

Special points of interest:

- Powhiri 31 July
- Mass 15 July
- Mufti Mania 14 July



Tena koutou katoa,

Well here we are—half way through our 2011 school year. This term started off sadly with the sudden death of Father Pat, and we stuck together as a community to work our way through our loss.

Tragically, we are ending this term with the same heavy heart on our staff with the loss of another very special man in our community, Ian Paton. The end of this term was going to be a celebration and appreciation of 30 plus years of service and acknowledgement of what June Paton has given to our school and to Catholic education; but now there is a very different feel as we approach that last day of term.

On Friday, we will still have a Mass of thanksgiving and appreciation for everything that Mrs Paton has given to our community. Mrs Paton has always been a strong pillar of our school community and she has given us all so much in different ways. Now is the time where we can all, as a community, give back that love in some way, to support her and her family, through this really tough time. Our prayers, our love and our support will show the Paton family we are thankful for the gift they have been to Pompallier Catholic school over the years. We will miss you Ian. We will continue our prayers for the Paton family at Pompallier Catholic School.

Please join us this Friday for a thanksgiving Mass for Mrs Paton at 10am. We will have a cup of tea after the Mass and student items, if you would like to join us.

THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you to Pastor Glen Adair, Peter Ferrar, his staff and the students of Abundant Life School and church. Their generosity in blessing us with the use of their auditorium for our production and the practises beforehand is really appreciated. It certainly is a good feeling to know that we can share a special character where Jesus Christ is central with our neighbouring school.

We had a great turn out for our evening show after a very successful day show in the morning. The staff and myself were so proud of the way our whole school just stepped up and shone like superstars that night. It was truly very special and worth every hour

of hard work that everyone had put into the preparation for the production. I felt so privileged and proud to be a part of such an amazing community. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of our production.

On behalf of the PTFA: \$600 was raised and congratulations to the winners of the raffles:

Jack Philip	Trailer load of firewood
Chris Maskell	Grocery Hamper
Peter Hewitt	Bell's Voucher

Mufti Mania

This week has a national Mufti day for Catholic Schools. In the past the monies raised through this day have been passed on to Caritas to help different people in need, last year it was a Catholic School in Samoa. This year the funds raised are earmarked for those who have been adversely affected in Christchurch. We will participate and contribute to this day on Thursday. Students are able to wear mufti of their choice and bring along a coin donation which we will pass on to Caritas.

Mercy Week

As Mr Mac mentions in his column—it is Mercy Week at Pompallier Catholic School. Why do we have Mercy Week? As DRS a few years ago, I was trying to help myself and our staff understand what our charism meant and when you need to learn something, the best way is often to ask an expert to help out. So that is what I did. I invited Sister Teresa Anderson to come and teach us all about Mercy. How did I find Sister Teresa? I asked the Mercy Sisters who were at our school back then, Sister Bernadette and Sister Iranaeus. They often used to come and speak to our students, usually at the invitation of Mrs Paton. They were able to share with our students what it meant to live a Mercy life. They introduced us indirectly to Sister Teresa who carries that learning on for our school, each year during Mercy Week.



Every Catholic School in NZ has a particular charism. Ours is Mercy, and is based on the ideas of Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

God bless, Michele Mill

Our new priest Father Alfonso will be welcomed and be saying his first Mass on **Sunday 31st July.**

Our school will be welcoming Father Alfonso alongside the Parish on that Sunday at 9am.

Please diarise this as we would love as many students there as possible.

Thank you for your great support as a community.



Thank you to all the parents who help with morning tea after Mass on the 4th Sundays. Next time it will be **Kea Room's** turn to do the serving and cleaning up. This date falls in the term break—



We have been very lucky to be chosen to have a swimming pool lent to us for Term 3 at no cost. This pool will be covered and

heated and available for our exclusive use every day, all day. This means we can run a programme that suits each class and their teacher, and include the whole school. So if you see a huge tent like structure growing in the car park next week—you can hazard a good guess as to what it might be. We will pretty much be using this facility compliments of **Pools in SchoolZ** from day one of next term. Teachers will send out information in their class letters which will explain how it will work for their class.

If you are a strong dad and have some time to spare next Thursday to help set up, please give me a call.



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Special Character Column

Mercy Week

This last week of the term is Mercy Week and we have had the pleasure of Sister Teresa Anderson visiting us again to take lessons with the children and the staff based around this important part of our Mercy school.

Sr. Teresa has visited all classrooms to talk about the origins of the Mercy sisters and Catherine McAuley as well as how we can show mercy as Christ did in our lives today linking this with our Nga Whetu theme. The children remember her lessons from past years and she has been blown away by what they remember - I suspect the reason the children remember all this, is due to Sr. Teresa's fantastic rapport with the children and her real passion for what she is doing in the classroom.

Sr. Teresa also spent some time with us as a staff sharing how Catherine McAuley responded to mercy in her time and how we might continue to do this in today's world with our current issues through our sense of wonder. Specifically, the exploitation of women around the world, the environment and sustainability.

Father Rodney

Once again we find ourselves having to farewell Father Rodney after what is now approximately 6 months service in our community. His warm character and commitment to our parish has been invaluable and although we look forward to welcoming Father Alfonso in Term 3 it will be sad to have to say goodbye again. He will be here until the second week of the break so remember to say your personal thanks and goodbyes if you see him around. We thank Father Rodney for everything he has brought to our school and community.

