

18 February

**Focus for the Week: Being Charitable**

There used to be a belief that suffering was sent by God, was God's will. Certainly the mystery of suffering is beyond human understanding, but one phrase in today's Gospel tells us there is no way that God wills us to suffer. "Of course I want to" is Jesus' instant and forceful response to the leper's plea for healing. God always wants to heal us, desires only our ultimate good.

A person who is a Christian is always concerned for the wellbeing of others and they should be charitable like God was towards the Leper. This means you put others before yourself and you recognise when someone needs your help. Sometimes it's just easy to walk away but we should be looking at what is right when thinking of others, not looking for the simple way out.

**Value focus for the week:** Be Charitable.

**Success Criteria:** Put others needs before our own needs. Be unselfish.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:**

While the new Minister of Education has relaxed the rules around schools being the food police, there is no intention to reintroduce fatty foods into the daily lunch menu at Marian School. Healthy eating and exercise will continue to be promoted at Marian School. In promoting walking as a healthy option, those travelling by car might like to consider walking from Steele Park or from Claudelands Park, parents are encouraged to walk with younger children. If your children are walking to school via Beale St it is best that they use the footpaths rather than walk through the cars.

During this year the staff and Board of Trustees will be spending considerable time revising the curriculum taught at Marian School. In fact, the Government requires all schools to be moving towards the implementation of the Revised New Zealand Curriculum in 2010. As a result the teachers will have a training day on Monday 20 July. Mark your calendars now, term 3 will start Tuesday 21 July.

Many of you might have heard whispers by now that the Marian School swimming pool will go later this year and a new library will be built where it stands. The whispers are true and the reasons are varied, not the least being that neither Ministry of Education nor Catholic Schools' office will pay for a new pool. The Board of Trustees are committed to providing aquatics education as part of the Marian School curriculum and are currently costing alternative venues and programmes. Currently Year 7 & 8 students use the Municipal Pools in Victoria St.

**Marist Junior Soccer: Registration Muster Sunday 1 March** 11 a.m. 1 p.m., at the junior deck Marian School.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Lorena Scarpa (Rm20), Gregory Scarpa (Rm5) and Georgia Harvey (Rm5)

**Bereavements:**

- We extend our deepest sympathies to the Jones family, especially Georgina (Rm18) & Grace (Rm15) whose much loved great-grandfather passed away on 9 February. Last night their paternal grandmother passed away so please keep these two girls very much in your prayers. May they rest in Peace.

**Mass:** Mass will be celebrated with the students from Team 3 on Thursday at 9:45am. All welcome.

**Out of School Music Notice:** Music classes are still being formulated for this years classes. When completed, students will be informed of the day, venue, and time of each class.

All classes will begin in the first week of March.

Please keep reading the newsletter for more information next week.

If you still wish to enrol, please hurry your entry forms to the school office by Friday as classes are almost full.

**Vision & Hearing:** The technician will be visiting the school on Monday 23 to test all New Entrants and students who have incomplete records. If you do not wish your child to be tested, please send a note to your class teacher.

**Car Park:** Please drop off your children at the drop off zone, just in the entrance on the left – not up by the Whare end of the car park. Exit first right if possible.

**Scholastic Book Club:** Orders must be in by Wednesday 25 February. Cheques to be made out to Marian School. All money must be in a named envelope and handed to class teacher.

### AN INVITATION



**LIBRARY  
NEWS**

**TO:** Parents  
**FOR:** Membership  
**WHERE:** Our Library  
**HOW:** Pop into the Library  
**WHEN:** Anytime between 8:30am and 3pm



### Marian Pasifika

Kia orana! Malo e lelei! Bula vinaka! Kona mauri! Hello! Aloha! Fakaalofa lahi atu! Talofa lava! Warm Pacific greetings to all. Thank you to our families, friends and staff who came to the launching of our New Uniforms. It was fun and exciting!

The children thought it was cool, colourful and can't wait to be wearing their own.

#### **So whatz up this week:**

\***Last week to join Pasifika** .... so bring your forms.

\***Colouring Competition** due in the office or room 12.  
or drop it off @ SBS Bank, Novotel Building, 354 Victoria Street Hamilton by Wednesday (18.2.09)

\* **Hamilton Gardens Summer Festival**

#### **Pacifica Family Party.**

Bring the family, a picnic, sit, relax and enjoy the entertainment

Entry: Free

Dress: Island Funky Style

Where: Hamilton Gardens Rhododendron Lawn

When: Friday (20.2.09) 6.30pm

Best parking gate 1 or gate 2

Any queries to Louella Dinnan room 12.

Faafetai lava/Thank you The Pasifika Team



### After School Care Programme:

Dear Parents,

The enrolment form and fee of \$25.00 per family for 2009 are due by Friday 20 February if you wish to hold a place for your child. Please pay either at the office or direct to Mrs Morrow between 2:30pm and 5:30pm daily.

All fees are to be paid weekly or fortnightly as pre-arranged.

Many thanks – Val Morrow (Supervisor)

### Cricket Draw:

Friday night 5:30pm start

Blasters vs Southwell White Caps @ Southwell School

All Stars vs Knighton Sluggers @ Knighton Normal

Stumpers vs St Joes Black Caps @ St Joseph's Sch

Saturday 9am start

Strikers vs Te Awamutu @ Marian School

Blockers vs Knighton Knights @ Knighton Normal

Thunderbolts vs Hukanui Cannon @ Discovery Park 2

### Attention all 2009 Netballers and interested parties:

Registration of Interest needed.

Are you returning to netball or planning to join netball this season?

Would you be interested in attending a "2 day training camp" at Marian School in the school holidays?

Proposed dates: 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April, from 9am -3pm.

There would be a nominal charge per player (\$10.00 or less) to cover the cost of "invited guests" to enhance your skill base.

We would also like to hear from parents/caregivers who would like to have some input/share ideas.

Please register your interest to Kate van der Hulst by this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February so we can plan this exciting event!

Phone: 8295499 or 021 311 962 Email:

[pete.hulst@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pete.hulst@xtra.co.nz)

### Hamilton Marist Junior Rugby – 2009 Weigh-in

Day: *Sunday 8 March*

Grades 6 – 9: from 11am

Grades 10-13: from 1pm

If you have children in various grades, you are welcome to bring them all at the same time.

We welcome returning and new junior players to our community.

For more details phone Pete 021 822 145 or Jenny 027 664 5591

### 'Super Saturday Tennis Tournament – 28 Feb at the St Peters Tennis Club. Tree tea and coffee for parents for having to get up early! Registration is at 8:15am.

5 week programmes of Lil Kiwis 5 – 8yrs and Pure Tennis for 9 – 12 yrs.

See office notice board for more details.

### Lost:

- A small Quicksilver black, white and green jandal at school. Size 9. New. Please hand in to the school office.
- Speedo goggles – teal colour. Please return to Gabby in Rm9

The Big Garage Sale: proceeds to "Magic Mums" Respite Weekend and Literacy Projects'

Saturday 7 March 8am at the Wesley Methodist Hall, Heaphy Tce.

Blankets, BBQs, Toys, trunks, Bric Brac, Bottles, Paintings, puzzles, Bedding, Plants and Preserves.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam

**Principal**

**Flyer:** Hockey for Yrs 6 -8