

21 September

**Focus for the Week:** *Equal Before God*

*There is only one God and He is God to all, therefore it is important that everyone is seen as equal before God. I've always said we should help a Hindu become a better Hindu, a Muslim become a better Muslim, a Catholic become a better Catholic.*

*I have never found a problem with anyone from different religions praying together. What I have found is that people are just hungry for God and be they Christian or Muslim, we invite them to pray with us.*

Mother Teresa – 'A Simple Path'

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:**

Dear parents and caregivers: As part of the initiative to look at Marian School as a physically active community I am currently investigating the development of a school travel plan for this school. As I often receive complaints about congestion around Marian School and other schools in the neighbourhood it is socially responsible to find solutions.

Early in term four I will be asking all families to respond to a simple questionnaire on how children get to and from school. A look at the school roll at this time last year clearly showed that at least two thirds of the children attending Marian School live beyond a comfortable walking distance to school. Solutions yet to be investigated are ways to promote carpooling, walking school buses or car-less days for those living close enough and of course use of the public transport system.

There are also other environmental issues to consider such as designated pedestrian access into the school and safe walking routes for children. You may have seen in the Waikato Times recently that the city council are investigating a round-about at the Beale and Grey St intersection. The survey will give me statistics to share with the council as they are very keen to see a travel plan developed for all urban schools.

**Full School Mass:** You are all warmly invited to join us for our final term Mass, which will be celebrated in Maori, on Thursday at 9:30am in the Cathedral.

At this time of the year, Food Banks are running low on stock, so we ask that children bring along a grocery item that will be taken up during the offertory and later handed over to our local food bank.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community the following children and their families: Luka Southcombe-Nguyen (Rm4) and Shou-Yick Ho (Rm5)

**School Accounts**

There are still a large number of families owing money for loose paper, Religious Education books, NIE, Tech Art, Swimming, Maths etc. Accounts will be sent out again within the next couple of weeks.

Could you please pay these as soon as possible to avoid staff and Board members following up with phone calls which are time consuming and not very pleasant for the people involved. If you are having difficulties paying this account please contact the Principal.

**Bereavement:**

We offer our deepest sympathies to

- Tori (Rm20) and Talor (Rm13) Sheppard and their family on the death of their much loved Great-Grandmother
- Jared (Rm9) and Jessica (Rm18) Howell whose much loved grandmother also passed away.

May they rest in peace.

**'Toolbox For Parenting Workshop' for parents of Teams 2, 3, & 4 children in**

**Term 4:** Please return forms by Friday. This workshop is designed to help parents gain tools and strategies for confidently handling the challenges that arise in the middle years. More forms available at the school office.

**Reminder about Mission Day on the 20 October.**

If you are having your annual spring clean during the holidays, we ask that you put aside any items (toys or books) that could be sold on Mission Day to raise money for local and overseas missionary work.

You will be kept posted of the event closer to the date. The success of the day rests in your hands, so please be generous with your support.

**Pasifika** Kia Ora! Kia Orana! Malo e Lelei!  
Bula! Fakalofa lahi atu! Kona Mauri! Aloha!  
Talofa lava! Hello!

Thank you to our families who have returned their permission slips for the performance at the University.

Reminder: First Wednesday of the holidays

Date: 27 September

Time: 11am

Venue: School of Education

Meet in the carpark at Gate 2 (of Knighton Rd) at 11am sharp.

Girls – please remember your white shirts.

Have a safe holiday ... Hooray!! Manuia!!

The Pasifika Team.

**Final Assembly for Term 3:** Due to a funeral at the church on Thursday, Full School Assembly has been changed to Friday from 1:15 – 2:15. in the Cathedral. All welcome. (Lunch on Friday will be from 12noon to 1pm)

**PTFA Movie Day:** ‘Garfield – A Tale of Two Kittens: This Sunday, 24 September. \$10.00 per ticket. Last days to purchase your tickets! (available from the school office).

There will be door sales only if there are spare tickets.

**Thank you:** The National Bank gave special thanks to Miss Kim Oliver and the students of Room 15 who did Marian School proud by displaying beautiful artwork and support on Daffodil Day. Their artwork provided enjoyment for staff and customers and enhanced the displays in the bank. Well done Room 15!

**Advance Notice:** Wearable Arts Night will be held on 17 October in the Sacred Heart Hall. Please keep this date free. More information to come in Week 1 of Term 4.

**Australasian Writing Competition Results:**  
Congratulations to all those who participated in these exams. A special congratulations to the following:

Yr4 – *Credit:* Keana Fletcher-Mathews

Yr5 – *Distinction:* Quin Leong

*Credit:* YeRin Ryoo, Rhegan Tu’akoi

Yr6 – *Distinction:* Nicole Hunter

Yr8 – *Credit:* Shannon Halley

**Soccer Prizegiving:** A reminder that Prizegiving is tonight at Sacred Heart Hall at 6pm sharp. Please wear your soccer uniform. (No boots or shin pads.) Photos will be given out tonight.

**LOST PROPERTY:** This will be on display tomorrow afternoon (Thursday, outside the hall if fine).

**Raffle** - Signed Waikato Rugby T-Shirt: Tickets on Sale. \$1.00 each. See Marian at the office.

**Chocolate Bars – St Mary’s Scouts Fundraiser.** – Students from St Mary’s Scouts will be selling chocolate bars \$2.00 by the Beale St Car Park tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon. Funds raised will be for the Scout Jamboree.

**Lost:**

- A Polar Fleece named ‘Callum Mulligan Rm7’ – please return to Rm12
- A Polar Fleece jersey – Please return to Antonio Joboy Rm8.

**Tax Credits for Thousands of Families:**  
Please see ‘Article’ attached from Work and Income regarding Working Families. This could assist your family.

**YMCA: Term 4 Activities** – 36 Pembroke St, Hamilton

Y’s Gymnastics – fun gymnastics programme for children of all ages. Classes are designed to stimulate and develop physical and motor skills with experienced instructors.

Y’s Art Club – Member of NZ Art House Foundation. For children aged 7 – 17 years.

Term 4 commences 9 October – Phone 838 2529

**Holiday Programmes:**

• **Tennis – Dey St**

Pee Wee Tennis – 5-8yrs from 9am – 12noon. \$80.00

Rookies Tennis – 9-18yrs from 1pm – 4pm. \$80.00

Entry forms at office. or phone 856 8181.

• **Knit World – 55 London St**

26-28 Sept from 11am-12noon & 1pm-2pm

3-5 Oct from 11am – 12noon & 1pm-2pm

Cost – Free lessons with every kit purchased. Kit only \$10.00 includes knitting needles, yarn, decorations and pattern. Bookings essential – phone 838 3868.

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

God Bless You

John Coulam  
**Principal**

**Flyers:**

- Article – Tax Credits
- Team Up...