

Special points of interest:

- Uniforms
- Dates to remember
- God Strand



Tena koutou katoa,

We are officially in the wintery season! I used to dread the thought of winter when I was growing up. I rode my pushbike to primary school (until it became too "uncool") which was a twenty minute ride; and in winter it was freezing! I had these leather fleece-lined gloves which saved my hands but it was the nose!! Nothing protects your nose in winter—someone should invent a cool looking nose glove! These days winter gets to me because of the rain! Dry winters are ok—but wet winters are hard! It gets pretty frustrating for teachers and students to be cooped up inside on wet days, luckily for us here in the "winterless north", we get away with mild bouts of cold and rain.

UNIFORMS

Because of the colder weather, our students are having to add a bit more clothing to their uniforms. It would be really great if you could ensure that all your children's clothes are named, as they tend to start shedding the extra layers by morning tea. We have found that if you write names on the inside hem of the sweatshirts (at the bottom or the collar), they stay named. Sometimes the labels get pulled off or torn, and the name disappears. Please could you also check your child has the correctly named clothing at home; it does sometimes get mixed up at school. On the weekend I noticed there were about six sweatshirts hanging up on hooks outside classrooms and in the foyer. It is not the staff's responsibility to pick up clothing, even though they very often do. We focus a lot on our key competencies at school, one of these is **self management** and we expect students to look after their belongings. It would be great partnership between home and school if you could encourage the same from your children. If we all work together—we could save a lot of time and money as far as lost property goes.

On the subject of uniforms, even though it is colder—there is a standard sweatshirt which is to be worn. We do not accept different jackets or jerseys. If it is raining students are able to wear a black or bottle green rain jacket, to and from school. We also do not accept the wearing of under-tops which stick out from the standard shirt. Please assist us in this matter, as we are proud of our correct school uniform.

I have also noticed that some students hair is not acceptable. Hair ties and headbands worn at school are black or bottle green. The length of your child's hair has a limit and we do not accept dyed hair. We have strict rules and we ask you to support us in administering these. Please don't be offended if your child brings a note home about incorrect uniform. **Thank you to those parents who send their children to school neatly and correctly dressed, we do notice your effort and appreciate it.**

Part of our **Mission Statement**

refers to "...a continuing tradition of excellence." to us, part of the excellence starts with a positive self-image. We are proud to be who we are, as we are created in the image of God. Coming to school and being proud of your school uniform shows some of the "excellence" and enhances a good self-image.



A couple of Sundays ago, I scribbled down something that Father Pat said in his homily, and it is this: "There are four Gospels, but the most important Gospel is YOU—because that is what people see." I know he was referring to our actions and interactions, however our uniform is what people see when they see a Pompallier Student.

Upcoming Term Calendar Dates and Changes to Remember

Friday 4th June:	Marcellin Day (Students may wear yellow or school uniform—not just any mufti) Spelling Bee (11.30am)
Sunday 6th June:	Body & Blood of Christ Mass 9am
Monday 7th June:	Queens birthday
Tuesday 8th June:	Active School's Y1-4 (bring PE Gear) Kapa Haka group visits ABC
Friday 11th June:	Sacred Heart of Jesus (whole school Mass) Movie Night 6pm
Monday 14th June:	Active Schools
Tuesday 15th June:	School Photos
Wednesday 16th June:	Kiwi Soccer (Y5-8) (relevant students have received notices)
Friday 18th June:	Jump Rope 4 Heart Day (more information next newsletter)

**Please feel free to ask if any of this is unclear—
we strive to keep everyone in the know!**

Eating at School

Last newsletter I spoke of the way our students manage their nutrition at school. We have decided as a staff to keep students in their classrooms for ten minutes at the beginning of lunch time, so that teachers are aware of their students' eating habits. Students are expected to take their left overs and wrappings home in their lunch containers. Please ensure your child brings their food in a container to school.

SPORT

We certainly have had a sporty term this term and our students have shone in their participation!



Our Year 3/4 Ripa Rugby team performed really well with a great overall victory, when they eventually got to play at Arnold Rae Park. The next Ripa Rugby Tournament is in August at Arnold Rae Park again. Thank you very much to our awesome supporting parents, and to Paul Scutt who is their dedicated coach!!!

Well 9 days from today, to go to the start of the Fifa Soccer World Cup....and Mr Lees is fully into training our Y5-8 Soccer Stars!! You'll see them being put through their drills at intervals in preparation for the Kiwi Soccer Day at Taipa in Week 9! If Mr Lees's enthusiasm has anything to do with it, we should get our 4 teams to South Africa ahead of the All Whites!

SPECIAL CHARACTER COLUMN

This week saw the start of the
God—Te Atua—Io Matua Kore Strand
in all classrooms.

The following main ideas will be covered:

God is tapu and mana and source of all things.

- Room 1: God is our Creator
- Room 2: Our Gracious God
- Room 3: God is present in the World
- Room 4: God is Love
- Room 5: God is Faithful
- Room 6: Who is God?
- Room 7: The Mystery of God

From the RE curriculum Document:

In their study of God, students will gain and apply knowledge, skills, attitudes and values which show their understanding that:

- God is holy and is the source of all life and all grace and all holiness
- people are created in the image and likeness of god and are called to believe in God, to adore God and to share in God's creation, as they build up the *Kingdom or Reign* of God "on earth as it is in heaven"; as members of the Catholic Church.
- God's revelation began with creation...and was revealed fully in Jesus the Son of God
- God wants all people to be saved, through the Holy spirit, He is at work in their histories and cultures, but most fully in Christ and His Church
- God's desire for humanity includes a relationship of unconditional love with each person...
- God is creator of all that is good, the source of all being, seen and unseen, of tapu and mana, giver and sustainer of creation. This creation is entrusted to the care of human beings who as creatures are utterly dependant upon God.

