

Special points of interest:

- Setting your child up for a great day of learning
- Athletics Day
- Term 4 Calendar



Praise and Glory to God for the way we started this term—what could be better than a shiny gold trophy and a gorgeous sunny day to start off a term?!

Last term's learning ended with a fantastic day of celebration of learning in the form of our Pom-pallierthon. The day was a great success and we loved having so many parents and whanau here sharing the day with our school. The great atmosphere and the team work between the different countries was awesome to witness. It certainly felt like our learning statement of "*Win with Humility and Lose with Grace*" was achieved. Enjoy some photos on our Celebrations Page.

TRIVIA NIGHT

THANK YOU to the very hardworking group of people who pulled off a very successful evening! We as a school community really appreciate the effort and the "going above and beyond" attitudes that we can rely on within our community. It is a good feeling to know that much of the funds raised came from outside our school community, as we do appreciate that we are so often asking for help from within it. Just under \$2000 was raised (including Bribery money!!!) The winners on the night called - "The Last Orders", donated their winning moneys back to the school - **THANK YOU** for this! A big **THANK YOU** also to Jo who organized the grocery raffle, just under \$680 was raised. And **THANK YOU** to all you parents who managed to sell tickets on your children's behalf!

Camp Meeting TODAY 5.15pm

Well ... there are only 4 days left until we leave for the long awaited camp! Please come to the **last camp meeting** and tell everyone who may be interested and not see this notice, to join us TODAY at 5.15 in Mrs Carey's room. This is going to be a great camp and we have had a huge response to our help wanted request, so there is a lot to discuss and to share about how things work at our school camps. We are hoping to see everyone who is going along or has any questions.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION

Lessons begin today and are every Thursday as they have been all year with Gemma Sinnot and Helen Payne at 3pm. Please make sure your child/ren attend all lessons as they are a very important part of their faith journeys. It is a privilege to have volunteers who evangelise and help our children along the way to becoming full members of our Church body.



Nomination

On Tuesday we started with prayer assembly as always on the first day of our school week. This assembly however had a special part to it in two ways—we prayed a decade of the Rosary together as a school because it is the Month of the Rosary; and I also handed over a certificate to recognize a nomination that our lovely Mrs Carey has received. This certificate recognizes that she has been nominated for a NEiTA Excellence in teaching award. NEiTA stands for: National Excellence in Teaching and Leadership Awards—New Zealand. These awards are intended to recognize and honour representatives of teaching excellence within local communities. They aim to inspire students of high caliber to enter the teaching profession. It is an honour that Mrs Carey was considered for this award and we wish her luck in the final stage. I personally (and I know the parents of her students, and her students agree with me) think that she is a winning candidate already.

Renovations

There was a great new start for Tui and Kakapo in their newly renovated rooms on Tuesday. The classrooms are looking absolutely great as Miss Cross and Mr McDonald worked really hard in the term break to get their rooms ready to go for the first day of term. As a team, we all expect learning and teaching to start from day one, so all our teachers spent a lot of time in their rooms during the break getting everything looking good and ready for action when their students came back. Well done teachers—you did an awesome job!

Professional Learning and Development

As part of the term breaks during the year, most teachers all over NZ spend some time at school, planning and preparing for the next term. Part of this preparation is often some new learning and development to do with student progress and achievement. During the term we have Teacher Only days to do this. This break just gone was no different as, our staff all attended a day's development hosted at Kaitaia Primary School. The workshop was with Jon Winder who attempted to : "*inspire and equip teachers, senior leaders and those associated with education with skills to engage their boys and increase performance, getting the outcomes that are so important to the school, parents and the boys themselves.*" Obviously we apply our learning to all gender students if it is appropriate, but teachers said it was good to learn how some boys learn differently to girls and why this is so. The

feedback from our teachers was really positive and they have already implemented some of the strategies they learned – starting the first day back at school. Some of the learning that our staff thought might be of use to you as parents is as follows:

Influence on learning and engagement at school	What to do at home
Nutrition	Healthy food = healthy brain = great learning
Sleep	Approx 10 hours for 5-7 yr olds and for any growing children
Screen time - TV, Games, Computer, iPods/Ipads, cell phones	Quiet time an hour before bed...relaxing with no technology stimulus. Many teens and pre teens spend much of their night texting while their parents are blissfully in dreamland. It is a good idea to put phones on charge at night away from children's rooms.
Setting up for the day	Positive comments. Children thrive off parents or whoever drops them at school, setting them up in a positive way for a great day of learning

