

Special points of interest:

- Welcome Mr Wilkinson
- Summer uniform



16th September 2009

Week 9 Term 3

Kia Ora Tatou, Greetings to all,

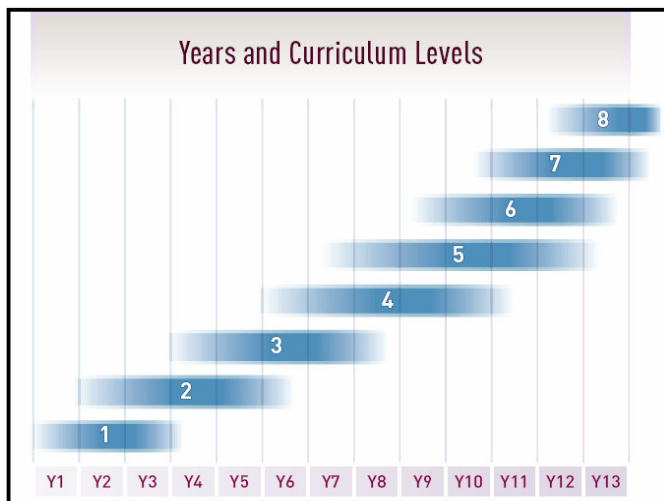
There is no place in New Zealand like a sunny day in Kaitaia. What a week we are all having. Again, lot's going on this week. We have had visitors from the Catholic School's Office. They have been mixing with the children and spending time in the classrooms. They will write a report about our special character and share some thoughts about how our school reflects it's catholic faith. This will be out in the new term.

I am continuing to unpack our mission statement.

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.

'provide quality education' This part of the mission statement sets the scene for the teachers here at our school. All staff are committed to ensuring that every child learns at their pace and level of development. The New Zealand curriculum is designed so that there can be a range of abilities within a classroom and it is through trained, professional teachers, that the needs of all children inside a classroom are met.



Quality teaching comes from regular professional development, a school commitment to becoming better, teachers regularly reflecting on what works and what doesn't and also having a parent body that supports a school. The Education Review Office monitors a schools ability to provide quality education and their last report of our school was very positive. We continue to strive for improvement on this.

School Car Park

A big thank you to all parents and caregivers who are keeping that 20 minutes (2:50-3:10) clear of cars moving. It is a huge weight off the teachers minds not having to worry about children's safety after 3pm. Remember, that you are able to park in the car park and walk into school however you need to be here before 2:50pm. Thank you.

Summer Uniform

Please remember that all children need to be in summer sandals and hats in term 4. If you would like your child to start to wear their sandals this if fine. The weather is turning and a classroom full of hot shoes and socks sometimes can cloud one's thinking ability!

Working Bee

Another great turn out. Thanks to those of you that came along on a very rainy and overcast day. So much was accomplished by so many. The school has never looked better. The next one will be in the new year.

Terms learning 'Sustainability'

This is proving to be a very powerful terms learning with many off shoots occurring in the classrooms. We have compost bins working in the school, scraps being collected and 4 very professional veggie gardens being maintained. Classrooms have been making paper and also understanding the need for our earth to have trees.

The children have a great idea of their commitment to our planet and how they must play their part in keeping it for future generations.

Change in Calendar

Please note that the open day next week will not be taking place due to a planning day with the Senior team on that day. Dates have clashed!

Welcome

The school welcomed Mr Wilkinson on Monday Morning. A powhiri was held for him. He takes over in Room 6. Please drop into Room 6 to say hello if you get the chance.

School Speeches

What a great day this was for our school. All finalists did so well and once again the bar was lifted for 2010. It always amazes me how little ones in Room 1 can get up and present a speech!

Below are the names of all the finalists. The ones in brackets were our winners on the day.

Year 1 (Kira Watson) Hunter Masters. Katie Thompson

Year 2 (Kadyn Waipouri), Zara Tracey, Lucy Burkhardt-Macrae

Year 3 (Trent Buckingham), Thomas Pepper, Aaliyah Dane.

Year 4 (Sage Watson), Waikotahi Pitman-Going, Pita Taylor

Year 5 (Teagan Davis, Renee Hilton-Jones, Beverly Thompson

Year 6 (Jackson Aiono) Camryn Stewart, Shannon Greenall

Year 7 (Mikaere Taylor), Zane Beckett, Aimee Maria

Year 8 Darron Gobie, Marcella Daun, Lisa Hilton-Jones

A big thanks to Mark Patterson and Marie Bergan who were our judges on the day.

Far North Speech Competition was held here yesterday. What a day this was. A big thanks to Kathryn Carey for organizing this event. We had 43 speakers from different schools in the area.

