

Special points of interest:

- Learning Samples
- Parent Interviews



Kia ora all,

Welcome everyone to Week 8 here at Pompallier Catholic School. What a week we had last week. St Patrick's one day and then St Joseph's the day after. Celebrating these days are very important and to have the children so involved and engaged with the days was exciting to see. The teachers on these two saints days spoke to the children about what values and attributes these men had that we could try to adopt in our lives today.

The green ice cream helped to engage the children also! Thanks to you all for getting into the spirit of these days. Your support is always so very welcomed.

Home and school working together.

Seeing dads 'battling it out' on the sports field is what it is all about!

Our Learning Samples.

At the end of this term your child/ren will bring home their learning Samples. This is a new and improved version of the Learning books that came home last year.

The difference this year is that we return to the clear file format and there will be a sample from each of the major learning areas that have been covered this term. Within the clear files there will be assessment information in the form of up to date tests and samples so that you will be able to see just how your child is progressing and how this compares to national standards.

The goal of this new version is to make them more of a celebration of the learning and also a little more data based for you as parents.

These Learning Samples will aid the parents interviews early Term 2.

Car parking at school

Last week, a meeting was held at school that approved the asphaltting of an area of the grass next to Father Pat's house. The grass section is parish land and part of this will be made into car park by the Catholic School Office to replace the car parks that the new classroom has taken over.

They hope to start work on this soon. Please remember that all children need to have a nominated road that they will be walked to after school. This is where you pick up your child. We can not have cars coming into the driveway at 3:00. it is just too dangerous!

School jackets Year 7 and 8

Last week at the student council meeting, the new jacket was shown to the group. These jackets are for Year 7 and 8's only and would be an alternative to the school jersey.

These jacket were given approval by the BOT last year and we are currently taking orders for these. They are \$40 each. Please see Helen if you wish to purchase one.



Parent interviews

Due the fact that our Meet the Teacher evening did not take place, the Parent interviews will now take place on the 5th and 6th of May (Week 2 of Term 2). By having the interviews then, it will enable you as parents to support the teacher in the future goals for your child/ren. The interviews will be supported also with the learning sample file. Children are encouraged to be there as well so that they can listen and explain how their learning is going with both their parents and teacher listening. More information about these in the first week back Term 2.

Absent Children

If your child is away from school, please telephone the school to let us know. We need to know where children are and why they might need to be away from school. Thank you to those who telephone to let us know. If you forget a note to the teacher is required.

Congratulations!!!

Mrs. Robinson is having a baby. This is great news and we wish her and her husband a safe and happy time with the pregnancy. She will be working here for as long as baby allows!

Have a great two weeks.

Yours in Christ
Daniel Pepper



Special Character Column

The date of Easter

The death of Jesus took place on a Friday, and he rose from the dead on the third day, which was a Sunday. In the early Church, some celebrated the resurrection on the *third day after Passover*. This meant that Easter might fall on a Tuesday or Thursday or any day of the week, depending on when the Jewish feast of Passover fell.

(Jewish feasts are reckoned by the lunar calendar.)

Others in the early Church felt that, since Jesus rose on a Sunday, Easter should always be on that day. Thus, they celebrated Easter on the first *Sunday* after Passover.

If Passover was a Monday, Easter was the following Sunday.

These conflicting practices caused great controversy and some confusion. For example, if Passover fell on a Wednesday, some people were celebrating Easter on the same Friday that for others was *Good Friday*.

In the year 325, the Council of Nicea decided that the date of Easter would no longer be related to the date of Passover, and it would be on a Sunday. It was to be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox.

As a result, Easter can be as early as March 22 or as late as April 25.

Confirmation Lessons

Confirmation lessons will be starting in Term 2. If you would like your child to be confirmed, please see Mrs Mill for a form.

Services for Holy Week

April 9th Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm.

April 10th Good Friday Passion of the Lord 3pm

April 11th Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 7pm

April 12th Easter Sunday Mass 9pm

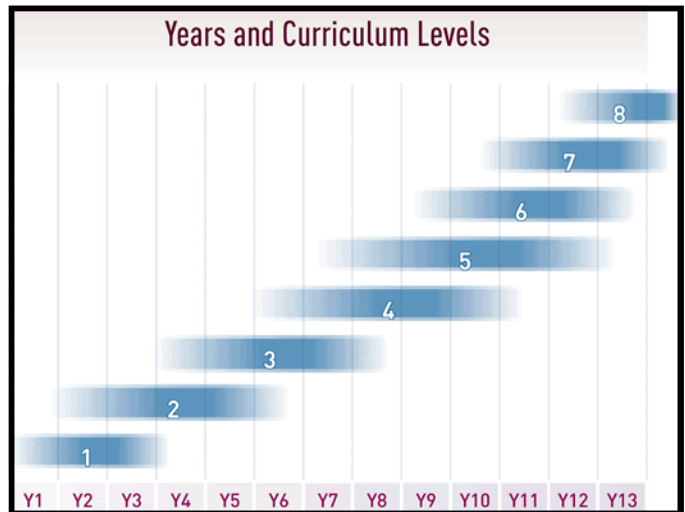
IMPORTANT DATE:

Sunday 5th April is Palm Sunday (PASSION SUNDAY)

This will be our school family mass for the term.



