

24 May

**Focus for the Week: Welcoming Jesus**

*How do we 'welcome' Jesus? Welcoming requires more than a casual greeting. To really welcome someone requires us to :*

1. *stop what we are doing*
2. *give the person our full attention*
3. *give the person our time and our hospitality and be fully in that person's presence for that time, to the exclusion of our other affairs.*

*So 'welcoming Jesus' is just another way of describing prayer really, isn't it?*

Daily Prayers for May by Peter McLeod – Marist Messenger

Dear Parents and Friends

**Principal's Platform:** Autumn is fading and winter has crept up on us with a number of illnesses hitting pupils and staff. While the temperatures haven't been too cold over the last week, the illnesses amongst staff and pupils have been high. On Monday of this week over 100 students were away sick and as I write four teachers are sick. Maybe the Easter break was just too short. How with the grey days of winter I long for the warmth of the sun at my back. Please if your children have been unwell over night, do not feel obliged to send them to school, apart from spreading the bugs, it is my experience that they want to go home by 9.30 a.m.

With a lot of sickness and germs about here is a hint to pass on to the children.

Germs and infections are usually spread by hands touching many surfaces. The hospital and health nurse are encouraging children and adults to sneeze and cough into their elbows. This will help stop the spread of infection!!

Please remind children to be vigilant about washing their hands with soap and water after using the toilet.

On a house keeping matter, children who wish to play contact games over the winter months at lunch time on the fields are to bring old clothes to change into; sports uniforms are not to be used for this please.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community the following children and their families: Fergus Dalziel-Moran (Rm4) and Jed Looker (Rm3)

**Class Photos:** Envelopes were sent home on Friday. Please return these **with payment tomorrow**, Thursday 25 May. Photos will be taken on Monday.

Orders sent in on Monday may mean your child will miss out.

**First Holy Communion / Confirmation**

**Programme:** This coming Sunday 28 May at 10:30am Mass there will be a presentation of the candidates. All children in the programme need to attend this Mass.

Also please remember the Parent Input session on Monday 5 June at 7pm in the Cathedral.

**International Get-together!**

We have changed our day and are looking for families to join our Group.

When: Thursdays

Time: 2pm – 3pm

Where: After School Care Lounge (next to hall).

See you there.

Martha



## **Tonight!!**



Remember we are holding our first whanau meeting for the year tonight!!!

**Everyone** is welcome! (all cultures). Come, form connections with other parents and staff, share your thoughts and discuss cultural initiatives within the school. Refreshments will be served!

Where: Whare Taonga

When: 7pm

See you there

Mā te Atua e koe e manaaki. (God Bless You).

Nā Whaea Doak

Nā Antonia Fong-Molenaar

**Change of Assembly Times:** Please mark your calendars for this term. Talents Assembly will now be held on Wednesday 28 June and the Whole school Assembly will now be held on Thursday 29 June. Both at 1:30pm. Please feel welcome to come and share our talents and class items on these days.

### **Kids' Lit Quiz Success**

#### Team 1

Shannon Halley

Conor Maxwell

Hilary Hayes

Oliver Barrett

Sam Lockett-Turton (Reserve)

#### Team 2

Grace Powell

Ephraim Wilson

Alice Kennedy

Morgan Hogg

Luc Powell- Reymer (Reserve)

Both Teams competed admirably last Wednesday night.

Of 54 teams Team 2 came 13<sup>th</sup> and Team 1 earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place missing by just ½ mark!!

They will enjoy the books and book vouchers they won. Congratulations we are proud of you.

Many thanks to all the supporters.

Mrs Brown

### **Marist Block Atrium:**

1. A reminder that the SHGC Boarders Hall is not an area for picking up or dropping of your children. Please use the car park.
2. If you drop your child off by the Scout hall, they **MUST** walk around the Marist block and not through the Atrium. This is not a thorough-fare.

### **Fieldays 2006**

We still need lots more people to help with this PTFA fundraiser! Please show your support for the school, see another flyer with the newsletter – looking forward to hearing from you! Phone 027 2801 787 or email [f.d.grace@xtra.co.nz](mailto:f.d.grace@xtra.co.nz)

Thank you for your support – Freda Grace  
PTFA

### **Pies:**

Order forms for pies are being sent home today. Completed forms (with payment) must be returned to school by Tuesday 6 June. Delivery date is Thursday 15 June. These pies are great – trust us.

Helpers are still needed to pack all those pies you lovely people have ordered on Thursday 15 June. If you can help, please ring Shienping on 858 2236.

### **Lost:**

- A school jersey named Emily Stokes – Please return to Rm 18
- A school jersey named Ryan Campbell – return to Rm 4 and a pair of Black spiderman sandals named Ryan on the back strap.

**Help wanted:** a female carer for one afternoon per week to assist female student with swimming or similar community activities. Please phone Iris, 856 0006.

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

God Bless You

John Coulam

**Principal**

### **Flyers:**

- Fieldays