

Special points of interest:

- School Values
- Food Fair



Week 8
17th June
2009

Kia Ora everyone,
Welcome to the week 8 newsletter. The school term is coming to a close however the amount of happenings around the school seems to be increasing. School reports are being written, testing is taking place and school fundraising is on the go. Children seem very busy with projects being completed and ball skills being practiced.

A busy school is a great place to be!

SCHOOL VALUES

Three years ago 4 school values were introduced into the school's charter. These 4 values underpin the very heart of the school and are being referred to constantly by teachers and children alike around the school. Having school values is part of the curriculum for every school however at our school these values are based on catholic principles and teachings.

Our school is very proud of the values –
TRUTH , LOVE , INTEGRITY , MERCY

I encourage you to ask your children about our values and to use them at home as well. The children understand them and how they need to be reflected upon. For example this weeks value comes from INTEGRITY -To stand up for what you know is right. On Monday at Prayer Assembly I asked the children what this means and the answers I was getting were real and practical. This is a healthy values programme that is working in the school.

INFLUENZA A (H1N1) SWINE FLU

A letter went out last week outlining the school's position on this pandemic. I thank all of you who are playing your part in trying to decrease the possibility of this becoming a real issue here in the Far North. At Pompallier Catholic School we wish to be proactive in avoiding such an outbreak here and in doing so we encourage basic hygiene measures like regular hand washing (particularly before putting anything into the mouth) and covering coughs and sneezes. We also ask that if your child has flu like symptoms they be kept at home until they are well. Should students arrive at school unwell then we will be sending them home.

ASSEMBLY

Please remember that there is an Assembly this Friday at 2:00pm Everyone is welcome.

SPELLING BEE

The pressure was intense at times. All the children that made it into the finals really showed what courage looks like. The words came thick and fast and all the children gave it their all. Thanks to those parents that came along to support the school and their child.

The whole school's performance was excellent with many children getting 100% on Thursday.

Spelling is one of those interesting skills and our school has some excellent spellers.

SCHOOL BANKING

A reminder that school banking is every Thursday through the ANZ outside Room6. If you do not have an account for your child please see one of our helpful ANZ reps on Thursday.

PICKING UP CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL

Recently we have had a number of students not waiting at one of our exit points to be collected after school. All students are to be collected from an exit point, not at a play area as we are unable to keep track of students who are not in the designated areas. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

These took place last Wednesday. I have asked the photographer that these are issued earlier than last year. Hopefully we do not have any issues this year. A big thank you to Sheryl Hansford for her time with photo's this year.

TEACHER CRT (Classroom Release Time)

Twice a term every teacher at primary schools have two release days, these are called CRT days.

Unlike Intermediate and High Schools, primary teachers do not have 'free periods' to do planning, etc. Mr King is currently employed to cover most CRT time in the school.

On CRT days teacher are required to still be at school however they just won't be in the class that day.

I have attached a great article about Home/school partnerships. Please grab a hot drink and have a read. Ideas and comments about this topic would be greatly appreciated.
Daniel Pepper

NAMING OF UNIFORM

Could you please make sure all school uniforms are named. As you can imagine one hundred and fifty six green sweatshirts (if lost) will make it difficult to get to the correct owners. There is a name tag on the uniform. They cost too much to have them lost.

20 HOUR FAMINE

Last Thursday night, 24 Year 7-8 student spent the night at school experiencing what it would be like to go without food for a period of time. A big thank you to Vee Crene, Nigel Maria, Jo Taylor, Sue Flanagan, Mrs Mill and Mrs Carey for their efforts with the over night stay. They had a big breakfast in the morning of bacon and eggs.

There behavior was excellent and it makes it very easy to organize events like this when behavior is not an issue. Well done seniors.

SUPPORT STAFF DAY

Wednesday 10 June was Support Staff Day. This is a nationally recognised day and acknowledges the importance of all those non teaching staff who do so much in and around the School.