Parent Information



This diagram shows how curriculum levels roughly match school years.

End of Year 1 Most students will be working towards level 1 achievement objectives.

End of Year 2 Most students will be working at level 1 and towards level 2 achievement objectives.

End of Year 3 Most students will be working towards level 2 achievement objectives.

End of Year 4 Most students will be working at level 2 and towards level 3 achievement objectives.

End of Year 5 Most students will be working at level 3

End of Year 6 Most students will be working at level 3 and towards level 4 achievement objectives.

End of Year 7 Most students will be working at level 4

End of Year 8 Most students will be working at level 4 and towards level 5 achievement objectives.

Our teachers use these levels to teach from. They think about the progress required for individual students within their class and how these reflect against the national progress in relation to these levels.

As principal I think about school-wide implications, such as the pace of progress for different groups of students within and across year groups.

It's not a matter of your child should be at such a point by a certain age.

Every child progresses and develops at a different pace and our teachers are trained to cater for each child whatever the rate of progression. We have to challenge and engage all children so that their time at school is meaningful and relevant.

Pompallier Catholic School Notice Board

What is coming up?

The term calendar is as follows.

Swimming has finished for the term

Week 8

25th Mar Annunciation of the Lord Whole school Mass 9:00am

27th Mar School lunch orders

Assembly 2:00pm

Week 9

30th Mar Ronald McDonald Rm 1-3

2nd April Hockey Work shop Whole School

3rd April Keeping Ourselves Safe Fun day Whole School

School disco 6:00-9:00pm Youth Centre

5th Palm Sunday **Whole school mass 9:00am**

Week 10 Holy Week

8th April Newsletter

9th April Success Books go home

Passion Re-enactment Holy Thursday 11:30am

Last day of term

A big thanks to Nick Ulkeman for his work in the weekend with our sandpit. He replaced the sand.

The kids thought this was Christmas on Monday!

PTFA NEWS

School

Disco

Games

Chips

Hot Dogs

spot prizes



**Get your dancing shoes on
and be ready to have fun!**

3rd April 6 - 9 pm

At the Childrens Centre \$1 ENTRY

School Values

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

Integrity

To stand up for what you know is right

Truth

Making correct choices

Our school values lead the school behavior management programme. Children are asked to reflect on the values if they have made a mistake in regards their behavior.

Student of the Week

Room 1 Mateja Matijevich

Room 2 Kaia Murray / Aaron Hartnell

Room 3 Ricki Cassidy

Room 4 Cole carey / Jada Gillespie

Room 5 Ben Walters

Room 6 Camryn Stewart

Room 7 Zealand Sloane

Lisa Hilton-Jones

Setting the standard!

Journey

I was regretting the past and fearing the future. Suddenly my Lord was speaking.

"My name is I Am" He paused.

When you live in the past with it's mistakes and regrets, it's hard. I am not there. My name is not I Was.

When you live in the future, with it's problems and fears it is hard. I am not there My name is not I Will Be

When you live in the moment it is not hard. I am here.
My name is I Am.

House Group Points

Chanel 2170

Marcellin 1930

Maria 2210

McAuley 2075

School Assembly

this

FRIDAY 2:00pm

See you there.

We have been extremely busy at Pompallier School in the past fortnight and Room 7 want to share what we have been doing with you!

St Josephs Day



We started our morning at church celebrating with Mass.



We finished with games with everyone, what a great day!



Next, we made tiles which represented St Joseph



We also celebrated with the important men in our lives, Dad's, Granddad's, Uncles, Brothers and God Fathers eating sausages!



Room 7 highlights

Term One, 2009

SPCA and Norm Hewitt

We were lucky to have the SPCA and Norm Hewitt visit our school with their "One of the Family" programme. Norm was an excellent speaker who told us about the SPCA working hard to prevent cruelty to animals, which in turn links to violence with people.

We had a quiz at the end of the talk where students were given hats, drink bottles, t-shirts and pencil cases. It was amazing to have Norm visit our school. He is an amazing inspirational speaker!!

