



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Diligere Verum

Love the Truth

27 NOVEMBER 2009

NEWSLETTER NO. 18

Tena Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you all,

We are fast approaching the time when we celebrate the Incarnation. God becomes man. For most of us we think of 25 December in terms of Jesus' Birthday and/or Christmas but it is much more than that.

It is a defining moment for humanity. A moment which enables us to reconnect with God in all our human frailty. A moment where God becomes one of us and gives our humanness such dignity that we cannot but rejoice with each other.

As a Marist school we need to be mindful that it was Mary's "Yes" that enabled Christmas. We too need to say "Yes" when we are called to bring Christ to others at this time.

The recent **Senior Prizegiving** was well received by parents and students. We appreciate all the feedback and I am confident that it will be even better next year. It was our clear intention to make it student focused and to present the event within the context of a liturgy.

While I have only been here a short time, I did feel as if I was saying goodbye to students who I was proud to be associated with. I look forward to hearing of them in the future.



2009 Dux, Anna-Sheree Krige

On Thursday 10 December, the last day of school, we will be celebrating the **Junior Prizegiving**. It will commence at 10.00am and should be all over midday, after which time the students are free to leave (buses will be leaving at the earlier time of 12.00pm). The event will be an opportunity to celebrate the success of our junior students and to draw the academic year to a close. It would be wonderful to see you there.

We are presently interviewing for three staff positions. I have been impressed by the quality of the teachers we are attracting to our College. They will provide us with a wonderful opportunity to make further progress in raising our current level of teaching and learning. I would hope to announce the new appointments in the next newsletter.

The Board of Trustees has produced a draft **Charter & Strategic Plan** for the College.

You can find this on the College Website under the heading "About Us".

Any comments on this document can be emailed to: admin@pompallier.school.nz no later than Friday 4 February 2010.

We will also seek comments from the Parish, staff and Maori community.

Our **2010 Annual Plan** has been derived from the draft documents and is also available for you to view on the website under "About Us". The Annual Plan tells you what some of our key goals will be for next year.

Don't forget that our Year 13 students will be heading to the Hokianga in Week 3 of Term 1 next year. All students are expected to attend the four day event, which will cost around \$170.00. Should you encounter some difficulty in meeting this cost, please let me know as soon as possible. We may be able to help you.

God bless you all

Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS: Term 4

Tue 1 Dec	WPSSA Athletics (pp Thu 3 Dec)
Wed 2 Dec	Year 6 visit to the College
Wed 6 - Tue 8 Dec	Marist Youth Leader Programme
Fri 4 Dec	Leavers' Dinner
Fri 4, Mon 7, Tue 8	Year 10 Careers Expo
Mon 7 - Tue 8 Dec	Year 9 Elective Programme Year 7 & 8 Pantomime (7.00pm)
Thu 10 Dec	Junior Prizegiving (10.00am) Last Day of Term 4

SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS ...

YEAR 7 & 8 ATHLETICS CHAMPS

It was a great event this year with three new records set by our students. **Arana Rakena** (8PR) broke the 1999 Shotput record of 9.75m (held by Nicholas Te Kotahi & David Leslie) with a throw of 10.90m. **Brooke Trapp** (8CL) broke the 800 metre record of 3 minutes 3 seconds (set by Jenna Hanson in 1999). Her time was 2 minutes 59 seconds. And **Tyrone Kasek** (7WH) smashed the Year 7 Shotput record of 8.5m (set in 2007 by Keenan Nelson) with a massive throw of 9.58m. Congratulations to you all!