Upcoming MASS TIMES

FRIDAY 15 July: *End of term celebration Mass*
(Whole School)

SUNDAY 31 July: Welcome Father Alfonso and
Mass 9am

Values Focus

Week 11 - MERCY: to understand and live the Acts of Mercy

Blessings on your path

Jonathan McDonald

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Kaimānga :
Food for
thought

The simplest and most practical lesson I
know ... is to resolve to be good today - but
better tomorrow
Catherine McAuley



July 2011 August 2011 September 2011

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week 11	11 MERCY WEEK <small>Cross Country Training Week</small>	12 Sister Teresa visiting	13 Newsletter	14 MUFTI MANIA for Christchurch	15 Last Day of Term 2 Thanksgiving Mass 10am	16 TERM 2 BREAK	17
	Term Break						24 PCS Morning Tea
	Term Break						31 Father Alfonso arrives. Mass welcome
Week 1	1 AUGUST TERM 3 BEGINS <small>Cross Country Training</small>	2 <small>Cross Country Training</small>	3 Newsletter <small>Cross Country Training</small>	4 <small>Cross Country Training</small>	5 Assembly <small>Cross Country Training</small>	6	7
Week 2	8 <small>Cross Country Training</small>	9 <small>Cross Country Training</small>	10 <small>Cross Country Training</small>	11 <small>Cross Country Training</small>	12 Assembly <small>Cross Country Training</small>	13	14
Week 3	15 Assumption of Mary <small>Cross Country Training</small>	16 <small>Cross Country Training</small>	17 Newsletter <small>Cross Country Training</small>	18 Confirmation Lessons Begin <small>Cross Country Training</small>	19 Mini Hockey Taipā <small>Cross Country Training</small>	20	21
Week 4	22 <small>Cross Country Training</small>	23 <small>Cross Country Training</small>	24 <small>Cross Country Training</small>	25 Confirmation Lessons <small>Cross Country Training</small>	26 <i>Daffodil Day</i> PCS CROSS COUN- TRY Day	27	28 Term3 Family Mass
Week 5	29	30	31 Newsletter	1 Confirmation Lessons	2 X Country Paparore	3	4 Father's Day

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.

****HOUSE POINTS COMPETITION Term 2 Week 11****

(All answers are in this newsletter)

(50 points per student for every correct answer handed in by Friday 3pm)
**How many weeks of school are left until the end of the
school year (Term 3 and 4)?**

ANSWER: _____
NAME: _____
HOUSE GROUP: _____

Slug Guns

firing, cocking, loading
ducks, pheasants, birds
It feels like it kicks
I think they're pretty cool
Slug Guns
By Hunter

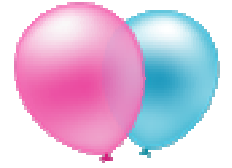


Birthday

Playing, drinking, eating
Friends, sister, family
Games Pin the Tail Tigg
The best birthday ever
Birthday
By Mia-Lee

Birthday

playing, eating, drinking
friends, family, sister
it feels like a nice funny feeling
The best birthday ever because I got presents
Birthday
By Siobhan



Chocolate

Smiling, eating, tasting
Cakes, muffins, bars
It feels hard on your teeth
It is the best thing ever
Chocolate
By Gracie



Kittens

Biting, pooing, scratching
Cat food, my bed, toy mouse
Soft and cosy
Cats are the best in the world
Kittens
By Rylee

Birthdays

Playing, eating, swimming
Exciting, awesome, funny
Feels so amazing
I think is awesome
Birthdays
BY Eternity

Puppies

Playing, crying, running
eating, toys, jumping
Puppies are the best
Fun as
Puppies
By Emily

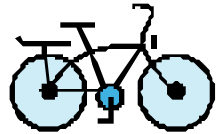


Puppy

Running, crying, eating
jump, scratch, claws
feels sore when he scratches
I want a black puppy
Puppy
By Mateja

Bikes

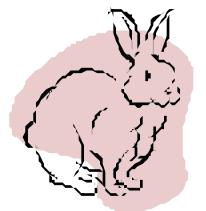
Ski dding, jumping, stopping
Helmets, grass, concrete
Feels cool when I ride my bike
They are the best in the world
Bikes
By Mario



Piwakawaka Poetry

Rabbit

Jumping, running, sniffing
House, carrots, exercise
Like a happy little creature
Happy lovely
A nice lovely rabbit
By Lexa

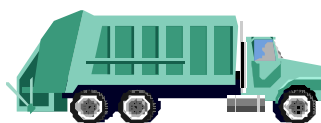


Friends

Playing, swimming, running
house, fruit, skipping
amazing having friends always helping
Outstanding to do it
Friends
By Katie

Trucks

loading, unloading, driving
Drivers, friends, boss
Nice in the front seat
The biggest truck in the shop
Trucks
By Christopher



Piwakawaka

Helping, trying, learning
Loving, taking care of
A safe and happy place
The amazing class ever
Piwakawaka
By Pheobe

Piwakawaka

Reading, learning, writing
Friends, teacher, maths
Feels like caring
Best class in the school
Piwakawaka
By Jessica

Pony Club

Galloping, walking, trotting
Books, ponies, games
Fun because I get to ride it
I just love Pony Club it is so cool
Pony Club
By Kira

