



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Love the Truth

25 MARCH 2011

NEWSLETTER NO. 4

Tena Koutou Katoa, Greetings to you all ...

Over the last two weeks we have had Year 9 and 13 students out of their regular College programme.

Year 13 went to the Hokianga, while Year 9 spent time in the Bay of Islands. Both of these areas were familiar to Bishop Pompallier and the Marist priests who brought Catholic missionary activity to New Zealand. While the programmes differed, there was a common theme of connecting into our heritage, reflecting upon God's gift of creation, and promoting an understanding and respect of each person's unique identity.

I had the opportunity to be with both groups and it reminded me again why I find the vocation of teaching so fulfilling. Four years from now these Year 9 students will be seniors within our College. They will model the wonderful characteristics that are evident in our Year 13 class of 2011.

This transformation is quite rapid. It is guided and sustained by the staff and parents associated with this college and lived with the context of our Catholic / Marist charism. Knowing that I have played some small part in enabling this person to become the one God desires them to be is some part of what sustains me in this work and no doubt this is true for many of our staff.

The Year 13 hikoi / retreat has certainly been a highlight for me this year. The students were a pleasure to be with. Their level of co-operation, support, compassion and desire to learn and live their faith was stunning. They truly lived the values which we hold close as a College.

I typically return from these activities feeling tired and drained. After this one, I felt up-lifted and full of hope. I would love our future world to be in the hands of such wonderful people. As a College we should delight and rejoice in having enabled such an outcome. The staff and parents who have nurtured these outcomes deserve our praise and thanks.

We hope to establish a retreat / camp for Years 9, 11 and 13 as a regular feature of our College programme.

We are now looking for a suitable venue for our Year 11 students. Ideally it will be an exclusive rural site within Northland that offers opportunity for physical activity, along with some accommodation to facilitate a group of 50 students. If you know of some possibilities we would be delighted to hear from you.

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

As a College we strive to meet the needs of our students. Many of the educational programmes are mandated by Government, but there is also substantial flexibility available within the system. In order to best meet the needs of your child we need to hear from you. This is why we conduct surveys and hold regular meetings for parents and students.

We had half of the parents from Years 9 and 10 attend Parent - Whanau Teacher meetings last Friday. Initial comments were very positive from parents, who appreciated the opportunity to share insights with the whanau teacher.

Coming up soon will be **consultation with Maori**. Every few years we are required to consult with the local Maori community. While this is a mandated exercise, we do not consider it as such. It provides us with an opportunity to connect with the parents and students in a way that helps us to better meet their needs. We have scheduled this meeting for Wednesday 6 April.

We will be offering **Parent - Subject Teacher meetings** on Wednesday 13 April. Prior to that meeting, you will receive a short progress report from your child's subject teachers. This report will be useful for enabling discussion during the interviews and will contain information on how to make online bookings. But please don't forget that you are welcome to contact the Whanau Teacher any time you wish to discuss your child's educational needs.

God bless you and your family.

Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL

*"Faith is taking the first step,
even when you don't see the whole staircase."*

Martin Luther King Jnr (1929 - 1968)

SAMOA 2011 UPDATE ...

In July 2011 a group of nineteen students from the College will be travelling to Samoa for eight days.

As previously mentioned, the cost of this trip is approximately \$1,800 per student, plus spending money.

The last few **mystery grocery bags** are still available from the College Office between the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm. Bags are priced at either \$30.00 or \$50.00.



Do you have a copy of your NCEA certificate?

Students have been asking why they haven't received their certificates.

From 2011, NCEA certificates are only being printed by NZQA **on request**. When students received their results notice, it contained information regarding this.

You order your certificate by going online through your NZQA Learner Login.

SAMOA 2011 FUNDRAISING

GIANT GARAGE SALE

77A Tarewa Road, Raumanga
Saturday 16 April

- white elephant • books • magazines • clothes •
- household items • jams & pickles • sausage sizzle •

If you have any items you can donate, please drop them off at the Student Centre at the College

BUS PASSES ...

We have experienced several problems recently regarding students forgetting their bus passes.



Students have been told repeatedly that they must produce their bus pass or else they are not allowed onto the buses.

You can't board a plane without a pass - the same applies to our school buses.

Due to our buses being at their maximum loadings, we have no choice but to ensure that our students are only boarding the bus they are eligible to catch.

If your child loses their pass, they can apply for a replacement by paying \$6.00 to the College office. A temporary bus pass will be issued, and a new, permanent, pass will be ordered for them. As these are printed off-site, this can take up to ten working days.

