

26 November

Focus for the Week: The Feast of Christ the King

This is our final week of the Church Year. This feast is significant in that it makes us reflect on how we are towards others and the choices we make in our lives. The question we ask ourselves is 'how will they affect our journey to Eternal Salvation?'

When asked how she could bear to care for the destitute, the dying people, day after day, Mother Theresa of Calcutta answered, "I see Christ in them. The dying, the cripples, the mentally challenged, the unwanted, the unloved" – "They are Jesus in disguise".

Other memorable words of Mother Teresa are "The worst disease in the world today is the feeling of being unwanted, and the greatest evil is lack of love. What the poor need even more than food, clothes, and shelter is to be wanted – They need love."

Value Focus for the Week: To follow in Jesus' footsteps. Show love towards others.

Success Criteria: The fruit of the Holy Spirit is Goodness. Be good and make good choices.

Dear parents and Friends of the School

Principal's platform:

When putting classes together the senior teachers look at such things as class size, gender ratio, academic needs, social needs, learning styles verse teaching styles and ethnic balance. I ask that you recognise the experience of the senior teachers and their ability to place children accordingly under the outlined criteria. The staff has a vision of the whole picture, not just one brush stroke.

This year the senior teachers will only consider written requests based on pertinent and compelling matters that would help us best place your child.

As I have confidence in all my staff I will not accept requests that relate to having one teacher over another. Please note that it is not like picking lollies in a sweet shop. Compelling evidence is not, "My child would like...", nor "I would like..."

In consultation with their team of teachers and the current teacher of your child, Mrs Keoghan will draft the class lists for Years 1-3, Mrs Chadwick for Years 4 & 5, Mr Sommerville for Years 6, Mrs Walker for Year 7 & 8. All written requests must be received no later than Friday 5 December. Ms Crook remains on leave during 2009. Mrs Kay Petchell, currently Deputy Principal at Vardon School, joins the staff next year as Second Deputy Principal with responsibility for years 5-8

Written requests containing **pertinent and compelling matters** may be submitted by e-mail or left at the office to the appropriate people as follows;

Mrs Keoghan: mkeoghan@marian.school.nz

Mrs Chadwick: cchadwick@marian.school.nz

Mr Sommerville: msommerville@marian.school.nz

Mrs Walker: lwalker@marian.school.nz

N.B. The final decision as to which child is in what class remains the responsibility of the school a request will not always be met if we consider other factors to be greater.

The 2009 class lists will be published during the last week of term.

The following is the class structure for 2009:

Room 1		Y2	Mrs Ellmers
Room 2		Y1/Y2	Mrs Vosper
Room 3		Y1	Mrs Stack
Room 4		Y1	Mrs Fong
Room 5		Y1	Mrs James
Room 6		Y2	Mrs Cullingworth
Room 7	13+17	Y2/Y3	Mrs Fletcher
Room 8	11+19	Y3/Y4	Mrs Chadwick
Room 9		Y3	Miss Addison
Room 10		Y4	Mrs Montgomery
Room 11	9 + 21	Y4/Y5	Mrs Kedian
Room 12	9 + 21	Y4/Y5	Mrs Dinnan
Room 13		Y6	Mrs Steens
Room 14		Y5	Ms Luke
Room 15		Y6	Kim Oliver
Room 16		Y6	Mike Sommerville
Room 17		Y8	Mrs Walker
Room 18		Y8	Miss Kerby
Room 19		Y7	Mrs Maarhuis
Room 20		Y7	Mrs Barbour
Room 21		Y7	Miss Wood
Room 22		Y8	Mrs Clarke

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following pupils and their families; Keelee Bristow (Rm 4), Riya Thumma Rm 5 and Ally Genet (Rm5).

Mass: This will be celebrated at 9:45am tomorrow (Thursday) with the students from Team 2. All welcome.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

The last Scholastic Bookclub order of this year is due in by Wednesday 10 December. There will definitely no late orders due to school break-up on 17 December.

Any cheques need to be made out to Marian School.