From our last Teacher Only Day in Term 3, we have also taken on board as a whole school a focus on Thinking Skills and Strategies. So our topics within classrooms this term are quite varied with the common thread of "What do you think?" being our big heading. The junior school will be using the "Thinking Hats" and the senior school will be concentrating on "Bloom's Taxonomy". These are two different versions of thinking skills that have been tried and tested by many successful educationalists. Feel free to ask your child's classroom teacher, and more importantly your child about their learning if you have any questions. Teachers are also taking part in the "thinking theme" - on our staff room wall you will see statements about their teaching practice, followed by a "Think about it..." We are all about engaging our students with great learning and ending this year off with a roar!

Immunisations

Please read about this in the notices which follow.
God Bless, Michele Mill

Special Character Column

All Saints Day

On Tuesday next week we will celebrate the *Feast of All Saints* which is a holy day of the Church honouring *all* saints, known and unknown. The eve of All Saints is known as *All Hallows Eve* which the secular world celebrates as *Halloween*. Although we have information about many saints who we honour on specific days there are many unsung saints who have never been specifically honoured. This concept ties in well with our current Communion of Saints Strand. This is the belief that all of God's people, on earth and in heaven are in a state of purification and are connected in communion. While the saints are not divine, they are just as alive as you and I and are constantly interceding on our behalf - our prayers are joined with the heavenly community of Christians.

**FIRST
HOLY
COMMUNION**



LESSONS BEGIN TODAY

THURSDAY 27 October at 4pm

UPCOMING MASS TIMES

Week 2: Tuesday 1 November
The Feast of All Saints

FAMILY MASS
27th November
1st Sunday of Advent &
First Holy Communion for some of
our students

Values Focus

- **Week 1 - Mercy: to help and support others when we can.**
- **Week 2 - Mercy: to empathy to those who are less fortunate**

Blessings on your path,

Jonathan McDonald

Celebrations



WELCOME

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

Blake Wells	Daniel Pomare	Emma Mayes	Kiwi
George Chelatt			Pukeko
Hinerangi Smith	Absidy Herewini		Kea
Sandra Chelatt			Te Kahu

POMPALLIERTHON



NOTICE BOARD

Kaimānga :
Food for
thought

Dear GOD,
I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you
made on Tuesday. That was cool!
-Eugene



September 2011 October 2011 November 2011

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week 1	24 Queen's Birthday	25 TERM 4 Begins	26	27 Newsletter 1st Holy Communion Lessons Begin for Term 3's Confirmed Students	28 PCS Athletics Day	29 WORLD TEACHERS DAY	30
Week 2	31	1 November ALL SAINTS MASS Y5-Y8 CAMP Mangawhai	2 ALL SOULS Y3/Y4 FarNorth Ripa Rugby Competition Y5-Y8 CAMP Mangawhai	3 Y5-Y8 CAMP Mangawhai 1st Eucharist Lessons	4 Junior School Assembly Y5-Y8 CAMP	5	6
Week 3	7 Meningococcal C Immunisations	8	9 Newsletter	10 1st Eucharist Lessons	11 Mass Tui, Kakapo, Te Kahu Central Zones Athletics	12	13
Week 4	14	15	16	17 1st Eucharist Lessons	18 Whole School Mass Dedication of Basilicas Ss Peter & Paul Athletics Finals Assembly	19	20 Christ the King Sunday
Week 5	21	22	23 Newsletter Variety Show 🌟	24 1st Eucharist Lessons	25	26	27 1st Holy Communion & FAMILY MASS 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Week 6	28	29	30	1 December	2 Mass Te Kahu, Kea, Pukeko Assembly	3	4
Week 7	5	6	7 Newsletter	8 Whole School Mass Immaculate Conception	9 Praise Giving	10	11
Week 8	12	13 Junior's Christmas Party Outing	14 End of Year Mass	15	16 Pompallier Pool Party & Tabloids	17 SUMMER HOLIDAY BEGINS	18

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 4 Week 1****

(All answers are in this newsletter)

(50 points per student for every correct answer handed in by Friday 3pm)
How many hours sleep should students get every night to be engaged learners ?

