

3 February

Focus for the Week: We Have God's Divine Love - Smile and be Positive**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

Welcome back to the new school year. We would especially like to welcome all new comers to Marian School.

This weeks theme of Divine Love in the Gospel fits in well with our school Motto "Bring Christ into the World" as this will only happen if we love one another which we can only do properly if our love comes from Christ.

So send your children to school with love in their hearts and a smile on their faces and they will be positive which will shine through their words and actions.

We have an exciting term ahead with the usual beginning and end of term masses and of course the team masses. Ash Wednesday (which is the beginning of Lent) is on the 17th of February. As part of our fasting during Lent we will have a solidarity day where we will be asking for donations of rice and help from parents for cooking and distribution on the day. Reconciliation will be held in preparation for Easter. We will be asking for donations for the people of Haiti early during Lent by having a mufti day.

We all look forward to an exciting and positive 2010.

God Bless you all - Carol Berry and Natalie Steens - Marian School DRS Team

Value Focus: Respect – Week 1

The acronym TEAM – "together everybody achieves more" is particularly pertinent at the beginning of the school year. Within our personal strengths, likes and dislikes, opinions and preferences, we need to think and behave so that everyone benefits. That way everyone has the same chance of achieving and in turn we are setting ourselves up for success.

Thinking about how our actions and words affect our colleagues and classmates means we are open to recognising others' needs and more likely to succeed in co-operative situations.

How can we do this? Listen to understand. Appreciate and celebrate differences. Be positive and open to possibilities. From these comes respect.

"In the end we are all separate: our stories, no matter how similar, come to a fork and diverge. We are drawn to each other because of our similarities, but it is our differences we must learn to respect."

Dear Parents and Friends

Principal's Platform:

A very special welcome back to the school year, in particular welcome to the new students who have started and to the new families who have joined our school community. Welcome also to the following teaching staff that have joined us, Miss Aleece Morgan (Rm 9), Mr Ian O'Malley (Rm 13) and Mrs Kerrie Martin (Fridays in Rm 5). Welcome back from maternity leave to Mrs Antonia Fong Molenaar who will be one of the Reading Recovery teachers in the school. Lisa Burses takes on the Sports Coordinator role.

The school has two Deputy Principals with both Mrs Wilson and Mrs Petchell sharing the workload. Mrs Wilson oversees programmes in Teams 1 & 2 and Mrs Petchell has a similar roll in Teams 3 & 4. The Deputy Principals will provide support to Team Leaders and monitor the delivery of education to ensure consistency to a high standard across the school.

Now that the year is underway there is a real buzz around the classrooms with happy children sharing their holiday experiences. A school is nothing without the sound of the children and I am happy to have them back safely. Please spare a thought for pupil Paige Tuioti (Rm 10) who is recovering in Star Ship hospital from an operation last Friday. I ask you to pray that Paige may return to good health soon, pray also for her parents Collette and Vince and siblings Jenna and Kyle.

Some Safety Reminders

- The school grounds are open from 8 a.m., please do not drop children off earlier as their safety cannot be guaranteed.
- The safest vehicle entry point into the school is by using the Beale St entrance and car park, please encourage your children to use the footpaths provided.

- All children are to be collected by 3.30 p.m. unless enrolled in the After School Care programme.
- The school sun hat is to be worn by children wishing to play in the sun this term.
- Bicycles are to be walked in and out of the grounds.
- Pupil absences are to be phoned in by 9 a.m. Messages may be left on the answer phone.

As the year progresses, please feel welcome to come and see me if there is ever an issue causing you concern.

Beginning of year School Mass: Tomorrow Thursday 4 February at 9.45 a.m., parents welcome.

Board of Trustee Elections: Nationally the triennial Board of Trustee elections are to be held in May, now is a good time to start thinking about standing for election to this School's Board or nominating another parent to do so. Nominations will be called for in early March.

Marist Junior Soccer: The Annual Meeting of the Marist Junior Soccer Club is to be held in the Marian School staffroom at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 17 February all interested parents are welcome to attend.

Marist Junior Soccer Muster: Sunday 28 February 11 a.m. – 1p.m. at Marian School

Scholastic Book Order No. 1: Orders close 17 February. Please make cheques payable to Marian School. All payments must be in a named envelope and handed to the class teacher.

Out of School Music: See Flyer.

Lunch Helpers required: If you have half an hour spare from 8:30 – 9am to assist with lunches (Monday – Thursday) please phone the school office

'Invitation to Information session on Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination'

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme is currently being planned for Marian School, with the children education session due to take place in a couple of weeks. St Columbus school have organised a parent information session with a Medical officer of Health and have extended an invitation to all parents of year 8 girls from Marian school. The information session is due to take place on Tuesday 9th February, 5pm at St Columbus School (off Rifle Range Road).

