

22 November

Focus for the Week: *Do not be afraid, I say, because great courage is required if we are to open the doors to Christ, if we are to let Christ enter into our hearts so fully that we can say with St Paul, "The life I live now is not my own; Christ is living in me" (Gal 2:20)... You need courage to follow Christ, especially when you recognise that so much of our dominant culture is a culture of flight from God...*

Pope John Paul II

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform: Thank you to the families who took the time to return the survey with regards 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 round about at the end of Beale St. To assist our study, members of the student council have been taking photographs of chaos at the school gate. Each student completed a simple survey in class yesterday.

All classroom teachers for 2007 should be finalised by the end of this week. Next week's newsletter will contain a list of the school structure for 2007. Thank you to the families that have advised that they are leaving, this information is very important before classes are put together.

At the end of this year the following staff leave us; Mr John Groufsky our caretaker is retiring, Mrs Shirley Gardner a Resource teacher of Learning and Behaviour is joining the staff of St John's College and Mrs Jane Moroney (Teacher) is shifting to Auckland. On your behalf I wish them well and thank them for their service to our school.

Welcome: We warmly welcome Keenan Sanders (Rm5) into our school community.

Urgent help required: We are needing 2 people to help with our sausage sizzle on Friday 24 November. If you are able to help, please see Bronagh Crook, Rm14.

Community Day: A big thank you to the great performances by the Kapa Haka Group, The Scottish Dancers and the Pasifikanz. The students once again did us proud.

A big thanks to Bub Doak, Amanda Luke, Joanna Tui Samoa and Margaret Takitimu who have throughout the year, put so much time and effort into working alongside these groups. They are very much valued by all. Thank you to all!

PTFA Cook Books: these are for sale and available at the school office. \$10.00 per book – they make great Christmas gifts!

Public Health Dept – Fridge Magnets: Your child has been given a fridge magnet that follows on from the hand hygiene stickers in Term 3. To try and gather feedback on the 'hand hygiene campaign' we ask that you fill in the slip supplied with the magnet and return to the school office.

Many thanks
Nicky McCormack
Public Health Nurse.

Cricket Draw:

Friday 5:30pm start

Yorkers vs Tamahere Stags @ Tamahere Sch
Thunderbolts vs Hukanui Blasters @ Flagstaff Park
All Stars vs Old Boys Falcons @ Uni 4
Stumpers vs St Peter Chanel Strikers @ Marian Sch
Blockers vs Rototuna Red @ Flagstaff Park 1

Saturday 9am start

Blasters vs Ngahinapouri @ Ngahinapouri
Force vs Te Kauwhata @ Elliott Park
Strikers vs Cambridge Rockets @ Discovery Park 2

Irish Set Dancing: Thanks to all who came along and joined in the fun on Monday night. The evening was a great success and we want a repeat performance next week.



Please note the change of start time - now 7:30pm

Parish Centre every Monday evening. Please bring a drink bottle.

See you there – Jo Sanders

Lost:

- A pair of grey shoes used yesterday for P.E. Left on the field. Please return to Caelan Reese-Williams Rm13
- A polar fleece named Dalziel-Moran – please return to Fergus Rm4
- A pair of white tennis shoes (Size 13 or 1) with socks still inside left in the Hall on Community Day. Please return to Jennifer Harvey Rm10
- A polar fleece named Looker – please return to Rm11
- A white and red soccer ball named Daniel – please return to office
- A bucket hat named Jacob Barham – please return to Rm8

Marian Waterpolo fundraising for North Island Champs

We are holding a garage sale on Saturday 25th November and ask if anyone has any goods they would like to donate for the sale, they would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for clothing, books, magazines, toys, household goods. Contact Sandra Goudie 8391166 or 0274390831 to arrange pick-up, or bring to school as I will be there after school each day with a van. Marian School carpark - 8am-10am Thanks.

Sandra Goudie

Junior Gym: Based at London St, Hamilton (cnr of London and Harwood St). Designed for primary school children and is an 8-week course. Programme runs Thursdays 3:30-4:15. \$50.00 for one child and \$75.00 for two children. Pick up registration form at school office or phone Nicola Parker 843 2800 or Michelle Sparrow on 843 3914

To Rent:

2 bedroom Unit with attached lockable garage.
80b Clyde Street \$200 per week
Ph: Pat/Jan 07) 8567870

Lost

Monday after lunch. Room 7.

I lost some praying hands I got for my baptism. They were on the Prayer Table. It looks like this but a bit different – the hands are more closed up and the person is not so much a baby. It's about 12cm high. Please help get them back to Room 7's Prayer Table. Thanks, Casey.



Sausage Sizzle – This Friday. \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal