

Special points of interest:

- Key Competencies and values
- Home—school partnership
- Classroom Blessings



Tena Koutou Katoa,
Last week seems really far away already, but we are still basking in the great afterglow that followed our classroom blessings and visit with Bishop Pat. For those of you who were unable to join us, it was truly a wonderful community day with a great feel to it. As I said on the day, it was an honour to have the Bishop of Auckland presiding at the blessing, but what was really special was the time Bishop Pat spent with the students. He was a great role model for our key competency—**Relating to Others** and everyone enjoyed the time spent with him, however long or short that was. Another key competency which we focus on at school is **Thinking**. Well, Bishop Pat certainly integrated that into his discussion with our students. When asked questions, he challenged them to figure out the answers by asking them a question back. I have included some photos of the day and also some writing by our students for you to enjoy.

The other three key competencies we focus on from the New Zealand Curriculum, are: **Understanding Language, Symbols and Text, Managing Self** and **Participating and Contributing**. Our students shine in so many ways in this area, and we encourage you as parents and caregivers to set the expectation at home for your children too. I touched briefly on Self Management in the last newsletter. **Managing Self** is a really big one, as in a school setting, individuals need to have a degree of independence and responsibility. This will help you as parents at home too! I spent some time in Te Kahu the other day and was interested to hear some of the things that our students were responsible for at home. We expect a lot from our senior students at school, and they can be relied on quite regularly to step up and manage themselves, which is a great testament to their years of learning here at Pom-pallier Catholic School. I have also just observed two 5 year olds come into the sick bay with a minor injury—Mrs Phillips was on the phone so they decided to solve their own problem and went on their own into the sick bay for a plaster. One took a plaster from the drawer and put it on the other's minor wound! That was a great example of **Managing Self** at such a young age. (For those who may be concerned that they are allowed into the sick bay with no supervision—don't worry—I was watching through our many glass windows!) I am confident that our students learn and use the *Key Competencies* throughout their day under the guidance of our fantastic teachers; everyday. This leads me on to our **Values**. We like to integrate every bit of learning with our four **values**. The above

examples cover a few indicators from our values like helping others, showing empathy, being relied on, supporting others etc. There has been a lot of media exposure on "Bullying" in the last few days. I put the word "bullying" in inverted commas, because there are a few variations on the understanding of this term. We do not tolerate "bullying" at Pom-pallier in any form, be it physical or verbal. There are varying degrees and perceptions of what "bullying" might be—depending on which position you may be in, but our stance goes beyond the word "Bullying". I like to think that we expect our community, mainly our students, to do what Jesus would do, as our slogan says. We continuously teach that our **values** need to be carried from the classroom and school, to sports, to home, on the bus and in the cyber world. As with **key competencies, values** and any learning that happens at school; our belief is that there needs to be a partnership between home and school. In theory, this philosophy should eradicate bullying altogether (which we all know is the ideal), so we need to all work together. With a good home / school partnership we can consolidate our use of **values** and minimise the "bullying" opportunities that may arise. Our **values** teach that we give people "put ups' **not** "put downs". Our **values** teach us to help and be aware of others feelings. We always expect our students to think through their actions, using our **values**—the **values** are expected to be an integral part of student's **thinking** process and decision making. The danger these days, is the freedom and availability of internet usage as well as cellphone technology. Subtle bullying occurs so easily through these channels. This is why I feel so strongly about teaching our students to use their values **EVERYWHERE**, not just in the classroom and at school. I pray that we can rely on our whole community to support this at home and at school for the well being of all our tamariki.

Life Education Classroom—Harold is our guest!

Once again we have been privileged to have the mobile classroom come and visit our school with Harold and Mrs Harvey. This is another opportunity that our children are exposed to in their learning journey; a different way of learning an important message. The focus for us this time is from the Social studies strand, and it includes some of the Key competencies that I spoke of earlier. Our value indicators of "standing up for what you know is right" and "making correct choices" are also very well covered in these lessons. It is great to know that our PCS adult community, role models to our children in these ways. Like the old saying goes— "*practise what you preach!*" You would be surprised at how many parent behaviours we are exposed to in school through their children! And teachers are all too aware how their students imitate them too !!

THANK YOU to our STAR parent community

I am not repeating myself—I am saying thank you again, but for different functions and jobs done in the past fortnight. We have extremely generous parents who always give of their time and dig into their pockets for the various things that go on in school. Once again the past two weeks has offered opportunities for parents to “gimme 5”. **Thank you** for the food that you contributed to our Classroom Blessing shared lunch. **Thank you** to those who helped and supported our swimmers at Mangonui Zones. **Thank you** to those who supported and helped at Rippa rugby. **Thank you** to those of you who get stuck in and sell tickets. **Thank you** for the support you give to your children in coming to school in the correct uniform and ready to learn every day. We have a very sparkly school with all the stars around here!

Carpark and After School

There are only three weeks of school left this term. So far we have had a safe term with no injuries to our awesome students. Please help us to keep this statistic by adhering to our carpark and afterschool arrangements. There is no driving through the carpark between 2.55pm and 3.10 pm AT ALL. That also includes going out into Dominion Road which some drivers tend to do. If the bus is parked in the grounds and a child runs out from behind it—something very unpleasant could happen. **Please** don't let it be you who causes this. Even if you are sticking to the 5km per hour speed limit, a car is still a lot harder than a child. I was handed a piece of paper after last Monday's prayer assembly. Two innovative students tallied the “speeds” that cars were driving down the driveway into Eden Terrace. I said I would publish their findings in the next newsletter. I find this interesting, I wonder if this would warrant a speed camera?

SPEED	FAST	MEDIUM	SLOW
Number of Cars	9	6	4

Star of the Week



Kiwi	Nathan Murray
Pukeko	Ashton-Leigh Kimber
Piwakawaka	Daytona Rickit
Kea	Jayden Scrafft
Tui	Nicola Perkuma
Kakapo	Siobahn Hassan
Te Kahu	Kayzrem Rickit
SUPERSTAR	Tahlia Foster
	Ryan Johnson
	Renei Thaggard
	Marlon Harris
	Beverly Thompson
	Carlos Campbell
	Jade Cassidy
	Mrs Doak

God bless, Michele Mill

Special Character Column

What a busy term we have had for our special character. The children have enjoyed out-of-class activities for St Patrick's Day and although the weather didn't play ball, St Joseph's Day was a great success - we'd like to say a big thank you to all the significant males that showed up to show support for their children.

One of our highlights was the blessing of the new classrooms last week which included a special visit from Bishop Pat. It was a great day with many members of our parish and community joining us in such a special celebration to show our gratitude for the renovations and new deck which, although a little on the warm side, was put to great use for the event. We would also like to say a special thank you to Te Kura O Hata Maria from Pawarenga for their presence and the gift they brought for the occasion. Bishop Pat thoroughly enjoyed his time here and each class got to spend some time with him which the children also enjoyed.



We would love to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome our new students and their families !

Keanu Kopae

Pukeko

Values Focus

Week 9 - Integrity: To stand up for what you know is right

Week 10 - Truth: making correct choices

Upcoming MASS TIMES

FRIDAY Week 9: Rooms Kiwi, Piwakawaka & Te Kahu
 FRIDAY Week 10: Rooms Pukeko, Kea, Tui & Kakapo

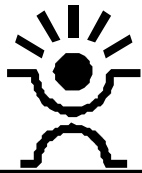
...and for those of you who like to plan early our family Mass NEXT term is **22 May**. Please endeavour to make yourself available that weekend as all classes will have a role in the running of the Mass.

Blessings on your path,

Jonathan McDonald



NOTICE BOARD



Fear less, hope more, eat less, chew more, whine less, breathe more, talk less, say more, hate less, love more, and good things will be yours.

Swedish Proverb

Kaimānga:
Food for
thought

Far North Swimming Champion Results



We are proud to congratulate the following students who achieved placings in their age groups at the Far North Swimming Champs last week

Breastroke: Cole Carey (3rd) Greer Carey (3rd) Jackson Aiono (1st)

Freestyle: Kobie Scutt (2nd) Waikotahi Pitman-Going (3rd) Jackson Aiono (1st) Kaaiwa Pitman-Going (3rd)

Backstroke: Quiahn Pritchard (2nd) Kobie Scutt (3rd) Waikotahi Pitman-Going (3rd)

Jackson Aiono (1st) Greer Carey (3rd)

Butterfly: Jackson Aiono (1st)

We are still waiting to hear stories from past students to help with celebrations for Mrs Paton's farewell

Thank you !

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 6th April—3 priests available.

Students 2pm-3pm

Adults 7pm

BAPTISM

Some of our students will be Baptised this Saturday 2nd April and others on Saturday 9th April. If you would like to support them see Father Rodney for details.

REMINDER from the Special Character Team !!

Toy and Book Fair

FRIDAY 1ST OF APRIL

START SORTING OUT YOUR BOOKS AND TOYS THAT YOU
WOULD LIKE TO DONATE

(CHECK WITH YOUR PARENTS FIRST)

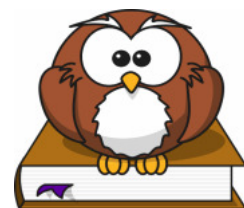
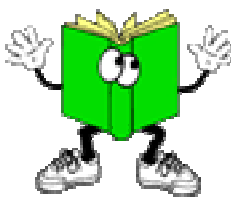
HAND THESE IN TO THE ROOM BY THE LIBRARY BY
THURSDAY PLEASE

BRING YOUR MONEY FOR THE FAIR ON
FRIDAY 1ST APRIL— TO BUY BOOKS AND TOYS

YOU CAN ALSO DRESS UP AS YOUR
FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER .

THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR:
"BEST DRESSED"

(WE ARE FUNDRAISING FOR SANDPIT TOYS)





Pompallier Netball Muster

It is that time of year again netball season!

We are looking for keen, motivated students with a positive attitude who would like to represent Pompallier School and participate in club netball.

Muster:

When: Saturday April 2 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Where: Pompallier School

Cost: \$40.00 for the season, payable at the muster



Thank you to the adults who responded to our request for coaches and managers.

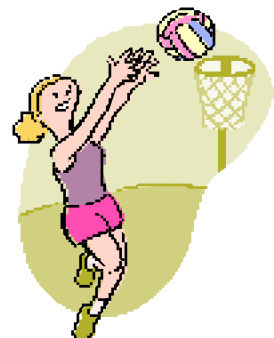
We now have coaches for our Year 3/4 team and Year 5/6 team.

However, we are still looking for a Year 7/8 coach!!!

Perhaps there is a parent or aunty of one of the Year 7 or Year 8 students who can coach. There will be no Year 7/8 team without an adult coach.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Allanah Quinn



REMINDER

We are still wearing Summer uniform, so please don't allow your children to wear winter socks and shoes until term 2. We are still wearing black sandals and not jandals! Also could you please provide your child with the correct warm jersey / jacket if they are cold, we do not accept different colour jerseys and jackets. Our uniform is part of who we are, and we are proud to be recognised by it in it's best form.

Tupperware Orders



Place Your Orders / Replace Your Damaged Lids

Don't forget to put in your order for MOTHERS DAY—SUNDAY 8TH MAY

Check out the website www.tupperware.co.nz
Lots of new products—

The Pull Cord Turbo Chef seems to be the newest popular "must have" item (pg 21 of catalogue)

Contact Vee Crene on ph: 408 0697 or 027 408 0095 to place an order or replace the split lids
Or come to the Party on Saturday 7th May and see what's new with Tupperware.
Have a bit of fun while the big boys are off duck shooting!

Cellphones for Starship Competition

In the last newsletter I put a letter in about collecting old cellphones which are exchanged for cash to raise money for Starship. We have been sent the box to start storing the phones in. The class to collect the most old phones will be the class to win the prize we are donated for this initiative. This fundraising is for a worthwhile cause and has the potential to help others which is a celebration of our Catholic Character. So come on PCS—let's give it a go and ask around for old cellphones to donate! The class reps from our Special Character Team will count them as they come in! We will collect old phones until the middle of May and then send them away. So jump on board and start asking around!



A Prayer for Lent

E te Wairua Tapu, Holy Spirit, let your aroha, you love, infuse all encounters with those we meet. We thirst to drink your living water. Amen



Swimming Lessons for All Abilities
0800 LEARN 2 SWIM

Holiday lessons available, please ring to book \$ 40 for 4 lessons.

Highlights and celebrations next term

- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Production
- Mrs Paton's Farewell
- Family Mass
- Young Mary Production

HOUSE POINTS COMPETITION Term 1 Week 9

(50 points per student for every correct answer handed in by Friday 3pm)

What date is our next Family Mass?

ANSWER: _____

NAME: _____

HOUSE GROUP: _____

PTFA / PARISH *****HANGI*****

Our combined fundraiser with St Joseph's Parish is on Friday 8th April. You will have all got the notice about selling tickets last week. There are not many left at school—they are selling fast! Come in and buy a ticket or a book of tickets—they are only \$8 each!!

If you are able to help with packing on Thursday 7th at school—please let us know.



March 2011

April 2011

June 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 Harold Caravan at school this week	29 Duffy Role Model assembly	30	31 Newsletter	1 Stations of the Cross 7pm	2	3 Daylight saving Ends
4 T.O.D.	5	6 Reconciliation Rite 2	7	8 HANGI Assembly Stations of the Cross 7pm	9	10
11	12	13 Newsletter	14	15 Whole school Mass 9am Stations of the Cross 7pm	16 School Holidays	17 PALM SUNDAY
18 Holy Week Begins	19	20	21 Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)	22 GOOD FRIDAY	23 Holy Saturday	24 EASTER SUNDAY
25 Anzac Day Easter Monday	26	27	28 St Peter Chanel	29	30	1
2 TERM 2 BEGINS	3	4 Chanel "Green" Day	5	6 "Young Mary" Play \$3	7	8 Mother's Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Y7/8 Rippa Y4-8 Netball	21	22 FAMILY MASS

As always we try to keep you informed well in advance of what's happening around school—I hope this little calendar helps us all to remember what is happening at our busy school. We usually send out a flyer, when appropriate, as a gentle reminder, and sometimes this is 24 hours before. Please note the days that support your child's faith journey and help them to attend celebrations that are not necessarily during school hours.

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Kea's St Patrick's Day Art And Blessing of the Classrooms Descriptions

Bishop Pat

On Tuesday Bishop Pat came into our classroom to talk about a shepherd called Jesus. He talked about a prayer. After morning tea we went around the back to listen to

Bishop Pat's word and after that we had lunch.

Aaron

Bishop Pat

On Tuesday we saw Bishop Pat. He was talking about God
Then we sang He honore then
We sang a school prayer and after
He blessed 1 2 and 3 then it was
Lunch, after that it was
Rippa rugby. They brought
Plates of pizza pie then it was
Home time. Chloe

Bishop Pat. *By Kobie Scott.*

Bishop Pat came in our class room. Once I saw him he was so tall he talked to us about Mary and Jesus and put water on the classroom floor. He has white and grey hairs he wears pinkish clothes. He is a Bishop, he has a putt-putt car. He is 61 and old like a grandfather. He told the class to guess how old he was. He said "If you get it you will one million dollars". I guessed 61 and it was the right answer but it was fake. He blessed the water then sprinkled the water on the ground.

About Bishop Pat, on last Tuesday

By Lennox Blucher-Jackson

Bishop Pat came in our class. He gave us a Mary picture. That day on, there was a meeting at the back. He talked about Jesus and he blessed three rooms. It was a little sore sitting down for a long time. It was sad for him to leave but he will come back.

THE BLESSING OF BISHOP PAT.

BY JAYDEN TRACEY

ON TUESDAY BISHOP PAT CAME INTO OUR CLASS HE TOLD OUR CLASS ABOUT MARY AND JESUS. HE IS VERY TALL HE HAS BROWN EYES AND GREY HAIR. HE IS A SAINT AND HE'S NICE AND SMART. WE WERE GOING AROUND THE BACK OF ROOM 1, 2, AND 3 BECAUSE IT WAS THE OPENING OF THE NEW DECK. IT STARTED AT 11.33AM AND IT FINISHED AT 12.19 PM. AFTER THAT WE WALKED INTO ROOM 1, 2, AND 3 AND BISHOP PAT SPRINKLED HOLY WATER ON ROOM 1, 2, AND 3. HE HAD A CROOK THEY ARE LONG STICKS THAT SHEPHERDS USE FOR CHASING SHEEP.