



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

*Diligere Verum*

*Love the Truth*

11 JUNE 2010

NEWSLETTER NO. 8

## Greetings, Tena Koutou Katoa,

We strive to proclaim and live by Gospel values and a Marist Charism at our College. Sometimes it might just seem like an ideal, but just over a week ago I was fortunate enough to experience the lived reality.

Over a period of three days we acknowledged the service Mr Les Binns has given to our College for 18 years, we celebrated the opening of our new technology block, and then gave a day to work on Mr Martin's property.

Mr Binns has become a much loved man around our College. He did not see his work as a series of tasks. His work was a labour of love for all of our College community. He managed to draw the best from limited resources and lifted the spirit of all he came into contact with.



We were honoured by his presence and wish him all the best in his retirement.

The opening of the technology block by Mr Binns was preceded by Bishop Pat celebrating Eucharist with us. The whole afternoon was truly Eucharist in many ways. Staff and students worked together to enable a wonderful celebration at Mass and lunch to follow the official opening. A visiting Principal commented to me that it was a delight to share the Mass and the lunch with such a well-behaved and involved group of students. I could only agree.

On Saturday many students and staff helped out at Mr Martin's house. Since his illness, the family has been found little time for addressing property matters.

Through the initiative of Mr Kevin Singleton (BOT) we spent the day on a whole host of tasks. But more importantly than the work, we also spent time with Mr. Martin and his family sharing food and joy. A week later I still find it hard to express in words the truth of that day. To say it was a life enhancing is probably the best that I can do.

Following Christ demands an active response and that is what so many of our teenagers connect with. They might not be seen at Sunday Mass all the time, but they are willing to serve. In serving others they become more Christ like and we need to recognise that aspect.

See page 5 for photos of the opening of the technology block and the working bee.

We are now half-way through the academic year. If you have a child studying for NCEA this is a good time to check upon their progress towards the award. They should be able to tell you how many credits they have. If they don't know, ask them to find out from their Whanau Teacher. Every year we have students missing their desired award by just a few credits. Awareness, goal setting and planning can help avoid this situation.

**Richard Stanton**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## IMPORTANT DATES: Term 2

Please keep an eye on the Events page on our website for any changes and additions.

**Mon 14 - Thu 17 Senior Exams**  
**(timetable on page 2)**

Wed 16 Jun	College Day
Thu 17 - Fri 18	NNMS National Conference
Tue 22 Jun	Head Students' Forum
Wed 23 Jun	10-pin Bowling (Yr 7&8)
Thu 24 Jun	Liturgy - St John the Baptist
Mon 28 Jun	BOT Meeting
Wed 30 Jun	NSS Teams Badminton
	Tikipunga Sports Exchange (Yr 7&8)

**Fri 2 Jul**

**Last Day of Term 2**

**Mid-Year Reports posted home**

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**SENIOR EXAMS: Years 11 - 13**

	MON (14 June)	TUE (15 June)	WED (16 June)	THU (17 June)	FRI (18 June)
<b>PERIOD 1 &amp; 2 (report by 8.45am)</b>					
<b>Hall</b>	13 ACC 12 ACC 12 GEO 12 PHY 11 BUS 11 GEO	13 MSC 12 MAT 11 SCI	13 ENT 13 GEO 13 PHY	12 CHE 11 MAT <b>All Year 13 students in their usual time- tabled classes, unless in an exam</b>	<b>All students in their usual time- tabled classes</b>
<b>Other</b>	13 BIO Rm 2 13 HSP Rm 29 12 ART Rm 19 12 HSP Rm 29	13 ENG Rm 24 13 ENG Rm 25 12 MAA Rm 3	13 ART Rm 19 12 MUS Rm 24 12 PED Rm 31 12 ARD Rm 9 11 ART Rm 21	13 HIS Lib 12 PED Rm 31 11 ALT Rm 42	
<b>PERIOD 3 &amp; 4 (report by 11.15am)</b>					
<b>Hall</b>	13 MAS 13 MSC 12 ENG	13 MAC 11 ENG	13 CHE 11 ENG	12 ENG	
<b>Other</b>	12 ENA Rm 25 11 ALT Rm 14 11 DST Rm 30 11 PED - KP Rm 2 11 PED - AL Rm 31	13 DST Rm 30 12 BIO Rm 2 12 DST Rm 30 11 ALT * Rm 14 * Period 4 ⇨ Period 5	13 DRA Rm 42 13 HSP Rm 29 13 PED Rm 31 12 HSP Rm 29 12 DRA Rm 42 12 BIO Rm 2	11 DRA Rm 42 11 MUS Rm 23	
<b>PERIOD 5 (report by 2.00pm)</b>					
<b>Hall</b>	12 ENG	11 ENG	11 RST	12 RST	
<b>Other</b>	11 ALT Rm 14	13 ARD Rm 9	13 ARD Rm 9		

