



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Diligere Verum
Love the Truth

10 FEBRUARY 2012

NEWSLETTER NO. 1

Greetings,

Nau mai haere mai, welcome to our 2012 academic year.

STAFF DAY

Our staff spent a day looking at our vision and planning documents before the students came back to school.

During the day staff were asked to choose a word that best matched their aspirations for 2012. Featuring strongly were words emphasising community and positive attitudes. These are certainly aligned with Gospel values and reflect much of what we strive to be as a College.

Our first day for the students was notable for the positive spirit among the students. They looked well rested and keen to start the new academic year. We have managed to resolve almost all of the timetable issues for students, so classes have now settled into a regular pattern of learning and teaching.

NCEA OUTCOMES

In recent years we have been striving to increase the percentage of "Excellence" and "Merit" endorsements for NCEA.

Nationally, around 5% of the student body receive an "Excellence" endorsement, and around 20% receive a "Merit" endorsement.

In 2011 "Excellence" endorsements were three times the average in Year 13, and more than twice the average in Year 11. Our Year 12 were aligned with the average in "Excellence", but exceeded it with the "Merit" awards.

There will be few, if any, Colleges in Northland that will match our academic outcomes.

Thank you parents, students, and staff for enabling such great results.

2011 NCEA Endorsement (%)

Year Level	Achieved	Merit	Excellence	College Pass Rate
11	52	29	12	92
12	60	23	3	86
13	44	15	15	75

PREFECTS

We have appointed our prefects for 2012. At our College we don't have a fixed number in mind for prefects, but look for students who demonstrate the leadership style we value. At this point of time we have recognised 17 senior students with these qualities.

Our Head students are **Adam McKernan** and **Léa Turner**. We have appointed two Deputy Head girls, as they bring some particular strong qualities in different areas. They are **Dineo Mpe** and **Kirsten Pram**. Our Deputy Head boy is **Sam Beazley**.

The rest of our prefects are:

Sarah Anderson, Eden Crawford, Aidan Crawley, Te Paea Hoori, Paige Hubner, Aisling Murnane, Cameron Murphy, Matthew Myburgh, Harlen Paraone, Emma Porter, Keely Quaid and Lucy Wojcik.



House Leaders for 2012 have also been chosen as follows:

Chavoïn:

Captain: Matthew Myburgh
Deputies: Zac Harrower, Pepijn Luiten, Casey Tier

Colin:

Captain: Eden Crawford
Deputies: Mark Manzano, Harlen Paraone, Melita Raravula

Dowling:

Captain: Kirsten Pram
Deputies: Sam Harris, Harry Linford, Dhruvi Shah

Hobson:

Captain: Sam Beazley
Deputies: Olivia Ashby-Cartwright, Nicola McDonnell-Kelly, Nathan Tomlinson

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"The future depends on what we do in the present"

Mahatma Gandhi

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EXAMS, PRIZE-GIVING & REPORTS

We are in the process of reviewing our exams, prize-giving, information we provide in reports and when we report to parents.

Staff are working through some proposals and once this process is complete we will seek comment from parents, the BOT and students.

BUSES

At this time of year changes in transportation causes some consternation with a few families.

In the past few years we have been able to accommodate some students who were not entitled to a free bus, however we can no longer do that for all of these students, as the demand is greater than the number of free seats on the bus.

Consequently, some students must now adhere to the regulations which stipulate that they are not entitled to free transport.

I acknowledge that there may be some students travelling who are not entitled to free transport, and that the selection of these seems rather random in the eyes of some.

I would like to draw to your attention the following:

- a. The selection was made by the Ministry of Education and not the College, and was based on access to suitable fare-paying services.
- b. Students who are entitled to free transport or financial assistance are receiving it.
- c. Student numbers on the buses change over time so we may be able to get some students back on.

If the change is creating a significant financial burden to your family, please don't hesitate to let us know. We may be able to help you in some manner.

PAYMENTS

We are currently looking at a budget deficit for our College in 2012. The BOT is actively seeking alternative ways in which we might be able to increase our income.

We have no desire to reduce the services we provide to students, so we are seeking to maximise the amount of money which comes into the College.

One income source which has fallen over in the last few years has been the parent voluntary contribution. This year we are trying a new approach in the hope that we might be able to stop this decline. When parents submit money to the College we will direct 20% of it towards the voluntary component, and 80% towards the compulsory component.

As always, we will make exceptions for those families facing financial hardship.

God bless you and your family.

Richard Stanton
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS: Term 1

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

FEBRUARY

Tue 14	PTFA Meeting (Staffroom)	6.30pm
Tue 14 - Fri 17	100m Swimming champs	1.25pm
Fri 17	Swimming Sports	
Tue 21 - Wed 22	Bruce Scott Cricket	
Tue 21 - Fri 24	Y13 Hikoi	
Wed 22	Y7 & 8 Tennis	
Wed 22	Ash Wednesday	2.45pm
Fri 24	Individual Triathlon	
Tue 28	Senior Girls Volleyball	
Wed 29	13PED Beach Trip	

MARCH

Thu 1	Senior Boys Volleyball	
Fri 2	Athletics Day	
Sun 4 - Fri 9	11PED Great Barrier OPC	
Mon 5	Teacher Only Day	
Tue 6 - Thu 8	Senior Netball Trials	
Wed 7	13GEO EOTC to Ruakaka	
Mon 12 - Fri 16	Year 7 Camp	
Mon 12	Robertson Shield Cricket	
Tue 13	PTFA Meeting (Staffroom)	6.30pm
Tue 13	NPSSA Y7 & 8 Swimming Champs	
Wed 14	NSS Athletics Champs	
Wed 14 - Fri 16	Y9 Retreat, Group 1	
Fri 16	NSS Swimming Champs	
Tue 20	Open Boys 7's	
Tue 20 - Wed 21	Y7 & 8 Netball Trials	
Wed 21	U15 Boys 7's	
Wed 21	Teams Triathlon	
Wed 21 - Fri 23	Year 9 Retreat, Group 2	
Thu 22	Teams Triathlon	
Fri 23	Bowls	
Mon 26 - Thu 29	13PED Kayak Assessment	
Thu 27	U15 Boys 7's	
Fri 30	Teacher Only Day	

APRIL

Tue 3	Showjumping	
Wed 4	Tennis	
Thu 5 April	Last Day of Term	(1.00pm finish)

SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 2

SWIMMING SPORTS - Fri 17 Feb (p/p Tues 21 Feb)

Entries have been taken at the House meetings this week. They can still be taken until interval on Tues 14 Feb. Students must choose between swimming Open events (25m), OR Championships (50m: All, 100m: Years 9-13).

Open events are for fun and earn House points for the less confident swimmers.

Championship events must be swum to qualify for those hoping to represent the College at the WPSSA or NSS Champ events, so these are for the stronger swimmers who can confidently swim: Year 7 & 8, 50m (2 lengths), or Year 9 - 13, 100m (4 lengths).

Only swimmers and officials go to the pool for this programme. Please come to school in uniform and be at the pool for your age group start time (see programme on sports notice-board or in your class).

Remember to be "Sun-smart" and you could win a spot prize on the day!

ATHLETICS DAY Y9 - 13 - Fri 2 March (p/p Tues 6 Mar)

All Year 9 -13 students will be out of class all day for this event. Students begin the day with a parade for House spirit up the track to the 100m start line, where we start with the 100m sprint event by each age-group. The rest of the day is a full-on programme of track and field events.

Some field events have heats held beforehand (High/ Triple jump & Javelin), and only finals on the day.

Please remember to bring hat and sun-block and dress in your House colours to show your pride! *Remember to be "Sun-smart" and you could win a Spot prize on the day.*

NSS Championship event is at Kensington Park on Wed 15 March – qualifiers are those who place top 3 in track and top 2 in field events. A meeting will be held at school, and permissions given for this next event.

NETBALL 2012 TRIAL DATES

We have yet to find a full complement of Coaches and Managers, so all interested people are encouraged to contact me via email for a job description.

We also have a situation vacant for Secretary of our Netball Committee, due to Mrs Redwood finishing her time with us now that Jessie has graduated. Please call or email if you are available to help.

Once we have confirmed Selectors for this season we will advertise trial dates, however they are likely to be some-time in Week 6, 7 or 8.

Players are reminded that they are expected to consider fully their commitment to a team **before** they trial, so as not to disrupt teams by withdrawing after selections are held. Thank you.

There will be an opportunity to sign-up for trials at the College – check the daily notices.

There are Netball coaching courses regularly offered through Whangarei Netball Centre. If you feel you would like to help but need to be upskilled, the Sports depart-

ment could pay to get you started. Upcoming courses:

Tuesday 6 March - Starting Out in Coaching (SOIC)

Designed for beginner or young coaches of Year 7/8 and/ or Secondary School Teams (this is recommended to be completed prior to any further modules).

Saturday 24 March - Starting Out in Coaching (SOIC) or

Player Centred Coaching (PCC)

Designed for beginner or young coaches of Year 7/8 and/ or Secondary School teams (PCC is a pre-requisite for all further modules).

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Tawera Henare competed at the NI Inter-Provincial Track & Field event over Anniversary weekend (28-30 Jan), which was held in Palmerston North.

He ran for the North Harbour province and achieved 2nd place in both the 100m and 200m sprints. Congratulations Tawera!

FUN RUN / TRIATHLON / MULTI-SPORT EVENTS

Sport Northland have a great Run/Walk series and there have been some changes to the Secondary Schools Triathlon dates. If you are interested, see the websites www.runwalkseries.co.nz or www.northlandtri.co.nz.

SPORT COMMITTEE & LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to the 17 Year 12's who have been selected for the 2012 committee:

Joshua Ackers, Strauss Dunn-Mackie, Abeiku Eshun, Olivia Harding, Sam Harris, Drew Hepburn, Daniel Jackson, Sean Kerwick, Harry Linford, JC Lubrica, Pepijn Luiten, Nicola McDonnell-Kelly, Jacob Morton-Jones, Lloyd Patrick, Melita Raravula, Casey Tier and Nathan Tomlinson.

These students will be assisting the Sports department in running swimming, cross country, and the lunchtime programme. The planner for Term 1 is on the notice-board now – join in!

PEOPLE IN THE PARK - Sunday 26 Feb

This event is at Kensington Park and is going to be lots of fun. There are Teams Challenges so we will be organising interested teams. Check out the notices for more information.

UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

- Bruce Scott Trophy Cricket Tournament: Joshua Crawford is trying to organise keen players for this event or school exchanges. See Mrs Yorke ASAP if you are keen.
- Y 7 & 8 Tennis doubles Tournament: Wed 22 Feb at Kamo. Entry into this event is dependant on parental help.

Chantelle Yorke
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

chantelle.yorke@pompallier.school.nz

SPEECH AND DRAMA LESSONS

Helen Morton-Jones, qualified speech and drama teacher and director of Making A Scene: Speech and Drama for Creative Kids, runs small group private lessons on Wednesday afternoons in our College Hall.

Developing communication, clear speech and confidence through drama & poetry.

Competitions and Trinity Grade prep.

For more information, please contact Helen: 433 0288

REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS (including parents)

You MUST report to Reception upon arrival at the College.

Please **do not** go directly to your child's classroom, or elsewhere in the College grounds, without signing in at Reception first.

This is a Health & Safety issue and is also a legal requirement.

Thanks!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

St Francis Xavier Gala

Saturday 24 March 9.00am - 2.00pm

The annual St Francis Gala day is just over 6 weeks away! This is a HUGE event in the Whangarei calendar, with thousands of people attending over the course of the day.

The Gala committee is looking for students (or anyone really!) who would be willing to help or volunteer some time on the day, with things like: face painting, food stalls, white elephant etc...



It would be great for our Pompallier community to help our contributory school at their major fundraiser for the year.

If you can help in any way, please email Nikki or Carl: sixdiamonds@xtra.co.nz

UNIFORM REMINDERS ...



YEAR 12 & 13 STUDENTS

Remember to order your (optional) Number 1's from **Bethells Uniforms** in the Strand ASAP as there is a 2 - 3 working week delivery time on your blazers once you have them fitted.

PE UNIFORMS

A reminder that all students should be wearing regulation PE T-shirts in House colours. If you are not sure which house you are in, please see your Whanau Teacher.

ATTENTION ALL BUS USERS!!

All students by now should have been issued with Student ID cards, which show which bus they are eligible to catch. These **must** be produced every time when boarding their allocated bus.

We operate a "No Pass No Ride" policy. If a student is unable to produce the correct pass for that bus, they will be refused travel and have to make their own arrangements.

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



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

16 - 18 March 2012

Allenby Park Motor Inn,
Manukau, Auckland

A special weekend to enrich your marriage and strengthen your love. For all marriages young and old, Catholic or mixed.

Phone 0800 ENCOUNTER (0800 362 686) for more information.

MARIST SOCCER CLUB 2012 Registration

Thursday 1 March: 3.30 - 6.00pm
Marist Clubrooms, Park Ave

Alternate Registration Date:

Sunday 12 February: 9.00am - 1.00pm, same venue.

New and returning players welcome, with teams for everyone. We are also looking for more priceless Coaches & Managers!

Season begins Saturday 21 April.

Any enquiries to: Phil Tasker ☎ 470 0567



USING INTERNET BANKING??

As we have over 540 students, and not every student has the same surname as their parents, please make sure that you use the **student's name and their ID No.** (shown on the statement) as a reference on all internet payments.

Thanks!

BP COMMUNITY PROJECT...

