

14 September

Focus for the Week: *Our schools do not exist solely to serve narrow Faith transfer requirements, they also exist to encourage and enable their students to become active citizens who contribute to the common good of their particularly country and of the international community, where a 'fair go' and dignity are part of people's lives. Our schools are called to be magnanimous in their attitudes, because unity, justice and peace emerge through a generosity of spirit.*

Pat Lynch

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

Last Thursday was a special day in this school's life as we celebrated the birthday of Christ's mother, Mary, the patron saint of our school. How nice it was to have many grandparents and friends of the school present to share in our day of celebration. While not all children were able to have a grandparent attend, it was nice to see children sharing their grandparents with other children. May God Bless the grandparents, for without grandparents we wouldn't be here!

For those Grandparents who have gone before us and rest with our God, "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace."

After 25 years of teaching service at Marian, next week is Mrs Kennett's last week in our school because she has shifted to Tauranga. Mrs Kennett's last two days of teaching at Marian will be Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The end of term school Mass on Thursday 22 September at 9.30 a.m. will be an occasion for the community to pray for and farewell Anne. You are very welcome to attend.

Welcome: We warmly welcome Thomas Martin (Rm4) and his family into our school community.

MARIAN SCHOOL ORCHESTRA ACHIEVES THE "BEST BAND" AWARD

at the Waikato Intermediate and Primary Schools Band and Orchestra Festival.

Twenty seven pupils playing a variety of instruments in the school orchestra attended the annual festival last Friday at Peachgrove Intermediate Schools and once again received the GOLD MEDAL.

They were also nominated by the judge as the 'BEST BAND'.

Comments from the Judges report read

"A wonderfully varied programme, covering many styles and performed with flair."

"Great interpretation of each piece reflected in the performance."

"An entertaining programme performed very well. You should be very pleased with your performance"

The orchestra was conducted by Mr Colin Smith who stated that he was very proud of these pupils. Not only did they represent the school with pride, but they also performed the music at the very highest level.

Marian School can indeed be very proud of the school orchestra.

We are extremely proud of our Orchestra. They are a committed group of young people who practise hard and give 100% of their music making under the expert guidance of Colin Smith. Congratulations to you all.

Christine Troon

Team 4 Extravaganza: Last Thursday evening the children of Team 4 enjoyed a wonderful celebration of talent. Singing, dancing, musical ensembles, drama and poetry all featured and we were encouraged by the huge support from the parents, grandparents and friends who came along.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm. It was a great success both from the point of view of allowing our children to perform and also because of the funds we have raised which will go directly back into classroom programmes.

Once again, our thanks
Christine Troon.

Pasifikanz Culture Group: Thank you to our parents, friends, family and our children who turned up to support, help and perform on Sunday at the community picnic. The group raised \$264.00... so a **BIG thank you**, faafetau mo le alofa to all.

A reminder – the Pasifikanz Culture Group has been invited to perform at Sacred Heart College on Friday to celebrate Culture Week.

Practice will be as usual, Thursday 12:30pm – please remind the children.

Friday 12:30 – meet in the hall to get dressed and then walk across to the college to perform at 1:30pm.

Please return your permission slips to Mrs Fong Rm 5 before Friday.

Faafetai, Jakki & Joanna

Marian School Community Picnic Day: Thank you to the PTFA who organised the event and all the culture groups who entertained us;

Kapa Haka Group
The two Indian Groups
The Scottish Dancers
The Irish Dancers
The Paisifka Group

What a fantastic kick off to 'Celebration of Cultural Diversity Week'! An enjoyable day was had by all.

Arohanui - Antonia Fong

Winners of the PTFA Rugby Raffle:

Reuben Thorne Training shirt – Tony Fabling
Doug Howlett Training Shirt – Anna Ellmers
Full All Black Track Track suit – Maureen Evetts
Thank you for all the support for the raffle and community day.
Sandra Petrin - PTFA

CFLE – Positive Puberty: A warm welcome is extended on Monday 19 September to any parents of Yr 7 & 8 children who would like to know more about the puberty programme we teach in our Intermediate Department. The meeting will be held in Rm 22 at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Waikato Full Primary Cross Country Results:

Congratulations to all those students who took part in the Waikato Full Primary Cross Country on 13 September. Marian School achieved 2nd equal School in Yr 8 Girls and 3rd in Yr 7 Girls. Congratulations to Sarah Harris who was our highest placed individual with 8th place.
Catherine Swney

School Uniform Polar Fleece Option

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all the families that returned their uniform survey forms.

