

8 December

Focus for the Week: Second Sunday of Advent Matthew 3: 1-12

This week's gospel tells the story about John the Baptist. The reading shows us a man of courage and fearlessness. We hear that this desert prophet preached an unpopular sermon urging his listeners to repent for their sins and to change their way of life! No one likes being told what to do, nor being told that they aren't living a good life, and neither do we. Even the religious leaders were told by John to show through action not just words that they put into practice what they were preaching.

The message for us today is that God will return and we must try to live our lives where we practice the teachings of Jesus. We are reminded that at the times we fail in this endeavor we too must repent for our wrong doings and reform our ways.

Value Focus: Community Participation – Week 9

Tragedies such as the recent Pike River mining disaster bear witness to many ordinary people going the extra mile for those who need it. The commitment of the West Coast's and country's leaders, as well as those less well known who stepped in to care for the people affected by the loss of their loved ones gives testimony to a great community and nation; a community and nation willing to assist extraordinarily in the direst of circumstances.

The example they set provokes the thought - In more happy times, shouldn't people still be willing to go the extra mile? Certainly, on such stuff great communities are built. That in being willing to help beyond where we would normally be willing to go, we are setting the foundations for those times, like Pike River, when everyone needs to lend a hand.

"Give the world the best you have to give and the best will come back to you" –Anonymous

Dear parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

The end of year report for each student was sent home yesterday in a new format designed to show your child's progress against the National Standards in Reading, Written Language and Mathematics.

Accompanying this report was a copy of the 2011 stationery list and instructions on how to access the 2011 class lists on the school website as from the afternoon of next Monday 13 December. Each student should bring home their portfolio of assessments and samples of work at the end of this week.

The class lists are published before the end of the school year so that as a parent you able to act positively and encourage prospective classmates around to play over the holidays and also for your child to start the year with the security of at least knowing their teacher's name. **Please do not ask for classes to be changed around once they are published, as any request will be declined.**

Teams 3 and 4 have a prize giving next Monday afternoon December 13 at 1.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. Members of the school community are very welcome to attend.

The **final school Mass** for the year is to be held next **Wednesday 15 December** at 9.45 a.m., please feel welcome to attend. A non-perishable food item for the food bank to be presented at the offertory per family would be appreciated. It is a good lesson in life for children to see us as a community reaching out to others.

The annual school **Carol Service** is to be held in the cathedral at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 16 December. At this service the Year 8 students are farewelled and the Year 7 students receive the leadership mantle for 2011. While all students are welcome, it would be appreciated if all Year 5 – 8 students were able to attend. School uniform is to be worn by students as this is a formal occasion. Pupils are to sit with their teachers on the night.

Please note that classes will finish at 12 noon on Friday 17 December with the regular after school programme operating until 5.30 p.m. the school office will remain open until 4 p.m. on this day.

Reports: The reports were sent home with your children yesterday (Tuesday). Please check your child's bag if you did not receive it.

Stationery requirements for 2011 should be enclosed in the same envelope. If you did not get one it is on the web www.marian.school.nz

Full School Assembly: This Thursday at 1:30 in the Cathedral

The Carol Service next Thursday is held at 5.30 pm in the Cathedral. As well as a celebration and preparation for the birth of our saviour, it is a time when we farewell our Year 8 students and they hand over the mantle of leadership to this Year's Year 7 students.

We want all Year 6, 7 and 8 students at the service and other students are welcome to attend. All students need to be in uniform and meet their

teacher outside Room 22 at 5.15. Students who attend sit with their teacher. Children who are performing at the evening will stay for the full evening. It is anticipated that the evening will be finished by 7.00
Regards - Kay Petchell

**Team 4 Intermediate Rock Bands 2010**

We have had great success in our founding year for Marian School Rock Bands.

A huge thank you must go out to all those who have supported our students along the way, particularly to all our parents of the bands', Mrs Andrea Hall, Mr James Martell from SHGC and our supportive principal Mr Coulam.

We would also like to thankfully acknowledge the Muldowney family for donating their electric guitar, which will continue to be well used. To all band members, thank you for your continued enthusiasm and commitment this year. We would like to wish the departing Y8 members of our bands the very best, as they move forward with their music journey in 2011.

Keep an eye out for band information early next year in Term One.

Mish Mash DVD: The last day for ordering the complete Mish Mash DVD is this coming Friday 10 December. Please bring \$5.00 to Mrs Kedian or Mrs Dinnan for your copy of the DVD.

God Bless,
Louella Dinnan and Veronica Mackenzie

Pasifika Cultural Group 2010

Kia Orana! Malo e lelei! Bula! Kona Mauri! Hello! Aloha! Kia Ora! Talofa lava!

On behalf of the Pasifika Team, I want to thank you all very much for your wonderful enthusiasm and commitment this year. To our Year 8 cultural members who are leaving us this year, thank you for your leadership and we will miss you very much. I would like to acknowledge and thank all the support given by our parents, school staff and the wider school community. We wish all families and whanau a very Merry Christmas.

Thank you/fa'afetai lava,
Louella Dinnan and the Pasifika Team.