PTFA AGM

7.00pm, Tuesday 5 April
Pompallier Staff Room

All parents most welcome

Come along so you can meet other parents and staff, find out more about Pompallier and support your school community

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We run a Children's Liturgy at the 10.00am Sunday Mass to provide young children with the opportunity to learn about the Gospels at their own pace.

We would love to have more volunteers to help run these morning sessions. They take place during Mass for about 20 minutes, so that the children can return to their parents for the consecration.

We enthusiastically encourage the children to participate, ask and answer questions and make a joyful noise!

All resources are provided and all we need is your time and enthusiasm to share the Word of God with the youngsters. We usually have one turn a term, so please join our team.

Please contact Vernice Young on julesverne@xtra.co.nz or ring or drop into the Parish Office if you would like to volunteer or find out more about this service to the St Francis Xavier Parish.

Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Term 1

Please remember to check the Events page on our website for any additions and alterations.

MARCH

Tue 29	RYDA Programme	(Yr 11)
Thu 31	Senior Health Day	(Yr 12 & 13)

APRIL

Mon 4 - Thu 7	13PED Kayaking	(Waipu Cove)
Tue 5	12GEO EOTC	(Auckland)
Tue 5	NCEA Music Performance	
Thu 7	Young Leaders' Day	
Thu 7	Progress Reports Mailed Home	
Mon 11 - Tue 12	Vision & Hearing Tests	(Yr 9)
Mon 11 - Thu 14	Blue Light Leadership Course	
Wed 13	Parent Teacher Interviews	(4.00 - 7.00) (Years 7 & 8 and 11 - 13 only)

Fri 15 Apr **Last Day of Term** **(3.10pm finish)**

SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 8

MILO CRICKET - YEAR 7 & 8 vs HUANUI COLLEGE

Lucky Singh, our team's Coach, and three parents took the team to Kensington Park last Wednesday to play Huanui.

Hamish McKechnie and Jake Sentch both scored 12 runs and the following players took wickets: Keedon Bruce (2), Shivam Khambete (2), Hamish McKechnie (1), Jake Sentch (1), Tyran Kitchen (1) and Bradley Vuletich (2).

Huanui were all out for 68 runs and Pompallier passed their score with two wickets still in hand.

Thank you very much to Mrs Khambete, Mrs Nola, Mr Scott and Mr McGonagle for transporting our players, thanks to Mr McKechnie for managing the team, and to Messrs Scott and McGonagle for acting as the officials. And, of course, thank you to Lucky for coaching during lunch times.

Well done team!!

NSS ATHLETICS - Wednesday 16 March

A big thank you to Mr Taylor and Mr Patrick for supporting the team in my absence.

Results:

- **Jono Boyd** 3rd, Senior Boys High Jump
3rd, Senior Boys Shotput
- **Josh Crawford** 2nd, Junior Boys 1500m
- **Tessa Hepi** 3rd, Intermediate Girls Discus
- **Harry Linford** 2nd, Intermediate Boys 1500m
- **Nicola McDonnell-Kelly** 3rd, Intermediate Girls 100m
- **Chad Whitehead** 3rd, Junior Boys 300m
2nd, Junior Boys Triple Jump

Chad's triple jump of 10.11m at the event has broken another College record (9.70m set by D Taylor in 2007). Well done Chad.

NETBALL NEWS

Newsletters, outlining fees and our Code of Conduct, have now been issued to players at trainings, or at school.

Whangarei Netball Centre have increased the fees this season and the College has had to pass this on:

- Secondary (Years 9 - 13) \$90.00 per player
- Intermediate (Years 7 & 8) \$60.00 per player

These must be paid to the College office **by Friday 1 April** (before the season starts on Saturday 2 April).

If you would like to discuss any special payment arrangements, please do so with our Cashier, Mrs Adams, or please talk to me regarding difficulties paying by the due date. We wish to support your daughters' participation in netball, but DO need to know about hardship issues.

There is a luck prize draw for all winter code fees due this season.

POMPALLIER COLLEGIATE HOCKEY

Marist Hockey is helping to get us up and running, and players who attended the rally a couple of weeks ago were invited to attend their fun runs at Mair Park, Sundays at 4.30pm. The trainings could run on from this.

Mrs Lecky is our Teacher-in-charge of Hockey and she held a meeting earlier this week - check on the daily notices for further information about the season.

COLLEGIATE CRICKET

Unfortunately the T20 tournament due to be held at Kensington Park earlier this week had to be cancelled due to the weather.

Please ensure your \$35.00 fee has been paid before for the 2010/11 season, and return your shirts to me ASAP.