**PLEASE NOTE:-**

- Exams run from Monday 14 June to Thursday 17 June.
- You must report to your exam venue **at least ten minutes** before the exam is due to start.
- Normal bell times will run during the course of the week of exams.
- All Year 13 students are expected in their usual time-tabled classes on Thursday 17 June.
- All students are expected to return to their usual time-tabled classes on Friday 18 June.**

**EXAM REGULATIONS**

- Correct uniform **must** be worn. You will not be allowed into the exam if you are not correctly dressed. Exams are a school activity - just like a sports visit.
- You will not be allowed into the exam if you are more than **30 minutes** late (ring the Student Centre on ext 840 if you have a problem).
- Candidates will be expected to take appropriate reading material into the exam and keep it under their chair.
- When you have finished your exam, raise your hand to have your paper collected. Then, and only then, will you be allowed to read.
- You may not leave the exam before the session is complete.
- Candidates will not be allowed out of the exam unless the need is very obvious. The candidate will be escorted and returned by an invigilator of the same gender.
- Drink bottles for water only are allowed.
- No electronic equipment will be allowed, except for calculators, when prescribed.
- During the exams :-**
  - You will work in silence and your silence begins from the moment you walk into the exam.
  - You must not communicate **in any way** with other candidates in the exam room.
  - You are **not** allowed to use correction fluid (eg. Twink)
  - All your writing equipment must be carried in a transparent container.
  - There will be no cell phones permitted in the exam room.
  - Any suspicion of unacceptable behaviour **will be investigated**, and may lead to a loss of grades.
- These are serious exams and your time management and full participation in them will definitely influence what you learn for the future and the NCEA exams beginning on 15 November.
- Accept the challenges offered and learn from your performance.

## SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 2, Week 8

### CODE OF CONDUCT

The sports newsletter provided to all sports teams provides information about fees and expectations. The College has a "Code of Conduct" that we expect **all** players to abide by.

We wish to remind everyone that your attitude and behaviour reflects on us all as part of the Pompallier family and we hope that you will continue to follow the Code.

### Pompallier Catholic College Code of Conduct

- Play within the spirit of the rules.
- Emphasis on self-discipline is explicit - loss of temper on the field or at training and use of unsavoury language on the field will not be tolerated.
- Accept the umpire's decisions as final. Any concerns or queries to be raised with either your Team Captain or Coach during the interval or at the conclusion of the game, whichever applies first.
- Be a good sport. Recognise good play from your opponent.
- Treat all players as you yourself would like to be treated. Don't interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Remember the aim of the game - enjoy it, give it your all.
- Co-operate with your Captain, Coach, team-mates and opponents, for without them you would not have a game.
- Training times are set down by the Coaches of the respective teams and all players must be prompt. If, for any reason you are unable to attend a training session, the player must notify the Coach at least one day prior to that particular training session.
- All players must respect the authority of the Coach in all aspects of the game, ie. on and off the court.
- All players are encouraged to express any concerns/ views they have in regard to any aspect of training and Coaches must ensure that the environment is there for them to do so.

### COLLEGE DAY - Wed 16 June

Teams that may have been entered this week should have the appropriate information regarding venues, draws etc from their team manager before the day. Safety gear, transport etc. is the responsibility of individuals.

Listen to More FM or Classic Hits for cancellations on the day.

### TEN-PIN BOWLING TOURNAMENT - Wed 23 June

Those Year 7 & 8 students who have taken a permission slip home will need to return them as soon as possible, as entries are limited to 20 teams in the tournament.

We will be needing help to provide some transport and a team manager for each team would be nice, so please return signed slips as soon as possible.

### NSS TEAMS BADMINTON - Wed 30 June

Interested students (Years 9 - 13) need to register and collect a slip from the Sports Office as soon as possible.

Entries close 22 June and exam week is before this so the potential to forget all about it is there! Please see me ASAP if you wish to participate.

Teams of four can enter and there are two venues dependant upon which division is entered.



