

7 June

Focus for the Week: *If we claim to believe in Pentecost, yet fail to live by that Holy Spirit, we are being short-changed. Christ's gift of his Spirit is not something to be half appreciated. It is the possibility to live the abundant life that he promised. His Spirit is within all those who are baptised in Christ, who offers us the freedom to be led into a life growing in love, joy, and peace; the fruits of that same Holy Spirit.*

by Peb Simmons – Marist Messenger

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform: Firstly a big thank you to Freda Grace, who on behalf of the PTFA has worked extremely hard to get so many people as gate keepers required for our shifts on the gates at the field days. Only two more people are required. Maybe you can help? See later in this newsletter for details. Thank you also to the people who have taken up the invitation to help this school community.

To build a community there needs to be a sense of belonging. While the Catholic Character of this school is our greatest strength, another for us is that every family has chosen this school, we are a place of choice. Therefore as a people held together by the Gospel values, it should be easier for us to feel that we belong. This will only be the case if we support, encourage and acknowledge one another. As you walk through the school, is your head held high or is it facing the ground? Take time to smile and to say hello, to strengthen the community.

A school community, a church community, in fact any community needs participation of its members to make a difference. Imagine the rugby test this Saturday if there were no spectators or only passive spectators, what effect would that have on the players? Yes, we need you to take a pride in this your school and to have a sense of ownership and membership.

Bereavements:

- We extend our deepest sympathies to the Clarkin family, in particular, Mathew (Rm14) & Shaun (Rm20), on

the death of a much loved mother and grandmother.

- We also offer our sympathies to Olivia Smilie (Rm20) and her family whose much loved grandmother passed away.

May they rest in peace.

Welcome: We warmly welcome Grayson Abraham (Rm4) and his family into our school community

Absenteeism: If your child is away sick please phone school and leave a message on the answer phone. Please phone in each day your child is away unless you know that your child will be away for more than one day and notify us in advance.

Pies: Thank you for all those orders. Please collect your pies from Te Whare Taonga (by the church carpark), next Thursday 15 June from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

To make alternative arrangements, please phone me on 858 2236.

Shienping Dennis - PTFA

Fieldays – Help still needed!

Thanks very much to all the parents who have offered to help! I still need 2-3 more parents for Friday 16 June, 2006 from 11am – 3pm shift. PLEASE HELP!

Contact : Freda Grace, f.d.grace@xtra.co.nz

Information will be sent out at the end of this week.

Oral Communication Evening: The finals of the 'Speeches' and 'Bible Readings' will be held Wednesday night, 14 June in the Marian School Hall at 7:00pm

All students who are participating must be dressed in their school uniforms.

The Adjudicator is Leigh Krippner for the speeches and possibly Fr Graham will be guest adjudicator for the Year 8 Bible Readings.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you there.

Want to Sing?

Come and join our adult singing group. We will be learning various Maori songs.

Meet: in Room 7

Time: 3:15-4:15pm

Day: Thursdays

Starting tomorrow. For more information – contact Whaea Doak at the school on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays.

Many thanks – Bub Doak (Kaiawhina)

Parent Interviews: Interview Notices have been sent home with your child. Please fill in and return by Thursday 15 June.

Maths Games Evening

Home & School Partnership Programme

The second evening in the series is going to be held tomorrow. If you weren't able to come to the first evening you are still more than welcome to attend. It is an opportunity to share ideas with other parents about how to support your child's learning in mathematics by playing family games and other activities.

Light refreshments will be served.

Date: Thursday 8th June

Time: 7pm-8:30 pm

Venue: Whare - (next to the Cathedral carpark)

Co-leaders

Anne Stack, Nonu Tui-Samoa, Louella Dinnan and Evelyn Eron

Lost:

- A school tunic, jersey and polo shirt named Claudia Durning, taken after P.E. yesterday. Please return to Rm14.

Wanted: Double knitting wool – please leave at the school office.

For Sale: Ripcurl snow jacket with white fur trim – as new. Size 10. \$100.00 (in shops \$229.00) .

See Martha at school.

Parenting Separately: An information programme is being run by different agencies in Hamilton and surrounding areas, to assist parents help their children when the parents separate.

The programme, developed by the Ministry of Justice, is for parents to learn how to support their children through the difficult time of their separation. It also highlights the advantages of parents reaching agreement for the childcare arrangements without having to go through the Family Court.

The programme is for parents going through or considering separation who would like to help their children.

Please pick up a flyer from the school office for the list of agencies and programme dates that may suit you.

Marriage Encounter Weekend - 7 To 9 July

When was the last time you had a weekend away just for the two of you?

Come away for a weekend and invest in your marriage and your family.

A fully catered weekend, which provides a special atmosphere for married couples to concentrate just on each other. Free of the usual tension, pressures and interruptions.

July 7 - 9th, Cambridge

For more information and to make a booking phone: *0800 Encounter*

0800 362 686 to talk to your nearest information couple

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam

Principal

Flyers

- Parent Interview Slips