Please hand orders and payment to classroom teachers.

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to the following who have achieved well this week.

- Stefan and Sarah Krystman recently competed at the Northern Zones Kyokushin Karate tournament at Papakura. Stefan was awarded 1st place for Kata and 1st place in boys Kumite 12-13 years. Sarah was awarded 1st place for Kata, 1st place in girls Kumite 9-10 years and 2nd place in the team Kata event.
- Victoria Chanwai (Rm9) passed Trinity Guildhall Grade 1 Speech and Drama Examination with Distinction
- Jessica Chanwai (Rm21) passed Trinity Guildhall Grade 2 Speech and Drama Examination with Distinction.

PTFA Raffle Winner: Congratulations to Whaea Doak who won the Tent & Tupperware raffle.

Marist Old Boys Ties: available through Sarndra Petrin at St Johns College. \$20.00 each. Phone 856 7091

Cricket Draw

Fri. 28 – 5:30pm start

Blasters vs Morrinsville @ Uni 1 (grass)

Stumpers vs Newstead Knights @ Uni 5 (grass)

All Stars vs Cambridge Colts @ Cambridge Middle Sch 2

Thunderbolts vs Tamahere Stags @ Tamahere School

Sat 29 – 9am start

Force vs Fairfield @ Discovery Park 1

Strikers vs Suburbs 7 @ Marian School

Blockers vs Old Boys Crusaders @ Steele Park 1

Wanted: White sheets required to make Angel gowns for the Junior nativity Play (5 December). These will be stored for future use in the Junior School. Many thanks – Team 1, Room1

Second hand Uniform Shop – the shop will be closed until Term 1, 2009. If you need any uniforms, please see Martha at 3pm on Thursday.

Lost:

- A G-Shock watch, black with red writing belonging to Dhyntae Floyd. Lost while on the field by the cricket nets during sports before lunchtime. May have been given it to a friend to hold on to while throwing cricket ball. Unsure if friend gave it back or if he had it in his pocket and it fell out. Please return to Rm 13
- A pair of blue rimmed glasses. Please return to Rm 22
- A book titled 'Captain Underpants' (brand new) gone missing by the cricket nets. Please return to Zubair Rm 11.
- One black sandal with pink orthotic. Please return to Jacob Rm 20

- A school jersey named Wheatley – please return to Rm 14
- A pair of black roman sandals named Emily Williams – please return to Rm 12
- A school jersey named Giselle Mason – return to Rm 8

For Sale: 2 short-sleeve shirts, 1 shirt, 1 pr shorts, 2 long sleeve shirts, 2 PE Uniforms for ages 10-12 years. Please phone Marlin 849 6674

Summer fun at the library Ever wanted to travel through time? Well, with Hamilton City Libraries summer holiday programme "A Twist in Time" you can! Prepare for battle with the Ancient Aztecs, relive the glitter of the 80s, or spot moa in the New Zealand bush in 1841. The programme is open to all children aged 5-12 who are members of the Hamilton City Libraries and runs from Friday, December 19, 2008 to Friday, January 23, 2009. Children can work from home in their own time or come into the library whenever necessary. The programme is a mix of crafts and online activities, with the chance to win prizes, and the finale event will be an old-fashioned picnic and games afternoon. For more information or to register for the programme please visit www.hamiltonlibraries.co.nz or visit your local library.

Speech and Drama: Attention all Year 4 and above students. Enrol now for next year. Private Speech and Drama lessons available. Limited places. Competitions and exams will be covered. Contact Laura 021490093 or laurawatson@xtra.co.nz

Holiday Programme:

- *Bubble Dome – Student Workshops:* 3d Computer Animation, Wearable Arts, Fashion Design, Web design, Movie Making, Games Design, Architecture. Courses held in Howick, Newton and Milford. check out web site; www.bubbledome.co.nz ph 09-622 0670 email: info@bubbledome.co.nz
- *Kelly Sport:* - See flyer attached

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

Flyers:

- Sport Insert
- Ham Order
- Kelly Sport