

5 August

Focus for the Week: *Each of us is an individual, a person, a creature of God, one of his children, someone very special whom God loves and for whom Christ died. This identity of ours determines the way we must live, the way we must act, the way we must view our mission in the world. We come from God, we depend on God, God has a plan for us – a plan for our lives, for our bodies, for our souls, for our future. This plan for us is extremely important – so important that God became man to explain it to us.*

Pope John Paul II

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

I often talk to the children about wearing their uniform with pride, as it not only represents them but all people associated with Marian School, both those here now, those who have gone before us and those to come in the future. I have noticed that a number of students are not wearing the regulation school footwear to school. Children must wear either a black school sandal which has an ankle strap, or a black school shoe with the uniform socks. It is one or the other, not a choice of anything else. The footwear must be practical and suitable for a variety of school activities. I am also concerned at the number of children leaving the school without wearing footwear. This is often condoned by parents walking beside their child. We have boxes of unclaimed shoes and sandals in the school which are a direct result of children not wearing shoes home. Parents, I need your support in this matter.

The new administration centre is progressing well with the roof to go on this week. We hope to be in the building for the start of term 3.

A reminder that the term one holiday break for primary schools is not a full two weeks this year. Term One ends on Thursday of next week at 3 p.m. with the second term starting on Wednesday 26 April. The school office will be open on Monday 24 April.

Bereavement: We offer our deepest sympathies to Oliver Barrett and his family

on the death of a much loved poppa. May he Rest in Peace.

Full School Assembly: This Thursday, 1:30pm in the Cathedral.

PTFA Meeting: Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 April at 7:30pm in the School Hall.

Marian After School Care – A.G.M. Our Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 April at 5:30pm in the School Hall. All welcome. Free child care is offered for the duration of the meeting.

Pastoral Care:

Grief and Loss Update (Team 2): Thank you for the response. The return slips need to be in by Friday.

Uniform Sale: Get in quick! Lots of winter uniforms donated over the past few weeks – won't last long. Gold coin donation. In the Whare next Wednesday 12 April from 1:30pm – 3:30pm. Proceeds to the Welfare Fund

Putting Your Children First – excellent resource for families who have recently either separated or divorced. Families can borrow this resource which includes excellent work books and DVD. See Martha.

It's been a very busy, busy Term – Martha

A very Big Thank You: The Marian School staff wish to say a very big thank you to Irma Fleming (grandparent to Kelsey & Ethan Wallbank) for once again knitting approximately 450 pairs of slippers for our students in Teams 1, 2 and 3. They will certainly keep our students' feet warm. Once again – thank you Irma!

Missing from Solidarity Day: A Rice Cooker, Multi Box and Extension Cord all labelled Kate – Please check that you did not pick up the wrong one. Also missing is a rice cooker lead. Please return these items to the school office.

FIELDAYS 2006 - FIELDAYS 2006

Fieldays are again of the PTFA calendar for Fundraising! Please mark your diaries now - 14-17 June 2006. Same duties and time slots as last year. I am taking early bookings.....please contact me on 07 8478727 or email f.d.grace@xtra.co.nz
Freda Grace PTFA

Cricket, Flippaball and Touch Rugby

These sports have now finished for the season. I would like to thank all the coaches and managers for the time and effort they have put into coaching and encouraging our children in sport.

Soccer: The soccer season begins first week back at school on Saturday 29 April. For those wanting shorts and socks, they can be purchased from the Uniform Shop on **Monday from 2:30 – 3:30pm**

Basketball: Notices have gone out but please note - the fees are \$60.00 for two terms.

Netball – over the last two weeks the year 7 and 8 girls have been trialling for positions in teams. We have been very fortunate this year to have had Judith Taane from the Verdettes Netball Club come and assist with the selection process. I would like to thank

Judith for the expertise and care she took when selecting players.

All teams will be finalised by Friday and players should receive a copy of their team list.

Liz Walker
Sports Coordinator

Help needed: I require two people to help me tomorrow morning to set up our support shop at Catholic Support Services. Please see Martha at school at 9am

Lost:

- A school jacket named Mathew Clarkin – please return to Rm14.

Holiday Programmes

- Waimarie – HN East Community House, 53 Wellington St, HN ph 858 3453 For children aged 5 – 10 years. Hours from 7:45 – 5:45pm. April 18, 19, 20, 21, & 24. See brochure at school office. Cost is \$22.00 for a full day plus excursions. OSCAR approved.
- YWCA School Holiday Programme 18 – 21 April. For children aged 5-11 years. From 8am – 5:30pm. OSCAR Approved. See school notice board for more details. For more details phone Danna 838 2219 or email ywcahamilton@actrix.gen.nz

Sausage Sizzle; This Friday - \$1.00 per sausage.

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal