

22 July

**Focus for the Week: - Make our World a Peaceful Place to Live**

We are challenged to be good shepherds and to be accountable in what we do. In the Gospel reading all the apostles gathered around Jesus to tell him what they had done and taught. They were being accountable to Jesus. This also happens in our Church where our priests meet to see the Bishops and in turn our Bishops meet to see the Pope. The Pope is our main representative of Jesus on Earth. Like the apostles with Jesus the Bishops are being accountable to the Pope.

Last year many young people from all over the world went to Sydney for World Youth Day. The Pope's main aim was to bring every nation and tribe together to receive the Power of the Holy Spirit. He was being the shepherd of shepherds bringing his sheep together to reflect on their lives so they can become better people. As Jesus challenged his Apostles to be good shepherds so too does the Pope challenge us that by our actions we might bring the peace of Christ into the world.

**Value Focus: Excellence – Week 1**

People who show excellence have a clear sense of what they want to achieve. To strive for this we need to have clearly established goals and an understanding of what steps we need to take to get there. It requires us to know what high quality is. Searching for these examples or having people point them out to us lets us think about and establish what our best is and in turn work out what we need to do to get there.

*Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and your better, best.* (Popular educational saying)

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:**

Welcome back to the third term, I am so pleased to have the children back safely. The teaching staff spent two very productive development days at the end of the holidays revisiting the curriculum that is taught at Marian School in readiness for the implementation of the Revised Curriculum in 2010. You will hear more about this later in the year.

Since our last newsletter the full Education Review Office report on Marian School can be viewed on

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/ero/publishing.nsf/Content/Search>

Under institution name, type in Marian Catholic School and enjoy the reading.

If your child comes to school on a bus that is predominantly for secondary students please be aware that these buses do not operate on the days secondary schools are closed.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community the following children and their families; William Stenchman (Rm4), Bronson Anderson, Rm 4), Brianna McIntyre (Rm5) and Hamish Cameron (Rm5).

**Mass:** A Full School Mass will be celebrated tomorrow (Thursday) at 9:45am. All welcome.

**Bereavements:** We offer our deepest sympathies to the following and their families;

- Andrew Burns (Rm9), whose much loved grandfather passed away last week.
- Devael Wijaya, (Rm8) whose much loved grandfather passed away in Indonesia.

May they rest in peace.

**Parent Input Meeting for First Holy Communion:**

This Sunday at 7:15pm in the Cathedral. Units of work will be given out at this meeting. It is important for parents to attend.

**Sports Team Photos:** This Friday from 11:30am. All sports teams excluding soccer will have their team photos taken. i.e. Netball, Basketball, Cricket, Waterpolo, Flippa Ball, Hockey etc. Please remember to bring your sports gear to school on Friday including sneakers if appropriate.

Invitation is extended to all coaches and managers as well to be in photo. You may wish to contact your team.

*Time Slots – these are a guide only. Times may vary.*

11:25 – 11:45am:	Netball 8A, 8B, 8C
11:40 – 12noon	Netball Yr 4 & 5
11:55 – 12:15	Netball Yr 6 x2
12:10 – 12:30	Netball 7A, 7B, 7C
12:20 – 12:45	Waterpolo Red, Blue & Flippa Ball x 2
12:40 – 1:00	Hockey x 2 & Student Council
12:50 – 1:15	Basketball x2 & Sports Council
1:10 – 1:30	Cricket – Blockers & Strikers
1:20 – 1:45	Cricket – All Stars & Thunderbolts
1:30 – 1:45	Cricket – Blasters & Stumpers

**Parent Help Required:** 2-3 parents to help organise and coordinate teams for sports photos. Help required from 11am to approx 2pm. Please meet at school hall.

Thanks - Caroline Blair

**Combined Symphonic Performance:** On Tuesday 28th July we are being visited by the St John's Sacred Heart Combined Symphonic Band. Under the baton of Mr Stewart Stanbridge they will be performing for us. Mr Stanbridge has worked out 3 age appropriate concerts to introduce our children to the instruments and the way each instrument produces sound as well a selection of music to entertain and educate the children.

Each child is being charged \$2, this money can be bought to school any day from now until next Tuesday. If you are paying for more than one child please put the money in an envelope with the amount and the names and room numbers of all children being paid for.

**PTA Meeting:** Next Tues 28 at 7:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

**Lunches – Help wanted:** If you can help on a Monday or Wednesday with lunch orders, please phone Sally at the office.

## Home – School Partnerships in Literacy – Information Evening.

On the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> of August at 7.30 we are hosting an information evening on literacy. All parents are invited to attend. Topics to be covered include home reading programs, extending more able readers, classroom reading programs, supporting at risk readers and reading comprehension. A variety of workshops will be offered and you will be able to select the ones to attend which interest you. Parent questions which have been sent in will be addressed. Anne Grady who has been the facilitator for our teacher professional development in the teaching of reading will be a guest speaker too. Come along and let's learn together!

### Celebrating Success:

- During the holidays several students competed in the annual Speech and Drama Competitions, held at Southwell School's Performing Arts Centre. Two students in particular did extremely well: **Alex Deo** was awarded the Sight Reading cup and the Restricted cup. **Darren Caeiro** was awarded the Most Promising Award. Congratulations to all students who participated, we look forward to next year's competitions!  
Laura Watson  
Speech & Drama Teacher 856 3303 / 027 4124 204
- Congratulations to the following children who competed in the Hamilton Competition Society competitions during the holidays.  
The children played really well and won the Schools Challenge Shield. Well done to **Quin Leong, Sammy Hong, Dorothy Hong, Callum Cameron-Fraser, Clarissa Tan, Eric Tang and Chelsea Lin**. Thank you also to Alison Hepburn who prepared the children so well for the competition.
- Victoria Chanwai (Rm11) was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 8 years Violin class in the Hamilton Competitions.
- **Jessica Chanwai** (Rm17) and her sister **Victoria Chanwai** were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 12 years and Under, Duet String class in the Hamilton Competitions. They went on to win the De Lacey Cup for the Best Duet Performance out of all the duet classes. Well done girls!
- 2009 New Zealand National KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS were held during the holidays and we are very proud to report to following results:  
**Jonty Southcombe-Nguyen** came 1st ( in boys 8-9 under 32 kg kumite ) and **Chase Hennessey** came 3rd (6-7 years boys kumite ).  
Well done boys

**Attention Chocolate Lovers!:** Please help Stephen Coulam get to the National First X1 Soccer Tournament in Palmerston North.  
Chocolates on sale - \$2.00 each at the office.

### Orbiter – Extended Route from 18 July:

- Northern suburbs including Rototuna, the route will head north from Westfield Chartwell along Hukanui Rd, Thomas Rd, Resolution Dr, Discovery Dr, River Rd and Wairere Dr.
- Students on Glen Lynne or River Rd part of the Orbiter route will need to use the Flagstaff or Chartwell services (See [www.busit.co.nz](http://www.busit.co.nz) for more info).

# SNACKS!

Snacks are a really important part of our diet as they keep us going between meals.

We are often caught eating 'treats' as our snacks which leads to us eating too much sugar, fat and processed foods.

Snacks are 'mini meals' and should come from the four food groups.

Over the next weeks you will get some ideas about what you and your children can have for snacks.



**Hilton Brown Swimming – Hamilton:** Taking bookings now for swimmers of all levels from infant to adult classes. Classes are available 7 days per week. Water safety programme life jacket use. Indoor heated pool. Classes held at Hilton Brown Swimming, Sue Mayo Swim School, 12 Queenwood Ave, Queenwood Village Hamilton ph 855 8666.  
[www.hiltonbrownswimming.co.nz](http://www.hiltonbrownswimming.co.nz)  
Flyers available at office.

**Tuition Offered: Piano Keyboard and Theory of Music** – There are vacancies for a limited number of children or adults to commence lessons immediately or be placed on a waiting list. Contact Cherry Schmidt ph 855 0000 or 021 428 537

**Poetry Party:** Saturday 25 July at Garden Place. Join celebrity guests for an open mic. Read it, share it, hear it, bring it, wrap it. Bring your poem, someone else's poem, a chair, lunch and laughter. Warm clothes required.  
From 11am until the poems run out.  
Rain venue: Inside Library  
For more info contact: The Poetry Peddler 027 417 7770 or [PoetsAliveNZ@gmail.com](mailto:PoetsAliveNZ@gmail.com)

### **The Greatness of God in my Life"**

DATE: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 p.m.  
VENUE: St Joseph's Parish Centre, Clarkin Road, Fairfield  
SPEAKER: Anne Claessens  
For transport or further enquiries contact Wilma Ph 829 8616 **Bring your Bible and a friend**  
(Catholic Women's Fellowship) [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)

**Rimbrook Women's Forum:** A seminar to bring you up to speed on the social communications media (Facebook, Bebo etc). This is the world your children are growing up in. If you want to learn more about this powerful tool, then this is the talk for you.  
Rimbrook Study Centre, 64 Hillcrest Rd, Thurs 30 July at 7:30. \$5.00 ph Diane Willcock 858 8784

**Mooloo Open Day 2009:** Sun 26 July from 11am – 1pm. held at the Waikato Stadium. Meet the 2009 Waikato Air NZ Cup Team, Cheerleaders and MOOLOO! There will be various events, sausage sizzle, bouncy castle and if you get dressed in Waikato gear you may be a for a prize.

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

God Bless You  
John Coulam  
**Principal**

### **Flyers**

- Calendar (Term 3)
- Kelly Sport