

30 August

Focus for the Week: *The church nourishes us as we take our first steps in love; she provides teaching and stimulation as we proceed on the journey; she lovingly warns us of pitfalls; she helps us to solve the difficult moral issues in our society. In order to love God we must be moral people. Her laws serve a dual purpose. On the one hand they positively foster love, eg. the church requires us to participate in the Sunday Eucharist which is the feast of love. Other laws are aimed at protecting us from sin that could destroy love. In a word, we are called to love, and in order to fulfil this vocation we need to belong to a school of love. Otherwise, we are likely to go astray.*

Fr John Kelly

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform: Dear Parents and Caregivers
This week I shall be attending the Catholic Schools' Convention in Wellington along with some members of staff and members of our Board of Trustees. With well over 750 registrations Wellington should indeed feel the presence of Catholic education this week.

Mrs Taylor, Room 10, will be going on maternity leave at the end of term 3. I am pleased to announce that Miss Maria Wilson, who happens to be a past pupil of both Marian and Sacred Heart, will be joining the teaching staff as the teacher of Room 10 in Term 4.

I notice in the parish newsletter that a course is to run for children aged 6 to 14 years who wish to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church. This is a four week programme with preparation on a Thursday 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. starting 19 October. If your child is not yet baptised and your child would like this to happen then this is an invitation to you. Ph Andrea at the Parish office 856 6486 or email andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz

Have a great week and enjoy the spring weather.

Mass: Team 2 will have Mass on Friday 1 September at 9:30am. All welcome.

Welcome: We warmly welcome Morgraine Julian (Rm4) and her family into our school community

Bereavement: We offer our deepest sympathies to the following families who have recently lost loved ones.

- To Mike Sommerville and family whose much loved Grandmother passed away last week.
- To Claire Bradley and family whose much loved mother passed away over the weekend.
- To Margaret Takitimu and family (Cadence & Stacey) on the death of a much loved brother and uncle.
- To the Matetaka-Moki/Whitehead family on the death of a much loved great-grandmother.

May they rest in peace.

Vision & Hearing: The technician will be visiting the school on Monday 4 September at 9am to carry out vision and hearing tests on 5 year olds who have started school since 23 June 2006. If you do not wish your child to be tested, or your child is currently under

a specialist – please notify the school office or the class teacher in writing.

Pasifika Culture Group: Kia Ora! Kia Orana!
Malo e Lelei! Bula! Fakalofa lahi atu! Kona Mauri!
Aloha! Talofa lava!

Warm Pacific Greetings

Thank you to our families who have returned their permission slips for the special event this Friday.

Reminder: Pasifika Community Fono

1 September

St Pauls Methodist Church.

62 London St, Hamilton

Please have your child there by 5:30 to get changed.

GIRLS need to have a WHITE BLOUSE.

See you there.

Thanks again for your support -

The Pasifika Team.

Waimaths: Congratulations to our two Waimaths teams who represented our school very well at the Waimaths Competition last week.

Yr 7 – Ji Soo Lee, Michael Kim, Conrad Fernandes, and Reserve, Luc Powell-Reymer

Yr 8 – Tony Mathew, Marcus Pouwels-Strang, Tracey Sou and Reserve, Braden Tu'akoi

Both teams represented themselves very capably, each receiving 8th place. 23 schools took part at each level.

Waikato Full Primary Art Competition:

Congratulations to:-

- Sarah Harris who gained 3rd place in Yr 8 Girls and
- Alexander Sebastian who gained 3rd for Yr 8 boys.

Both paintings are on display in the office foyer.

Science Fair: Congratulations to Siobhan and Braden Tu'akoi who shared first place in the NIWA Waikato Science and Technology fair open category Science Photography section.

This means that they were competing with students from Year 7 – Yr 13.

The focus this year was 'sound' a very challenging concept to capture in visual images. These photographs are on display in the office foyer.

Congratulations:

- The Institute of Registered Music Teachers conducted scholarship performances in Hamilton on 19 August. Alexander Sebastian was runner up for Junior Piano. Well done Sebastian!
- To Joey Kawe (Rm16) who won a gold medal for the under 45kg at the Hamilton Metro Judo Club Tournament. Well done Joey.
- Devon Wilson Jillings who won Bronze for the Intermediate Jazz & received High Honours.

Chicken Pox: We have quite a number of children at school who have contracted Chicken Pox. Please keep an eye on your child if they are feeling under the weather. Chicken Pox looks like a tiny blister. Children need to stay at home for one week from date of appearance of rash.

We are Looking for Support: We will shortly be having a new issue of newsletter printed. The newsletter 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 09-522 1677, 0800 228 677 or Fax 09-524 0336, 0800 228 336 if you are interested in advertising in our newsletters.

Daffodil Day: A special thanks to Natalie Steens for supplying bucketfuls of daffodils. We raised \$175.00 for the cancer foundation!

Home School Partnership in Mathematics: There will be a final maths evening on Thursday 7 September at 6:30pm. A letter will be sent home to families who have been involved. If you have not received your letter, please contact Anne Stack.

Baby clothes: Do you know anyone who requires some beautiful baby clothes for a newborn boy? Please see Martha.

Hamilton Junior Rugby Finals - Saturday 26 August
Hamilton Marist 12A, 2006 – Waikato Champions for the second year in a row. Marian Players: Nathan Jones and Ben Greene
Hamilton Marist 12B – 3rd overall after just missing out on the finals in extra time. Marian Players: Jesse Balemi, Keagen Faria, Keegan Harnett and Thomas Swarbrick
Well done boys!

Netball Players:

Netball season has come to an end and I would like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment made by our Netball coaches and managers. A very big thank you to you all!
Liz Walker – Sports co-ordinator

Following Netball Prizegiving on Tuesday 12 September, 6:30pm in Marian School Hall, a photographer will be taking netball team photos. These need to be ordered and paid for on the night. \$12.00 per photo (which includes laminating and names of all players).
Cheque or cash accepted.

Kia ora katoa Warm greetings to you all

Sending out a big thank you to all those who came to support us at our whanau- parent community meeting last Wednesday. We now have fresh ideas for future meetings. The minutes will be sent out within the next few weeks. If you have any further queries or did not attend the meeting but would like some minutes, feel free to contact me at afong@marian.school.nz or extension 205

Mā te Atua e koe e manaaki. (God Bless You).

Nā Whaea Doak

Nā Antonia Fong-Molenaar

HN Junior Naturalist Club: Sept 1

‘Steam power and electronics’

7pm, Hort Centre, Hamilton Gardens, Gate 2.

Facilitated by Professor Jonathon Scott from America who is the new Foundation Professor at Waikato University. He will be showing off and explaining his model steam engine which was brought in from overseas.

Rimbrook Women’s Group: Creating a Climate of Culture in the Home. Providing children with opportunities to become culturally enriched opens them to the recognition of all that is beautiful, true and good. A seminar providing practical and easy ideas to introduce your children to art, music and literature.
Rimbrook Study Centre, 64 Hillcrest Rd, Wed 6 Sept, 7:30pm \$3.00. Phone Diane Willcock 856 8784. All welcome.

Live Large Programme: From 25 Sept – 28 Sept. The programme is all about growth – growth in confidence, learning and motivation. For 7 – 13 year old boys and girls. Contact Shona 839 6357 or email shona@wilss.ac.nz

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$1.00 per sausage.

God Bless

John Coulam
Principal