Dates to watch out for:

- Full School Assembly: Wed 9 Dec 1:30
- Teams 3 & 4 Prizegiving: 1:30 in the Cathedral
- Final Full School Mass: Wed 15 Dec 9:15am (change)
- Carol Service: Thurs 16 5:30pm
- Final Day: Fri 17 December

Library News: Thank you for returning your library books. There are still a few OVERDUE. Please return urgently.

We've enjoyed our new library space and sharing it with the community. We will you all a happy, holy and safe Christmas and start to 2011

CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE WORLD

A Liturgy celebration with Fr Adrie

When: On Saturday 11th 2- 4pm in the Cathedral.

Share a lovely and exciting International Christmas celebration followed by refreshments.

Please, bring:

- A small symbol of your country.
- Traditional costume if you wish.
- Bring a plate to share
- Happy wishes for Santa.



Christmas Carol Service with Team 3 Choir (Year 6 students) St Stephen's Church, Tamahere

- A big thank you goes out to all our parents who supported and transported the Team 3 choir on Monday 6 December. The outing was a great success and the Year 6 choir members all represented their school with great pride. Thank you, students. We were very proud of you. We hope to take more groups next year and celebrate a wonderful and significant occasion. Merry Christmas and God Bless, Shirley Kedian and Andrea Hall.

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to the following for their achievements this week:

- The following students participated in the recent Speech New Zealand Speech and Drama examinations. They are to be congratulated on their hard work and wonderful results.
Initial –
Iris Schiopu - Merit
Grade 1
Michael Lamb - Merit
Pearl James - Merit
Ranika Goundar - Merit Plus
Gem James - Merit Plus
Giselle Mason - Merit Plus
Liza Zhang - Honours
Emily Maree - Honours
Grade 2
Chelsea Lin - Honours Plus
Grade 3
Alexander Deo - Merit
Grade 4
Darren Caeiro - Merit Plus
Well done - Laura Watson, Speech and Drama teacher
- *Jake Scurrah* (Rm 15) for winning 3 gold medals in the 9yr 4 X 100 relay, medley and overall field events in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Relay Champs in Tauranga. A fantastic effort!

Marian School After School Care: Due to popular demand, we are running more holiday programmes on the dates as follows: Monday 20 Dec – Wed 22 Dec. Monday 17 January – Fri 28 January. Cost is \$32.00 per day per child. Daily times from 8am – 5pm. Please give your names to Maree or Louanne. All accounts must be paid in full.

This Week's Health Nugget:

CRUNCHY CARROT SALAD

3-4 cups freshly grated carrots
1/2-1 cup raisins
1 large apple, cored and chopped

METHOD:
Combine all ingredients into a bowl and mix well.

Hams: Orders are due now. Please collect your hams this Friday after 2:00pm

Offers: Phillips colour TV . 87 cm - width (old 42 inch) 65 cm – height , 60 cm – depth. Payment to the Welfare Fund.

Thanks - Martha

Found: A roll of film waiting to be developed. Please see Marian in the office.

Lost: A pair of black sandals with 3 straps named N.H. Please return to Nathan Hancock – Rm20.

Toolbox Parenting Groups: We are planning to run a Toolbox course for parents of 6 to 12 year olds in Term 1. This is a practical, positive and fun course which is full of helpful strategies to make parenting easier. If interested, contact Fiona 855 1241 or email hamiltonbx@parentsinc.org.nz

Make Christmas shopping easy. Buy a Gift Voucher from Linda Evetts at Skin & Tonic or from Lisa at Gene. See advertising at back of newsletter for more details

Rimbrook Study Centre Holiday Programms: December 20 – 21 for Girls 8- 11 \$25.00
January 20 – 21 for Girls and Boys aged 5 – 10 \$25.00
Well supervised, varied and fun activities.
Email dianemkw@gmail.com or phone Diane Willcock 856 8784

At the [Hamilton Community Centre of Music](#) you can select from a wide range of instruments. You may also choose to play in our many groups and bands, or like to join our choir. Our friendly and experienced tutors will help you develop your skills, and you can hire a selection of instruments from us at very competitive rates. Classes start on **Saturday February 19th**. We are accepting new enrolments from 10th January - enrol on line here www.hccm.org.nz **Open Day 9.00am -1.00pm on Saturday 12th February, 2011** at the Faculty of Education Cafeteria , Gate 4, Hillcrest Road, University of Waikato.
For more details contact us: www.hccm.org.nz 07 838 4611 or 07 858 5212

Piano, keyboard and Theory of Music. All ages. Vacancies are limited for students in February 2011 so get in early to be placed on the waiting list. Phone Cherry Schmidt on 855 0000 or 021 428 537

Free to a Good Home: A 2year old female, fluffy black cat (spayed). Prefers the outdoors. Will suit a quiet family. Family moving. Phone Jo 021 263 4060

Help available: Mum available after Christmas for casual babysitting, baking, gardening etc. Hamilton East area only. Please phone Meghan 856 5072.

To Rent: A modern e bedroom house plus office. Carport, decks, no lawn. Hamilton East area. Quiet,, sunny river location. Phone Marie 856 9080 or 027 556 9080

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 per sausage.

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

Flyers:

- Sport
- Engergise

Lost Property: There is a lot of lost property around the school – please collect by Friday.