



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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NEWSLETTER NO. 7

Greetings, Tena Koutou Katoa,

POMPALLIER SHIELD COMPETITION

It was my pleasure to travel to Marist College in Auckland last Wednesday for the annual Pompallier Shield Competition. This competition between the Auckland Diocese secondary schools has two categories; scripture reading and speeches. **Simon Watson, Tessa Bercic, Tyme Shepherd-Rata** and **Annemieke Hendriks** represented our school and although they didn't come away with any of the trophies they performed extremely well, representing the College marvellously and thoroughly enjoying the experience.

PREFECT INDUCTION

Last Wednesday at our senior assembly we inducted two new prefects; **Anna-Sheree Krige** and **Dominic Smith-Hodgson**. Both of these Year 13 students have shown leadership skills and displayed initiative in helping the College community throughout the first part of this year and so we recognise their contribution to the life of the College.



MUFTI DAY FUNDRAISING

Last Thursday, at the request of the Student Council, we held a mufti-day to raise funds for Epilepsy NZ. Mufti-days are one way that we can help support organisations outside the College community.

The Student Council, under the guidance of Mr Thorpe, meets regularly discussing issues affecting the students and this provides a conduit to the Senior Management Team and to the Board of Trustees through the Student Representative.

Our next Mufti Day is scheduled for **Thursday 4 June**. The cost is \$1.00 per student.



PREFECT NETWORKING

On Tuesday our Head Prefects and their deputies hosted the Head Prefects from the other secondary schools in the area. They gathered in the Home Economics room and were treated to a tasty lunch prepared by Mrs Perkins and some of her Hospitality students. After lunch the Prefects listened to a guest speaker, Helen, from the Logos team, based in Auckland. This type of event is important in fostering understanding between the different schools in our community. This initiative was started last year by Pompallier students and by all accounts looks like it will continue well into the future.

COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

Next Tuesday is the College's annual Cross-Country which is run on Barge Park. Years 7 & 8 will be running from approximately 9:15 - 10:30am and the rest of the College from approximately 11:30am - 1:15pm. Parents are most welcome to come and encourage their children from the sidelines. If Tuesday has inclement weather the postponement date is Thursday 28 May (see page 2 for more information).

BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY

For the past two years the College has been using the Direct-to-Parent online ordering option through School Supplies and Office Max. Thanks to those of you who utilised online ordering and those who purchased their stationery at OfficeMax in town, the College recently received a credit of just under \$1,500 which will be used to benefit our students. With a 75% uptake, our College ranks as the highest user of this new technology in the Whangarei area.

In addition, this week we received vouchers from Warehouse Stationery to the value of \$1,280 as an acknowledgement of the purchases made during their Back to School campaign. These are much appreciated and will be put to good use.

FAMINE CAMP

The 40 Hour Famine takes place this weekend, and some of our Year 13 students will once again be hosting our Year 7 & 8 students at an over-night camp in the College Hall. Notices and permission slips were sent home earlier this week and must be returned by Friday interval. The camp begins at 4.00pm on Friday afternoon and runs through until midday on Saturday.

Finally, remember to check the College's website regularly for updates and coming events:

www.pompalliercollege.school.nz

Greg Mutton
ACTING CO-PRINCIPAL

Shop at www.yourfastshop.co.nz ... 90 stores for you, fundraising for us!!

SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 2, Week 4

SPORTS RESULTS

The Senior Netball Team 3 played two grading games on Saturday 2 May, with the following results:

- Pompallier won against Tikipunga Jnr 1 by 6 to 4
- Pompallier won against WGHS Gold by 8 to 6

Great first week girls!

The Intermediate Gold team also played two grading games on 2 May:

- Pompallier Gold won against Pompallier Navy 7 to 2
Player of the Day **Reina Wiki**
Fair Play Award **Marise Russo**
- Pompallier Gold won against WIS Red 9 to 6
Player of the Day **Molly Farrell**
Fair Play Award **Leshego Mpe**

The Girls 1st XI Football team played Tauraroa in Week 2 and lost 8 to 1.

The Intermediate Gold team played KIS 3 and lost 10-18, but they played a really good game of netball!. Player of the Day was **Lauren Wood**, and the Fair Play Award went to **Katarina Ngatai**.