ROAD CYCLING

Last week **William Arnold** (H2AL) competed in the "BDO Tour of Northland" ride which goes over four days - Day 1: Whangarei to Dargaville (92km), Day 2: Dargaville to Opononi (84km), Day 3: Opononi to Paihia (83km), and Day 4: Russell to Whangarei (89km).

William was placed 3rd junior male, 4th junior rider and 63rd overall at the end of the four days competing against over 430 other riders from all over New Zealand and Australia. Thirty-six of those were elite riders, including some of New Zealand's professional riders. The winner's time for the four days was 10 hrs 6 min and 48 sec and William finished with a total time for the 348km of 10 hrs 16 min 41 sec.

Ben Johnstone (D1MD) competed on Days 3 and 4 as an elite rider. Ben does not get an overall place as he only rode the two days, but placed in the front bunch on both days - placing 3rd on Day 3 and 10th on Day 4.

On Day 3 the first rider's time was 2.08.18 and Ben's time was 2.08.47. On Day 4 the winner's time was 2.37.02, Ben's time was 2.38.01 and William's time was 2.49.41.

The boys both did really well and are looking forward to competing at The Junior Tour in Te Awamutu during the holidays.

William and Ben both ride with the Marsden Wheelers Club, with junior coach Ruth Jarman. The club is always looking for new members, so anyone interested in joining or even giving cycling a try can contact Ruth on 021 438 252. The NSS Cycling Champs are coming up on 12 May and Ruth will be running a few training sessions for beginner riders in the weeks leading up to it.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - Request for Volunteer Coach

If you are interested in helping the Soccer athletes for their five-a-side competitions, the Chairperson would love to hear from you. Contact Andrew Langford: PO Box 1881, Whangarei.

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SPORT THOUGHT ... Success is the ability to do better than good enough.

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KENPO KARATE

Congratulations to **Casey Tier** (V1PN), who gained her Black Belt qualification mid-December 2010. Great work Casey.

If anyone is interested in attending karate classes, they are held at the Maunu Primary School Hall on Tuesdays - Juniors from 5.50 - 6.30pm, Adults from 6.45 - 8.15pm.

Please contact Ron Mason on 021 567 607, or look on the website: www.northlandkenpo.co.nz

SWIMMING RESULTS

Melita Raravula (C2TH) competed at the 2011 New Zealand National Age Group Championships held in Wellington at the start of March.

Melita broke seven Northland (Long Course) Age Group and 15yr & under records, and six Northland (Long Course) Open records on her way to winning one gold, two silver and three bronze medals. Congratulations!

Joshua Walker (C1NS) proudly represented Pompallier at the Secondary Schools Special Olympics Aquatics Ribbon Day in Kawakawa on 15 March.



Joshua was placed second in the 25m freestyle, second in the 25m kickboard and 5th in the 25m breaststroke. Well done Joshua!



UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS - Term 1

- Mon 28 Mar Inter-house Volleyball
- Sat 2 Apr Saturday Netball starts
- Thu 14 Apr NSS Tennis
- Thu 14 Apr Staff / Student Volleyball

Chantelle Yorke
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
chantelle.yorke@pompallier.school.nz

POMPALLIER COLLEGIATE HOCKEY TRIALS

5.00pm, Thursday 31 March
Hockey Turf, Kensington Park
Open to both boys & girls (Years 9 - 13)

Players will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear, mouth-guard and shin pads and bring their own sticks and drinks

A reminder that our players are also welcome at the Marist Hockey trainings on Sundays at 4.00pm



ARE YOU NEW ZEALAND'S JUNIOR TIGER?

A nationwide hunt is on for New Zealand's 2011 Junior Tiger

The winner will get to represent New Zealand at The World Junior Golf Championships in the USA, including a trip to Disneyland with a family member!

Tournament categories are:
• 11 & under (girls and boys) • 12-14 (girls and boys)

Register online NOW at www.juniortiger.co.nz

New to golf? Come along and give it a go! Everyone who attends on the day goes into the draw to win a trip for you and a family member to DISNEYLAND in the US!

A fun day out for all the family!

WIN 1 of 2 trips to Disneyland

Waipu Golf Club
11am tee off 27th March

www.juniortiger.co.nz



SAMOA 2011 FUNDRAISING

TOP TEAM CHALLENGE

Have you got what it takes????

Get together your team of four and find out!!
(limited to 40 teams)

Sunday 8 May 2011

\$40 per team, entry forms at the Student Centre

This will be a professionally run event, with great prizes on offer for the winners!

for further information, contact:
Denise ☎ 432 8344

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

For over 20 years, the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in Mathematics, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Computer Studies.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly, their total score, and their average compared with the rest of the students in New Zealand.