The Year 7 & 8 Champions for 2009 are:

- **Year 7 Girl** Reina Wiki
- **Year 7 Boy** Samuel Pram
- **Year 8 Girl** Brooke Trapp
- **Year 8 Boy** Tawera Henare

The WPSSA Athletics Champs will be held on Tuesday 1 December at Kensington Park. Our qualifiers are:

Year 7 Girls Jaycie Bradley, Leshego Mpe, Demi O'Halloran, Courtney Tomlinson, Reina Wiki

Year 7 Boys Taui Arona, Nathan Chisnall, Hadley Greenhalgh, Ben Hawley, Tyrone Kasek, Taylah King, Samuel Pram, Richard Young

Year 8 Girls Ravi Birchall, Hannah Borck, Heather Martin, Brooke Trapp, Georgia Young

Year 8 Boys Ben Ashman, Alexander Brodrick, Liam Crawford, Tawera Henare, Nikora Price, Arana Rakena, Jacob Sidford, Max van Duin

U15 CRICKET RESULTS

Saturday 24 October

Pompallier 65 WBHS 67/3 win to WBHS

Saturday 7 November

Pompallier 305 Kamo 117 win to Pompallier

Eden Crawford 160 NO, **Drew Hepburn** 58 NO - opening partnership 273! **Henry Williams** bowled 3 wickets for 11 runs.

Keep up the good work team - and great leadership from our captain, Eden.

ASB BANK SPORTS AWARDS

This year we had six finalists:

- **Alycia Amundson** Hockey Umpire
- **Nicole Eady** BMX Racing
- **Shayla Hill** Equestrian
- **Aaron Krige** Football
- **Spencer Loxton** Yachting
- **Jessie Redwood** Netball Umpire

Two of our students, Alycia and Nicole, were successful at the awards evening. Congratulations ladies!

STUDENT SUCCESSES ...

Robyn Ramsay (7FT) cleaned up at the annual Speech and Drama Competition (part of the Northland Performing Arts Festival). She received five trophies, including the U12 Junior Speech Trophy, the U12 Trophy for the Most First Placings in the Speech Section, the Trophy for the Highest Mark Gained in Character Recital, and shared the U12 Trophy for the Most First Placings in Character, Verse and Prepared Readings.



In addition, Robyn won the James Rice Trust Scholarship, and in conjunction with Erin Lambert received a First Placing for a moving ten minute portrayal of Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre character from the novel of the same name.

Three Pompallier students, who swim for Bream Bay, won 39 medals between them at the Bay of Islands Spring Carnival held in October. The three boys won medals in every event they swam.

Marco Rodrigue (8CL) won three gold in all three breast-stroke events, as well as nine silver and two bronze.

David Platt (8CL) won eight gold, three of which were for backstroke events. **Craig Platt** (11MC) won four gold, eight silver and achieved eleven personal best times.

At the Marist Soccer end of season prizegiving, **Connor Teh-Hall** (7WM) received a trophy for Player of the Year and Top Goal Scorer for the 2009 soccer season playing for Marist White 11th Grade.

On Sunday 11 October, **Ben Johnstone** (8PR) and **William Arnold** (10AL) competed in the 35km section of the *Hell of the North* cycle race. Ben placed 1st and William placed 2nd in the 35km field.

And still with cycling, the *Fred Ogle Memorial Cycle Ride* (organised by Avanti Cycles) took place on Sunday 8 November. **William Arnold** came 6th in the 50km event, **Ben Johnstone** came first in the 25km and **Richard Young** (7FT) also took part in the 25km race.

Congratulations to all our students!!



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz

CARING FAMILIES WANTED!!!

IDEA Family/Whanau Services are looking for caring families in Whangarei to share their homes for a few days per month or fortnight, to provide opportunities for a young person with an intellectual disability to join in your family life.

IDEA will require completion of our police check and vetting process and will provide full training, support and a tax-free board allowance.

If you can assist and have a spare bedroom, please contact Lena or Angela for further information on these rewarding opportunities ☎ 430 7230

Pomallier Catholic College Presents
Pimocchio
In the College Hall
7th & 8th December
7 p.m.

Tickets available from the College Office or at the door

UNIFORM REMINDER ...

YEAR 12 & 13 STUDENTS FOR 2010



Remember to order your (optional) Number 1's from **Bethells Uniforms** in the Strand ASAP.

