

13 September

Focus for the Week: Christ is very clear: When we ourselves are without sympathy or mercy, when we are guided by “blind” justice alone, then we cannot count on the mercy of that “Great Creditor” who is God – God, before whom we are all debtors.

Pope John Paul II

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

Dear Parents and Caregivers: There was much to celebrate at school last week with the success of Grandparents day where the children showcased their talents and those present experienced a colourful and beautiful liturgy.

I was delighted at the recent Catholic Convention to hear the Minister of Education single Marian School out for its inclusive practice of having a Pastoral Care Worker, Martha, and how this is helping families and children. To be one of three Catholic Schools out of 240 mentioned by name by the Minister in front of 810 delegates representing 85% of Catholic schools was a big thrill. I value the family worker position that Martha holds and tell everyone who will listen how valuable it is. The message has been heard in powerful places. It is my hope that the Government will extend its social worker in schools programme to include all schools regardless of decile rating.

If your child is not attending school on any given day please telephone the school by 9.30 a.m. on 856 7515 and leave a message giving the child's name, room number and reason for absence. Alternatively you may e-mail the school secretary at secretary@marian.primary.school.nz

We do try to contact the parents of unexplained absence. This is however difficult to do without up to date telephone contact information for parents. Parents, it is your responsibility to ensure that the school holds current home, business and emergency contact details. If you have changed address or your child has a changed medical condition or allergy from that notified at the time of enrolment, then we need to know.

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

Bereavement: We offer our deepest sympathies to the McCabe family on the death of their much loved great-grandmother. May she rest in peace.

Worshipping Under Southern Skies: On Sunday 15 October 2006, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference will launch the first of four modules of the national catechesis to prepare the Church of Aotearoa New Zealand for the introduction of the revised Order of the Mass. Please take this opportunity to rediscover the beauty of the Mass.
Please see flyer.

Thank you: A quick note on behalf of the grandparents of Alice and Ella, who moved to Hamilton from England two months ago. Grandparents' Day was very special, it is the first time Alice or Ella have had Grandparents attend a Grandparents' Day, and it was their Grandparents' first introduction to the School. They had the most wonderful day joining in and watching the activities at both Marian School and Jubilee Kindergarten. They said they were made

to feel warmly welcome and that the lunch was a real feast. All in all a fabulous day. So thank you to all concerned.
Kind regards
Amanda Graham on behalf of Alice & Ella's grandparents

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

Warm Pacific Greetings

Celebrating 'Grandparents Day' was an AWESOME experience for our Pasifika Culture Group being able to weave the Pacific flavour in the Mass and throughout the day.

A special mention must go to Louella Dinan who composed our Grandparent's song sung at the Mass.

Many, many thanks to our parents, friends and supporters that helped and contributed on the day.

Lunch will be provided for our group on Thursday at 12:30. We will be watching a video of the performance from the 'Community Fono'

Thank you for your support.

The Pasifika Team

PTFA Meeting

- Tuesday 19 September in the staff room.
- A PTFA extraordinary meeting will be held next term to update the Constitution. Date for this will be advised.

Papua New Guinea 31st Independence Celebration:

Venue: Methodist Church Hall, Wellington St Junction

Date: Saturday, 16 Sept

Time: 4pm – 7pm

Cost: \$10.00 per head (includes food and drink)

There will be cultural performances by PNG students from Marian School

Interested persons can contact Eron 021 1407 995 or Jeremy 021 157 2090 for tickets. Be in quick as tickets are limited.

Thank you

Elizabeth Michael - Organising Committee

Garfield – A Tale of Two Kittens: Tickets on sale from the school office. What a great way to kick off the school holidays with a family outing to the movies. Sunday 24 Sept - \$10.00 per ticket.

Team 3 – Tickets for Sale: Waikato T-Shirt with all the team signatures, limited to 200 tickets @ \$1.00 each. Tickets on sale in Room13 and the office.

Many thanks to Erin Watt for this donation. The funds will go towards Team 3 trip to the Marae at the Waitomo Caves.

Scholastic Book Order

Please inquire at the library for an unclaimed, unnamed Star book order.

Netball Photos: Last minute orders will be taken for photos that were taken at last night's netball prizegiving. Please have \$12.00 to Marian at the office by this Thursday morning AT THE LATEST. State clearly netball player's name and the team they have played for.
Thank you – Caroline

Yummy Stickers: Please keep collecting the YUMMY stickers off the Yummy Apples. Sheets are due in straight after the school holidays. Marian School receives free sporting equipment through this fundraiser. Please see the class teacher or Marian at the office if you have run out of sticker sheets.

French and Spanish at Marian School

Fun Languages International is continuing to hold French and Spanish Language Classes for children age 5 -12 years at Marian School. We use a professionally designed course involving games, crafts, drama, songs and lots of lively activities. The teachers are native speakers from Switzerland and Chile.

Spanish: Mondays 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

start: 09.10.2006

French: Thursdays 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm *start: 12.10.2006*

For bookings and enquiries:

Anne Eddy ph: 856 5258 anne@funlanguages.co.nz
www.funlanguages.co.nz

Congratulations:

- Toakahu Pere (Rm13) who was selected to represent Davies Karate New Zealand at the 4th Martial Arts All Styles Championships that was held in Hamilton on Saturday 2 September. Well done Toakahu!
- Alana Schuler (Rm19) who recently won 3 fishing trophies (2005-2006) at the Bowentown Boating and Sport Fishing Club. The trophies were in the following categories
 - a. Ladies Heaviest Trevally 2.740kg
 - b. Ladies Heaviest Kahawai
 - c. Junior Heaviest Kahawai 2.845kg Well done Alana!

Lost:

- Polar Fleece named C or Chantell Preston – Please return to Rm3.

Found :

- Small brooch with roses. Please see Marian at the office.
- Car Key found on Friday
- Half of a 'best friends' medallion. Please see Marian at the office.

Thank you: Hi My name is Michelle and I was one of the parent helpers for Grandparents Day. I would like to say a special thank you to the three young students sent to me by Mrs Wilson to be my helpers that morning. Unfortunately I don't know your names, but we were at the back of the church together. You are a credit to your family and your school. Thank you for your help.

Free: 5 woodgrain veneer panels – size 900mm x 600mm x 15mm. Contact John Groufsky

Holiday Programmes:

- **Hamilton Squash & Tennis Club Inc:** School Holiday Programme for children aged 8 – 12

years. 27-29 September. 325 Tristram St. Please collect enrolment form at the school office or email office@hstc.co.nz

- **Mark Cossey Coaching:** For boys and girls aged 5 and over
Camp One – Mon 25 Sept – Thurs 28 Sept 9-3pm at Porritt Stadium at Wanderers Clubrooms
Camp Two – Mon 2 Oct – Thurs 5 Oct 9am – 3pm @ Southwell School (gym)
\$90.00 per child for 4 day camp. Contact Karen McNally 853 2826 or 027 668 2987
- **Westfield Chartwell**
From 25th – 29th September 2006 come along and join Freddo Frog in his grotto at Centrecourt. He will be there everyday from 10.30am – 2.30pm and would love you to join in when he sings and dances to his favourite songs. You will also learn loads of interesting facts about frogs from our Freddo zoo keeper! And when you enter our Freddo colouring competition you could win one of 5 fantastic Freddo Frog gift packs.
Then from 2nd – 6th October 2006 you'll have to be there when the NZ Pop Sync Stars perform. On Monday we have NZ Kelly Clarkson, Tuesday is NZ Pussycat Dolls, NZ Christina Aguilera comes to the centre on Wednesday, Thursday sees NZ Justin Timberlake strut his stuff and on Friday NZ Kelly Clarkson finishes off the week. Come along to Centrecourt at 11am and 1pm each day to join in with the stars while they perform their most famous hits. Stick around after the show to meet and get your picture taken with the stars.
- **YMCA :** for boys and girls aged 5 – 15 years old. OSCAR in the Park, Cooking Day, Off to the Zoo, Rainbows End, Movies, PGA Tournament. Book at YMCA, 36 Pembroke or online www.nzymca.com For more info phone 838 2529

Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club: 'Club Night' – pizza and juice. Bring \$2.50. 7pm Hort Centre, Hamilton Gardens, Gate 2

Car Wash & Cake Stall: At 10:30am Mass on Sunday 17 September, there will be a car wash \$5.00 followed by a Cake Stall after Mass. This is to raise funds for Sacred Heart Girls Open A Netball team trip to Blenheim for national Secondary Schools Tournament 3-7 October

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

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

Flyers:

- Worshipping under the Southern Skies
- Notice for Teams 2, 3, & 4 re: Toolbox Parenting Programme