The number of surveys returned was a record high for Marian School. The results indicated 75.5% in favour of introducing a winter polar fleece to the school uniform and 24.5% requesting that the current jersey be retained with no change. Out of those in favour of introducing a winter polar fleece 64% requested that polar fleece be introduced as an option to the current woollen jersey.

The Board of Trustees has considered the feedback from the school community and has agreed to introduce a Marian School monogrammed winter polar fleece as an option to the current monogrammed woollen jersey. The polar fleece option will form part of the school uniform from term four 2005.

The Board and school management would like to stress that the only permissible polar fleece will be monogrammed with the school's insignia. At this stage the polar fleece will only be available from the school's preferred supplier, Postie Plus at a cost of \$34.95 up to size 14. No other polar fleece will be acceptable. It is expected that all items of uniform be worn with pride and in a way that represents the Marian School community.

Netball Prize Giving: A reminder to all netball players, that Prize Giving will be held next Tuesday, 20th September at 6:00pm at the Sacred Heart Hall. Girls are to wear their netball uniform and then hand their washed skirts back to their coach that night. The girls will need to bring a change of clothing.

If you have any queries, please contact Liz Walker, Rm 21 or Janice Purcell 853 6338

We are looking for Support: We will shortly be having a new issue of newsletter printed. The newsletters will be used throughout the year to keep the school community informed regarding school activities. The newsletters are to be financed through the support of advertisers whose advertisements will appear on all newsletters for 12 months. This enables the school to receive the newsletters free of charge.

We trust this way of keeping your business in front of the local community while helping the school will be of interest.

Please contact Pierce Brown at Newsletters Unlimited ph 09-522 1677, 0800 228 677 or Fax 09-524 0336, 0800 228 336 if you are interested in advertising in our newsletters.

Congratulations Marian Tigers: Well done to Marian Tigers Grade 8, who were the only Marist Team in the soccer knock out finals tournament. They were narrowly defeated by Hamilton North but played with great enthusiasm.

Lost:

- A school jersey named Morgan Hogg – please return to Rm 20
- A pale blue rain coat with hood – please return to Nathan Hancock Rm 2

Private Bass Guitar Lessons: Steven Smith is offering private beginner Bass Guitar Lessons to be taken at Marian School. For further details, ring Steven 849 3704.

St Peter Chanel Catholic School Hamilton 50th Jubilee

To be held on Labour Weekend Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd October 2005.

All past pupils, staff, parents and parishioners are welcome to register to celebrate this milestone in the school's history.

Registration forms are available from the school office:

5 Vardon Road

HAMILTON

Ph: 07 8493734 Fax 07 8494183

e-mail admin@spc.ac.nz

Registration closes Friday 16th September 2005.

Holiday Programmes:

- **Cricket Coaching** – with Grant Bradburn, 3rd – 5th October at Inzone Sports, Sunshine Ave, Te Rapa. \$55.00 per person. Bring bat, soft sole shoes, drink & a smile. For registration or more information, phone 838 0912 or Fax 838 0913. (Places are limited).
- **3-Day 3D Animation, Inventions, Science + High Level Thinking Course**. Opportunity to use 3D computer software and learn how the special effects in the movies are created. Also available are problem solving challenges and students will be presented with unique objects, animations and intriguing situations. These all help to improve lateral thinking skills. Location is in Auckland so for more information contact Rebecca Merle 09 622 0670 or 021 607 190
- **Campus Creche Holiday Programme** – 26 Sept – 7 October. 5-8 yr old and 8 – 12 yr olds. 20 Spaces in each programme. Monday to Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30pm. Programme includes Arts & Crafts, Sports Activities, and lots of other fun activities. \$110.00 per week. For more information contact Campus Creche office 838 4034

YMCA children Activities – 36 Pembroke St, Hamilton. The YMCA has a fun educational gymnastics programme for children of all ages. Classes are designed to stimulate and develop physical and motor skills with experienced instructors. Opportunity to achieve badges, certificates and awards. Free Classes – 12-13 September. Ph 838 2529

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal



The Pasifika group performing at the community school picnic