

Special points of interest:

- School Fees
- School Targets



Kia ora all,

Incredibly this week is Week 6 of our school year. Classes have settled and teachers and students have been getting to know each other. This relationship building is a very important part of the way we work here at Pompallier Catholic School.

Taking a genuine interest in others is part of a child's growth. They learn that others have special qualities that may be different from theirs. They learn that other families may operate differently, that their friends may have different sports or interests. The teacher is deeply involved in all of this, modeling the expected behaviour as they show children how to build positive relationships.

Children who feel safe and comfortable in their class and with their teacher are more ready to learn.

Values at school

Currently I am up dating and refreshing the school's values. Our 4 school values are the major back bone to how this school works. Student behaviour and teachers expectations for students are based on these 4 values.

LOVE INTEGRITY MERCY TRUTH

Every Monday a value is discussed at Prayer assembly. Teachers discuss this value within the classroom for the rest of the week.

I am currently breaking our values up into more realistic and real indicators so that children will be able to better relate to them. We want our students to be able to change behaviour for the better and to make decisions based on our 4 values which reflect Jesus' life and teachings.

Swimming Sports 2009

What a great day this was. We have not had much luck with the weather up until now however we went ahead and it only rained once.

So many parents turned up to see there children swim and we had a huge number helping out which made the day run so smoothly.

A big thanks to Mel and Jo for their efforts in organising the day.

Lot's of children gave it their all and the house relay was the best yet. I was up against Daniel Crene and he certainly gave me a run for my money.

I thought the enthusiasm for the houses was fantastic especially from our senior students. Lot's of children

dressed in their house colours which added to the fun factor.

House point for the day

Marcellin 239

Mc Auley 298

Channel 286

Maria 228

These points are only for entering races and 1st,2nd and 3rd. It does not include dressing up which earned points as well. Wait until Friday assembly to hear new totals

Pompallier Catholic School Fees

This has come up recently in the news about fees and the debate about free education in New Zealand.

You send your child to a Catholic Integrated School. In doing this you have agreed through enrolment that you will pay fees for your child.

Below is a break down of the fees and what they are used for. I would be happy to go through these with you if you have any questions or queries regarding this matter.

At Pompallier Catholic School the fees are \$108 per term.

Attendance Dues

\$85 of this are the attendance dues. These are a legally enforceable charge. We pay dues to the Catholic School's Office (part of the Auckland Diocese office) which uses them to complete development and major maintenance of the school. (Our new administration block for example.)

Special Character Contribution (Donation)

This proprietor's contribution is \$10 dollars a term and is also paid to the Auckland Diocese. The funds are used to assist in preservation of our Catholic Schools Catholic Character through support by specialist religious education advisors and provision of resources.

School Activity Donation

This donation of \$13 dollars is what stays within the school and helps fund extra opportunities such as our swimming programme and class visits to broaden children's educational experiences.

As this is not enough to cover all expenses, additional charges will be required to cover some activities. (These costs will occur as the activities present themselves)

We are mindful of the cost of school fees and donations, which largely occur at the beginning of the year. To assist families, we have the option of automatic payments throughout the school year to cover all fees and donations. We thank you for your support with school fees.

Special Character Column

We are on day 15 of Lent. Giving up ice-cream and chocolate has been pretty easy so far; however, getting up earlier in the morning to spend more time in prayer and reflection is proving to be more challenging. That's what Lent is all about though, you should be aware that what you have chosen to do or not to do, is actually a sacrifice. Perseverance is an important skill we all need to keep practicing in all aspects of life. Here is a Lenten Prayer that you could make a part of your prayer time:

*God of Salvation,
You are quick with your mercy,
And steadfast with your love,
As I journey through Lent help me to
Pray with ardour,
Fast with a hunger for you,
And be generous with those in need.
May my Lenten practices turn me from evil
And instill in me a love for righteousness.
I pray through Jesus Christ
my Saviour and brother. Amen.*

On Friday evenings during Lent you are invited to join in the traditional prayer: **Stations of the Cross**. This is at 7pm on a Friday. You are also welcome to join your child's class for our weekly Mass. This month we have 2 whole school Masses: **St Joseph's Day** Week 7: Thursday 19/03 and **The Annunciation of our Lord** on Wednesday 25/03.

Pompallier Morning Tea duty is the 4th Sunday of every month (Next is 22 March).

God Bless Michele Mill DRS



Picking up your child

Please note that there are to be **no cars coming into school to pick up their children at 3:00pm.**

All children are to walk to 1 of three pick up points based around the school. There was a meeting held last night with the Parish council and finance committee to discuss an option put forward by the Catholic School's Office in regards the car park however until this problem is resolved we need to be thinking of safety of our children.

Please remember to pack a rain coat or umbrella for your child in case it rains at 3:00pm. I thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

KOS is a positive personal safety programme which aims to provide children and young people with the skills to cope with situations that might involve abuse. It will help them keep themselves safe when they meet other people.

This is proving to be a very well run and important programme. It is part of our Health programme for this year and is supported by the New Zealand Police.

Matthew Tailby is our supporting officer and we are very lucky to have him within the school with children being able to see the presence of a police officer first hand.

If you have any questions about this programme please see your child's teacher or make a time with Helen to see me.

Meetings with parents

One of the school's goals this year is to provide a learning community where 'success for all' is promoted.

To ensure that this happens we plan to keep you as informed as possible about your child's development here at school. Some parents over the next week will receive a letter asking them to come in for a chat about their child's learning. It is important that you make time to have these meetings. Home and school have to work together.

