

29 July

Focus for the Week: - Give Generously to Others (Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time)

We need to trust that God will always provide for us when we are in need like he shared the loaves and fish with his people in this week's Gospel so they weren't left starving.

What we need to remember is that there are millions of starving people in the world and there are also many wealthy people in the world. We are very lucky to have food to eat every day when we are hungry.

The challenge is, how we can help those who are less fortunate than ourselves?

Values Focus: Excellence – Week 2

People who consistently give their best efforts are examples of excellence. The key word here is “consistently”. When related to goals we set, giving our best means aiming to get the little things right every time so we can constantly improve and set new heights for ourselves. Common examples are seen in top sports teams perfecting the basic skills and using their mastery of these as a springboard to create more complex moves which they can confidently carry out. Even the All Blacks practice catching and passing! It is only through giving our best at every level that we can develop further.

“God makes three requests of his children: Do the best you can, where you are, with what you have”
(African-American proverb)

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform: Kia Ora! Welcome to Maori language week. This week approximately 900 people are attending the Catholic Schools' Convention in Wellington. The Conference runs from Wednesday to Friday afternoon. Accompanying me as representatives of Marian School will be Martha and Marian and our Acting Director of Religious Studies, Mrs Natalie Steens. The Board of Trustees will be represented by the Chair, Mr Baden Hilton, the Deputy Chair, Mrs Andrea Savage and Board member Dr Tammy Wong. In my absence please direct enquiries to either of the Deputy Principals, Mrs Kay Petchell or Mrs Delia Wilson. Mrs Jordan will run the school office with the assistance of Mrs Rose Brycki and Mrs Leann Johnson.

Enrolments for 2010 close on 15 September. As there is a large Year 8 group of 80 students leaving, the largest number in years, it is estimated that there will be approximately 100 vacancies. Enrolment forms need to be in and completed to be considered against the approved priority rating. At this stage those living out of zone have a good chance of getting in next year.

Mass: There will be no School Mass this Thursday

Bereavements: We offer our deepest sympathy to

- Ciara Gyde (Rm19) and her family on the death of her much loved grandfather.

Home – School Partnerships in Literacy – Information Evening.

On the evening of the **5th 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!

LIBRARY CORNER**BAGS FOR LIBRARY BOOKS**

Every pupil needs a book for their library books. There are many recycleable bags that are suitable so check out what is at home - you could personalize one.

Help your class to be the first to all have bags by Week 5.

Be in for prizes!!

MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

Be sure to enjoy *The Three Kete* in the library. What have you put into your kete today?

Scholastic Book Club: Orders for Issue 5 close on WEDNESDAY 12 August. Please make cheques payable to Marian School. All payments must be in a named envelope and handed to the class teacher.

Confirmation, First Eucharist and Reconciliation Programme It was great to see so many families at the Parent Input session! The first unit of work was given out at this meeting so if you missed the meeting you will need to collect the work from the parish office, find out who your leader is and the date of your first Group meeting. The Presentation of the Candidates will be on **16th August** at the **10.30 Mass**. The date of the ceremony will be **8 November at 10.30am**, in the Cathedral. All those who have enrolled will have received email updates on the programme. If you have not received anything please contact Andrea 8566486 or email andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz (I will be out of the office at the Catholic Education Convention until Monday)

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to the following on their achievements;

- To Jake Scurrah (Room 10), who won Bronze in his 'Kumite' competition (8yr Boys) in the recent National Karate Champs in Wellington. Great effort Jake! Love from your family.
- Marianna Kang (Rm11) was awarded 1st place in both 'Baroque' and '20th Century', in the 9 years Piano Class at the Hamilton Competitions. She was also awarded Garner Cup and Hamilton Competitions Society Scholarship as the 'Best Performer in 9 years'. Well done!
- Stella Kang (Rm13), and her sister Marianna were awarded 1st place in the under 11 years 'Duet Class' in the Hamilton Competitions. They received the Rhee Family Cup for the Best Duet Performance out of all the duet classes.
- Clarissa Tan who has been selected to compete in the Irish Dance Nationals in September - well done!

Marching Girls Wanted: A well established Waikato Marching Team – Railfreight Cavaliers - are currently looking for new marchers to join our Kiwi team, we are looking for girls aged between 5 and 8 who enjoy music and dance with the opportunity to make new friends and have lots of fun. If you are

interested contact Sharnie on home phone 07 8558557 or mobile 027 3750434

SWAP/EXCHANGE: I have a second-hand Tunic Size 7, in good condition, which I would like to exchange for a size 5 tunic. Contact Marian on 855-4595

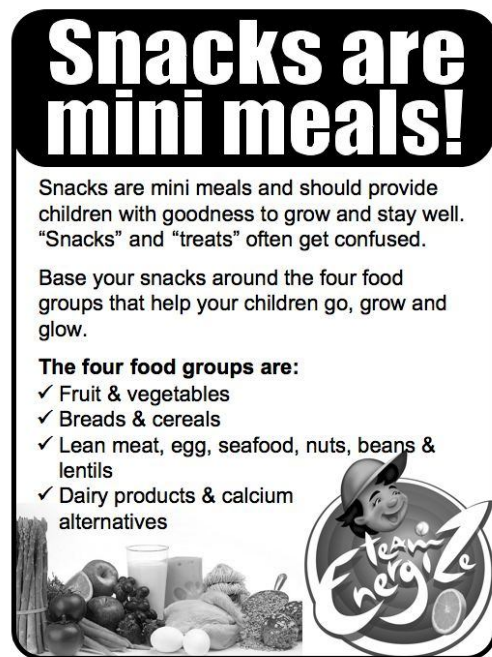
LOST: 1 Polar fleece, named Madison Day Rm 12

HELP NEEDED: We urgently require Parent Help on Mondays and Wednesdays to take lunch orders before school, 8.30-9am. Please contact the office.

SPORTS PHOTOS

Thank you very much to the parents who gave up hours of their time to help coordinate the sports photos last Friday. Thanks also to the year 8 girls who assisted. The photos wouldn't have proceeded without your help.
Caroline Blair

Health Nugget:



Snacks are mini meals!

Snacks are mini meals and should provide children with goodness to grow and stay well. "Snacks" and "treats" often get confused.

Base your snacks around the four food groups that help your children go, grow and glow.

The four food groups are:

- ✓ Fruit & vegetables
- ✓ Breads & cereals
- ✓ Lean meat, egg, seafood, nuts, beans & lentils
- ✓ Dairy products & calcium alternatives

The graphic includes an illustration of a child wearing a hat and holding a plate of food, surrounded by various food items like fruit, bread, and dairy products.

Private Speech and Drama Lessons

available. Fun, interactive classes. Ages 8 years and up. Contact Laura on 07 856 3303 or 027 4124 204 laurawatson@xtra.co.nz

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE : Please contact Tess (15 years old, plenty of experience) Ph 856-6291

Sausage Sizzle: This week - \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal