

29 November

Focus for the Week: Next Sunday marks the beginning of Advent and the beginning of the new Church year.

A time to prepare for the birth of Christ in your life.

Discerning what you can do to welcome Christ into your life.

Valuing your relationship with Christ as a precious gift from God.

Experiencing the renewed presence of Christ in your life.

Nurturing the faith of those entrusted to your care.

Taking time to explain the true meaning of Christmas to others.

Let this Advent be an opportunity for you and your family to prepare a place in your hearts for Christ.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School:

Principal's platform:

When putting classes together the senior teachers look at such things as class size, gender ratio, academic needs, social needs, learning styles versus teaching styles and ethnic balance. I ask that you recognise the experience of the senior teachers and their ability to place children accordingly under the outlined criteria. The staff has a vision of the whole picture, not just one brush stroke. **Only speak to a senior teacher if you feel that you have something pertinent and compelling that would help us best place your child.** Please note that it is not like picking lollies in a sweet shop. Compelling evidence is not, "My child would like...", nor "I would like...."

In consultation with their team of teachers and the current teacher of your child, Mrs Keoghan will draft the class lists for Years 1-3, Mrs Chadwick for Years 4 & 5, Mr Sommerville for Years 6, Mrs Troon for Year 7 & 8. The consultation process is open for three days beginning Monday 4 December and ends Wednesday 6 December.

Mrs Keoghan is available on Wednesday morning 6 December from 8.30 a.m..

Mrs Chadwick is available after school on Monday 4 December until 4 p.m.

Mr Sommerville will be available on Wednesday morning 6 December by appointment.

Mrs Troon will be available on Wednesday morning 6 December by appointment.

N.B. The final decision as to which child is in what class remains the responsibility of the school.

Please note that where there is a composite class, at least two thirds of the class are of the older year group. The exception to this is at the Year 1 and 2 level where classes at this level are generally arranged by age and ability to lessen the range within the class.

| 2007 | | Teacher | |
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| Rm 1 | Year 2 | Mrs Anna Ellmers | Mrs Keoghan (Reading Recovery & Assessment) |
| Rm 2 | Y1 & Y2 | Mrs Yvonne Vosper | |
| Rm 3 | | Mrs Anne Stack Term 2 | (not assigned to a class in Term 1) |
| Rm 4 | Year 1 | Mrs Colleen James | |
| Rm 5 | Year 1 | Mrs Antonia Fong | |
| Rm 6 | Year 2 | Mrs Dael Cullingworth | |
| Rm 7 | Y2 & Y3 | Mrs Cheryl Fletcher | |
| Rm 8 | Y3/Y4 | Mrs Cathy Chadwick | |
| Rm 9 | Y3 | Mrs Elsie Flay /Mrs Carol Berry | |
| Rm 10 | Y3/Y4 | Mrs Marie Montgomery | |
| Rm 11 | Y4 | Mrs Claire Bradley | |
| Rm 12 | Y4 & 5 | Mrs Louella Dinnan (new staff member) | |
| Rm 13 | Y4 & 5 | Mrs Shirley Kedian | |
| Rm 14 | Y5 | Mrs Bronagh Crook | |
| Rm 15 | Y6 | Miss Kim Oliver | |
| Rm 16 | Y6 | Mr Mike Sommerville | |

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| Rm 17 | Y8 | Mrs Christine Troon | |
| Rm 18 | Y8 | Mrs Liz Walker | |
| Rm 19 | Y5/6 | Miss Maria Wilson | |
| Rm 20 | Yr 7/8 | Mrs Catherine Swney | |
| Rm 21 | Year 7 | Mrs Natalie Steens | |
| Rm 22 | Year 7 | Mrs Maree Clarke | |

The class lists for 2006 will be published on the afternoon of Tuesday 19 December. The lists are published before the end of the school year so that as a parent you are able to act positively and encourage prospective classmates around to play over the holidays and also for your child to start the year with the security of at least knowing their teacher's name. **Please do not ask for classes to be changed once they are published, as any request will be declined. I have confidence in my staff and in the systems of guidance and support that are in place. I ask for your support.**

If your child is leaving Marian School at the end of the year and you have not yet told me, please do so now. This information is necessary for putting classes together for next year.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community Patrick O'Connor (Rm8) and his family.

Bereavements:

We offer our deepest sympathy to Melissa Petrin (Rm13) & Kelly Petrin (Rm4), whose much loved great-grandfather passed away. May he rest in peace.

Full School Assembly: This Thursday in the Cathedral – 1:30pm

Full School Advent Liturgy: Friday at 11:15 in the Cathedral

Advent is an important time in the Liturgical year. To begin Advent our two Cathedral communities will be joining for a liturgy this Friday (flier attached). This has become a tradition over several years. The ceremony will take about 45 mins. Please join us. There will be a cuppa afterwards.



The communities of St Peters Cathedral and the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Catholic and Anglican Bishops invite you to an Advent Liturgy at the Cathedral of the

Blessed Virgin Mary This coming Friday 1 December 2006 7.00 pm

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

Our Marian Pasifika Culture Group is now unwinding for the festive season. We will have a short practice tomorrow 12-12:30 then Hooray, Yummy Lunch!

Lunch will be provided for our members to say 'thank you!' Thank you so much for their commitment, involvement and participation throughout the year.

The Pasifika Team!

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE

All outstanding books need to be returned now!

Ukuleles for Christmas: Ukuleles in a variety of colours for sale, through Mrs Noeline Kennedy, with matching bag - \$42.00 each. All ukuleles are sold with a neck strap. If you are interested in purchasing these for your child for Christmas, please call in at the school office for details.

