

22 March

**Focus for the Week:** *Faith is always demanding, because faith leads us beyond ourselves. It leads us directly to God. Faith also imparts a vision of life's purpose and stimulates us to action ... Solidarity Day provides us with the opportunity to put our faith into action. We invite you to make the most of this opportunity and to give generously to those in need so that they can feel the loving embrace of Christ in their lives.*

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:**

I recently came across the following comments from Bill Gates, well known as the man behind Microsoft computer software. If you haven't already seen it, I thought you might enjoy it.

Bill Gates gave a speech at a High School about 11 things they did not and will not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing

grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome the following students and their families into our school community: Elli John (Rm16), Levishaun Sean (Rm 14), Wrightson Eron (Rm20) and Jason Eron Rm3).

**Cathedral First Communion and Confirmation Programme:** The date for this year will be Sunday 13th August at the 10.30 am Mass. The programme will begin in Term 2. Enrolment forms will be available soon. If your child is in Year 4 or above and wishes to make their First Communion this year please diary this date. Enquiries to Andrea at the parish office Phone 8566486 or email [andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz](mailto:andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz)

**Pastoral Care Notice:** We urgently need a baby buggy, pots and pans and kitchen utensils/equipment. Please drop off at school office.

**Second Hand Uniform Pastoral Care Sale:** Come and get it – gold coin donation per article. Lots of winter gear.

Proceeds will go into the welfare fund.

Where: Whare

Time: 1:30-3:30pm

Day: TOMORROW – Thursday

**Solidarity Day Reminder:** This Friday 24 March. If your child has not already paid for rice please pay \$2.00 to the class teacher. We would also appreciate a grocery item for the food bank.

Yr 4 – Yr8 students will go to Mass in the Cathedral at 10:45 and this will be followed by the rice meal.

Yr 1-Yr3 students will have their liturgy in the school hall at 11am followed by their rice meal. Thank you to those families who have donated rice. We especially thank Pak N Sav, Clarence St for their generous discount on the rice.

**School Lunches:** Sushi is proving to be very popular with both children and staff. We now offer 4-pack \$4.50 and 6-pack \$6.50. (chicken, seafood, vege or mixed)

### **Cricket Draw:**

*Fri 24 March 5:30 start*

Thunderbolts vs St Columbas @ Swarbrick Park

Stumpers vs Orini Outlaws @ Flagstaff Park

All Stars vs HN West @ HN West School

Yorkers- BYE

Sonics – to be notified

Blockers vs Hillcrest Hitters @ Uni 1

*Sat 25 March Cricket 9am start*

Blasters vs Melville Green @ Melville Int

Force vs Woodlands Hunters @ discovery Park 1

Strikers vs Te Awamutu @ Te Awamutu Primary

### **Waikato Full Primary Schools – Swimming Sports**

A team of 15 year 7 and 8 students attended this event yesterday. They all performed well and many achieved personal bests in their events.

#### **Results**

##### **Year 7 Girls**

Lauren Barclay – 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m and 100m backstroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 m

3<sup>rd</sup> Year 7 Girls Championship overall

##### **Year 7 Boys**

Mathew Swney – 1<sup>st</sup> 50m and 100m breaststroke

3<sup>rd</sup> Year 7 Boys Championship overall

Sam Lockett-Turton, Jessica O'Connor and James Grace were consistently placed in the top 8 in their events.

Congratulations to all the team for representing Marian School.

**Netball –** players are required at most levels. If you are interested in playing for a team please speak to Mrs Walker (Rm18) before Friday.

### **Lost:**

- A Pair of blue/black boys togs named C Deo in a green plastic Postie Plus bag. Please return to Rm14.
- A school jersey named Sonia Chan, please return to Nicole in Rm 14
- A pair of black school sandals named Bianca Lunjevich. Please return to Rm 7.

**Curtain Maker wanted:** Someone experienced to make a set of Roman Blinds. All materials provided. Phone Nicolette 855 8483.

**House Cleaner wanted:** \$15.00 per hour for 3hours on a Fridays. Must have experience. Phone Corry 021 449 872 or 838 2555.

### **WSA Art School – Holiday Programme:**

8-13 years; 19 – 21 April from 9am – 12noon \$75

5-7 years; 19-21 April 1-3pm \$60

Non stop art activities. Ph 839 4481 to enrol.

### **New theatre company for kids!!**



Kinetic Kids Theatre

Venue: New Place Theatre,  
University of Waikato

Time: Tuesdays 5 – 6pm

**Achieving Potential Seminar** – For High Ability Students Years 4-7

19-21 April at Selwyn College, Auckland.

Workshops include Codes & Ciphers, Jnr Electronics, Astronomy, Shakespeare, Mighty Mathman, Jewellery Design, Chess Champions, Strategy Games and much more.

To register phone Jean Hendy-Harris 09-585 0111 or email [info@holidayseminars.co.nz](mailto:info@holidayseminars.co.nz)

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday. \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

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