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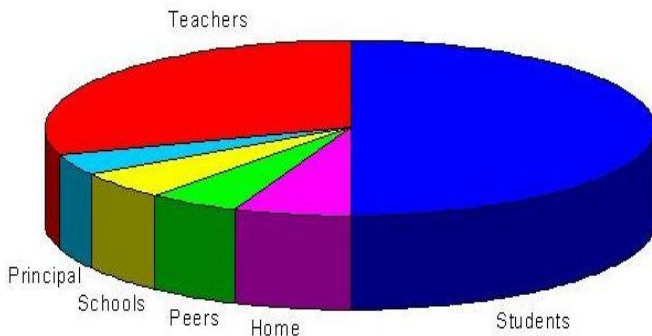
NEWSLETTER NO. 4

Greetings, Tena Koutou Katoa,

This week you will have received a Progress Report associated with your child's learning here at the College. At the end of the month there will be an opportunity to discuss this report with teachers (Wednesday 31 March).

Whenever a school report goes out it encourages me to reflect upon what really makes a difference to student educational outcomes. Are we, "doing the right things" to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for the young person in our care?

John Hattie of the University of Auckland identifies the following six factors as having the most influence upon variation in student academic outcomes.



Not surprisingly, the ability and motivation of the student is the most significant factor. It accounts for 50% of the variance in student performance.

The home, school, principal and peers can all contribute towards differences in outcomes, but their impact is relatively small. All four of these can influence a student's attitude towards learning and this has been factored into the student sector.

What this essentially tells us is that a student's learning is not greatly influenced by where they live, what school they attend, who the principal is or the nature of their peer group.

The other significant factor is the teacher. What a teacher does can account for almost a third of the variation in student achievement. What a teacher does, and how they do it, is therefore rather important.

We all have an impression of what a good teacher is like. For many of us it is based upon our time at school and what we thought was good about that teacher.

But what does the research tell us when it comes to teachers making a difference?

Try this "test". Rate the following ten items in the order of positive influence on learning from 1 (most important) to 10 (least important).

Teaching style	
Behavioural objectives	
Testing	
Homework	
Computer assisted instruction	
Ability grouping (streaming)	
Physical attributes (eg. class size)	
Feedback	
Challenging goals	
Audio visual aids	

When you come to the Parent-Teacher interview you might ask about some of the above factors because you consider them to be important. They are all influential, but vary in degree. The research findings will be available at the Parent-Teacher interviews and in the next newsletter.

Our Charter and Mission Statement make it very clear that we are a College that strives for more than academic excellence. We strive to ensure our students become the people God intends them to be: to seek and attain excellence as scholars, citizens and Christians.

Our students seek to make a difference in the world based on Christian values and that is what sets us apart from other Colleges in Whangarei. That is why we believe we must be the College of choice for your children.

**Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL**

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS ...

HONOUR ROLL - FIRST SEMESTER 2010

Congratulations to the following students who came first in two or more of their academic classes at the end of 2009. They have been listed on the Honour Roll and their success will be celebrated later in the year with a special occasion.

Year 8

- Patrick Armour
- Finn Smith

Year 9

- Kira Pitman
- Georgia Young

Year 10

- Joshua Ackers
- Joshua Hanson
- Annemieke Hendriks

Year 11

- Aidan Geard
- Te Pea Hoori
- Dineo Mpe
- Ben Pearson
- Lea Turner
- Lucy Wojcik

Year 12

- Alycia Amundson
- Jessica Fancy
- Melina Perkins
- Johanna van der Walt

Year 13

- Ben Taylor
- Kathleen Wojcik
- Teresa Wojcik

NEW ZEALAND SCHOOL OF DANCE



Well done to **Inge Carolus** (Year 9) who won the Helena Cotsilinis Scholarship Award for showing the best potential in ballet and other areas over all ages. Inge attended the 2010 Summer

School at the New Zealand School of dance in Wellington, where she received intensive training in ballet. Students across the country attended Summer School this year.

Last year Inge also won several scholarships and special awards. Well done!

SWIMMING

At the recent Swimming New Zealand Age Group Champs' in Christchurch **Melita Raravula** (Year 10) entered 11 races (incl. two relays) and swam her way into ten finals!! Melita won one gold and two silver medals, and placings in the top 10 in NZ 13 year olds for the rest. She also broke five long course Northland Swimming records in her age group.

Melita has qualified for three races at the New Zealand Opens to be held in Auckland in early April, at which she will be competing against all ages. The Opens is also used as the Commonwealth Games trials. Congratulations Melita and good luck!

YOUTH CIRCUS

Pompallier Catholic College is pleased to be offering support for the second year running to the Northland Stars Youth Circus.

