Could they not go somewhere else?

All of these churches still function to some extent with daily liturgies and I attended a few.

In the past two weeks I have been listening to the Lords Prayer in Russian, Austrian and Czech. The presiding Priests were Russian Orthodox, Opus Dei and the Knights of the Cross with a Red Star. It reminded me of the diversity of the Catholic Church and the complexity of its history. It also showed me that the only time the church was not full of people was at the time of mass.

Why can the architecture of our churches draw people in from many walks of life and our religious celebrations leave the church relatively empty? I presume all those thousands of people were visiting the churches because it was meeting some need inside of them. Many of them must be Catholics but they were not evident in number during mass. Where are we as a church when the building has more significance than religious celebrations for the lives of people? Looking at peoples' behaviour it seems that most no longer need a church and regular religious services. It does not meet any perceived need for them.

The only people that seemed to need the church were those outside begging. There was something

there for them, but they did not want to come inside. Inside were the comfortable tourists and the religious few. I believe the Pope is right when he challenges us to reach out to the marginalised people of our church and society, for these are the ones who need to hear the Good News. Christ made a significant impression on such people during his time on earth. He also challenges us to reach out to such people today.

It can be an uncomfortable situation once we let the beggars in. They disturb our comfort as they are not conforming to our social and religious norms. They may do things which are unexpected and challenge us to change. But we need to move beyond our current comfort and any sense of complacency we might have as a church, or as a school, or we too risk becoming nothing but a future tourist point-of-interest displayed on a roadside sign and website. There is plenty of evidence around us to suggest that we are already on that road.

As a College we need to love our marginalised neighbour and help to meet their needs, for that is what Christ demands from us. One small way that we try to make a difference is through our Service Day and the Caritas Challenge. Through such action we are striving to make Christ and his message as real for our students. We will be asking our students to give of their time and skills to help improve the lives of others in our community. We will be asking them to experience a little of the discomfort that is the daily life of millions of teenagers and to do something that could make a difference for their brothers and sisters in poverty.

Teenagers have a generosity of spirit that always impresses me. I expect our students will take on these challenges readily. They will need the support of parents and our teachers' so when they come asking for money and/or sponsorship, please help them out. Any sense of justice that they have reinforced at this age will benefit us all later in life.

**Richard Stanton  
PRINCIPAL**

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

As part of our Religious Studies programme we offer an opportunity through the College for children to receive or complete any of the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation.

This programme will start the week of 25 May. We will be holding an **Information Evening on Wednesday 6 May** at 6.00pm in the College staffroom, for any families that are interested and would like more information.

If you have any queries, please email Anna Williams: [anna.williams@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:anna.williams@pompallier.school.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 2

### MAY

Mon 4 - Tue 5	Gateway Work Start Course	Room 7	9.00am - 3.10pm
Tue 5	Year 7 Vision Testing		9.00am
Thu 7	Victoria University Liaison visit		2.00pm
Fri 8	12SCI EOTC trip	Limestone Island	9.10am - 2.45pm
Fri 8	11MAO EOTC trip		
Fri 8	Judges in Schools seminar - senior students		2.00pm
Sat 9	Youth Mass	SFX Church	6.00pm
Mon 11 - Tue 12	Gateway Work Start Course	Room 7	9.00am - 3.10pm
Mon 11 - Fri 15	e-asTTle Assessments		
Tue 12	Year 13 Retreat & MYL		
Tue 12	Y7 & 8 Winter Sports Tournament ( <i>p/p Tue 19</i> )	Kensington Park	9.30am - 2.15pm
Wed 13	Gifted & Talented Trip	Auckland	6.00am - 5.00pm
Thu 14	13BIO EOTC trip	Barge Park	9.00am - 3.00pm
<b>Fri 15</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>		
Tue 19	Otago University Liaison Visit		10.00am
Wed 20 - Fri 22	12ELE Auto Course	NorthTec Safe Trades, Dyer St	9.00am - 3.00pm
Thu 21 - Fri 22	Hospitality Desserts Course	NorthTec	
Thu 21 - Fri 22	Waikato University Visit	Waikato	
Fri 22	Mathex		
Mon 25 - Fri 29	Assessment Week		
Tue 26	Cross Country & XOR ( <i>p/p Thu 28</i> )	Barge Park/Pompallier field	
Thu 28 - Fri 29	Hospitality Desserts Course	NorthTec	

### JUNE

Wed 3	Year 7 Boostrix vaccinations		9.00am
Thu 4 - Fri 5	Hospitality Course	NorthTec	
<b>Fri 5</b>	<b>Service Day</b>		
Thu 11 - Fri 12	Hospitality Course	NorthTec	
Sat 13	Youth Mass	SFX Church	6.00pm
Thu 18	Mass for the Deceased	College Chapel	1.25pm
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
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

Thu 2	Parent/Teacher Interviews		3.30 - 7.00pm
Fri 3	College Ball		
<b>Fri 3</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>		
<b>Fri 3</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b>		
Sat 11	Youth Mass	SFX Church	6.00pm
<b>Mon 20</b>	<b>First Day of Term 3</b>		

## SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 2, Week 2

### NETBALL RESULTS (Grading Week 1)

#### Senior Team 1

vs WGHS 9-2                won 17 - 6  
vs WGHS Snr 4            won 15 - 8

#### Senior Team 2

vs WGHS 10-5            won 10 - 1  
vs WGHS 10-4            won 10 - 4

#### Intermediate Team 1

vs WIS Pink                won 6 - 4  
vs WIS Green              won 8 - 4

### YEAR 7 & 8 SPORTS EXCHANGES - RUGBY, NETBALL & FOOTBALL

We have two senior students, Kieran King and Dylan Lynch, who will be running the Year 7 & 8 Rugby trainings so they are ready for the exchanges.

Mr Thurlby will train the Year 7 & 8 Football squad – **trials and training date & time is to be confirmed.**

A newsletter will come home with interested players so you will have the necessary information. Please sign slips and return these, and do contact the Sport Co-ordinator if you are interested in helping out.

### SPORTS FEES COLLECTION & PRIZE DRAW

All students playing a weekly sport for Pompallier should have brought home a fees newsletter by now.

**If fees are paid for Football & Basketball by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**, you will automatically go into a lucky draw for a gift card for either Stirling Sports, BP or Pak 'n Save.

The winner of the lucky draw will be contacted and asked which gift they choose ☺

\*\*\* If you have not received a newsletter for Netball, Hockey, Football or Basketball, then please contact me for a copy: [chantelle.yorke@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:chantelle.yorke@pompallier.school.nz).

### RESULTS - CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

Our Pompallier Shooters competed in their first competition at Kaeo on the weekend of 23 March. Results were:

Single Barrel	1 <sup>st</sup>	Olivia Hendriks	13/15
HOA Girls		Olivia Hendriks	78/95

### NEW ACTIVE ATTITUDE GYMNASTIC CENTRE!

Here at Active Attitude it is all about having fun while participating in physical activity!

We have a range of gymnastic programmes running from our newly acquired premises at 9 Commerce Street. Some of these include Pre Comp Gymnastics, Fitnastics, Sportnastics, Tumbling and Aerobic Gymnastics.

We also cater to the wider community with classes running from Waipu, Mangakahia and Ruakaka.

For further information visit [www.activeattitude.co.nz](http://www.activeattitude.co.nz) or phone 945 4876.

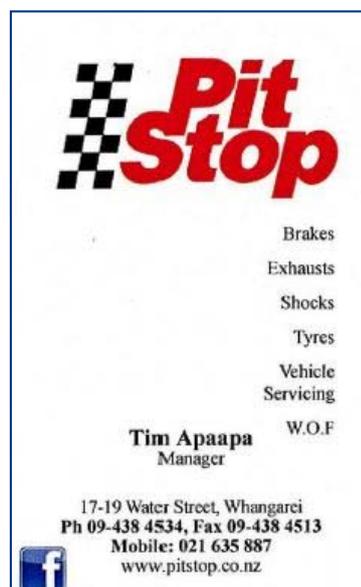
### FUNDING APPLICATION - THE TRUSTS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We have had a successful application for \$4203.00 to purchase two shade tents. This means we will finally have one tent in each HOUSE colour for all our varied college events!

A big thank you to **The Trusts Community Foundation** for approving our application to make this happen!!!

Also some wonderful people in our Pompallier community have helped out with donations, so many thanks to **Steve of PitStop Whangarei** and **Sharmaine of Heaven Scent Floral Design**. You are fabulous too!!!

We would love it if our school community could in turn support these businesses if you have the opportunity to do so.



**Chantelle Yorke, SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR**

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## 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.**

## SCHOOL LOCKERS

**More lockers are now available!**



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/>

They are \$50.00 until the end of the year, including a refundable \$10.00 bond.

## CARITAS

### NEPAL EMERGENCY APPEAL

In the wake of the massive 7.9 earthquake that has hit Nepal, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has committed an initial NZD50,000 for the immediate recovery efforts. The global Caritas network also aims to ensure that we meet immediate needs for shelter, food and water, whilst being there for the long term rebuilding of lives and livelihoods.

We have launched an Emergency Appeal to help those affected by the earthquake. These funds will go into our **Nepal Disaster Fund**. Ways to donate are:

- **Internet banking deposit to Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand**, Account number: 03 0518 0211216 00 (reference: Nepal)
- **Donate online at [www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz)**
- **Text NEPAL to 833 to donate \$3 to Caritas' relief work in Nepal**
- **Phone 0800 22 10 22 to make a credit card donation** (during office hours)
- **Call 0900 4 11 11 to make an automatic \$20 donation to Caritas's work** (a debit in the name of 'Caritas' will be added to your next telephone bill)
- **Post a cheque to Caritas**, Freepost 689, PO Box 12193, Thorndon, Wellington 6144.

Thank you in advance for your support & prayers.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**29 - 31 May, 2015**

**Allenby Park Motor Inn, Manukau, Auckland**

A special weekend encouraging couples to focus on each other, their communication, priorities, lifestyle and relationship - WOW!! Phone 0800 ENCOUNTER (0800 362 686) for more information and BOOK NOW!

## ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme (operated by your school) is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Schools Office website: [www.catholicschools.org.nz](http://www.catholicschools.org.nz) (go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues).

If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of Attendance Dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 09 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2015 Attendance Dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2015**.

## 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: 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.

## GARDENING CLUB - REQUEST



The College gardening club is looking for an old bird bath, suitable for doing mosaic work on. If you have one lying around home that you would be happy to donate, please contact Pauline Chircop on 438 3950 ext 220, or email: [pauline.chircop@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:pauline.chircop@pompallier.school.nz). Thank you!

## TAI TOKERAU FESTIVAL: Wednesday 1 April, 2015



### Te Whānau o te Kura Pomapārie

#### Upcoming Events for Māori Whānau

Monday 4 May, 2015

Meeting: 7.00 - 8.00pm, College Staffroom

Come along to our next whānau meeting. There will be an opportunity to meet with Mr Stanton and discuss goals for the Māori students of the College.



### Te Wairua o Pomapārie

#### Upcoming Events for Kapa Haka

Wednesday's - Practice

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

All of Te Wairua o Pomapārie's hard work paid off last term at the Tai Tokerau Festival, hosted by Ōpōnoni Area School.

Thank you to everyone who was involved throughout the term.

## ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS ...

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, senior pupils from Pompallier joined with other local schools to place crosses, representing fallen Anzac soldiers, at the inauguration of the Whangarei Cenotaph at its new home in Laurie Hall Park.

Matthew Brereton was given the special honour of singing the National Anthem on this auspicious occasion. He was also invited to sing the NZ and Australia National Anthem's at the Anzac Day dawn service on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Matthew has recently been awarded a place in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Choir and spent some of these last holidays in rehearsal with them.



## FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE ...

Pompallier had our own small Field of Remembrance located outside the front office of the College. This was a wonderful visual way to commemorate the centenary of New Zealand's participation in the First World War.

Many students and visitors have stopped to look at the Northland people named on the crosses, to acknowledge the sacrifice of all those who died in war, and to reflect upon the contribution and suffering of all those who served.

Mrs Fortune's class also held a small liturgy to pay tribute to all those that endured warfare on behalf of the Country we are able to live in today.