They are an essential part of our school and we would be lost without them.

To our Support Staff: Mrs Philips, Mrs Watson, Mrs Philip, Mrs Johnson and Glen Buckingham- we do appreciate all your efforts in the day to day operation of the school.

We had a morning tea for them on the Friday.

FOOD FAIR

A big thank you for all those families that gave a donation to the Food Fair. On Sunday the parishioners also gave a donation so that now we have enough to cover the total costs of putting this fundraiser event on.

Please remember that it starts at 4:30 and runs through to 6:30pm. Buying extra is a great idea to freeze and use later.

My eye is on the chicken curry! Not **too** hot Moira!

Money raised will be split with the parish and our half will go towards sun shade shelters for the children.

BOT MEETING

Monday at 6:00pm

All welcome Free Coffee

A huge thanks to our BOT for their time.

Often over looked, these parents give of their time for the good of the school.

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Currently the children are learning from the **GOD** strand. Within this unit children are asked to reflect upon the awesomeness of GOD and the great gifts that have been given to us, not only personally but also the physical world in which we live in.

This week we are filling the word **CARING** in the foyer. This is because it is Catholic Caring Week. The word will be in there all next week as well. The money raised goes to organizations like Caritas who help those less fortunate in

NEW ZEALAND and the world

Please, if you have any change when coming into school, please stop in and glue it on!

The **POMPALLIER DISCIPLES** are working well in the school and are on duty every morning tea and lunch time.

These volunteers from Room 7 help solve issues and conflicts in the playground from a Catholic Value base.

We are lucky to have their help.

God Bless

Pompallier Catholic School Soccer results

Under Sevens

23.5.09 Pompallier	5
Ahipara	2
Player of the Day	Cameron Hansford

6.6.09 Pompallier	
Pamapurua	
Player of the Day	Aleeshia Ujdur

11.6.09 Pompallier	
Eastern All Faze	
Player of the Day	Ben Ulkeman

Under Nines

23.5.09 Pompallier	0
Ahipara	0
Player of the Day	Yarna Ulkeman

6.6.09 Pompallier	5
Pamapurua	0
Player of the Day	Ryan Johnson

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Movie / Mufti Day Friday 26th June

Movies will begin at interval on this day and then continue through lunch-time in different classes. Please bring a gold coin for mufti. This is the final fundraiser for the Junior Outrigger group who are raising money to buy new classroom games for each classroom.



NO WORKING BEE THIS TERM

Postponed till end of Term 3

NETBALL / SOCCER

Parents wanting their own sport jackets
They are \$45 and we will need the orders back by 26 June 2009 if possible.
Any queries can see Sheryl.

WELCOME

Welcome to Danielle Haines, Eternity Hanare and Te Ara Hao Pitman-Going

Starting school is so exciting and we look forward to helping you on your learning journey.

Pompallier Sports meeting
Staff room 3:15
23rd JUNE

School Values

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

Others can rely on you

- Seeing a task through to the end
- Getting help when you need it
- Being responsible for your own actions

To stand up for what you know is right

- Being proud of making the right decisions
- Lead others in the right way forward
- Helping others to solve conflicts
- Talking through issues with friends and classmates
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School Values must be lived if they are to mean anything. Our children are asked to live these values everyday here at school.

To live as Jesus taught us.

Students of the week

Room 1 Kira Watson/Christopher Wintraeken

Room 2 Kobie Scutt/Tahlia Foster

Room 3 Leah Jones/Thomas Pepper

Room 4 Yasmin Heta/ Waikotahi Pitman-Going

Room 5 Anthony Wihone-Pihema/Tashana Pure

Room 6 McKenna Jones

Room 7 Darron Gobie/Aimee Maria

House Group Points

Chanel 6925

Marcellin 7420

Maria 7310

McAuley 7554

Welcome back to our friends Kapil and Rahul.

They have come back from India.

Great to have you with us again.

Parent Information