

**Focus for the Week:** *My friends, do not be afraid to lean on Christ and to long for Him as the foundation of your life; desire to build on Him because no one who depends on the Incarnate Word, Crucified Love, can ever lose.*

*Building on the rock also means building on Someone who was rejected. We do not need great mental sharpness to be aware of the many ways of rejecting Jesus Christ. Jesus is ignored, he is mocked and is declared a king of the past who is not for today's world and certainly not for tomorrow's. If you encounter those who scorn the foundation – Jesus – on whom you are building the house of your life, do not be discouraged. Our faith in Jesus Christ must frequently face others' lack of faith.*

Pope Benedict

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's platform:** The Student Council, the Board of Trustees, the PTFA and the Hamilton City Council are working together to survey the community with regards to how children get to and from school. The results of the survey will not only help us assist families with initiatives that will ease congestion at the school gate, but may also give us some data to use with the council that will assist with projects such as getting a roundabout at the end of Beale St.

Please take five minutes to complete the survey that is included with this newsletter and return it to school **by Friday 24 November**. Thank you.

Over the next two weeks the Student Council will conduct a simple survey with each pupil.

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

- Hone Tito (Rm10) whose great-grandmother passed away.
- Quinn Tupaea (Rm7) & Tayne Tupaea (Rm12) whose much loved Koro passed away.

May they rest in peace.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community the following children and their families: Samantha Brown (Rm5), Gabriel Fronda (Rm5), Kieran Brady (Rm5) and Jeremy Timotius (Rm4).

**PTFA Meeting: TONIGHT at 7:30pm in the staffroom**

**Marian School Community Picnic Day:**

A reminder that this Sunday after the 10:30am Mass, there will be a picnic on the main school sports field. Sausage sizzle available. Come along and support the Kapa Haka Group, and the Pasifikans.

**Pasifika and Kapa Haka reminder:** please be at school on time. The Kapa Haka group are to wear their school uniforms – girls white blouses and meet at the Whare at 11:45am. Pasifikans are to meet at the hall at 11:30am.

**CALLING ALL MOTOR SPORT FANS**

The Marian School PTFA has been offered at very short notice some gate keepers duties at Mystery Creek this weekend while the New Zealand Propecia Rally is on.

There are only 10 shifts that need filling:

Friday 17th November 2006 - 1 person from 0500 to 1300

Saturday 18th November 2006 - 1 person 1300 to 2100, 2 people 1200 to 2030

3 people 1200 to 1800

Sunday 19th November 2006 - 1 person 1300 to 2100

Please say you can help, this is great free entertainment plus a chance to help raise funds for the school. You must be honest and over 18 years of age - easy work!

Contact Freda Grace **URGENTLY** on 027 280 1787 or 07 8586220 or email

[f.d.grace@xtra.co.nz](mailto:f.d.grace@xtra.co.nz). Thanks.

**Cricket Draw:**

### *Friday Cricket – 5:30*

Yorkers vs St Joes Sparkes @ St Joseph Sch  
Thunderbolts vs HN West Stags @ HN West Sch  
All Stars vs Cambridge Runners @ Marian School  
Stumpers vs Cambridge Tigers @ Victoria Sq, Cambridge  
Blockers vs Frankton Raiders @ Uni

### *Saturday 9am start*

Blasters vs Southwell Jaguars @ Southwell Sch 2  
Force vs Peachgrove @ Steel Park 1  
Strikers vs Old Boys Dynamites @ Raymond Park 1

### **Clarinet and Saxophone Lessons:**

Friday 8 December. There will be an extra lesson for these two classes. The final lesson will be on Monday 11 December.

**Student's Chairs:** Children's surplus classroom chairs available at no cost. Contact John Groufsky – Caretaker.

**Congratulations:** To Michael Lamb (Rm10) who won the NZ Rally Car Competition. As part of Michael's prize, he can choose 3 friends and tomorrow, all four will be picked up and taken to school in a Rally car. Michael will be taken to Mystery Creek to meet the other drivers and look at their cars.

Well done Michael!

**Irish Dancing:** Come along and bring the whole family for a night of fun. Starts Monday 20 November, from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Held in the Parish Centre.

See you there! Learn as we go.  
Martha



### **Do you want to find out more about what it's like to be a Board Member?**

Come along on Tuesday and listen some of our Board of Trustee members share their experiences.

Tuesday at 9:30 in the Whare  
Martha.

**Reminder:** to all Team 1 staff and mothers: Dinner at the Clyde Tavern, 7:00pm TOMORROW (Thursday 16 November). All welcome.

### **Lost:**

- A polar fleece named Caedyn Lim – please return to Rm 12
- A pair of black Velcro shoes – please return to Stacy Jang, Rm11
- A school jersey named Kiran – return to Rm8
- A PE top named Raven – return to Rm19

### **Found**

- A boys watch found on the field – please collect from school office.
- A key attached to a ribbon

### **Hamilton Civic Choir - Glorious**

**Glorias:** featuring June Dams, winner of Hamilton Civic Choir Associate Artist Award for 2006, and Katherine Wiles, acclaimed for her operatic roles and concert performances to NZ & overseas. Katherine is also a past pupil from Marian School.

St Peters Cathedral, Sat 18 Nov, 8pm and Sun 19 Nov at 2:30pm. Admission \$25.00, Concession \$20.00. Phone 856 4701 for bookings.

### **The Big Top and Raymonda Ballet**

presented by Margaret Fairhead School of Dance. Founders Theatre on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 November at 6:30pm. Tickets are available at Ticketdirect and counter sales – all Hamilton Libraries.

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam  
**Principal**

### **Flyers:**

- PTFA Cook Book
- PTFA Rally Help wanted
- Parent Transport Questionnaire