

19 July

**Focus for the Week:** *Every person has the right to hear the "Good News" of God who reveals and gives himself in Christ, so that each one can live out in its fullness his or her proper calling.*

Pope John Paul II

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:** If you have been in the school over the last few days you will have noticed a school staff that is very happy with their new staff room and administration area. The disruption will continue for some time yet as the grounds are tidied up and the old administration area is remodelled. Pop in and have a look, the new entrance way is by the Marist adventure playground.

I am very grateful to the PTFA for funding the deck and seating area by the Bevan Holah memorial wall. This is an ideal place to wait for children or to sit and watch them play. The PTFA are also to be thanked for funding the additional concrete area outside rooms 4 & 5.

On a sadder note, as a staff we have prayed for the community of Strathmore Primary in Tokoroa. What happened in Tokoroa could easily have happened to any teacher at any school in New Zealand. With at least six homicides in NZ last week, a burglary and a theft at our school over the last month and a graffiti attack on the school at the end of term two, I am sad for our society. Why is it that more and more of our young people have little or no respect for other people and their property? I don't have any answers, but what I do know is that more and more people are wanting a values based education for their children.

**Full School Mass:** Thursday 20 July at 9:30am

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community, the following children and their families: Leah Parsons (Rm4), Matthew Bond (Rm19), Mary Bond (Rm5), Jack Simpson (Rm7), Centaine Matetaka Moke (Rm20), Monique Whitehead (Rm12), Sha'uri Whitehead (Rm9), Tobias Cameron (Rm9) and Flynnne Cameron (Rm2).

**Parent Information Meeting:** On Wednesday 9 August at 7pm, in the new Staffroom, there will be a parent meeting to share and discuss our gifted and talented education (G.A.T.E.) journey. We hope you can attend.  
Mrs Wilson

**Maths Games Evening: Home & School Partnership Programme**

The third evening in the series will be held on Thursday. 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 20<sup>th</sup> July

Time: 7pm-8:30 pm

Venue: Whare - (next to the Cathedral carpark)

Co-leaders

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

**Scholastic Book Order:** The Scholastic book order for this term is due in by Thursday 29 July.

Please ensure each order is named. Any cheques should be made out to Marian School.

**International Parent Group** – meets every Tuesday at 9:15am in the Whare. We would love to see some new faces. See you there!

**Sing-A-Long:** Parents, come and sing your heart out. Join us in the new Staffroom. All welcome. Thursday 3:00pm – 3:30pm. Love to see you there.

**PTFA Meeting:** Tues 25 July. 7:30pm in the New Staffroom. All welcome.

### **Congratulations:**

- To **James Grace** on his success at the Karate Nationals held in Wellington on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2006. He won his Kata (Gold) and was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Kumite. Well done!
- **Jessica Chanwai** (Rm13) recently came first in the 9 year old Violin class in the Hamilton Competitions. She and her mum came first in the Family Duet class. They won the de Lacey Cup for the best duet performance. **Jessica and Amelia Hayes** (Rm14)) were members of a trio group who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Chamber Music class. **Victoria Chanwai** (Rm1) with her sister Jessica and their mother, came second in the Strings Family Ensemble Class. Well done!
- Hamilton Competitions Society, Dancing Section. **Isabelle Johnson** (R13) won the medal for Local Tap 8years and under, and **Gemma Rose** (R14) won the Encouragement Award.

**Cathedral Children's Choir:** Singing in a choir is a rewarding and beautiful way to become actively involved in the Sunday worship. We are currently seeking new members – no auditions necessary – all you need is a love of singing. Come to the Cathedral next Wednesday after school (3:20 – 4:30) or phone Kristin Browne (853 6008) for more details.

### **Cross Country Running for Children -**

**HN City Hawks:** Kiwi Cross-Run is a cross country running programme for 8 to 12 year olds. It will help children prepare for their school cross country races and improve their fitness for winter sports. Sessions include skill, activities, races, relays, obstacle runs and other fun activities. A four-week module will be held at the beginning of the third term. Tuesday afternoons at the Hamilton Gardens, Cobham Dr, Hamilton from 18 July to 8 August. 4pm start. Use carpark entrance opposite Grey St. \$10.00 for the module. Contact Dianne Rodger 849 6467

### **Lost:**

- A Yamaha Clarinet, in it's case – please return to the school office.

- The school Nit Zapper – if you have borrowed it, please return to the school office.

**Found:** A girls Roxy handbag/purse with a prayer book inside. See office staff.

**Wanted - Grey Egg Cartons:** If you have any spare grey egg cartons, please drop them off at the school office.

Many thanks, Christine Versluys

**Free:** Two storage cabinets available, free to a good home. First in first served basis. See John Groufsky, caretaker.

### **Rimbrook Study Centre Women's Group**

– Personality Types. An understanding of the four classical temperaments (Personality types), especially our own and our children's, can help us to understand, motivate and guide each child.

Wed 26 July, 7:30pm. \$3.00. Phone Diane Willcock, 856 8784.

**Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club:** This is a Science Club suitable for 8 – 17 year olds – visitors welcome. Meetings are held at 7pm in the Hort Centre, Hamilton gardens, Gate 2.

July 11 – 15: Winter Camp at Te Kauri Lodge. As of next week, there will be a talk on different aspects of Natural and Engineered Phenomena in Our Physical World.

### **South Pacific Tennis Coaching (St Peters Tennis Club):**

Palmerston St, Hamilton. We are taking new enrolments now. From 5yrs and over. Coaching starts 24 July. Please phone 853 3017 or email [info@southernpacifictennis.com](mailto:info@southernpacifictennis.com)

God Bless You

John Coulam  
**Principal**

### **Flyer**

- Term Calendar