The student report is also useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses in skills and processes and gives the student important examination skills that sets them in good stead for future external NCEA exams

High quality UNSW certificates are awarded for each year level in New Zealand as follows:

- **High Distinction** to the top 1% of entrants
- **Distinction** to the next 10% of entrants
- **Credit** to the next 20% of entrants
- **Participation** to all other participating students

Students who achieve the highest score in New Zealand receive a UNSW medal. These medals may be presented at UNSW Medal Ceremonies or by the Principal at a school assembly.

If you would like your child to take part in any or all of these exams, please complete and return the permission slip below, together with the entry fee, to the College office **by the end of term - Friday 15 April.**

The entry fee per student per subject is as follows:

Subject	Fee *	2011 Test Dates	Year Lvl
Computer Skills	\$8.00	Tuesday 24 May	7 - 11
Science	\$8.00	Wednesday 8 June	7 - 11
Spelling	\$10.00	Tuesday 21 June	7 & 8
Writing	\$18.00	Tuesday 21 June	7 - 11
English	\$8.00	Tuesday 2 August	7 - 11
Mathematics	\$8.00	Tuesday 16 August	7 - 11

ALL fees are due by Friday 15 April 2011.

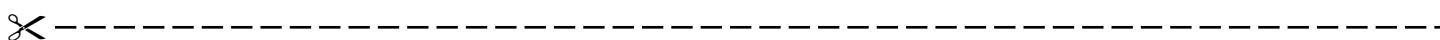
* Please note, an extra \$0.50 per subject is included to cover postage costs to Australia.

To assist your child to prepare for the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS), past ICAS booklets can be purchased from EAA. These booklets provide a good indication of the types of questions used and their difficulty and give students experience in the ICAS format.

Sample practice questions can also be downloaded from the EAA website.

For more information please visit the EAA website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au or email info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Ram Rattan
ICAS CO-ORDINATOR



2011 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Student Name: Whanau Class:
has my permission to participate in the following ICAS assessments to be held on the dates shown below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Skills | Tuesday 24 May | \$8.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science | Wednesday 8 June | \$8.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling | Tuesday 21 June | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing | Tuesday 21 June | \$18.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English | Tuesday 2 August | \$8.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics | Tuesday 16 August | \$8.00 |

Total payment enclosed: \$

Name: Daytime Ph:
(please print clearly)

Signed: Date:

YEAR 7 WILDERNESS ADVENTURE CAMP



We would like to thank, not only the parents that supported us by attending camp, but all those who assisted with purchasing food and providing equipment (and delicious home baking!). We would also like to acknowledge Harvest Wholesale on Finalyson Street who provided us with an amazing deal on our fresh fruit and vegetables. We couldn't have done it without you all!!

Kate Fortune
YEAR 7 DEAN

KAYAKING

Anya Gross (7FT)

There I was - the salty taste of the sea on my lips. My arms were so sore because of all the paddling we had to do. Splash! "Oh Wilson, why did you do that?" I questioned with a giggle. I was drenched through to the skin. The smell of swamp ground drifted through the air. I could hear a soft, sweet, faint chirping bird in the distance. My kayak skimmed across the clear, smooth, still water. My paddle dipped in and out of the water several times before I stopped and touched the crisp, silent, motionless water. It was like touching an icicle - frosty smooth and delicate. My kayak would've slowly come to a halt if it weren't for the slight push of the current. I could see mangroves outlining the stream. I kept paddling 'til I reached the shore of soft, squishy, murky mud that stuck to your legs like leeches.

CAMP FIRE

Matigan Smith (7FT)

As we approached the camp fire a smoky smell filled the air. In two minutes our faces felt like they were melting. The fire itself glowed red, orange and yellow all mixed together to make one. Up above, there were millions of shining stars smiling down at us. Silly songs shattered the silence of the night until we staggered back up the hill to our tents.

TENTING

Tamara Copeland (7FT)

When we set up our tent it was really confusing with all the different bars and pegs. Luckily we got some parent help. When all the tents were set up it looked really cool because they were all set up in a horseshoe shape. It was really cool sleeping in a tent with my group. At night it was really cold sleeping in the tent. We had to pile on lots of warm clothes and we were still cold.

KAYAKING

Daniel Butzbach (7WB)

Today we went kayaking. It felt like I was in the misty jungle searching for water. Half an hour later we were still searching for the lake. "Where is it?" I said. Suddenly I saw mud - heaps of mud. "Oh no, I'm sinking, help!" I was pulled up to land and smothered in mud. After the disaster with mud we kept searching and then everyone started to sprint. They shouted "Water!" I started running too, but I tripped over and landed in more mud. I was now called the magnanimous monster that lives in the misty jungle.

