

Special points of interest:

- Maori consultation
- BOT Summary



Tena koutou. Kei te pēhea koe?

Welcome to the second newsletter for term 3. The weather is slowly getting warmer and the wind doesn't seem to have that 'snow' feeling about it. I am not going to mention the All Blacks in this newsletter however I have not been very impressed with the flags I have been raising on Monday mornings.

Last week Mrs Carey and Mrs Mill went to the New Zealand Catholic Conference held in Wellington. They came back very enthusiastic and a positive about our special character.

At times, with the speed of the weeks going past and all the pressures of teaching the core subjects, it's easy to forget that the reason why our school exists in Kaitaia, is because of it's special character .

Being a catholic school, we are given the right legally, to teach catholic values and tradition.

Catholic schools need to be *obviously* and *unashamedly* Catholic

- knowing what they stand for
 - living what they stand for
- "within an atmosphere enlivened by the gospel spirit of freedom and charity."
(Vatican II, *Education* Section 8) – 2 – July 28, 2004

Catholic schools are authentic if they live by the vision of the Gospel. This vision finds expression in the way the school organises itself and in its encouragement of students to become active citizens contributing to the common good of society.

Maori Consultation

On the 11th of August (next Tuesday) at 5:15, in Room 6, we are having a Maori consultation meeting. It is very important that you are there to share some of your ideas and thoughts about how we, school and home can focus together to provide the best possible environment for our Maori students to achieve in.

I am hoping for a good turn out and I promise that it will not go on for hours. The theme for the meeting is **"How can we improve maori achievement at our school?"**
Questions that you might like to think about prior to the hui.

- What benefits does our special character bring to your child's education?
- Is there enough Te reo spoken and enough Tikanga taught in the school?
- What are the main areas of concern for you in regards Pompallier Catholic School?
- What aspects would you like to see for 2010?
- What are some of the possibilities you see for the school in 5 years.
- Where can you help and what skills do you bring to the table?

5th August 2009

Week 3 Term 3

National Standards

From 2010, parents of children at primary and intermediate school will receive regular school reports showing how their child is doing against the National Standards in reading, writing and maths. Currently you receive two formal reports however the national standard reports will be a uniformed report that all other schools will use. These school reports will be in plain language and will help parents follow their child's progress at school more clearly. The reports will help to inform parents, family and whānau members so they can more confidently work with the teacher and school to form a partnership to best supports their child's learning.

It is intended that school reports on the standards will provide parent, family and whānau members with:

- information on how their child is doing against each standard each year, and how their child has progressed to get to that point
- the next steps the teacher and school will take to ensure their child is reaching their full potential, and how the teacher and school will address any learning difficulties
- the steps that parents and whānau can take to support their child's learning at home.
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I have included in this newsletter a sample of what the report will look like. I am asking for feedback on this report format. **Please rip off the bottom of the notice board and write a comment about the report format and your thoughts about this type of reporting.**

Book Amnesty

Can all families please go through your book cases, look under beds, under car seats, in the fridge or behind the TV for school readers.

Many are outstanding and need to be brought in. Do not be scared of the classroom teachers and if you are just drop them off at the office.

We will not be taking pictures!

It is so important. In complete sets make it hard to take guided reading lessons, and children have to share a book.

Checking children's bags

Please note that it is important that you are checking your child's/ren bags especially in the junior school for any notices and newsletters that may be in there. Little ones often forget to give over the letters and important information is not getting back to you. Also learning (Homework) that is given out, needs to be returned to school.

Whole School Mass

This is planned for the 16th August. You are expected to attend as this is part of your commitment to supporting the schools special character. Mass start at 9:00am on this day and a plate for afterwards is appreciated. See you there.