All our children did extremely well

Sage Watson taking out the Year 4 group and

Maikere Taylor taking out the year 7 group.

Zane Beckett came third, **Camryn Stewart** third equal, **Marcella Daun** third. The full results will be placed into the Northland Age in the next week

School Holidays 2010

We will be starting on the 2nd February

Primary and Intermediate schools

Term	Start date	End date
1	Between Tuesday 2 February (at the earliest); and Friday 5 February (at the latest)	Thursday 1 April (80 - 86 half-days)
2	Monday 19 April	Friday 2 July (108 half-days)
3	Monday 19 July	Friday 24 September (100 half-days)
4	Monday 11 October	No later than Monday 20 December (100 half-days)*

Internet Warning

The internet is an exciting place but, as parents know, it is also fraught with possible danger to children's safety.

Please be aware of where your children are visiting on the internet and please remind your children that they should not leave names and other information that means they can be tracked or contacted.

Having your computer in a central place is a great idea to be able to monitor internet use and on going discussions with your children about internet safety and correct use is important.

Have a blessed holiday and safe travels.
Daniel Pepper

Special Character Column

As you are all aware, we have had a very busy week 9 so far. Our school has been under review with the Catholic School's office and is very proud to be at the centre of their attention. Our students have the greatest role model to copy—Jesus—and this is their challenge at school every day. So how can we go wrong if this is what we are trying to live up to?

As well as this external review, we also do an annual internal review. This involves Mr Pepper and myself looking at different aspects to our school's special character. This year the focus is on Pastoral Care. We have taken some surveys and I have included a summary of the students responses.

We have two more school masses this term.

Remember, if you can't make any of these—
there is always 9am on Sunday!

As you may have noticed from the signs and pictures all around our school, it is Social Justice week. Hopefully your child/ren, will be telling you all about their learning and also demonstrating what they are learning in their behaviour at home. Our ultimate aim in teaching RE based topics and subjects is that our students let their Christianity shine through their interactions with others and as a person in the world.

"The courage to forgive"

I mentioned this was the theme for Social Justice week in our last news letter, and it is a thought provoking topic. Teachers are having great discussions with your children about this subject. Father Pat mentioned in his homily on Sunday that not only "bad" people end up in prison—all it takes is an accusation, and an innocent person's freedom could be taken away. Food for thought. Another little angle is that Jesus was accused, tried and sentenced to a horrible death because, in His time, some people saw Him as a criminal. The Son of God ended up a prisoner and paid a price for us.

A quote from the Catholic Bishop's conference states essentially that for Christians, justice is a concept that is in essence, about transformation. The message of Christ is to love our enemies and before we make judgments, to look into our own hearts. When we bring aroha, healing and reconciliation to those we meet, we enable them to share in the wairua of God.

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! This will be the 1st Sunday of the holidays.
God Bless
Michele Mill DRS

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A Sunday school teacher was teaching her class about the difference between right and wrong.

"All right children, let's take another example," she said. "If I were to get into a man's pocket and take his billfold with all his money, what would I be?"

Little Johnny raises his hand, and with a confident smile, he blurts out, "You'd be his wife!"

School Values

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

INTEGRITY

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.

Student of the Week

Room 1a Katie Thompson / Rylee Windelborn

Room 1 Alexa Ujdur / Kira Watson

Room 2 Kadya Waipouri / Tiaho Paraha

Room 3 Anna Philip / Ryan Johnson

Room 4

Room 5

Room 6 Rory Kelleher / Jade Cassidy

Room 7 Kalani Matijevich / Tina Prior

The school congratulates you!

Chanel 21,196

Marcellin 21,976

Maria 20,346

McAuley 20,928

The house teams points are announced at every assembly!

House Group Points

Have not had a huge response so far!

The competition started yesterday and each class has been given a tally chart.

Every cut off needs to be brought into the school and given to the teacher so that they can mark off on the classroom tally.

You can check from home the progress the school is making by going to www.sunricedifference.co.nz

Let's get behind this as I think it could be an easy \$10,000!

Recipe for this week.

Southwestern Fried Rice

Quick to make and very tasty. Try it out.

<http://www.ricerecipes.org/southwesternfriedrice.html>

Just cut off corner and bring to school



What's coming up next term

- ⇒ School camps (Year 4-8)
- ⇒ Production
- ⇒ Gimmie 5 PTFA evening
- ⇒ Final school reports
- ⇒ Year 8 retreat
- ⇒ Junior school tabloid sports with other schools
- ⇒ Safe swimming programme
- ⇒ Year 8 sailing
- ⇒ Praise giving
- ⇒ Athletics

The calendar will be out in the first week back.