The BP Community Enterprise Project is run in secondary schools around New Zealand. Students choose an organisation and work with them to identify a project which will benefit the community. Then the students do the hard yards and the top teams get money from BP to fund the projects.

Team YEP (pictured below) from Pompallier partnered with the SPCA and planned out their project, which was to provide a dog kennel big enough to house a bull mastiff. This helps the SPCA provide adequate shelter for large dogs in their outside area.

Our students had a lot of help from businesses in our local community: Bella Homes provided timber, materials and labour to build the decking for the kennel; Creative Tiling owner Steve Cove-Smith gave the students lessons on tiling and mosaic work, provided the water-proofing, adhesive and grout for the job; Midastiles, The Tile Shop and The Tile Warehouse gave free tiles; Coca Cola provided free drinks; Moo Man provided free sausages; and Regent New World provided free bread and sauce for the students fundraising sausage sizzles.

A big congratulations to our group who won a Merit Award and \$500 towards the cost of the kennel. The fundraising paid for the rest! Kids Playhouses built the large kennel for us at a reduced price, which was great.

We would like to thank all those that were involved in this worthwhile project.



Back row (L - R): Holly Quaid, Chelsea Moore, Rory Henderson
Front row (L - R): Sam Ahern, Genevieve Parratt, Olivia Hendriks
Absent: Brooke Trapp, Joshua Crawford



Checking out the new kennel!

STUDENT ABSENCES



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

In the case of illness, please make sure that you ring in **each day** your child is sick. Please note that medical absences for periods of three days or more require a medical certificate.

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

Thank you.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED!!

There is an increase in the number of International Students studying at our College this year.

The students are here for periods of between 6 and 12 months.

Suitable host families are therefore 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:

Maria Chabera
☎ 438 3950 Ext 843 or
maria.chabera@pompallier.school.nz

COLLEGE ACCOUNTS

Our College accounts are sent to families monthly via email.

Towards the end of Term 4 last year, we upgraded our College computer server. Unfortunately this has resulted in a glitch in our emailing accounts system, and we have not been able to send out electronic accounts. We are currently working with our technical support team to rectify this problem, and hope to have the 2012 accounts sent out as soon as possible.

In the meantime, families will have received an account in November. If you have an overdue outstanding account from last year (or previous), please ensure that this is paid **immediately**. We would like to remind families that your school account **must be paid in full by the end of each year**.

If you are experiencing any difficulties in making payment, please contact Jane Woolston in the office immediately, to set-up a payment arrangement.



We are required to pass all unpaid accounts onto The Proprietor, The Catholic Diocese of Auckland.

Thank you.



Pace Car Promotional Weeks 7 – 28 Feb 2012

Sign Up and Be into WIN!

Sign up to be a Pace Car during the promotional period 7-28 Feb 2012 and be into win a brand new car GPS system!

Plus plenty of spot prizes up for grabs including ASICS Shoes and MTA Fuel Vouchers!



Win Me!



**Sign up to be a Pace Car at
www.pacecars.co.nz**

The Pace Car Project is a community based traffic calming initiative. The aim of the project is to make the streets safer by asking motorists to drive responsibly and within the speed limits to create a more pleasant environment for activity on and around the roads.

If you wish to know more about the Pace Car Project contact Janine Moy at Sport Northland

Email - janinem@sportnorth.co.nz, phone - (09) 437 9631 or visit www.pacecars.co.nz





CANTEEN PRICE LIST

February 2012

SNACKS

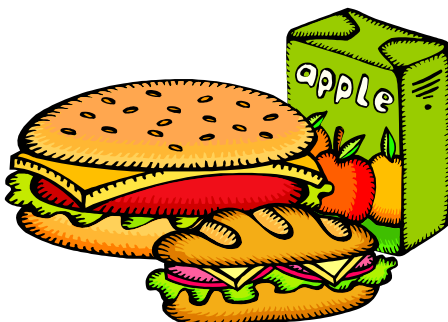
Mini Muffin	1.00
Strings	0.60
Fresh Fruit (when available)	0.50 - 1.00
Yoghurt & Jelly	2.00

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	0.40
Corn Fritter (when available)	1.00
Banana & Choc Toastie (pre order)	2.00
Butter Chicken Wrap	3.20
Thai Chicken Wrap	3.20
Steak & Cheese Wrap	3.20
Mince & Cheese Wrap	3.20
Chilli Wrap	3.20
Feta, Spinach & Silverbeet Roll	2.50
McGregor's Pie	3.00



DRINKS

Primo Flavoured Milk	2.20
Extremo Flavoured Milk	2.20
H ₂ GO Flavoured Water	3.00
Plain Water	1.50
Sharing	2.00
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