

9 August

Focus for the Week:

The Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is 'the source and summit of the Christian life'. For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ himself, our Passover and living bread.

To contemplate Christ involves being able to recognise him wherever he manifests himself, in his many forms of presence, but above all in the living sacrament of his body and his blood. The Church draws her life from Christ in the Eucharist; by him she is fed and by him she is enlightened. The Eucharist is both a mystery of faith and a 'mystery of light'. Whenever the Church celebrates the Eucharist, the faithful can in some way relive the experience of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus: 'their eyes were opened and they recognised him'. (Lk 24:31)

Quotations from 'Ecclesia de Eucharistia'

Please pray for the 70 children who are making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this Sunday

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

If you have visited the school in the last week you will see that we have taken away access to the pedestrian crossing linking the junior and middle school classrooms. The crossing itself will be removed soon. In the interests of student safety the Board of Trustees has had installed a footpath around the end of the cul-de-sac to give safe passage to the children and families moving to and from the junior school. Please model the use of this crossing so that it becomes an ingrained behaviour for the children. This not an invitation to parents to use the cul-de-sac as a pick up and drop off point.

Last week I wrote of the need to provide healthy lunches for your children. Of equal importance is the need to ensure that your child has eaten a healthy breakfast.

"Brain functioning depends very much on what you've eaten for breakfast." Richard M. Restak "The Brain: The Last Frontier" published by Warner Books.

While skipping breakfast may not be an issue with younger children, as they become more independent and are expected to get their own breakfast there may be an issue around how much and what has been eaten.

Mass:

- Mass will be celebrated with the students from Team 4 this Thursday, 10 August, at 9:30am. All welcome.

- Tuesday 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption. There will be no TechArts. We will have a Full School Mass at 9:30am. All welcome.

Bereavement: We extend our deepest sympathies to Peta (Rm14) & Brandyn Were (Rm5) and family, on the death of their much loved uncle. May he rest in peace.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community, the following children and their families; Charlotte Chatwin (Rm4) and Monique McDonald (Rm5).

GATE Meeting Tonight: 7pm staffroom.

This meeting is to give parents information of how the school has developed procedures and programme planning to meet the needs of more able students in our classrooms. It will give you more understanding of the identification process we use, professional staff development and what extension opportunities Marian School provides.

The staff will be sharing ideas used in each team. Please support us with our Gifted & Talented Education journey.

Delia Wilson (D.P.)

Found: A ladies watch – please collect from the school office.

Results of the English Australasian Competitions:

Congratulations to those students who participated in these exams. A particular congratulations to the following pupils.

Yr4: *Distinction*- Jamie Bai, Victoria Chan, Keana Fletcher-Mathews

Credit – Isabelle Johnson

Yr5: *Distinction* – Kate Slater, YeRin Ryoo,

Credit – Huon Cameron-Fraser, Christopher Deo, Amelia Hayes, Rae Santos

Yr6: *High Distinction* – Nicole Hunter

Distinction – Jodie Hunter

Credit – Abbie Bond-Ewart, Sam Franicevic, Lauren Morgan, Jackson Ruffley,

Yr7: *Distinction* – Conrad Fernandes

Credit – Oliver Liddall, Sonia Chan, Emily Hunter, Sam Lockett-Turton, Aleena Sutton, Mathew Swney

Yr8: *Distinction* – Oliver Barrett,

Credit – Natalie Miller, Hayley Flett, Ursula Frickey, Tony Mathew, Conor Maxwell

Support your school!

If you would like to sponsor Marian School through the Telecom School Connection programme go to this link and submit your details:

www.telecom.co.nz/schoolconnection/sponsor.

From our Pastoral Care Worker:

1. I am running a workshop for 'Pastoral Care' and 'Family Worker' that we have developed within this school. I would appreciate any comments that you would like to make regarding this role. Please email me to martha@marian.school.nz before Friday 18 August.
2. For loan - A First Holy Communion outfit for girl (shoes & stockings included. Please see me.
3. Urgently required – any boys winter shoes and St Johns uniforms.

Thank you for your support - Martha

Lost:

- A soccer 'Player of the Day' trophy marked No. 15 – Please return to Joseph Conchie Rm 5

- A purple headband by Senior Playground. Please return to Sha'uri Rm9.
- Blue & white 'Sketchers' (sneakers) urgently required for netball. Please return to Georgia Rm8

Save Our Sight – Children's Eye Care Week – 2006:

The CEC week is running between 21 – 27 August.

Hn Junior Naturalist Club: 11 August
'Vibrations and waves in sound and electricity'
7pm, Hort Centre, HN Gardens, Gate 5

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND,

TAURANGA, 13-15 OCTOBER The house needs painting, the car needs washing, the lawns need mowing, and those weeds keep growing. But when was the last time you spent time maintaining your marriage? A Marriage Encounter Weekend is the perfect way to do just that. Take a break and enjoy quality time with your spouse.

Weekends are personal and private with no group sharing. Marriage Encounter NZ is running a weekend in Tauranga on the 13th to the 15th October at the Bethlehem Motor Inn. Take this opportunity to invest in your most valuable relationship. Phone Peter and Kay 07-5782613. Registrations close on the 29th of September.

Lebanon: Tribute & Gift. In 2005, Anne-Marie Irwin visited Lebanon and produced a DVD to give others the opportunity to discover, in contrast to the Lebanon we hear of through the media, the beauty, the gentle warm hearted people, the sites of antiquity and the places that were graced with the presence of Christ. Rimbrook Study Centre, 64 Hillcrest Rd, Wed 16 August, 7:30pm \$3.00. Phone Diane Willcock 856 8784

Piano Tuition: for children 8 yrs & over. Robyn Smith (ATCL) – please phone 856 1404 or email robins_49@yahoo.co.nz

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$1.00 each

God Bless

John Coulam
Principal