Senior Netball Team 3 played two grading games on Saturday 9 May:

- Pompallier won against WGHS 17 to 4
- Pompallier won against Excellere College 17 to 1
Player of the Day **Dineo Mpe**
Fair Play Award **Tayla Leevey**

Senior Netball Team 2 lost to Tauraroa 27 to 18. The Player of the Day was **Lisa Mathers** and the Fair Play Award went to **Hannah Beazley**.

Pompallier Navy drew against WIS Red 4 all. The Player of the Day was **Jaycie Bradley** and the Fair Play Award went to **Kira Pitman**.

Thanks to the team managers for forwarding results. All nominated students in Pompallier teams (participating in weekly competitions) go in the lucky prize draw.

INTERMEDIATE WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENT Friday 22 May (p/p date Friday 29 May)

We have been able to enter thirteen teams into this year's tournament. A big thank you to the following parents who have volunteered to be team managers:

- **Basketball** Lucy Andrews
- **Hockey** Angela Greenhalgh, Natalie King
- **Netball** Tracey Fancy, Andrew Togiavalu, Clifford Paxton, Anne-Marie Blair
- **Rugby** Tauai Arona, Kyle King
Antony Eilering, Darren Brown
- **Soccer** Alfons Brijis, Aaron Hooper
Michelle Ahern, Graham Teh-Hall
Rangimarie Price

The Sports Department would appreciate it if any College uniform (issued for this one-day event) was washed and returned the following week. Have a fun day everyone!

THANKS TO OUR NETBALL UMPIRES

The coach of the Intermediate Navy netball team **Jessie Redwood** has arranged umpires for both intermediate teams for this season – that's awesome Jessie!

A big thank you goes to **Leo Powell** and **Emma Porter**, for making the commitment to umpire each week over the season as well as play their own games.

The next umpiring courses started last week but some students will be joining in from this week.

Classes are Wednesday night, 6.30-8.30pm or Saturday morning 8.30-10am at the netball centre.

ASSOCIATE RUGBY REFEREES COURSE

Some of our Year 8 boys attended this course on Wednesday evening. I hope you enjoyed learning about the laws of the game, scrums, rugby smart etc. I may call on you to help run sports in the future.

COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday 26 May (p/p date Thursday 28 May)

The Year 7 & 8 programme runs Period 1 & 2, back to school by interval to change, then the Years 9 to 13 programme runs Period 3 & 4. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend to watch the races.

All students are expected to participate unless injured or ill. If you are unable to compete on the day, please bring a note and see Mrs Yorke as soon as you get to Barge Park as extra marshalls are required to help the Sport Committee who will be assisting with the running of the event.

All members of the Sport Committee (Years 12 & 13) are needed at Barge Park at 8.30am to help set-up the course, which will be clearly set-out with cones and marshalls at various points on the course. Good luck to you all!!

STUDENT SUCCESS !!

The NSS Road Cycling Champs were held on Sunday 17 May and two of our students achieved excellent results in the Under 15 section:-

- **Ben Johnstone** (8PR) 1st
- **William Arnold** (10AL) 3rd

Chantelle Yorke
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away from school, due to illness or other unavoidable reasons, please ensure that you ring and let us know.

The Student Centre can be reached on 438 3950 ext 840 and has an answer phone, so you can leave a message outside school hours if necessary.

Thank you.

YOUTH WEEK: 25 - 29 May 2009

WHAT IS YOUTH WEEK?

Youth Week is about creating a society that values young people and affirms their diversity. This week aims to highlight the amazing things that young people do. In 2009, the focus is on relationships.

The central image of Youth Week 2009 is an older person and a young person engaged in a hongi - the sharing of breath, expressing aroha, support and the exchange of life force.



Research shows that teenagers want more time with their parents (one of biggest predictors of health and well-being)!!

Will you plan to spend some special time together this week? each day? on the weekend? Take pictures, make memories, play, laugh.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

The English Department held a very short story competition recently. Stories had to be exactly 50 words.

The winner of the Junior section was **Daniel Shaw** (10BE) who received a double movie pass and the runner-up, **Jared Corston** (9CR), received a Whitcoulls voucher.