ANSWER: _____

NAME: _____

HOUSE GROUP: _____

Meningococcal C Immunisations

- Your child/ren will have received a consent form on Wednesday to be a part of receiving a vaccination against Meningococcal C.
- This will be taking place on Monday 7 November.
- In the last newsletter of term 3, I included an information sheet on supplied to us, about this vaccination.
- Please return the consent form by Friday 4th November, so we can be ready for the nursing team who will be here on Monday.
- There is information on the DHB website if you would like to investigate a little more, or speak to your local GP.



Year 3/4 Rippa Rugby

On Wednesday 2 November, Northtec and the Northland Rugby

Union are having a Far North Rippa Rugby Tournament. We have entered three Y3/4 teams, as our year 5/6 students will be on their camp. A letter was sent home yesterday with students who wanted to participate. If you have not received this letter—please check the bottom of the dreaded school bag! It would great if you could pop in a support the teams at Arnold Rae, if you are unable to be there all day.

Summer Uniform

Thank you for the great parent response with the summer uniform. Our students are looking great. Please ensure your child's school hat is named. We are trying to ensure that our students are protected and sun safe. We encourage the use of sun screen and would appreciate it if you could help your child to be sun safe from the beginning of the day.

Help us get FREE storybooks for our school

If you're a Telecom customer, you can turn your bill into a storybook for our school. All you have to do is switch to online billing by 24 November 2011 at telecom.co.nz/billstostorybooks, and choose our school to receive a storybook. There are 10,000 storybooks to be given away, so the more of you who choose our school, the more books we'll receive!

This will be a awesome for our new look library!

THANK YOU to all the helpers who were here to support Bucky in taking down the swimming pool on the last day of school last term. We are very grateful to you for all the help you give us when we call on you at short notice.



PCS Variety Show 2011



Yes ! We are doing it again ! We have taken on the feedback from last year and hope to share a great fun filled night of good clean entertainment with everyone who would like to join us. There will be food AND hot drinks as well as cold drinks—hopefully no need for heaters—and heaps of singing, dancing and whatever you come up with. We would love a rehash of the Spice Girls, our awesome singing mums, as well as any other brave parents who would love to join in the fun. There will be auditions in Week 4 and the Big night will be Wednesday 23 November ! Contact Mrs Mill if you are keen to enter, my list will start up tomorrow—gold coin entry. Prizes to be won!!

Do you want us to EMAIL your newsletter to you? Send an email to this address: office.pompallier.school@xtra.co.nz with "PLEASE EMAIL NEWSLETTER" in the subject line and we will email the latest newsletters every fortnight ! You can also keep up to date with the latest newsletter online on our webpage www.pompallierschool.org.nz

Athletics Day 2011

On the 28th of October Pompallier Catholic School will be holding Athletics day. On this day children will be able to take part in all the events that make up an Athletic field day.

- Running
- Long jump
- High jump
- Hurdles

Please note: The throwing events; discus, shot-put and soft ball throw took place this week. Place getters will be informed of their results.

The day will start at 9:30 and run until 2:30. The children will be stopping for morning tea and lunch break as usual.

Every event that a child entered gets their house team points and we will also hold house team relays. We will have a parent / teacher / Year 8 relay... so get together and organise a team of 4 !

All children need to have the following for the day. (Name items please)

- House team shirts/black shorts
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Drink bottle
- Lunch / Subway (we will carry on as normal with these orders)
- A 'Nga Whetu' attitude (compulsory)

The outcome for the day is for all children to participate, have fun and to challenge the children.

It would be great if you could join the school for this day and share in the fun, or help out if you would like to. We look forward to seeing you.

God Bless.

All the staff at Pompallier



**WORLD
TEACHERS' DAY**
28 OCTOBER 2011

The New Zealand Teachers Council thanks teachers this World Teachers' Day for their dedication and unwavering support of learners.

Thanks!

TEACHERS ENRICH OUR WORLD
NURTURING MINDS - TOUCHING FUTURES

 New Zealand Teachers Council
Te Taitokerau Kahiko o Aotearoa

Help the support staff and I to celebrate our wonderful teachers on Friday. Let's give each teacher at least two put up's to show how much we appreciate them!