COOKING

Xavier Darwent (7FT)

The burning hot sun shone right at my face.
Sweat running down my face like a waterfall.
The BBQ made me even hotter and hotter.
I couldn't wait to eat my scrumptious tea.
The sausages smelt like lollies.

CAMP FIRE

Gabi Telfer (7FT)

As we walked down to the camp fire the smell of smoke got stronger and stronger. When we reached the camp fire you could feel the heat of the fire as if you were in an oven. The grass was wet like sea. As the leaders put more trees on the fire it sounded like you had popping candy in your mouth - crackle, crackle, crackle, pop, pop, pop. The movement of the fire looked like it was waving at you going back and forward. Everyone was dancing and singing. Everyone was having a good time.

HORSE RIDING

Carly Walker (7FT)

The tall brown horse bounded forward as we approached the jump. I slowly bent forward then "clunk" we made it to the other side. A boost of excitement filled my body. I couldn't wait to do it again I thought.

MOTOR BIKING

Rojena Fuentes (7WB)

"Be careful and remember to use the brakes, ok?" I nodded my head nervously. Ben started to rev the engine and then he told me to change to first gear. I could hear my stomach clenching with fear and excitement. I was about to ride a motor-bike for the first time!!

My right hand clung onto the throttle as hard as it could!! The next thing I heard was "You're free to go!" But it was hard to hear Ben over the roaring of the engine. My ears were open to their full extent and I could tell Ben was yelling his loudest! I slowly heaved the throttle back and within a milli-second "VROOM" I was off!!! I felt like I was the king of the world - it was indescribable!!!

WATER SLIDE

River McKenzie (7FT)

As I took the first step onto the tarpaulin I felt the water trickle on my feet and swirled - OH NO! As I reached the end of the slide I hit a bump and was flung into the water with a splash.





CANTEEN PRICE LIST

March 2011

SNACKS

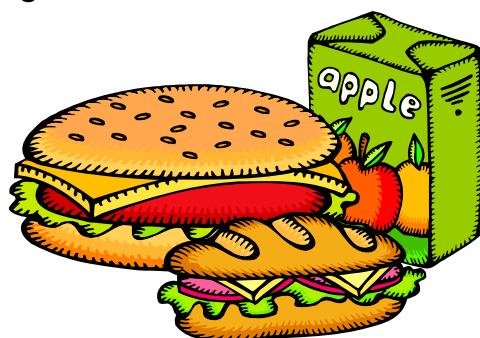
Rice Crackers	0.50
Banana Chips	0.50
Strings	0.60
Fresh Fruit (when available)	0.50 - 1.00
Yoghurt & Jelly	1.50

COLD FOOD / COLD WRAPS

Sushi (when available)	3.00
Chicken Filled Roll	2.50
Club Sandwich	2.00
Vegetarian Wrap	3.00
Chicken Wrap	3.00
Pastrami Wrap	3.00
Pastrami Bagel	4.50
Prawn Cocktail (pre order)	5.00
Tuna Salad (pre order)	4.00

HOT FOOD / HOT WRAPS

Hash Brown	0.60
Banana & Choc Toastie (pre order)	2.00
Butter Chicken Wrap	3.00
Thai Chicken Wrap	3.00
Steak & Cheese Wrap	3.00
Mince & Cheese Wrap	3.00
Chilli Wrap	3.00
Feta, Spinach & Silverbeet Roll	2.50
McGregor's Pie	3.00



DRINKS

Primo Flavoured Milk	2.00
Extremo Flavoured Milk	2.00
H ₂ GO Flavoured Water	3.00
Plain Water	1.50
Sharing	1.50
L O L	2.00
Sprite Zero	2.00
1L Juice (when available)	3.00

BURGERS

Chicken Burger with salad	3.50
Rib Burger with salad	3.50
Hash Brown Burger with salad	3.50
Fish Burger with salad	2.50
American Hot Dog	2.00

TUESDAYS ONLY

Shiraz Butter Chicken	5.00
Shiraz Vegetarian Curry (incl. free Naan Bread)	5.00

WEDNESDAYS ONLY

ONE of the following ...

Macaroni Cheese or	2.50
Potato Wedges or	2.00
Nachos or	3.00
Teriyaki Chicken or	3.00
Chow Mein or	3.00
Pasta Dish	3.00

To pre-order ...

- order before 9.00am for interval
- order before interval for lunch-time