“Agatha Christie was working on her murder mystery novel after finding a dead body in her own library. While she was writing it a person dressed in black appeared behind her and slowly edging towards her he pulled out a knife, rose it up into the air and swiftly killed himself.”

- **Daniel Shaw** -

“He sharpened his weapon, knowing he was about to finish it once and for all. It lay two metres from him, not making a sound. With a short burst of rage he sprang forward and issued three short blows. He put down the weapon and yelled, I’ve finished my homework!”

- **Jared Corston** -

Winners of the Senior section have yet to be notified, and will be included in a later newsletter.

Monique van Stokkum
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

HELPING OUR CHILDREN TO STAY ENGAGED AT SCHOOL

- Do you value your child’s education?
- Would you like ideas on how you can help keep your child engaged?
- Then invest in this opportunity ...

What? A free presentation by John Rutherford, an Auckland Principal sharing valuable insights into how you can help keep your child focused and engaged at school.

Where? Whangarei Intermediate School Hall

When? Thursday 18 June

Time? 7.00 - 9.00pm

Who? You, the parents of school-aged children in the Whangarei community

Why? All schools have recognised the need to focus on what keeps our students engaged. A home and school partnership is vital to your child’s attitude and involvement in school.

Please register your interest by phoning either:-

Whangarei Primary ☎ 438 3186

Whangarei Intermediate ☎ 438 8659

Morningside School ☎ 438 2021

Horahora School ☎ 438 3080

TAITOKERAU CATHOLIC MUSIC WORKSHOP / HUI & REGIONAL YOUTH MASS

Where? St Francis Xavier Parish Hall & Church
cnr Kamo Road and Percy Street

When? Saturday 23 May

Time? Workshop: 10.00am

Mass: 6.00pm

Dinner & Social: 7.30pm

Morning tea and lunch provided

ALL WELCOME

For more information, contact:

Clare Terwiel ☎ 430 0131

Mary Wojcik ☎ 430 0656

Sr Selina ☎ 437 7902



PTFA PHONE BOOK DELIVERY

Help is needed for the annual PTFA Telephone Book Delivery, commencing 24 July!!!

Whangarei West is our allocated area this year.

40 families = only 100 books each
(approximately one or two hours work)

If anyone can offer the use of a truck for a one-off delivery to the hospital (around 500 books) please let us know.



For more information, or to register your offer of assistance, please contact:

Sheryl ☎ 435 4063
or txt 021 100 6639

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Fri 22

Year 7&8 Winter Sports Tournament

Mon 25

12/13HSP EOTC: Barista Course

Tue 26

12/13HSP EOTC: Barista Course

Pompallier Cross Country

Wed 27

12/13HSP EOTC: Barista Course

Fri 29

ICAS Computer Skills Test

HPV Vaccinations

JUNE

Mon 1

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Thu 4

Mufti Day

Interschool Cross Country

Wed 10

ICAS Science Test

10BUS Trade Fair

Fri 12 - Fri 19

Senior Exams

Wed 17

College Sports Day

Stage Challenge

Tue 23

Teacher Only Day

Wed 24

ICAS Spelling Test

ICAS Writing Test

10 Pin Bowling Competition

Fri 26

College Ball

Mon 29 - Tue 30

Year 9 Retreat

JULY

Wed 1

Badminton Competition

Wed 1 - Thu 2

Year 11 Retreat

Fri 3

Last Day of Term 2

Mid-year reports posted home

Mon 20

First Day of Term 3



HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED!!

The College will once again be hosting a large group of 15 to 16 year old students from Suma Gakuen High School in Kobe, Japan.

The students will arrive on Tuesday 28 July and depart on Sunday 23 August.

Suitable host families are again being sought for these students so that they can experience the Kiwi way of life.

For more information, please contact:-

Pauline Allan-Downs ☎ 437 6848

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

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

The programme is beginning this term and runs in conjunction with your child's regular Religious Studies programme at times that cause minimal disruption to their classes.

If you are wanting your child to take part in this programme, please complete the slip below and return it to the College office **by Friday 29 March**.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Student Name:

Homeroom:

I would like my child to complete the Sacraments of Initiation through the programme offered at the College.

Name:
(please print clearly)

Daytime Ph:

Signed:

Date: