

Special points of interest:

- Catholic School review
- School car park



2nd September 2009

Week 7 Term 3

Kia Ora Tatou, Greetings to all,

Welcome to Week 7 here at our school. September is here! Summer is a round the corner and you can smell the beach.

Below are some thoughts about our school Mission Statement. It is important that at times as a school, we revisit this very important statement. This statement drives the school and in a way is a clearly stated expectation of the type of school we all want.

Mission Statement

Pompallier School is committed to provide quality education where the values of Jesus Christ expressed through the Catholic Faith is paramount, and to promote each person's full growth in a continuing tradition of excellence.

Over the following weeks I will touching upon aspects to this statement.

'Pompallier School is committed'- this opening line says a lot in regards the people who support the school. A school can only run and carry out it's task of teaching children successfully, if many people and groups want it to succeed.

Our staff- teachers and support staff are totally committed to the school and many times throughout the day, I am reminded about this commitment.

Our BOT members meet every month and are extremely proactive in all things school. They are a group of individuals that want the best for all children here at school.

PTFA is another group of positive people that are completely committed to the school and are giving of their time and skills for the betterment of the children.

Parents as a whole, the way that you interact with the staff and are constantly supporting school with activities and events show your commitment to our children.

Parish support is vital to the life of our school. Our parishioners are very supportive and committed to getting it right for our children.

'It takes a whole tribe to raise a child' is exactly the approach we need to be taking with our children here at school.

School Car Park

As you are aware, the car park is finished and is being painted today. On Monday's BOT meeting, it was decided that the current system of dismissing children at the end of the day would stand. Pick up points will stay as they are. The over riding factor in the decision was the children's safety and when all said and done, this has to be the main reason for any decisions here at school.

I can't ensure that all children, at all times, will be safe at 3:00pm when walking across the car park to cars. Pick up points will remain Eden Terrace, Vegar Street and Dominion Road.

If you would like to wait after school for your child, have a meeting or sports practice, you need to be parked and waiting by 2:50pm and must not leave before 3:10pm.

No cars are to be moving around the car park area or down the hill in this 20 minute zone!

I thank you for you support on this issue.

Special Character Review

As you are aware, two representatives from the Catholic School Office will be in our school on the 14/15 of this month. Their role is to see how our school is going with our religious education programme and the school's overall special character.

We are extremely excited about this review and hope that you will be able to come in and share some of your thoughts about the school.

I have asked that they meet with you, the parents at **2:30-3:00pm on the 15th (Tuesday)**

I am wanting as many of you as possible!

There will be free coffee and lollies available as a way of bribing you in!

They will be meetings with the parish, students and BOT as well so that they get a well rounded picture of how our great school moves and shakes!

Cross Country Paparore

Good luck to our runners for Paparore this Friday. We hope that you run your socks off! Bus is leaving here at 9:10 for assembly there at 9:45am

School Speeches

Currently, throughout the school, all children are giving their all in the classrooms. Public speaking is so important and our children are expected to present a speech from new entrant through to Year 8. Some children thrive on it and others shrink from it, however, everyone has to give it a go.

The best 3 from every classroom will go to the school finals that will be held 10th November at 11:00am in the church.

Please note the change of date!

This is due to the Ngataki Cross country change of date at the last minute.

Mark Patterson and Mrs. Paton will be our judges.

The winners from this competition, year 4-8, go into the Far North Competition held here at school on the 15th November.

Maude Wilkinson and Dargo Yelavich will be the judges for this event.

Welcome Back

It's great to have Father Pat back with us. He had a great trip and caught up with lots of friends and family while overseas.

LIFE EDUCATION VISIT

The Life Education Mobile Learning Centre will be in the school week 1 of term 4.

All classes have been timetabled to attend these sessions. It's always great having this resource in the school. The children enjoy going into the trailer and learning from another teacher.

Units being covered include

- . Healthy food and exercise
- . Body parts and organs
- . Personal hygiene
- .

Puberty talks

Next week, on the 8th, sees the year 6-8 children being taken through the a puberty lesson. This is a great time for parents and children of this age to share some ideas about this often tricky subject.