B.O.T Summary

- Hand gel dispensers were discussed and this will be looked into further
- Working bee will be this term in week 8
- The cross in recognition to the input from the sisters of Mercy is underway – positioning of this will be discussed further
- The DRS will continue to produce monthly reports for the BOT and will present to the board once a term
- The school needs more storage space options will be investigated
- Two Kaitaia College students will be assisting with Kapahaka practice on Fridays
- The school camp will be held in Term 4
- The Pompallier walkway was discussed in regards to risk management – ultimately it will be a community based decision
- BOT has changed accountants – so we are adjusting to new processes. Our thanks and gratitude to Harrison and Bell accounting firm for their service and commitment to our school over the years
- Maori community consultation to be held on August 11 at 5.15pm. Please feel welcome to attend.

Pompallier's Got Talent

Next Monday and Tuesday auditions are held in the church.

Age range Year 0-3, 5-6, 6-8

These will be held at lunchtimes.
On Wednesday, the student council are having a sausage sizzle and face painting.
This is to raise funds for the prizes of each group.
Sausages are \$2 and a face painting is \$1

Please support this effort.
The grand finals are to be held on Friday 14th August at 11:30 in the church.

All children get to vote making up 50% of the outcome and the judges the other 50%. Please try to come along and support our children. I promise lot's of fun and not to sing!

This week we welcome back to school Jada, Chloe and also Jasmine joins us aged 5 from the Gillespie Whanau.
Denise is still in our prayers here at school.

Yours in Christ
Daniel Pepper

Special Character Column

Last week Mrs Carey and myself attended the New Zealand Catholic Education Convention. This is a national event, held every three years, for the Catholic community who are involved with educating our youth.

The 2009 Convention theme was
"Be The Change."

It was an invitation to action, enabling us to become better educators and to contribute our values and Catholic knowledge to a fast changing world so it becomes a more just and collaborative global environment.

As a Catholic educational community we can "Be The Change" through our collective and individual actions, delivered through inspiration, leadership and service.

(Quoted from Pat Lynch's address.)

The convention was inspirational and humbling at the same time. We gained many new ideas and met people who were like minded as well as challenging. What was humbling though, for me, was the realisation that we are part of such an enormous and fantastic church.

The young people in our care are at the beginning stages of what could be a very successful journey with Christ, within our Catholic community. We listened to young people and watched students perform in a variety of ways, from Kapa Haka to Opera with awe. They were all extremely proud to be a part of our Catholic Education system. Our school can produce just those types of students, with our Christ centred, excellent education.

We as teachers, parents and parish are all responsible for these youngsters in our care, we need to be the role models that can *Be the Change* for them.

Hapainga te iwi
Uplift the people

Ko koutou te Rongopai
Out of listening comes the wisdom that will carry you forward

And my favourite quote from St Francis
"Preach the Gospel, and if necessary, use words."

Once again, thank you so much to the regulars who help us out every 4th Sunday for our morning tea at Mass, but we would happily welcome some new faces too!

POMPALLIER Family Mass 16th August

Please feel free to pop in any time and see me if you have any queries about your child's faith journey or about what they are learning in the Religious Education programme at our school. I will do my best to help you, and if I can't I'll find someone who can!

God Bless
Michele Mill DRS

Pompallier Catholic School Notice Board

Help needed

The PTFA are helping with the catering for the Deli Ball on the 29th August.
We need 8-10 people to help with this. Please contact Brenda Aspin 408024, Susan Wintraecken 4067246 or leave your name at the office with Helen.

Anne West Kindergarten is holding its annual Trivial Pursuit Evening

on Friday 4th September at the
Kaitaia Community Centre. Doors will open at 7.00pm with the questions starting at 7.30pm. There will be a cash bar available. There will also be raffles with a prize for the best dressed team, so come in fancy dress. The money raised is going towards updating kindergarten equipment.
Entry is \$10.00 per person up to six people per team.
Entry forms available at Kaitaia Information Centre or at the Kindy.
Any enquires please phone the Kindy on 4081110.

School Values

These are the values that we have been focusing on over this week.