If you are interested in attending please contact the Public Health Nurse on 838 3565 Ext 2135, or advise Marian in the school office

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Public Health Nurse

Hamilton Family Health Team

Wine Casks Required: have you emptied your wine cask? We would like to recycle these for the classroom. Please see Anna Ellmers – Rm1


Cutlery Required. As part of our Art in Room 11, we require A LOT of teaspoons and dessert knives and forks. If you have any lying around home they would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them into Room 11.

Thank you - Miss Addison.

Health Nugget No. 1 for the Week:

Keep cool with water!


Wai water?



Keep yourself cool this summer by drinking water. Water helps to keep you hydrated and also makes sure that your body is working properly.

Make sure you drink plenty of water during the day especially when it's hot.

Remember, when you start to get thirsty you are dehydrated and your body needs some water, so drink up!



SPORTS NOTICES:

Cricket: Friday Night 8 a-side cricket will start 19 February and continues through to 26 March.

Saturday morning 8-aside and 11 a-side. 20 February through to 27 March.

If your child wants to play, please collect registration forms from the school office and return with payment by 9 February.

Flippa Ball: Flippa Ball starts on Sunday 14 February and runs through until 28 March.

If your child wants to play, please collect a form from the office and return together with money by the Wednesday 10 February.

Tennis: Please see notice board for various programmes.

Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary Children's Choir

The music ministry is a beautiful and rewarding way to praise and serve God. I would like to invite any interested children to our first rehearsal for 2010 in the Cathedral on February 10 (3.20-4.30). Subsequent rehearsals are Wednesdays during term-

time. All are welcome – no auditions! Bring yourself and a smile and \$2 for a CD. Afternoon tea is provided. For more information, please phone Kristin Browne 853 6008.

Wet Suit for Sale: sml size 12 - \$40.00 (new). Phone Michelle 021 269 9393.

Lost:

- School tunic was lost end of last year. Named Neysa Kosasih – return to Rm 12 please
- A school tunic named Takitimu – please return to Cadence Rm 12.

LIBRARY SPOT We have moved into our new library and wish to thank the following people for giving up time in the holidays to help us:

The Sopers family, Emily Howard, Gemma Rose, Chrissy Banfield, Denise Hird (RTL), Jaimie & Cathie Bai, The Bond-Ewart family, Caitlin Fitzgerald, Ani Gemmell and all those who kindly supported us.

We will be open in a few weeks, meanwhile please note the Official Opening & Blessing will be 2pm 25 February. More information to follow.

Mrs Brown, Mrs Coulam, Mrs Rose.

Credit Union banking: a reminder that banking days for all students is Wednesday mornings before school. If you are interested in your child banking with the Credit Union, please pick an enrolment form from the school office.

Hamilton Roller Skating Club Skate Dome Melville Park

To get the year under way we are running a free skating session on Thursday night 11th Feb at 7 p.m. and the following are Public Sessions we are running this term, starting 7 February 2010.09 with the Sunday Morning Session.

Sunday Morning 10 a.m. to Noon Mums and Dads skate free kids \$2.00 each \$1.00 Hire Skates

Sunday 12 to 1p.m. Learn to Speed Skate no charge.

Monday 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Learn to Skate Class including skate hire \$25.00 per term, starting 8.2.09.

Tuesday 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Junior Hockey starting 9.2.10

Thursday Night Twilight Skate 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. \$3.00 including skate hire, however Thursday 11th will be a Free Skating Session

A great way to get out there and get active with your kids, love to see you there. If you would like any further information please ring Kathy Moody on 8552523 or Pearl Best on 8474527

R10 FOOTBALL - Brazilian Soccer Programme called **Futsal** (Indoor Soccer) Coach: Carlos (Brazilian)

Starting 9/2/2010 Hamilton Boys High School (Brand New Gym)

Juniors (6-9 yrs old) 5:30 - 7:00pm

Seniors (10-13 yrs old) 7:00 - 8:30pm

For more info or to enrol email the.zoo6@xtra.co.nz or ph Sharon on 0274427366

Speech and Drama: Do you want your children to improve their communication skills? **Private Speech and Drama lessons available.** Fun, interactive groups. Exam and competition work covered. Ages 8- 14 Laura Watson 07 856 3303 or 027 4124 204 laurawatson@xtra.co.nz
Thank you - Laura Watson

Marian Uniform for Sale: Girls size 16 Skirt, 2 X size 14 blouse, PE Uniform 12yrs. \$50.00. Contact Ester 021 812 041 or 856 8220

Piano and Theory of Music – Tuition offered to all ages. Friendly, qualified, experienced teacher offers thorough musical grounding in a variety of musical styles, examinations by choice, help with "by ear" music and two fun recitals per year. Vacancies are limited. Phone Cherry Schmidt on 855 0000 or 021 428 537

Sausage Sizzle / School Lunches: These will start in Week 2

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal