

**Special points of interest:**

- School values
- Production/praise giving
- Water safety programme

Kia ora everyone,

Welcome to week 3 of term 4. The year drawing to a close when you see Christmas decorations being sold in the warehouse. Where has the year gone?

Developing a strategic plan for the next three years is an extremely valuable exercise.

It allows the Board of Trustees to reflect upon the school and make decision that will develop the school further. At the heart of all direction that we take will be the fact that we are 'Catholic'.

Tonight sees a meeting here at school for our Maori community where ideas and thoughts about the next three years will be discussed and these will be added to the already rich collection of suggestions.

The goal is to create a robust and meaningful plan that all stakeholders have had input into and are aware of.

After the Board of Trustees meeting next week a draft will be sent out and final comments will be asked for. The final plan will then be written and approved by the Board of Trustees at the November meeting.

Exciting for our school as it's a plan we have all created and will work toward.

**Production and Praise giving 2007.**

As you are aware the dates for the production and praise giving have been set.

The praise giving for 2007 will be held in the church on the 14th December (Friday) at 11:00 am.

This is an extremely important date for our school and will be a celebration of the year that has been. Teachers will celebrate student achievements and our Year 8 and 7 children will carry out the traditional candle ceremony.

Production is on the 18th December from 6:00 pm at the community centre. Every child in the school is involved in the production.

The title for the production this year is '**The Real Meaning of Christmas**'. A gold coin donation will be at the door and our yearbook will be on sale that evening.

**School Values**

In 2005/2006 the school introduced the 4 school values.

**Love/Mercy/Integrity/Truth**

They have formed the base in which our school sits on. The education review team commented on the positive aspect these values have brought into the school. Below are the values and the indicators that the school uses to bring to life the 4 core values. Children are asked to really reflect upon these every week and one indicator is discussed at prayer assembly and then in the class.

**Anne West Kindy visit**

The school welcomed Anne West Kindy today for the annual visit. They were here for the morning. It's always great that this happens as it aides that transition from pre-school to school.

Father Pat talks of the primary school being the children's first university. Great way of looking at it!

Please ask your child/ren about our values and how they are reflecting upon these. Having your home reinforce the values is very powerful and it's important that both home and school are 'reading from the same page'.

**Love**

- Respecting and including others
- Helping others in the class and in the playground
- Being aware of others feelings.

**Integrity**

- Genuine honesty in actions and words to self and others
- Others can rely on you
- To stand up for what you know is right.

**Truth**

- Make correct choices
- Owning up when you make a mistake
- Telling the truth at all times
- Owning our own behaviours

**Mercy**

- To help and support others when we can
- To show empathy to those who are less fortunate
- To understand and live the Acts of Mercy

**Water safety programme**

Please note that this starts on the 12th of November and runs for two weeks.

Juniors will be walked down to the pool for a 1:00pm start and the seniors will take over from them at 2:00pm.

Children will be taken through a programme that looks into teaching them safe practice when swimming at pools and at the beach. Sport Northland have been approached to help out.



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If you are planting for a year, plant rice. If you are planting for a decade, plant trees.

If you are planting for a life-time, educate people.  
Chinese Proverb.

## POMPALLIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**E te Ariki, e inoi ana matou "kia whai i te matauranga"**

We ask you Lord to help us "Seek Wisdom"

**i o matou mahi katoa i tenei ra.**  
today in all that we do.

**I nga akoranga me nga mahi tākoro**  
Both in learning and play.

**Me to aroha kia kite ai matou i etahi atu**

With your Love as we can see others.

**Te pono kia mahi ai to rangati-ratanga,**

Truth as we do your will,

**Ko to aroha ka mahara ki nga tupuna whaea**

Mercy we remember our founding mothers

**Tapu kia whiwhi i ou tohutohunga**

Integrity your teachings we shall fill

**Homai ki a matou te kaha kia hikoi tahi ai matou i tou taha**

Give us strength in all that we do and let us always walk closer to you.

**Amene/Amene**

Please remember that Bishop Pat will be here at School on the 27th October at 6:00 in the evening for confirmation.

Please note that everyone is welcome to come along a join in this very special occasion.

Make sure reading is carried out every night.  
This is so important!

## Please remember up and coming dates

ICT expo for parents 12:30 - 2:30 Kaitaia Primary 25th October  
All welcome

Zeebong A story teller is coming next Friday 2nd November \$2  
All Saints Day mass 9:00 1st November

## Athletics Term 4 2007

Athletics will start again on the 1st November. This term it will run every Thursday night 3:20-4:20

All are welcome. It will be run similar to last time and again parent support would very much be appreciated.

If your child/ren is interested in joining in please leave your name and age at the office by Thursday this week and we can go from there.

We have 20 names so far.

## Working Bee

This is on the **10th of November**. There was a mistake last newsletter. Please place this in your diary as it would be great to see you here.

9:00-12:00

Please note if you have any spare uniforms can you please drop them into the office or bring them into school on Monday 29th.

Mel Watson (PTFA) will be in the library before school to swap and sell.

## Web site up date

Please go and check out the new web site.

[www.pompallierschool.org.nz](http://www.pompallierschool.org.nz)

This will be up dated on a regular basis.

Homework, children's work and school news will all be on there as well as information about the school and the school newsletter.

## Cleaning of the church

Thank you to all the parents that are coming into church and cleaning it. It doesn't take long and means a lot to our parish/school community.

## Quiz for the week Junior Year 0-2

There were 14 cows in the paddock and 3 got out through the gate. How many were left in the paddock?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

Please get this into the office as fast as you can.

**Well done Marlon Harris** Please come and get your free book from Mr Pepper's office thanks to our Duffy Book Sponsors.