Walk in the Spirit

Coopers Beach junior camp 2009. 10:00 am Thursday the 16th of April to 11:30 am Saturday the 18th April. \$30 per person or \$50 the whole family

Ages 7-12 These camps have been great in the past. There are limited numbers so get in quick. Please see Mrs Mill for any more information. Pick up a registration form from the office.

Have a great two weeks everyone .

Yours in Christ

Daniel Pepper

Pompallier Catholic School Notice Board

Soccer/Netball News

What a great muster we had. Not even rain will deter the hardened Pompallier sports people!

What a great effort for our netball girls. We are looking at having 4 teams this year which is the best year ever.

Soccer

There is a meeting on the 16th March which Rob Thompson will go to and find out start dates and teams. From here he will relay this to the school which will then go out to parents.

Under 7 We have 11 players

Under 9 We have 13 players

The next meeting will be held on the 19th March 3.00pm in Room 6 for both soccer and netball. All welcome at this meeting teams will be organised and training days set.

Netball

Year 3/4 we have 14 players

Year 5/6 we have 6 players

Year 7/8 we have 10 players

School Values

These are the values that we have been focuses on over the last two weeks

Integrity

- Genuine honesty in actions and words to self and others
- Others can rely on you

These are spoken about at prayer assembly on Monday morning and then are taken back to the classroom where children are asked to focus on them over the week.

Student of the Week

Room 1 Siobhan Hassan
 Room 2 Zara Tracey
 Room 3 Renee Thaggard
 Room 4 Jarrod Harrison/Yasmin Heta
 Room 5 Renee Hilton Jones
 Room 6 Skye Wire-Foulkes
 Room 7 Nikki Beazley

Our school congratulates you.

PTFA NEWS

Thank you to those who were able to attend the PTFA wine and cheese evening.

The things discussed are as follows.

Event Dates for 2009

3rd April - Children's Disco at the children's complex behind the community centre.

26th June - Food fair

August / September - Children's video night

Also discussed was the possibility of having people or families helping to look after various things around the school e.g. the sports shed or fixing library books.

Another idea that was presented was to have a winter chess competition for the seniors and a connect 4 competition for the juniors. So if you have an old chess set or connect 4 game that you are no longer using the school will gladly put them to good use. Or if you have a few free lunchtimes spare to teach the children how to play let the school know.

We will also hold our meetings at different times to enable people To get along to some meetings. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th March at 3.15pm

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact either Brenda Aspin on 4080241 or Susan Wintraecken 4067246

Far North - Mangonui Mayoral Challenge

Saturday 14 March-----
2009

The event is FREE and there are also some great prizes up for grabs including 2 Avanti Bikes, an Avanti Discovery valued at \$750, and a second bike suited for 8-12 year olds. For more information & pre event registration visit

www.10000stepsnorthland.co.nz

Or ring Russell
on 0274 749492

House Group Points

Chanel	1456
Marcellin	1345
Maria	1378
McAuley	1465

Please note on your calendar

**Teachers Only
Day 1st May**

School Assembly

this
FRIDAY 2:00pm
See you there.

Parent Information

HOW TEACHERS CREATE A SPIRITUAL CLASSROOM CLIMATE TO NURTURE THE SPIRITUAL LIVES OF CHILDREN

The teacher as the role model of the values and beliefs of Jesus

- by being ready to say sorry when he/she is wrong
- by respecting the different abilities of each child
- through naming Christian values and beliefs and drawing attention to children who demonstrate them
- by using inclusive teaching strategies that promote collaboration rather than competition

Classroom relationships especially the teacher/child relationship

- by paying special attention to the way the teacher interacts with each child
- through taking time to seek solutions to difficulties which arise in classroom relationships and teaching children how to bring about reconciliation and peace, in keeping with their values and beliefs
- by helping children to see how their relationships with each other affect the classroom climate
- by teachers seeking feedback from a colleague about the way he/she relates to children

The search for meaning as one of the 'big ideas' of teaching and learning

- by developing children's ability to seek answers to important questions about the meaning of life
- by recognising the value of questions which seek a deeper meaning and giving careful attention to responses
- by helping children to see mistakes as learning steps
- by encouraging children to persist with their questions until they understand
- by responding to children's questions in ways which encourage them to continue to search for meaning
- by using all areas of the curriculum to help children develop strategies to search for meaning
- by encouraging children to identify adults in their lives who can help them in their on-going search for meaning

Our School Academic Targets this year

At the start of every year targets are set in the core subjects. These targets are levelled according to how well the children achieved last year and to make sure that as a school we constantly challenging our students.

Please read our targets and if there is any confusion over terms or data see your child's teacher. It's important that you as parents understand how your child/ren is progressing in school and what you can do to support them.

Mathematics

Basic facts

Averages as follows

Year 4 - 75%

Year 5 - 80%

Year 6 - 85%

Year 7 - 90%

Year 8 - 100%

2009 Targets Numeracy Project

Y0 50% at or above counting from one on materials Stg 2/3/4

Y1 50% at counting from one by imaging Stg 2/3/4

Y2 100% at or above AC Stg 4

Y3 90% at or above Early Additive (EA) Stg 4/5

Y 4 100% at or above EA Stg 5

Y 5 100% at or above Advanced Additive (AA) Stg 5/6

Y 6 100% at or above AA Stg 6

Y 7 60% at or above Advanced Multiplicative (AM) Stg 6/7

Y 8 85% at or above AM Part-Whole - Stg 7/8

Reading

Junior 85% of all children

Year 0-3 reading at or above their age

Senior 85% of all children

Year 4-8 reading at or above their age

Use of focused teaching methods to develop areas of concerns using Asttle and STAR reading results. Running records used more as a teaching tool.

Writing

75% of all children to be writing at their expected levels using writing exemplars on that specific genre.