Cricket Draw:

Friday 5:30pm start

Yorkers vs Melville bashers @ Glenview Park
Stumpers vs Cambridge Runners @ Marian School
Thunderbolts vs Hukanui Shooters @ Flagstaff Park
All Stars vs HN West Stags @ Hn West School
Blockers vs Orini Red Caps @ Flagstaff park 2 **NB= 4:30 START**
Saturday 9am start
Blasters vs St Joseph Gold @ to be played 16 December
Force vs Fairfield @ Fairfield Intermediate
Strikers vs Morrinsville Primary @ Morrinsville Primary. (From main St of Morrinsville, Left onto Canada St, Right onto Anderson St, Left onto Lincoln St.)

Waterpolo

Tonight is the finals night for Water polo. Both teams have played incredibly well over the season and it has been very pleasing to see the children all improve and develop as players. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players for their wonderful commitment and team spirit they have shown this year. We have been practising at 6.30am every Thursday morning for the last two terms and it has been wonderful to see 20+ players enthusiastically waiting for the coaches to arrive. Thanks to all the parents for supporting their children. I would also like to acknowledge the support from Jessica and Thomas in coaching and sharing expertise and passion for the sport.

Games tonight.

Marian Blue vs St Peter Chanel 5.30
Marian Red vs Berkley 7.00 –this is the final for Division 1
Please come along to Waterworld tonight and support our teams
Liz Walker

Year 9 Sacred Heart School Uniform for Sale

Excellent condition includes 2 s/s shirts, 1 skirt, 1 jersey, 1 blazer, 1 PE top all purchased new this year. Size 12 - skirt 77cm. Please call Debbie (07) 834 1623 wk or 021 135 2738.

Carols! Carols! Carols!

Angels of Advent carol Festival at St Andrews Church, Te Aroha St, Saturday 2 December at 4:15pm. If you would like to sing in the Festival Choir please phone Kristin 853 6008.

Entry is a can of Food. All proceeds to the Foodbank.

Wanted: Do you have an old coat, pushchair or car-seat that you no longer require. I am always on the look out. Please ring me if you can help.

Thanks - Martha

Lost:

- A right foot black roman sandal named Emily Williams on strap – please return to Rm19
- A silver fliptop mobile (either Samsung or Sanyo) – please return to Olivia Smilie Rm21.
- A St John's First Aid envelope containing a tooth. Please return to Georgia Clements Rm14
- 1 Rugby ball, white with a black stripe. Has Rebel Sport on one side and Gilbert on the other. Please return to Liam Fellowes Rm12.

Congratulations:

- To Stefan Krystman who attended the Northern Zones Kyokushin Karate Tournament in Auckland. He came 1st in the Boys 10-11Kumit (full contact fight) and 2nd in the Boys 10-11 Kata (5-1 Kyu). Well done Stefan!
- To Amy Alex (Rm15) who was recently awarded Distinction in her Grade 3 Trinity College Speech and Drama exam and High Merit for her Piano exam. Well done Amy!

Irish Set Dancing: Reminder to come along on Monday evening 7:30pm to 8:30pm at the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Hillcrest Dental Centre: For those students moving onto to secondary school next year, the Hillcrest Dental Service is one of the few dental practices still providing government-funded dental care to those students under 18 years old. Students can enrol by calling into the practice, corner of Masters Ave and Cambridge Rd, or phoning 856 7462

For Sale: Two Jack Russell Puppies for sale - 1 female and 1 male. 8 weeks old, (\$300ea) wanting a loving and friendly home. Jack Russells are high energy, high character dogs that enjoy company. If interested, phone Michael & Judy 856 5650

Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra: The thank you concert – Sunday 3 December at the Founders Theatre. 'A Little Bit of Irish'. Tickets at any Hamilton Library or door sales one hour prior to showtime.

Holiday Programmes:

- **Southern Pacific Tennis** – Lil Kiwis for 5-8 yrs 9am – 12noon Mon-Fri and Pure Tennis for 9-12yrs & Teens 9am -12noon also Monday-Friday. Pick up an enrolment at the school office.
- **3-Day Christmas School Holiday Course:** 3D Modelling, animation, games design & thinking skills. Challenging your mind with exciting Bubble Dome workshops. Create unique characters and environments, design houses for animals, insects, humans or aliens. Develop intriguing maps with hidden codes and secret passages! January 23,24, 25 January for 5-9yr olds and 10-15 yr olds) Course is held in Auckland. Please contact Rebecca Merle, 09-622 0670 or email; becky@bubbledome.co.nz
- **Christmas Legends:** We will be exploring the legends of the Christmas Tree on 21 Dec and the Candy Cane on 22 Dec. We will also be making fantastic crafts, cards and having loads of fun. Pick up an enrolment form & details from the school office.

Sausage Sizzle this Friday \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

OUT OF SCHOOL MUSIC NOTICE

Classes for 2006 are coming to an end.

Wed Guitar – finished

Thurs Violin – 30 November

Fri Violin – both classes – 1 December

Mon Guitar – 4 December

Tue Flute – 5 December

Thurs Flute – 7 December

Trumpets – 6 December

Sax/Clarinet – Mon 11 December – Note – there is an extra lesson this

Friday 1 December

▪ PLEASE SETTLE ANY OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.

▪ **HIRE INSTRUMENTS – Those not continuing next year MUST return their instruments at the final lessons. If you wish to keep your instrument over the holiday break you must fill in and return the slip below, to the office, by Friday 1 December.**

SCHOOL HIRE INSTRUMENT HOLIDAY LOAN

My child.....wishes to keep his/her instrument over the holiday break.

Instrument..... Number.....

Signed.....Phone.....