

28 May

**Focus for the Week:** How do you experience a craving for the Body of Christ?

*The Kiwi weekend provides many other offers of recreation, entertainment and nourishment. But the experience of the reflective person shouts: 'this is not enough! I need more'. We crave food that will satisfy our hunger. We need the nourishment of the Body of Christ, both in the restless pilgrims who gather for the Mass and the in the reality of Jesus with us in the Eucharist.*

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:**

I notice that both Sacred Heart and St John's College are currently revisiting their Strategic Plans and coincidentally so are we. It is important to the Board of Trustees and me that our school community help us set the vision and goals for this school. Going home with today's newsletter is a short survey which we ask you to take 5 minutes to complete and return it to school by 6 June. These may be deposited in the box at the office or returned via your child's teacher. I would really appreciate a response from every family, no names are required.

**Bullying** is a behaviour that is unacceptable. Regretfully the behaviour of a bully is not just found in children, it can be found in adult relationships too, e.g. the workplace, politics and marriage.

The school has both the challenge and responsibility of empowering the victims so that they know how to deal with bullies and also to modify both the behaviour and attitude of the bully. Neither of these are easy tasks.

At Marian School we constantly ask children to use their **W.I.T.S.** and follow one or more of the following strategies.

Walk away  
Ignore  
Talk ("I don't like it!")  
Seek help

You can help your child and the school by reinforcing the W.I.T.S. strategy.

**Bereavements:** We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs Barbara Brown (Librarian) and her family on the death of her much loved father.  
May he rest in peace.

**Mass:** Will be celebrated tomorrow at 9:45am with the students from Team 1 in the Marian School Hall.

**New Star Takeaways – China relief fund.** The Chan family wish to thank all the families who supported them in trying to raise \$1,000.00 to send to China. Last Friday they raised \$593.00 so they are half-way.  
We wish to remind families that 50% of the takings go to China relief fund and this offer is being repeated this Friday (30 May). Please remember to support them if you buy takeaways on a Friday.

**Myanmar & China relief Fund:** Thank you to the pupils & staff. The staff total has increased to \$494.00 bringing the grand total up to \$1,335.00  
If you still wish to contribute, the fund will remain open at the school office until Friday 6 June.

**Queens- Birthday - Extra Long Weekend:**  
As notified late last year, early this year as well as this term's school calendar, on Friday 30th the school will be closed for Marian School Children only, and Monday is a Public Holiday.  
See you all next Tuesday – Have a great weekend

**Hamilton East Redevelopment (Cnr Grey & Clyde)**  
Submissions have been called if you oppose to a shopping complex going up on the corner here in Hamilton East (behind the wall). If you have any concerns relating to the safety of the students or traffic flow, please pick up a submission form from the school office. **Submissions to be received at the Hamilton City Council by 4:00pm, Thursday 5 June.**  
Plans are at the school office if you wish to view.

**A reminder about monies coming into school:**  
Any student bringing money to school for scholastic books or photos etc, must put it in a named envelope with the amount written on the outside and what it is for.  
We need your support in this matter.  
Thank you – Delia Wilson D.P

**Celebrating Success:** Congratulations to  
• Rhegan Tu'akoi who has been selected to play in the Hamilton Rep Year 7A Team.  
• Stefan Krystman who is representing NZ at an u/12 Soccer Tournament overseas.

**PTFA Meeting:** Wed 4 June at 7:30 in the staffroom – all welcome.

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**Team 3 Choir:** A big thank you to the choir and the parents who attended and assisted us. We had a successful morning at the Hamilton Central Library 'Celebrating New Zealand Music Month'. Check out the Hamilton Press for revue. many thanks – Louella Dinnan & Rinah Juwono

**Marian School's First Home Tutor Programme:** starts Tuesday 3 June at 9:30am in the Principal's old office. There are still spaces available if you would like to help your school community. The course takes 10weeks (2 hours per week). See you on Tuesday or contact Martha if interested. The course covers the following:

- Introduction to the Home Tutor Scheme and what volunteers do.
- Who are we, our background and New Zealand Culture.
- Culture shock and settling in a new land.
- How adults learn
- Listening, speaking, reading and writing as communication.
- Where to start and planning a programme
- Boundary issues
- Using resources

**Sport:** There is **NO NETBALL, Waterpolo, Flippa Ball or Soccer on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May as it is Queen's Birthday weekend.**

#### **Marian Pasifika Culture Group.**

Kia Orana! Malo e lelei! Kona Mauri! Hello! Aloha! Kia Ora!  
Talofa lava!  
Warm Pacific Greetings!  
Thank you/faafetai lava to all our families, and friends who came to support, help and enjoy our children's performance at the Hamilton City Library on Saturday.  
It was AWESOME!!!! It was great to go along and be part of the "New Zealand Music Month" celebrations.  
Reminder to those who are participating:  
Thursday ( tomorrow night) 6pm @ Celebrating Age Centre (30 Victoria Street)  
Any queries to Louella Dinnan Room 12

**PTFA Quiz Nite – Saturday 23 June at 7:00pm in the School Hall**

Come along for a fun night with other members of the Marian School community.  
Join Quiz Master, John Coulam, as he guides you through 10 rounds of 10 questions.  
Teams of 3 or 4 drawn on the night. No entry fee, bring your own refreshments and a plate for supper and a smile.  
Please phone Ian on 855 8444 or Marian in the office if you are interested.

**Waikato Scouts and Guides present 'Hooked on Scouting':** a light hearted journey including song and dance through 100 years of Scouting based around the Peter Pan theme.

On stage at the Riverlea Theatre, Riverlea Rd, Hamilton at 7pm from 7 – 14 June 2008. Tickets available through Riverlea Ticket Office on 0800 800 192. Adults \$18.00, Senior Citizens and

#### **A Notice to all Girls and Boys who like to Sing:**

The Cathedral Children's Choir is seeking new members and all you need is a love of singing and a desire to join a ministry. We rehearse every Wednesday 3.20-4.30pm during term-time at the Parish Centre. Come along and say HI or phone Kristin for more information (853-6008). A small afternoon tea is provided.

**Firewood for Sale:** \$55 a cubic metre. Split, dry and shed stored. Limited supply. Phone Craig 839 5884 or 027 687 0126

**For Sale:** Sacred Heart skirt 34" waist \$60. Sacred Heart jersey 36" & 38" (one has holes in cuff) \$60  
Marian school skirt 32" waist \$10, Marian school long sleeve school top \$2  
Please phone Liz 8554543

#### **Car Boot Sale – Jubilee Kindy**



Come **Buyers & Sellers**

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> June 2008 after 10.30 Mass

Marian Middle School Grounds

\$10 fee for sellers. Shop till ya drop buyers. Just turn up on the day.

Proceeds go towards sports equipment for Jubilee and The Cathedral Redevelopment Fund

#### **Hamilton Kumon Study Centre**

Kumon provides Math and English after-school programme. The Kumon Method:  
Caters for individual needs, remedial or extension work  
motivates students and instills confidence  
Develops fundamental skills and good study habits  
Complements the school curriculum  
To find out more about Kumon, please phone Ruth 07-854 3377 or 021 269 7402

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday \$1.00 each.

God Bless You

John Coulam  
Principal

#### **Flyers:**

- Community Survey (See Principal's Platform)
- PTFA Fieldays – more help needed

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