

6 July 05

**Focus for the Week:** *The Eucharist ... shows us... what value each person, our brother or sister, has in God's eyes, if Christ offers himself equally to each one, under the species of bread and wine. If our Eucharistic worship is authentic, it must make us grow in awareness of the dignity of each person... Christ comes into the hearts of our brothers and sisters and visits their consciences. How the image of each and every one changes, when we become aware of this reality, when we make it the subject of our reflections!*

Pope John Paul II – 'In My Own Words'

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

### **Principal's Platform:**

Dear Parents and Caregivers: At the time you are reading this I am away recharging myself with professional discussion, debate, listening to guest speakers and socialising at the New Zealand Principals' Conference and NZ Catholic Principals' Annual Meeting. This year the meeting is being held in Dunedin and I do hope the temperatures are getting a little warmer there. In my absence, please direct all enquiries to Mrs Delia Wilson, Deputy Principal.

Enrolment packs for Sacred Heart College were sent home yesterday. It is imperative that **the completed form, along with the signed Preference Card be returned to Sacred Heart College (not Marian School) no later than 22 July.** This date is unfortunately in the school holidays so reminders will not be sent out. There is huge stress on Sacred Heart 2006 intake and if enrolments are not complete or returned on time, your child will miss out regardless of her being a Marian School student or not. Please phone your own Parish Priest or Fr Frank Eggleton (Cathedral office 856 6486) to make an appointment to see him for the Preference Cards to be signed.

Thank you for your continued support, I look forward to being back next term. The school office will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the last Thursday and Friday of the holidays.

Remember that this Friday there will be a **mufti day** to raise funds for the national Catholic Schools' appeal for the Tsunami relief, a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

### **Staff Change:**

It is with regret that I inform you that Mr Ballantyne will be leaving Marian School

effective as from the end of term two. Mr Ballantyne is relocating to Tauranga to join his wife Heather, who shifted there with her employment in April.

Mr Ballantyne has served this school community well, having been part of the Marian family for ten years. I take this opportunity to thank Martin for all that he has done for our children and wish him every success for the future. No doubt many of you will find the opportunity to pass on your thanks and best wishes to Mr Ballantyne over these last few days of this term.

From the beginning of term 3, Rm 16 will be taught by Mr Damian Mills, who has just returned to Hamilton from Japan where he taught at an International school for three and a half years and also pursued his rugby playing interests. Prior to this Mr Mills taught at St Columba's School in Frankton for over three years.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome Flynn Cameron (Rm4) into our school community.

**Yr 8 Information Session for 2006 entry to Sacred Heart and St John's College:** Will be held on Thursday 7 July (TOMORROW) at 11:15am. Rm 22 for Girls and Atrium for Boys. All parents welcome.

Enrolment packs were issued yesterday for the Yr 8 girls only and these must be returned URGENTLY to Sacred Heart College. We hope the boys will receive theirs this week.

**Uniform Shop:** Due to commitments, the uniform shop will not be open in the school holidays. Remember, Postie Plus sell our Uniform and PE Tops can be purchased from the school only.

**PIES \* PIES \* PIES**

A great big thank you to family and friends who supported this fundraiser. We will let you know the final details next term.

Also many thanks to all the parents who helped pack the 2,600 pies.

**Pastoral Care:  
Supporting Our Children Through**

**Grief/Loss:** Cynthia Piper, 'Seasons for Growth' co-ordinator will be discussing the above at; Chanel Centre

51 Grey St

Mon 11 July at 7pm.

Discussion will be approx 1½ hours

Please contact Cynthia 0800 217 411 to register or for more information.

It has been a busy term, I thank you for all your support from all our families who contributed to families in need.

My plan for next term is to focus on setting up the Grief & Loss Programme within the school.

Have a nice break – I know I will.

Martha

**Thank you:** A big thank you to the wonderful parent helpers who have been sewing the Kapa Haka uniforms; Claire McCarthy, Nicole Wilkins and Michelle Bond-Ewart.

- Whanau Committee

**Wacky Hair Day:** Thank you for all those who supported the Team 4 Wacky Hair Day. We all had a wonderful time and raised \$250.00 for those in need.

Many thanks

Christine Troon

**PTFA Quiz Night: SATURDAY 6 AUGUST**

7:30 pm in the school hall.

This is not an intelligence test. It is a fun night and a chance to socialise with other parents, staff and BOT members.

Teams of three are drawn on the night. There are 10 rounds of 10 questions, and answers are written on a sheet. No entry fee, just a plate for supper and BYO refreshments. Guaranteed fun and no embarrassment.

Ring Ian on 855 8444 for more info or to enter.

**Hamilton Boys' High School Information**

**Evening** – Monday 1 August 2005 at 7:00pm.

Open Day Tuesday 9 August 2005.

**Spanish and French at Marian School**

We will continue to hold Spanish and French language classes for children from 5 -12 years.

Spanish: Wednesdays: 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm start: 27.07.2005

French: Thursdays: 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm start: 28.07.2005 (module 2)

4.15 pm – 5.15 pm start: 28.07.2005 (module 5)

New students are welcome!

Lesson Fee: \$90 for term 3 (9 lessons)

Membership Pack : \$25 (one-off cost for new students)

*(includes CD, songbook, nametag, stickers, pen and regular certificates)*

For enquiries and bookings please contact:

Anne Eddy: 859 1464

[anne@funlanguages.co.nz](mailto:anne@funlanguages.co.nz)

**FOR SALE**

Size 16 school jersey in excellent condition, \$35

Size 16 PE top in tidy condition, \$10

contact Sue 8298-549

**Riverlea Stagecraft:** Enjoy the Magic of Theatre! Offers professional tuition for adults and children. Weekly classes starting July 25.

- Drama classes from preschool to adult
- Day classes for home-schooled children
- Preparation for entrance to National Drama School.
- Singing for the stage.

Enquiries and enrolments – phone 856 5450

**Sausage Sizzle:** \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You and have a safe and happy holiday.

John Coulam

**Principal**