The club meets once a month for classes in our gym as well as at other venues around Northland.

Classes are given on many circus skills by International Performers most recently from France, Germany and Australia as well our own current World Champion Chris Hurawai from Kaikohē (pictured on the right with our Head Boy, **Louis McDonald**).



NORTHLAND STARS

“Together with some fellow Pompallians from our Circus Skills Club at school and other performers from around the community circus classes in Waipu, Dargaville and Whangarei, we are the **Northland Stars**.

We meet together to practice and learn new tricks and put together performances in Pompallier's gym - usually on a Sunday about once a month, thanks to the school for that. But lots of practice has to be done at home as it would be a bit embarrassing to let the troop down on stage.

We are all at a different levels in our circus skills and doing different things such as juggling balls, clubs and rings, German wheel, unicycling, diabolo, globe walking and acrobatics.

Our skills teachers are all qualified through Circo Arts in Christchurch to teach community circus. They are from all over Europe, Germany, Austria, France and of course from Ireland where Louis and Mr McDonald picked up their juggling skills.

Last year Circus Kumarani in Dargaville arranged free tickets to Cirque du Soleil's "**Dralion**" to inspire us and it certainly did that. It was the best imaginable circus show. It was even more special as it was a dress rehearsal.

We will never need to run away and join the circus as we are already having that fun. If you get the chance to learn a new circus skill ... DO IT !!!"

Annemieke Hendriks (V3MT)



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

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz

SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 8

YEAR 7 & 8 SPORTS EXCHANGES

In Term 2 there will be two sports exchanges for Year 7 & 8 students. These are against Bream Bay College on Thursday 13 May (Week 4) and Tikipunga High School on Wednesday 30 June (Week 11).

The exchanges will involve the 1st XV rugby, 1st XI football and Number 1 netball teams.

The rugby team requires a coach to select the team and train them weekly in the lead-up to the exchanges. If you are able to help, please contact me at the College.

WINTER SPORTS WEEKLY COMPETITION

Hockey, Football and Netball

All codes will begin in Term 2 and the expectation is that **all students will have paid their fees before** they begin the season. There is an incentive to pay - all students/families that pay fees by Friday 30 April go in the draw for a \$50 sports voucher.

Players in each code will be given a newsletter explaining expectation/details pertaining to that code. Please ensure that the slips are signed and returned immediately. Slips go to the sports office, payments should be made at the College office.

Team list have been pinned on the sports notice-board for players in all the codes (that have held trials) to check out.

NETBALL

The fees newsletter has been circulated to all players. The first 25 players whose fees are paid by Thursday 1 April (WNC fees due date) will be given a second-hand ball from the Sports Department. Please bring your fees receipt to me to collect at either interval or lunchtimes.

We held our annual Team Induction for Coaches and Managers at the college this week. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the informal evening which involved going over expectations, prizes, nibbles and chat.

Thank you to those parents/caregivers that have volunteered in some way - we look forward to a great season, starting Saturday 24 April!

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 3

- Saturday Netball # Sat 24 April
- NSS Tennis Wed 21 April
- Mid-week Football G & B # 28 April - 4 August
- U15 Rugby Tue 4 May
- Eagles Golf Teams Event Mon 10 May
- Collegiate Hockey - Girls # Mon 4 May
- Collegiate Hockey - Mixed # Tue 5 May
- Futsal Girls Tournament Thu 13 May
- Bream Bay Sports Exchange (Yr 7&8) Thu 13 May
- Futsal Boys Tournament Fri 14 May
- College Cross Country Tue 18 May (pp 20 May)
- Indoor Bowls Fri 21 May
- Winter Tournament (Yr 7&8) Fri 21 May
- NSS Cycling Thu 27 May
- NSSSA Cross Country Thu 3 June (pp 10 June)
- College Day Wed 16 June
- 10-pin Bowling (Yr 7&8) Wed 23 June
- Teams Badminton Wed 30 June
- Tikipunga Sports Exchange (Yr 7&8) Wed 30 June

= After-school / weekend competitions

Students will be required to take home a slip about these events after an initial meeting to arrange parent help.

All teams entered in events **must** have a team manager. Parental assistance will required to act as Officials at the Winter Tournament.

Chantelle Yorke
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
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YEAR 12 ENGLISH Change of Assessment Date

Due to many students being away from school on EOTC trips, and Easter falling at the start of April causing a shortened Term 1, Year 12 Persuasive Speeches will now be due on **Monday 19 April** (first day of Term 2).

Leanne Evans
HOD ENGLISH

POMPALLIER PTFA Notice of AGM

5.30pm, Tuesday 20 April
Pompallier Staffroom

All welcome to attend!!