This may seem like a lot of information to be giving you, but it is important that parents are informed of what their children are learning at school. This helps the relationship between home and school to develop in understanding—your children will be able to talk to you about their learning confidently if you are aware and interested in what they are learning.

Remember that we have the Family—Whanau Books available at school which help with information and ideas to support your child's learning in Religious Education as well as a glossary explaining some of the terms we use. We still have 6 of these books for sale at \$15, but the price has gone up to \$25. If you get in quick, you'll save \$10!! Remember you can use the same book for all your children from New Entrant to Year 8.



Sunday Mass Times

Every Sunday	9am	Kaitaia
<i>(1st Sunday of the month is Maori Mass in Kaitaia)</i>		
2nd and 3rd Sundays	5.30pm	Awanui
3rd Sunday	11am	Ahipara
1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays	5pm	Mangonui

Pompallier Community is responsible for morning tea every 4th Sunday in Kaitaia. I hope we see some new faces when it's our turn again!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We have another member on our Board of Trustees. Our school is required to have four Proprietor's (Bishop's) Representatives, and we are very happy to welcome Joyce Bacica, a long standing Parishioner and community member to our BOT.

PTFA

There will be a PTFA meeting on **Thursday 10th June at 3.15pm in the school library**. It would be really great to see more people joining our fantastic PTFA group. They are a very friendly bunch who work together in fund raising and sharing great ideas. Please come and join us!!

Assembly reminder

Our assemblies are every even week (the newsletter comes out every odd week) at 2.15pm. There may be the occasional change, but this is the norm. Thank you to parents who regularly attend school functions—it's great to see you there! We know that so many of you work and are unable to come.

Survey sheets

The pink or green survey sheet in this newsletter is for the parents who may have missed out on filling one in at the parent interview evening. You may be wondering if anyone ever reads these surveys... Well, yes I do! It is great to have feedback positive, negative and constructive to work from. Reporting is a big topic in education at the moment and community involvement and parent input is vital to this process. Your input, helps guide our planning and decision making about where your school is heading.

I would also love to get some written feedback to our Information evening on the marae!

Thank you

Chris Filipo bought a brick as part of a fundraiser for Starship Hospital and he gave this to our school to decorate. Leah Adams did this on behalf of Pompallier Catholic School and we now are represented on the canvas brick wall at Starship, to show our support of them. Thank you Chris and Leah.

Congratulations!!!!

We are very proud of some of students who have made Rep Teams in Soccer and Rugby. They are:

Soccer u9

Sage Watson
Bradley Hartnell
Ryan Johnson
Cameron Hansford

Rugby

Rory Kelleher
Zane Beckett

Student of the Week

Room 1: Nikau Marsden
Room 2: Mario Baker
Room 3: Jayden Tracey
Room 4: Chloe Haines
Room 5: Beverley Thompson
Room 6: Skye Wire-Faulkes
Room 7: Finn Spaans
Hillary Peeters



MOVIE NIGHT

When: Friday 11th June
Where: Pompallier Catholic School
Time: 6pm
Cost: \$5

Your ticket will include

- Movie
- A drink
- Chippies
- A glo stick!



Tickets for sale in Week 8 after Queen's birthday weekend.



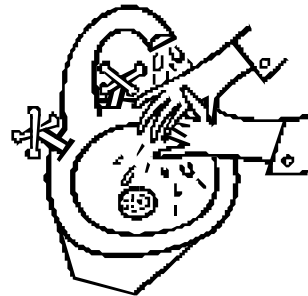
Our annual spelling bee is on Friday! Tomorrow is the semi finals where the top four students will be chosen to enter the finals. This works in a very fair way. All students are tested on their learned words. From those students who get them all correct, the Schonell scores are used to choose the top four. At the spelling bee, students will have turns spelling words from a computer generated list which I will give to our judges, Mrs Paton and Mrs Carey on the day! All very formal!! In all seriousness, this spelling bee is meant to have a fun element to it. The children do get quite nervous in the final and it is great to see them step up to the challenge, but it is a competition that is meant to be exciting and enjoyable. The sponsorship side of it is also not the main focus, it just adds a little bit of a different angle to the competition. Any money that we collect is going into our classroom "Caritas Boxes". So it is all for a good cause.

Yummy stickers

Please collect the yummy stickers and bring them in to Pompallier Catholic School.

These stickers will enable the school to receive free sports equipment.

This is great idea which promotes healthy eating, fitness and happy student athletes, Thanks Mr Lees.



This time of year is great for spreading germs! Please reinforce our teaching of washing hands regularly and coughing and sneezing into elbows at home. We all want to keep germ free!

Pompallier Catholic School Sports Club Fundraiser

WHERE: Kaitaia Netball Courts, South Road
WHEN: Saturday 12th June
TIME: 9.00 am—12.00 pm
MAKE: Whatever you can bake !

If you are able to contribute some kind of baking, soups or sweets to the above fundraiser, please drop them off to the school office on Friday 11th June or on Saturday morning at the netball courts.

