

Special points of interest:

- Matai Bay outing
- BOT Elections
- Religious Education Learning



Talofa everyone,

We are officially at the half way mark! Term 1 is well and truly underway with lots going on at our fantastic little school. The Y5—Y8 students were treated to a fantastic outdoor learning experience last week at Matai Bay, with Sport Northland playing a big role in organising the day. From all of us at Pompallier, we would like to say thank you to Esther who organises so many activities and opportunities for our school. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all our parents who gave of their time to take our students out to Matai and who spent their day helping supervise the students. We could not participate in these kind of events without your contributions Parents—thank you! On the day a student was chosen as the “100 000th safe swimmer” and he happened to be one of ours! Well done Nathan Edwards who was given a goodie bag as a prize. If you would like to watch a clip of the day go to the website : Maori Tv Te Kaea- and click Saturday. There are quite a few good shots of some of our students having a great time!

I would also like to say thank you to the families who made the effort to attend our family School Mass this past Sunday, and for the morning tea that was provided. As I said in my notice, it is an **expectation** of being a part of Pompallier Catholic School, that students regularly attend Mass. Many parishioners commented on the great job that our students do when taking part in the Mass. It certainly makes us feel proud as a staff to hear these positive comments about our students.

PTFA

We had a good group of parents attending our first PTFA meeting of 2010. Some great ideas were thrown around and the chairpersons, Brenda Aspin and Susan Wintraecken have put together a little notice for your information. The decision to postpone the trolley derby was well thought through, and discussed fully by the organisers, as we know this will be disappointing for so many people. However, we have another fantastic fundraiser lined up instead, a Triathlon. It will also be a community event that will involve the whole family. Please read the PTFA Newsflash attached. Support our “Gimme 5” initiative !!

Donations

We are having a fund raiser at the airport on 23 March. Mr Wilkinson and the PTFA are running this. Any volunteers who would like to BBQ some sausages from 10am—4pm would be welcome. Please see / give a call to Susan Wintraecken if you can help.

We are also asking for donations if you are able

- Pre-cooked sausages
- Onions
- 500g containers of margarine / butter
- Tomato sauce

Thank you for your support. If these could be dropped at the office by Friday 19 March, it would be appreciated.

Whole School Expectations

It is important to us that you as parents are on board with us as a school.

Uniforms: thank you to parents who are keeping their children correctly dressed.

Hairstyles: the rules for hairstyles are very clear, and **ALL** students are expected to adhere to them. I will be sending notes home with students from next week if their uniform or hairstyle is not according to school expectations.

Bookbags: school/reading books have to be kept in book bags. Books are expensive and need to be looked after.

Punctuality: lessons begin at 9am. Please ensure your children are at school on time. Late arrivals are disruptive to the class.

Soccer 2010

The 2010 Soccer World Cup is looming. We have received a flyer from McDonalds who are promoting this. It is called **My Greatest Feat** and a permission form has been given to each student. By registering, students will receive a free pedometer and the opportunity to win the grand prize of a trip to South Africa. I will most definitely be entering! Please return your forms so teachers can register their classes.

As teachers, we are hoping to become part of a Healthy Workplace Programme and will also be receiving pedometers... Watch this space—we will be ready for a triathlon before we know it!

SWIMMING

Due to our current WATER SHORTAGE, the swimming pool is closing for our school lessons. **We will advise what will be happening for Swimming Sports Day on the 10th March.**

This is probably a good time to encourage you as parents to help in our saving water efforts. We had a speaker from Eco Water last week who gave our students some ideas on saving water at home. Also included in our last newsletter was a notice about this.



Apology

I would like to once again welcome two new students to Pompallier, when I included them in the welcomes last newsletter, I spelled their surname incorrectly!

So welcome Kendall and Daniel Clay.

BOT Elections 2010

I have included a flyer about the 2010 BOT elections. Please read it and come and see me if you have any queries.

Home Time Pick Up's

I have noticed a number of vehicles are beginning to drive through the car park between 2.55pm and 3.15 pm. Under no circumstances are vehicles to drive through between these times. Our students safety is paramount, and we cannot allow this to be compromised. Please do not be offended if a staff member stops you driving through, or asks you to wait. We are merely looking out for our students safety. This was also brought to the parish councils attention at their meeting.

Special Character Column

The learning Strand in Religious Education at the moment is the **Jesus Strand**. This strand will be taught until the end of Week 8, when we change to the Liturgical Module of **Holy Week**. The following themes are covered:

Year 1: Jesus—My Friend

Year 2: Jesus showed His love in different Ways

Year 3: Jesus gives Himself in the Eucharist

Year 4: Jesus came to show people how to live, and lead them to God.

Year 5: The Life of Jesus

Year 6: The fullness of God's revelation

Year 7/8: Jesus—Saviour and Liberator

I encourage you to use the Family / Whanau book that you purchased when your family started at Pompallier. It is really useful in giving ideas of how to communicate with your child about their learning in RE. Each Strand has it's own section for your child's year level. If you have lost yours, or have not yet purchased one, please come and see / send a note to Helen in the office and she will arrange for your family to get one. They cost \$10 per family and can be used for all your years at PCS.

The Sacramental programme is up and running, the students who are preparing for their first Sacrament this year (Reconciliation), on the 12th March are:

Aleeshia Ujdur

Anna Philip

Abby Millilin

Cameron Hansford

Hermione Pomare

Jack Hewitt

Jos Spaans

Kayla Beazley

Trent Buckingham

Please keep our candidates in your prayers. Thank you.

****Tip for Lent - Spiritual Fasting****

Starve your pride, starve your vanity or starve your laziness !

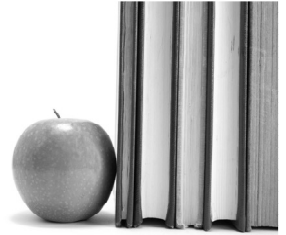
- choose one person you know who is "a little more difficult" and try to be really kind or patient to that person

- Gossip less, praise others more !!

Amnesty

We are asking everyone to have a good look at home: under beds, inside forgotten cupboards, behind couches, between book shelves....

If there are any Pompallier Library books or readers, we are missing them dearly, please help us and bring them back. There will be an amnesty box in the library for these returns. We have noticed that lots of books are missing from our class reading sets and this makes it difficult for teachers to instruct their reading groups. We are also trying to get our beautiful library functioning again, and have noticed that there are a lot of missing library books.



WELCOME

We would love to take this opportunity to welcome our new students and families to our great school.

Nicola Perkuma

Room 1

Please note parents.

We do not encourage students to bring cell phones or valuables to school. If they are lost—we take no responsibility. Students are able to contact their parents, if necessary, through the office. If you want your child to have their cell phone at school, it is to be handed in at the office for safe keeping for the day. No cell phones are allowed in the classrooms or in students bags.

Student of the Week

Room 1: Caolan Price

Room 2: Brady Jones

Room 3: Alexa Ujdur

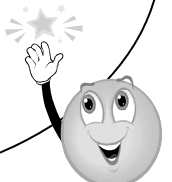
Room 4: Leah Jones

Room 5: Yasmin Heta

Room 6: Madison Sloane-Murray

Room 7: Kaaiwa Pitman-

Going
McKenna Jones



Friday Morning Tea

3 home made biscuits for \$1.00
1 homemade Banana & Chocolate chip muffin for
\$1.00



Order with Mrs Watson in the school library from 8.30am - 9am

Freaky Friday

Student Council initiative

Friday 5th March

Come dressed as your favourite

'Super hero'

No weapons, guns, sticks etc...

Who will you be?

Spiderman

Superman

Mum

Dad.

Gold coin donation



Pompallier Catholic School's Board of Trustees trustee Elections

Let's give something back!

What is a Trustee?

- A Trustee is a **leader**, who **uses their skills and experience** for the benefit of our children.
- A Trustee is **elected** onto the Board by the community it represents.
- A Trustee is **passionate** about their children's education.
- A Trustee is **committed** to making a difference at Pompallier Catholic School
- A Trustee is a **member of a group** which is collectively called the **Board Of Trustees**.

What does the Board of Trustees (BOT) do?

- The BOT plays an **active role in governing** Pompallier Catholic School, but leaves the day to day management of the school to the Principal.
- The BOT **supports the Principal and Staff** to attain the goals that have been set.

- The **BOT set the educational goals and strategic direction** of Pompallier Catholic School
- **The BOT monitors student progress** against the goals we have set.
- **The BOT maintains oversight** of the management of staff, property, finance, curriculum, and administration.
- They meet on the **2nd Monday** of each month.

Who can become a trustee?

- Parents, Caregivers, and anyone from the wider community who have a real interest in the good of Pompallier Catholic School.

What is a School Board of Trustees?

- An entity of the Crown.
- The employer of all school staff.
- Pompallier Catholic School's BOT is made up of 10 members made up of parents, Parish

Priest, the Bishop of Auckland nominated Representatives, a member of staff, the Principal, and a Board Secretary.

What Skills and Experience do I need?

- Able to work well in a team.
- Good communication skills.
- Able to ask challenging and thought provoking questions that will benefit the students and help to raise achievement levels.



OUR Mission Statement

PCS 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.

Working Together for the Success of our Children

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Go for it!

Pompallier Catholic School's Board of Trustees invite you to have a chat to Michele Mill or Helen Phillips if you want more information about this. Just drop in and find out some more!

Voting to elect the next Board of Trustees will take place on **7 May 2010**.

Please consider becoming a Trustee.

Can you answer YES to these statements?

- I would like to help set the direction of the school over the next three years.
- I have skills and qualities that the school can use.
- I want to work for 'ALL' the children to make it a better school than it already is.
- I enjoy sharing ideas and learning from others.
- I am organised and don't mind offering help when it is needed.
- I fully support the Special Character of the school.
- I will promote the school at all times and support the staff and principal.

Timeline for Elections

Event	When
Call for Nominations	by 15 March 2010
Nominations Close	Noon 23 April
Voting Papers Distributed	by 28 April
Election date	7 May 2010
Voting Day	7 May 2010
Counting of Votes	13 May 2010
Board Takes Office	15 May 2010

Returning Officer	Helen Phillips
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