All discussions we have with the children, are based on the '**we are made in the image of Christ**', therefore, we must respect our bodies and others. We encourage any parents that want to come in and share their ideas with the groups, to do so. Boys will be with Mr. Pepper and girls with Mrs. Carey.

Have a great two weeks everyone

Yours in Christ

Daniel Pepper

Special Character Column

Last newsletter I was thanking and farewelling Father Rodney, and this newsletter I am very happy to say a big, warm welcome home to Father Pat!! We are all very happy to have you home safe and sound Father—we missed your roaring laughter and your solid support and presence around school.

We are fast approaching the end of the term and only have 4 school masses left.

Here are the dates:

Friday 4th September Rooms 4,6,&7

Friday 11th September Rooms 1a,1,3,&5

Friday 18th September Whole School

Friday 25th September Whole School

**If you can't make any of these—
there is always 9am on Sunday!**

As always our Religious Education programme is at the forefront of all learning that takes place at Pompallier Catholic School, and for the next few weeks we are all learning from the SACRAMENT strand. I really encourage you all to read through the Family—Whanau books to get an idea of what your child is being taught. There are some great ideas in this book (as I always say) and *your* input from home is as valuable, if not more so, as what your child receives at school.

When your child brings home their RE Activity book, please encourage them to take pride in their homework. We, as teachers, and your child would also really appreciate your comments in these books. A big part of your stationary bill is spent on these books, so they should be appreciated and used fruitfully.

In week 9, it is Social Justice Week, and the theme for 2009 is

"The courage to forgive"

You will be hearing more about this in weeks 8 & 9. If you would like to find out more about this, you can have a look at the Caritas website.

Caritas is our Catholic aid organisation.

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.

Remember that every 4th Sunday is Pompallier Community's turn to provide and serve morning tea at Mass...9am!

God Bless

Michele Mill DRS

Pompallier Catholic School Notice Board

Change of Date

Please note that the school speech finals will now be held on the 10th September at 11:00am in the church.

A rabbi said to a six-year-old boy: "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? Very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied,
"Thank God he's in bed!"

Student of the Week

Room 1a	Charlotte Peeper/Eternity Hanara
Room 1	Jack Philip
Room 2	McVay Lloyd/Aleeshia Ujdur
Room 3	Jac Kennedy/Renei Thaggard
Room 4	Lucy Hale/Bradley Hartnell
Room 5	Niskyla Pritchard/Jessica Stitt
Room 6	Rahul Patel/ Mckenna Jones
Room 7	Harrison Bell/ Marcella Daun

School Values

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

LOVE

Aware of others feelings

- Giving people 'Put Ups'
- Not talking about people behind their backs
- Sharing how you feel when you are upset
- Not being nasty to others

INTEGRITY

Genuine honesty in actions and words to self and others

- Telling the truth at all times
- Standing up for others when you have to
- Making those correct choices at all times
- Forgiving others

This values fits in well with the Key Competency
'Managing Self'

Chanel 19616

Marcellin

20161

Maria 19391

McAuley 19230

House Group Points

Thankyou

A big thanks to those that gave of their time on Saturday night at the Deli Ball.

It was a great effort and the school is grateful for your efforts.



We need you!

I get many promotions come over the desk however this one could be one we would do well in. It is also run in conjunction and support of Unicef.

Basically we need to eat as much rice as possible and we could win \$10,000.

It is run student pro-rata basis so we are in with a chance.

I have many good curry recipes that I am prepared to dust off and I can even remember with a shudder, a Rice pudding recipe Mum used to torture us with.

Let's try to get behind this and win a easy \$10,000.

I have registered and am looking forward to spending the winnings on more equipment for lunchtime fun. Please check out the web site. Drop labels into classroom teacher. One rice meal a week should do it!

Don't forget!

**Working Bee next Saturday
12th**

What we need

- Lawn mowers
- Hedge trimmers
- Weed eaters
- Paint equipment
- Water blasters
- Brooms
- Window clean/rags
- Any old plants you may have to make a garden
- Chain saws

10:00 -12:00 Sausage sizzle after wards and a cold refreshment provided.