Truth

Telling the truth at all times

- Knowing the difference between right and wrong
- Acting honestly and as your parents would want you to

Owning up when you make a mistake

- Telling the teacher when you have broken some school property
- Being honest about making a bad choice
- Saying sorry to those that you effect when you make a mistake
- Being strong and asking for forgiveness
- Understanding that actions have consequences

This fits in well with the Key Competency

Relating to Others.

Telling the truth forms the basis to any relationship so getting the children to identify the importance of this values is crucial if they are going to form positive relationships with others.

Student of the Week

Room 1a	Milan Carey
Room 1	Gracie Rae Winterstein
Room 2	Hermione Pomare / Jae Waipouri
Room 3	Aaliyah Dane / Kapil Patel
Room 4	Monica Peeters / Noah Cash
Room 5	Georgia Cook / Nathan Edwards
Room 6	Jessica Harrison / Ella Harris
Room 7	Tianna Lloyd / Daniel Crene

Chanel 16018

Marcellin 12789

Maria 14348

McAuley 13636

House Group Points

To Vee and Stephen Crene
for their Top Soil.

The children are planting their
gardens this week so were in
need of some top

Thankyou

Please remember the trip tomorrow.

Leaving 10:00am after Mass

All children must have the following-

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| ⇒ Mufti | ⇒ Healthy lunch/morning tea |
| ⇒ Warm jacket/Sweatshirt | ⇒ Drink |
| ⇒ Rain coat | ⇒ Plastic bag (In case) |
| | ⇒ Manners and a positive attitude |



National Standards Report Format

Please write down any comments you have about the new format, cut out and post in box in office. The Ministry of Education will be running these out in 2010. Key points to think about—Is it clear and easy to follow? Will it tell you what you want to know about your child's achievement and progression?

Website for more information <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/theMinistry/Consultation/NationalStandards>

NETBALL NEWS UPDATE

POMPALLIER SPORTS CLUB RAFFLE

As mentioned in my last newsletter, the Pompallier Sports Club Raffle is now under-way. Each child in the netball and soccer teams have been issued 5 x raffle tickets to sell. They are at a cost of \$5 each and all tickets/cash are to be returned to the school no later than 28th Aug 09. The raffle will then be drawn on the 2nd Sept 09. It is a great prize so get in behind the sports club and buy a ticket.

DENICE'S UPDATE

As you may or may not be aware, Denice Gillespie (acting coach & team manager for year 3/4) fell extremely ill at the beginning of the school holidays. She is still quite sick but is making a very slow and steady recovery. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their prayers and thoughts and to also thank her netball team, the Bronze Arrows, for outstanding plays on Saturday 25th Jul 09. They dedicated both their winning games to Denice and her family. Thank you all once again.

HOW WE ARE DOING SO FAR:

Results for the last few weeks are as follows:

Saturday 04 Jul 09: Details not available from all teams.

Saturday 25 Jul 09:

Year 3/4 Bronze Arrows Game 1 vs Bradbury Coasters – Won
Game 2 vs Pamapurua Pixies – Won
Player of the Day Monica Peeters

Year 5/6 Silver Arrows Game 1 vs Bradbury Bullets - lost
Game 2 vs Awaz Golden Ferns - lost
Player of the Day Madison Sloane

Year 7/8 Golden Arrows vs Eastern United – lost
Player of the Day Hillary Peeters

Saturday 01 Aug 09:

Year 3/4 Bronze Arrows Game 1 vs Awanui Tigers – lost
Game 2 vs Aupouri – Won
Player of the Day Bronze Arrows team

Year 5/6 Silver Arrows Game 1 vs Te Hapua – lost
Game 2 vs Bradbury Bullets – draw
Player of the Day Teagan Davis

Year 7/8 Golden Arrows vs Pawarenga Gems – Won
Player of the day Krystal Penwarden

Well done to all teams on a great effort.

Don't forget, if you have any queries about netball feel free to contact me on 021 074 8987.

Jacinta Beatson
Netball Representative

Pompallier Soccer under 7's Player of the Day Tiaho Paraha

Thank you to for all your support for the Sports Raffle Bonnie Greenall the lucky winner