

9 August

**Focus for the Week:** *A Challenge for us all! - God or Money?*

*We live in a very materialistic world and as a result, we become more concerned about ourselves and our needs.*

*Sadly, too, the more money we have the more we seem to need, because we think of more and more ways to pamper ourselves. As we pamper ourselves and think there is nothing we can't control, we become more selfish, and God and the things of eternity seem less important, and far away. How often do you excuse yourself from going to Sunday Mass, or giving to the poor, or doing a kindness to others or saying your prayers?*

*The answer to those questions will tell you where your heart is.*

*"What you possess on the day of your death will belong to another but what you are will be yours forever."*

Marist Messenger

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:** The New Zealand Curriculum has been rewritten and is in draft form. The Minister of Education has asked all teachers to hold a Teacher Only Day to consider this document and to make submissions on it. As a result there will be **no classes on Monday 6 November** as the teachers at Marian meet to study and discuss this document. This should give families plenty of time to plan a long weekend or make child care arrangements. Circle this date on your calendar now.

Congratulations to the many children from Marian School who made their First Holy Communion and were confirmed on Sunday. The liturgy was indeed beautiful and Bishop Owen Dolan from the Palmerston North diocese was so beautiful in his interaction with the children. Thank you to the people who prepared the children so well.

As the winter sporting season comes to an end it is appropriate to thank the many volunteers who have given their time as coaches, managers or officials. Without the volunteer base of these selfless givers many children would not experience a sport. Please ensure that your children personally thank those that have assisted them.

There continues to be strong demand for enrolment at Marian School. Since May this year, I have had to turn away many unexpected enrolments. The school roll has now reached the point where enrolments for 2007 are expected to close soon with a waiting list of preference

pupils being started. If your child, other than a current year 8, is leaving Marian School at the end of this year or before, then please let me know as soon as possible as others are waiting to take up any vacancies.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community, Genevieve Saun (Rm5) and her family.

**Australasian English Results - omitted:** Further to last week's English results, we apologise to these three Yr 8 students whose names were omitted from the newsletter last week.

*Distinction* – Hilary Hayes, Marcus Pouwels-Strang and Grace Powell.

**Reminder – Out of School Music Lessons:** These lessons are for one year's commitment. While we send accounts half yearly, the commitment for your child is for the full year. You and your child signed an agreement at the beginning of the year to this effect

 **Singing: For Staff & Parents.**

Come and join us for a grand ole 'Sing-a-long. You can even bring your own songs.

Meet in Te Whare, Fridays from 3:00pm – 3:30pm

(Please note this has changed from a Thursday)

**G.A.T.E. (Gifted & Talented):** Thank you for our parents and staff who attended our GATE information evening. It was a very worthwhile meeting and we are waiting for a parent booklet to be published to give guidance to parents.

Please note the following:

*Waikato Association of Gifted Children –*

- Support group for families with gifted children
- Monthly meetings for parents (with guest speakers)
- Monthly activities for children/families
- Toy and resource lending library
- Book lending library

President Louise Rodgers 07-856 9416

*One Day School – (George Parkyn Centre)*

Sessions for 6-9 year olds, 10-12 year olds

Contact Lisa Nicholson 07-871 8315

**Migrant Expo:** “An instant help desk” – Everything you need to know about settlement under one roof!

Jobs, career advice, training, education, business, health, government depts, community groups, free seminars, free employment conference, immigration.

Cost: Free Entry.

Date: 2 September

Venue: Union Room, Novotel Tainui, 7 Alma St.

[www.migrantexpo.co.nz](http://www.migrantexpo.co.nz)

**Child Minding:** University Student, Hamilton East area. Character references available. Holds First Aid and Life Guard certificates. Has own transport. Available in the evenings. Please contact Michelle 07-859 2206 or 021 269 2636.

**Achieving Potential Seminar:** For High Ability Students at Selwyn College, Auckland. Yrs 4 –6 (27 – 29 Sept), Yrs 7 – 10 (2 – 4 Oct) for more details on these workshops, email [info@holidaytseminars.co.nz](mailto:info@holidaytseminars.co.nz) . Registrations available on website [www.holidayseminars.co.nz](http://www.holidayseminars.co.nz) or pick up from school office.

**HN Junior Naturalist Club:** ‘Radioactivity and Carbon Dating’ – 18 August. 7pm Hort Centre, Hamilton Gardens, Gate 2

**Sausages Sizzle:** This Friday - \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam  
Principal

**To all International ESOL Parents – Important Notice:**

We warmly invite you all to a parent coffee and muffin morning.

Date: Tuesday 22 August 2006

Time: 9:00am

Venue: Te Whare

We have some exciting news to tell you and a parent questionnaire needs to be completed by families, with our help.

Please mark your calendars. See you there!

Regards

Delia, Martha, and the ESOL Team; Lynne Fromont, Jane Wardlaw, Sharron Rose & YuSun Choi



**lost:** A school jersey named Morgan Watt – please return to Rm13

**Lost Property:** This mounts up regularly of unclaimed articles. Please ensure all clothing is clearly NAMED for quick return to rightful owners.

**Dates for 2007**

Term	Dates
1	Wed 7 Feb – Thurs 5 April
2	Mon 23 April – Fri 29 June
3	Mon 16 July – Fri 21 Sept
4	Mon 8 Oct – Thurs 20 Dec