There is a 10 to 12 week delivery time on your blazers once you have had them fitted.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

The College has a small stock of second-hand uniforms available for sale.

If you are interested in purchasing good quality pre-loved uniforms, please see Kelli at Reception.

MEETING: 2010 FRENCH TRIP

A meeting to discuss aspects of the 2010 trip to New Caledonia will take place as follows:-

Date: Monday 30 November

Time: 7.00 - 8.30pm

Venue: Pomallier Catholic College Staffroom

There will be a New Caledonia DVD to watch and photos of our 2004 and 2007 trips on display. A travel agent may also be in attendance and trip publicity material will also be handed out. A light supper will be served.

Should you have any queries, please contact me by leaving a message at the College office (Tel: 438 3950).

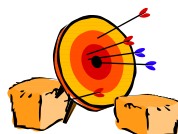
**Nora Elson-White
TIC FRENCH**

MARSDEN BAY HOLIDAY CAMP

Ages 9 - 13 years

**Sunday 10 - Friday 15 January 2010
Marsden Bay Youth Camp, One Tree Point**

Go Karts • Motor bikes • Flying Fox •
Abseiling • Air rifles • Archery



For more information, contact:

Colleen & Geoff Rout ☎ 438 3338

2010 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Tue 2 Feb	All students
	Last day Term 1	Thu 1 Apr
TERM 2	Mon 19 Apr	Fri 2 Jul
TERM 3	Mon 19 Jul	Fri 24 Sep
TERM 4	Mon 11 Oct	Fri 10 Dec (TBC)

2010 HOLIDAYS

Monday 1 February *	Northland Anniversary
Saturday 6 February *	Waitangi Day
Friday 2 April *	Good Friday
Monday 5 April *	Easter Monday
Sunday 25 April *	Anzac Day
Monday 7 June	Queen's Birthday
Monday 25 October	Labour Day

* does not affect normal school dates

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- View school stationery lists & order at www.myschool.co.nz
- Free delivery for online orders over \$55
- To guarantee delivery before school starts please order by the 20th of January

www.myschool.co.nz



To make life easier for Back to School, we have again teamed up with School Supplies Direct so that you can buy all your child's school stationery requirements either over the internet or by mail order.

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 for your children. Last year the College earned over \$1,000 through this scheme.

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 (online) or by cheque or credit card (mail order).

The website will "go live" for ordering stationery on Wed 11 November, with orders placed before Christmas earning double "early bird" points for the College.

It is recommended that you **order stationery before 20 January 2010** 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 School Supplies Direct.** We will, however, continue to hold a small stock of basic items such as pens, pencils etc.

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 "Order Using Quick and Easy Grid"
4. Enter Student First and Last Name
5. Click on Subject / Year Levels required
6. Click the "Save and Continue" button
(it is advisable not to remove items unless you are sure you have the exact item specified, eg. Casio calculators etc.)
At this point you can also order additional items (eg. book covering, extra pens etc.)
7. When you have finished, click "Add Items to Cart"

8. To view your items, click "View Cart" otherwise "Continue to Checkout" and follow the instructions.

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.

9. 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 USE MAIL-ORDER

1. Follow steps 1 through 7 above.
2. Instead of "Continue to Checkout" click on the "Mail Order" button. This will open a separate window with the completed order enclosed.
3. Print the order form and complete the required details.
4. Post the completed form and your cheque to:-

School Supplies Direct
Freepost 17019
PO Box 16-670
Christchurch

TO ORDER IN STORE

1. Follow steps 1 through 3 as for mail order.
2. Take the list to your nearest Office Max store (our retail outlet for School Supplies):-

Office Max
21 Okara Drive
Whangarei

If the store does not have all the required items in stock, they will be able to order them in 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 20 January may result in delays and School Supplies Direct cannot guarantee delivery before school starts on late orders.
2. **If you have any problems, please call School Supplies 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 Number.