

6 September

**Focus for the Week:** Fri 8 Sept - Birthday of the Blessed Virgin MaryReadings for the day *Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 13:6-7, Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23**Out of you will be born the ruler of Israel**Christians of other faiths often look askance at Catholic devotion to Mary, Mother of God. Some see it as a sort of idolatry, taking away from God his due and giving it to a mere mortal. But Mary was no mere mortal. Mortal, yes, but mere mortal, never. For what greater honour can we offer to a son but the exaltation of the one who bore him? And when the son in question is God, how do we dishonour him by honouring his mother, the jewel of his creation? Lord, teach me to love and honour your mother as you do.*

Daily Prayers – Marist Messenger

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:** It was a real privilege to be at the Catholic Schools' convention last week. A highlight for me was when the Minister of Education in his address to the 800 present, praised the work of the Pastoral Worker at Marian School. This is well deserved praise for the work Martha does to assist families and to break down the barriers that might be effecting a child's ability to learn. Marian was one of three schools singled out as examples of good practice.

This Friday is a special day in this school's life as we celebrate the birthday of Christ's mother, Mary, the patron saint of our school.

This newsletter contains a programme of events for the day. A reminder that the grandparents are welcome to join the Bishop and invited guests in the hall for a shared lunch after the opening of the Administration Block. Grandparents wishing to donate a book to the school library will be able to do so by seeing Mrs Brown in the library.

**Bereavements:**

- We offer our deepest sympathies to Colleen James and her family on the death of her much loved father. May he rest in peace.

**MARIAN DAY ORGANISATION**

10:15-10:30: Morning Tea Break

10:45: Mass – please be seated ready to start by this time

11:45: Opening of Office Block

12:15: Lunch (PTA) Guests/staff/grandparents  
Children go for lunch, sausage sizzle available.

12:40: Kapahaka group items } outside St

1pm: Pasifika group item } Mary's Block

1:15: Bell will ring – classes resume

Grandparents free to visit classrooms

1:15 Orchestra in Atrium (Marist Block)

1:15-1:45: Team 1 Folk dancing  
Team 2 Singing in hall1:45-2:15: Team 2 Folk dancing  
Team 3 Singing in hall

2:15-2:45: Team 1 Singing in hall

**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 all our families and friends who came to help, support and enjoy the children's performance. It was the highlight of the night and it set the tone to the 'Pasifika Community Fono'. The children looked absolutely stunning!

A gift of \$100.00 was gratefully received.

Thank you again, fa'afetai lava.

**'Grandparents Day'**Friday 8 is the next special occasion. The Pasifika Group will participate in the Mass 10:45am. Later in the day about 1:00pm, a performance to continue with the celebrations of the special day. Girls will need to have a **white blouse**.

See you there!

The Pasifika Team

**PTFA Movie Day:** Sunday 24 September at 10.00.

'Garfield – A Tale of Two Kittens'

Tickets \$10.00 **per seat** available from the office.

### **Sport Notices:**

- **Basketball:** - 11 September  
5:30 Lakers vs Peachgrove @ St Johns  
7:00 49ers vs Berkley 7A @ S.H.G.C.

The following notices have been sent out this week:

- **Cricket;** due back Thurs 14 September
- **Flippa Ball;** due back Mon 18 September
- **Touch Rugby;** Tues 19 September – all games will be held at Swarbrick Park
- **Soccer Prizegiving: 20/9/06 in Sacred Heart Hall.** Children are to wear soccer uniforms. NO boots or shin pads. Photos will be handed out on the night.

**Home School Partnership Reminder:** Final Maths evening for whole family will be held in the Whare, 6:30pm – 8pm Thursday 7  
Anne Stack

### **Baby Sitter Wanted**

For the first week of the school holidays – 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September – 9.00am to 5.00pm, for a little girl who is nearly five. River Road, close to the Fairfield Bridge. Contact: Amanda on 853 6142 during the day, or 853 6141 in the evening.

**Transport Needed:** For a 9 year old girl after school to Melville (Jones Cres). Please phone Grace 023 066 4749

### **Lost:**

- A Silver Cross: Please return to Anju Rm22

### **Found:**

- First Holy Communion Medal
- A combination lock found in the playground. Please see Mr Groufsky

**Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club:** 8 September. ‘Motors: Big and Small’ Meet at 7pm, Hort Cetnre, Hamilton Gardens (gate 2) (Our Physical World)

**South Pacific Tennis - Term 4 Coaching** now available with SPT at Te Rapa Sportsdrome, Church Rd, Hamilton. Spaces are limited. Pick up an enrolment at the school office.

**Tennis Open Day** – St Peters Tennis Club: Palmerston St, Hamilton. Sunday 10 September

10am – 2pm. Meet the coach, demonstrations, lolly scramble, sausage sizzle, prizes, all ages welcome.

### **Holiday Programmes:**

- **South Pacific Tennis:** 25 Sept – 6 Oct. ‘Lil Kiwis’ 5-8 years. 9am – 12noon ‘Pure Tennis’ from 9 years. 9am – 12noon . Pick up enrolment forms at the school office
- **WSA Art:** 8-13yrs; 25-27 Sept or 22-4 Oct \$75.00 9-12noon  
5-7yrs; 28-29 Sept or 5-6 Oct from 10-12noon \$50.00  
Phone 839 4481 to enrol
- **Cricket Coaching:** 25 – 27 Sept at Inzone Sports, Sunshine Ave, Te Rapa. up to 10yrs 9am-11am daily. 11years and over 11:30am-1:30pm daily. Bring Bat, soft shoes, drink and a smile. \$55.00 per person. To enrol, phone 838 0912 or email; [gbsports@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gbsports@xtra.co.nz) or pick up form from office.
- **Waimarie Community House;** Sept 25 – Oct 6. Oscar approved. Enrolment forms at office.
- **Mica the Clown Presents:** \$7.00 pp. Show full of magic, slapstick, juggling & comedy. Founders Theatre – 27 September at 1pm. Tickets available at Ticket Direct.

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam  
**Principal**

### **‘Nana’ A Poem by Katie Pigou**

You’re special and unique in every way!  
You always know just the right thing to say!  
Your story time is just the best  
Like when you found the perfect nest  
Your knitting is so, so amazing  
When I see it I can’t stop gazing!  
You give me hugs that I can’t describe.  
But when you give them they are like a tide!  
And even though your legs are sore  
I will love you more and more.