### SPORTS RESULTS

- **Netball - Intermediate Team 2**
  - vs Kamo Intermediate loss 5 - 12
  - vs Otangarei loss 7 - 9
  - vs Kamo Intermediate 6 win 12 - 11
- **Netball - Senior Team 2**
  - vs Fideliter 6 draw 26 - 26
  - vs Kamo High School 10A loss 19 - 29
- **Netball - Senior Team 3**
  - vs WGHS Pink win 18 - 11
  - vs Kamo High School 10B win 26 - 17
- **Football - Girls**
  - vs WGHS 1 loss 15 - 0
  - vs Kamo High School 2 loss 0 - 4
- **Football - Boys**
  - vs Otamatea High School loss 2 - 3
  - vs Kerikeri High School loss 0 - 4

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR THE PARENTS OF ATHLETIC CHILDREN

(Reprinted from "The Young Athlete" by Bill Burgess)

5. Try not to re-live your athletic life through your child in a way that creates pressure; you lost as well as won. You were frightened, you backed off at times, you were not always heroic.

Don't pressure your child because of your pride. Athletic children need their parents so you must not withdraw. Just remember there is a thinking, feeling, sensitive free spirit out there in that uniform who needs a lot of understanding, especially when his world turns bad.

If he is comfortable with you win or lose, he's on his way to maximum achievement and enjoyment.

6. Don't compete with the coach. If the coach becomes the authority figure, it will run from enchantment to disenchantment...with your athlete.

Watch for the next instalment ...

**Chantelle Yorke**  
**SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR**  
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## YEAR 11 & 12 ENGLISH

The Year 11 Creative Writing assessment which had been scheduled for completion in Week 8 of Term 2 in class and the Year 12 Creative Writing assessment which had been scheduled for Week 1 of Term 3 in class, will now take place during the Week 9 exams and be completed over two periods in Week 10.

This change utilises the students (and teacher's) time more effectively.

**Leanne Evans**  
HOD ENGLISH

## EXAM STUDY SKILLS ...

In a previous newsletter we spoke about the importance of "starting" to study. In order to start you need to have your study space ready to work.

- Ensure that your desk or study area is neat and tidy and that you have pens, paper and a plan!
- Work out what you have to study - how many subjects are you studying this week and how many chapters you need to go over - prioritise your work and get studying.
- Use the **THInK** process - **Topic, Headings, Idea** and **Keyword** approach if you have not yet formalised another system.
- The **central** thing about studying is that you understand what you are reading. Before trying to make notes read any relevant texts and notes. Read and re-read anything you don't understand.
- **Make a note to ask your teacher for help if you are still struggling.**
- Once you have grasped the idea contained in the text it will make the whole process much easier.
- Using highlighters can help identify keywords and when you then come to make notes these will help you remember the idea being expressed in the text.
- Once you have understood the text make **brief** notes containing only essential information.



## STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away from school, please ensure that you ring and let us know first thing each day.

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



In the case of illness, please make sure that you ring each day your child is sick, as children recover at different rates and for your child's safety we need to know whether to expect them at school or not.

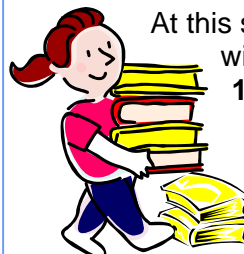
Please also note that medical absences for periods of three days or more require a medical certificate upon your child's return to school.

*Thank you.*

## PTFA PHONE BOOK DELIVERY

Help is again needed for the annual PTFA fundraiser delivering telephone books

Our allocated area for 2011 is Whangarei West



At this stage it is expected that deliveries will be made during the weekend of **17 & 18 July**, however, this will be subject to final confirmation.

40 families = 100 books each (approx. one or two hours work)

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

**Sheryl Raravula**

☎ 435 4063

or txt: 021 100 6639

## HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED!!

The College will once again be hosting a large group of 15 and 16 year old students from a Japanese High School.



The students will be here for a two week period, arriving on Sunday 25 July and leaving on Saturday 7 August.

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

Living expenses are reimbursed.

If you are interested in hosting a student, or for more information, please contact:

**Gretchen Magrath**

☎ 432 2288 or [gmagrath@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gmagrath@xtra.co.nz)

## MARSDEN BAY HOLIDAY CAMP

[www.marsdenbay.com](http://www.marsdenbay.com)

Ages 9 - 13 years

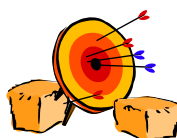
Sunday 4 - Friday 9 July 2010

Marsden Bay Youth Camp, One Tree Point

Go Karts • Motor bikes • Flying Fox •

Archery • Air rifles • Abseiling •

Night Games • Sports •



For more information, contact:

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## OPENING OF TECHNOLOGY BLOCK - Friday 28 May



## WORKING BEE - Saturday 29 May