2010 TERM DATES

TERM 2	Mon 19 Apr	Fri 2 Jul
TERM 3	Mon 19 Jul	Fri 24 Sep
TERM 4	Mon 11 Oct	Fri 10 Dec

2010 HOLIDAYS

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

PARISH NOTICES

DOVE FELLOWSHIP OPEN MEETING

The next meeting for Dove fellowship is **Saturday 10 April** at the St Francis Xavier Parish Hall.

We will start with a cuppa at 1.00pm and the meeting will run from 1.30 - 3.30pm.

The theme for this year is based on the scripture from Jeremiah 31 - *"I have loved you with an everlasting love and with loving kindness I have drawn you."*

Again all are most welcome. Come and bring a friend. Creche is available. For more information phone Liz on 027 471 4120.

HEALING MEETING

Fr John Rae has a healing Ministry and will be holding a healing service at St Francis Xavier Church on **Sunday 11 April** beginning at 7.30pm.

There will be a teaching on healing, some testimonies and time for individual prayer.

SCRAPBOOK ALBUM HOLIDAY CLASS FOR GIRLS

Ages 9 - 15 years (10 places available)

Cost \$22.00 per person

Tuesday 13 April : 10.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 15 April : 10.00am - 12.30pm

Decorate an accordion album about yourself
You will need to bring approximately eight photos
All other materials supplied

Bookings to [info@scrapbooksensations](mailto:info@scrapbooksensations.co.nz) or
phone Fiona ☎ 438 3940

Register by Friday 9 April to secure your spot
www.scrapbooksensations.co.nz

ST JOHN YOUTH PROGRAMME

The St John Youth Programme is a great way for young people to learnt great skills, have fun and get involved in their community.

St John Youth programmes focus on teaching young people aged 6 -18 first aid, health care, leadership and life skills, with fantastic opportunities to experience new things and have fun.

Penguins: Wednesdays 6.30 - 7.30pm

Cadets: Wednesdays 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Ambulance Station, Western Hills Drive

For more information, visit www.stjohnyouth.org.nz
or ☎ 0800 STJOHN (785 646)

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS ...

... for Tall Poppies, Bright Sparks, High Flyers, Rising Stars, Creative Thinkers, Odd Bods and all Gifted and Talented 8 - 15 year olds ...

When? Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 April

Where? Selwyn College
Kohimarama, Auckland

Topics include ...

- ★ Super Sleuths ☆ Medieval Mayhem ☆ Art Lab
- ☆ Maths Wizardry ☆ Toybox Technology
- ☆ Beginning Classics ☆ Cartoon Idols ☆ Design
- ☆ Advanced Word Skills ☆ Predict Catastrophe
- ☆ Brush Up Your Shakespeare ☆ Strategy Games
- ★ Human Calculators ... and more besides!

Full details are available at ...

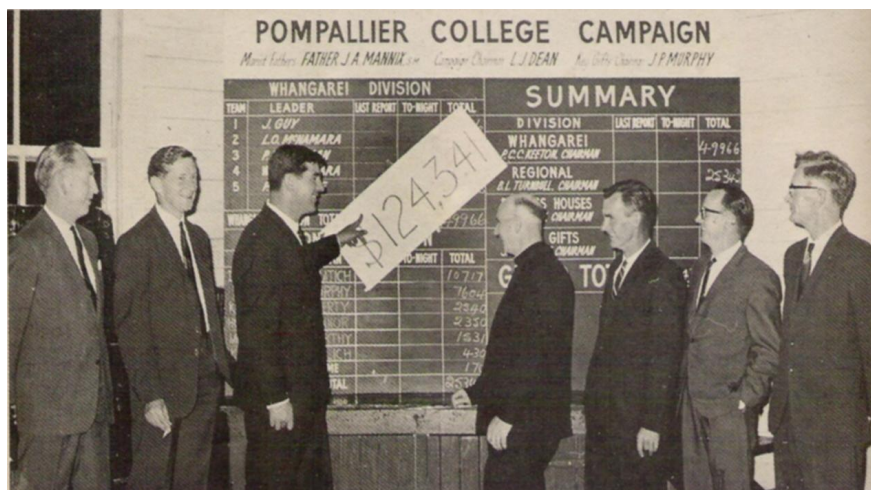
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FROM THE ARCHIVES ...

The photo below dates from around 1967 and appeared with the caption to the right ...



The concluding function of the Pompallier College building fund campaign was held last month and at that stage the tally of funds subscribed had reached \$124,341.

Photo shows the campaign committee with the score-board used to record results. From left are Messrs J.P. Murphy, P. Munro, L.J. Dean, Father J.A. Mannix, W.P. McNamara, L.O. McNamara, and J.Guy.