

8 March

Focus for the Week: *One of the pillars of Lent is prayer.*

If you really wish to follow Christ, if you want your love for him to grow and last, then you must be faithful to prayer. It is the key to the vitality of your life in Christ. Without prayer, your faith and love will die. If you are constant in daily prayer and in the Sunday celebration of Mass, your love for Jesus will increase. And your heart will know deep joy and peace, such as the world could never give.

Pope John Paul II

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Principal's Platform:

Well folks, Summer has gone and Autumn has arrived with a cold spell. A reminder that children may wear either a woollen school jersey or approved school polo fleece on cold days; these are both available through Postie Plus in Hamilton East.

Registrations for winter sports such as rugby and soccer are now open; please don't delay in registering your children for sports teams as any delay may see children missing out on the sport of their choice.

Bereavement: We offer our deepest sympathies to the Wade family on the death of Kathleen, a much loved grandmother to Tamia and Celeste. May she rest in peace.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following children and their families: Nikita Komene (Rm5) and Riley Thomas (Rm3)

Advance Notice: Parent Interviews will be held on Tuesday 21 March from 2:30 – 8pm and Wednesday 22 March 2:30-6pm. Notices will be sent out next week.

Pasifikanz Culture

Group: Kia Orana! Malo e lelei! Bula! Kona Mauri! Hello! Aloha! Talofa lava! Warm, warm Pacific Greetings to all...

It's time to start our Marian Pasifikanz Culture Group for 2006

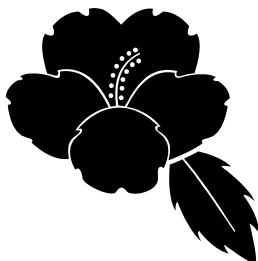
When: next Thursday 16-3-06

Where: School Hall

Time: 12:30

The Pasifikanz Culture Group, welcome all children of all ages from our school.

Any queries, ring Joanna 843 7875

**Australasian Schools Competition:**

Entries are now closed. Thank you to those students who entered these competitions.

To those parents who have enquired about Past Papers; we will have available from Week 7, a few papers from each test (not necessarily each year level). Any Past Papers would be appreciated. If any students have any at home, they can be left at the school office.

Thank you – Mike Sommerville (co-ordinator).

Toys: Students must not bring any electronic games/toys to school. Any Tamagotchi toys brought into school will be confiscated by the class teacher for parents to pick up.

Reminder: The Vision & Hearing Technician will be in the school in 16 March to test 5 year olds who have enrolled since October. If your child is under specialist care or you do not wish for your child to be tested, then please send a written note to the office or class teacher.

Cricket Draw:

Friday 5:30pm start

Yorkers vs Hukanui Blasters @ Flagstaff Park

Thunderbolts vs Cambridge Tigers @ Marian School

All Stars vs Rototuna Silver @ Flagstaff Park

Stumpers vs HN West Stags @ Hn West Sch

Sonics vs Southwell Minis @ Uni 2

Blockers vs Hukanui Bullets @ Discovery Park

Saturday 9am start

Blasters vs Fairfield Red @ Steele Park 1

Force BYE

Strikers vs Old Boys Cavaliers @ Discovery Park 1

Congratulations: To Hilary Hayes (Yr7) who obtained the highest mark in New Zealand for Trinity College, Grade 7 Violin Music Exams. This is a great achievement for someone so young. Well done Hilary!

Out of School Music Notices:

Thanks to all those who have returned Tutor books to the office. However, several Violin and Guitar books are missing the instructional CDs/DVDs, please check at home and return these to the office A.S.A.P.

NOTE: FRIDAY CONTINUER CLASS

TIMES: Brendan Richardson's Class -

8-8.30: Michael, Michael, Joshua and Kate

8.30-9: Eliot, Rheagan, Michelle, Leticia, Yerin, Quin, Poppy and Victoria

9-9.30: Stacey, Kristen, Lucy, Briget, Eric, Genevieve, Kirin and Georgia

Hamilton Marist Junior Rugby Club

Weigh-in

This Sunday (12th March)

At Marist Rugby Club (cnr. Boundary Rd & Day St)

From 9:00 to 11:00 am

Sub: \$35 if paid on the day (\$40 thereafter)

Discounts for multiple family members

New players bring proof of age (birth cert/passport)

Enquiries: call Steve 027 290 0204

Soccer Registration: If you missed out on the Soccer Muster last weekend, registration forms can be picked up from the school office. Please ensure registration and payment is made to the office by WEDNESDAY 15 March to secure a place in a team.

Lost:

- A pair of black 'emerge' size 2 sandals. Please return to Nathan Hancock Rm10.
- Hat (faded black) named Margarita Chen. Return to Rm20.

For Sale:

- Soccer Boots – Size 13 \$10.00. Phone 856 6995
- A school jersey size 36in. \$30.00 See Val at After School Care.

Note: Roman sandals and black school shoes are available for \$10 – all sizes at the Ezibuy sale in the old Rebel sport building in Alexandra Street (opposite Farmers)- open till end of March.

School Lunches: Now available – mince savouries @\$1.50. Good for junior lunches as they are smaller than the pies.

Achieving Potential Seminar for High Ability Students:

For students Years 4-7 at Selwyn College Kohimarama, Auckland. Wed 19, Thurs 20 & Fri 21 April. Ph 09-585 0111 Jean Hendy-Harris or see school notice board for more details.

Parish Secretary/Pastoral Worker

Vacancy A vacancy has arisen for this position at St Joseph's Parish, Fairfield. Details and application information are available from the Parish Office, 86 Clarkin Road, Hamilton. Phone 855-6214. Applications close 20 March 2006.
Jennifer King
Parish Secretary

LiveLarge Holiday Programme: 18-21 April. This programme has been developed to cater for the needs of 11-13 year olds during the second week of the school holidays. It is unique in that it is not a baby sitting service but a high value input holiday programme that is relevant, fun, challenging and educational. Contact Shona 839 9908 or refer to flyer on school notice board.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal