

12 October

**Focus for the Week:** *If we think carefully, was there ever anyone more missionary than the Virgin Mary? Has anyone been more directly involved in the mystery of universal salvation than Mary? It was in fact through Mary the Mother of God, that the Father gave His Son to mankind. It was through her humility, her docile acceptance of God's plan that the new salvific plan, the fullness of the time occurred: the Incarnation of the Word.*

A reflection by Trappist Nuns of Viterbo, Italy

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:**

The holidays are always a good time for maintenance in the school. You may have noticed that the area by the office at the end of the cul-de-sac has been sealed off to vehicles thus giving a greater area for children to play on. In the interests of pupil safety, cars will no longer be able to drive freely into the school grounds.

A reminder to parents with children other than those in Year 8 to advise us as soon as possible if your child is not returning in 2005. This information is vitally important to help us determine the class structure for next year. There is already a significant waiting list of families wanting to enrol at Marian in 2006.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome the following children and their families into our school community: Robert Brodnax (Rm5), Izzaic Hauwaho (Rm4), Chloe Pennell (Rm4), Giselle Mason (Rm5), Kimberley Tan (Rm5), Roshni Thekkekara (Rm9), Reshma Thekkakara (Rm15) and Michelle Timotius (Rm4).

**Bereavements:** We offer our deepest sympathies to the following families;

- Anne Stack and family, whose much loved father died in the last week of Term 3.
- Dael Cullingworth and Paula Schwikkard and families whose much loved father also died in the last week of term 3.
- Ben & Joel Mason-Riseborough and their family, whose much loved great-grandmother passed away in the holidays.
- Alicia & Kristy Dennis and their family on the death of their much loved grandfather who passed away in the holidays.
- Melanie Moore and her family, whose much loved grandfather also passed away.

May they rest in peace.

**An Invitation to Parents and Caregivers of International Students:**

an informal get together over a cuppa for all those who are interested every Tuesday in the staffroom from 2pm – 3pm. See you there.  
Martha.



**YUMMY Stickers:**

These are due TOMORROW! Please send all sheets completed or not, to Rm 21. Thank you all for collecting them. You will be notified of amount raised in due course.

**Kiwi Ora Support Group:** first social get together will be held next Tuesday 18 October, 3:15 in the staffroom. Bring your books, your thoughts and ideas and catch up with Lorraine and Michael. New members welcome. Just remember you need to be a resident. Contact Martha for further info.

**Numeracy Information Evening for Parents / Caregivers of children in Yrs 5 – 8.**

To be held Wednesday October 19 at 7pm in Te Whare Taonga.

This is an information evening for parents interested in learning about the Numeracy Development Project, its relation to the Mathematics Curriculum and how it is developing your child's learning and thinking strategies in Number.

A Numeracy Facilitator from the School Support Services will give a short address and teachers will demonstrate examples of the knowledge and strategy lessons that the children will have experienced.

We look forward to seeing you there

Catherine Swney

Lead Teacher, Numeracy Project.

**Relics of St Theresa:** The relics of St Theresa will be arriving at the Cathedral this Friday at 4:00pm. Our Kapa Haka Group have been asked to do a Powhiri.

A relic is an aid to religious memory. It helps us remember the person and their story. The person and their story help us remember the possibility of God's work in us, the promise of Jesus himself.

May the memory of St Therese of Lisieux, sparked and nourished by tangible signs of her life, bring us to a celebration of the mystery in which she, and all of us, are embraced.

Below is the Timetable for the visit of the relics of St Therese to the Cathedral:

4pm Liturgy of Welcome *Hosted by the Catholic Maori Community of Hamilton*

5pm Mass

6pm – Midnight *Prayer and Devotions in the Cathedral - led by groups from Hamilton parishes.*

6-7pm St Josephs/St Peter Chanel – sung Rosary

7-7.30pm Couples for Christ

7.30-8pm St Paul's Ngaruawahia

8-9pm St Pius X, Melville

9-10pm St Columba's parish

10-11pm St Matthew's parish

11- 12am Kerala Community

Midnight to 8am Opportunity to spend time in private prayer.

8am Morning prayer

8.30am Mass with Anointing of the Sick  
*Will be led by our Youth*

10am Farewell liturgy

Over the time of the visit, please place your prayer intentions into the box by the reliquary.

**Cricket Draw:** Cricket starts this weekend.

*Saturday Cricket 9am start*

Blasters vs Melville @ Melville Intermediate

Force vs Pukette Stars @ Pukete School

*Friday cricket, 5:30start*

Yorkers Vs Tamahere Stags @ Jansen Park

Stumpers vs Southwell White caps @ Southwell School

All Stars vs Southwell Blue Caps @ Southwell School

Thunderbolts vs HN West Stags @ Hn West School

Sonics vs Frankton Rockets @ Uni 2

Blockers vs Southwell Beetles @ Southwell School 3

Strikers vs Melville Mooloos @ Silverdale School

**MeNZB Reminder:** Final Catch-up day is Monday 17 October at 11am.

## **Basketball – Jay Dees Term 4**

The programme commences Sunday 16 October and ends Sunday 11 December.

Training times at St Johns as follows:

Under 14/12 Boys 11:00 – 12:30pm

Under 10mixed 12:30-1:30pm

Under 12 girls 1:00 – 2:30pm

Under 14 girls 2:30-4:00pm

Cost \$5.00 per session (\$35.00) – 1<sup>st</sup> session free.

**PTFA Meeting:** Next Tuesday 18 October, 7:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

## **RCIC Programme – Rite of Christian Initiation for Children**

Do you know of any school age children who wish to be baptised? On Wednesday 19 October we will begin a 4 week programme of preparation for children aged 8-13. (Younger children are prepared in a programme appropriate to their age). There are some flyers and enrolment forms in the foyer. Further enquiries please contact Andrea at the parish office by phone or by email.

### **Lost:**

- 2 PE shirts – one named Chan & the other named Nicole Chan. Please return to Rm 8.

## **Australasian Schools Mathematics Results:**

Congratulations to all students who participated in these Assessments. A special mention to the following to achieved the following results

<b>Yr</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Distinction</b>
4		Huon Cameron-Fraser
	Kingsley Eng	
	Quin Leong	
	Kate Slater	
	Rhegan Tu'akoi	
5		Jackson Ruffley
		Nathan Willcock
	Sam Franicevic	
	Jodie Hunter	
	HeeJae Kim	
	Callum Maxwell	
	Craig McCarthy	
	Liam Whittaker	
6		Luc Powell
	Sonia Chan	
	Riley Cochrane	
	Chris Ellis	
	Conrad Fernandes	
	Justin Jang	
	Kate Sandwell	
7		Marcus Pouwels-Strang
	Ye-Ni Kim	
	Tony Mathew	
	Tracey Sou	
	Thomas Swarbrick	
	Braden Tu'akoi	
8		Kevin Kim
		Keyne Kosasih
		Ye-Gon Ryoo
		Kelsen Simonsen
	Caitlin Finnegan-Ramanui	
	John Kim	
	Julie Kim	
	Philippa Mills	
	Joshua Nooyen	
	Melissa Purcell	

	Erin Sammons	
	Kai Man Yuen	

**Hamilton Plunket Walk-A-thon:** a Walk-a-thon will be held around Hamilton Lake on Sunday 16 October to launch our Annual Appeal Week (17-24 Oct). This fun family event will promote the importance of exercise. We will be joined by Mayor Michael Redman.

Registration is a gold coin donation. Families have the opportunity to participate in a Scavenger Hunt during the Walk-a-thon, as well as having dog and pony cart rides, face painting, bouncy castles, chair-o-planes, mini-jeeps and climbing walls. There will also be lots of spot prizes and drinks on sale.

There is \$150.00 worth of books to the school with the most students who participate in the Walk-a-thon.

Pick up a registration form from Marian at the school office.

**Are you concerned about your child's weight?** The Ministry of Health, Children's Nutrition Survey (2002), showed that 9.8% of New Zealand children were obese and 21.3% overweight. These children are more likely to experience health problems in the future, including diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, arthritis and breathing difficulties. Many overweight children experience bullying and low self esteem.

Waikato Hospital is currently running a family based group called "Bodywise". "Bodywise" is a group programme for children aged from 5-12 years who are overweight or obese, and their families. For more information, contact the Public Health Nurse, Nicky McCormack 838 3565

**Parentline Public Meetings:** Are you concerned about the violent computer games that children have access to? There will be two public meetings with Bill Hastings, Chief Censor on Monday 17 October at 12:30pm and 5:30pm. Both will be held in the Seventh Day Adventist Church Hall, Palmerston St, Hamilton (Next to Parentline House). For more information, contact Parentline 839 4536

**Lugton Park Tennis Club:** Junior Tennis starts this week at Lugton Park Tennis Club in Dey St, Hamilton East. Pee Wee Tennis (5-7 Years) \$75, Junior Club Members \$90 for 2 terms. See school notice board for more details or phone 856 5572

## **Indoor Netball League for Parents**

Where: Rocket Indoor Sports, 38 Ellis Street

When: Tuesday mornings

Time: between 9.30 am – 11.30 am

Cost: \$30 per team (6 players min)

Game duration: 4 x 7 minute quarters

League: during school terms only

It's lots of fun and a great workout!

For more information or to put in a team contact:

Healthy & Active Lifestylez Ltd, 76 Pelorus Street, Hamilton

Phone: (07) 843-2192 Fax: (07) 843-2193

Mobile: (021) 061-8876

[Healthyactivelifestylez@hotmail.com](mailto:Healthyactivelifestylez@hotmail.com)

Large play area for the children

**Fun Run/Walk:** Sunday 16 October at Morrinsville College, Alexandra Ave. Registration forms from Marian at the school office.

**Sausage Sizzle** this Friday. \$1.00 per sausage.

God Bless You

John Coulam  
Principal