

6 December

Focus for the Week:**“Putting Prayer back into Advent”**

We've all heard the catchphrase 'let's put Christ back into Christmas'. Well, why don't we put PRAYER back into ADVENT. These next weeks before Christmas can be hectic and stressful; anything else but a time of prayerful preparation for the coming of the Christ child.

Last Sunday, was the beginning of the Season of Advent. Let's make a concerted effort to ensure that PRAYER AND PREPARATION are our focus.

God has some amazing gems to offer us this Advent; but we could easily let them pass by, unnoticed. I'm talking about the gift of wisdom that God offers through his Word, the sacred scriptures. The Word of God reaches our ears when the Minister of the Word *proclaims* it *boldly, clearly and with confidence* (cum fide – *with faith*). Its power touches our hearts when we *listen attentively*. Let's surround the Word with silence so that we can truly hear God speak!

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform: Pupil reports will be sent home next Friday, 15 December along with the 2007 Stationery lists for each age group for next year. The class lists for 2007 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 around 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.

The Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Greg Jordan as our new Caretaker. Mr Jordan, who is well known to the school as a former parent, a neighbour and as a relief teacher will begin a two week induction programme next week with our current caretaker Mr Groufsky, who retires on the last day of school.

Elections will be held at the end of March for the Board of Trustees. If you have a real sense of belonging at Marian and want the best for all children then perhaps you are the right person to stand for election. Give it some thought over the holiday period.

Welcome: We warmly welcome Kate Jefferson (Rm5) into our school community

Correction to PTFA Notice: Please note incorrect Date on the PTFA BBQ notice for this weekend. The BBQ is held on **Sunday 10th** at 4:30pm NOT Saturday.

Team 3 Mass: Held tomorrow (Thursday) will now be at 9:45 not 9:30 as noted on the school calendar.

Vision & Hearing: The Technician will be visiting the school on 13th December in order to carry out ear and eye checks for 5year olds who have enrolled since 4-9-06. If you do not wish your child to be tested or your child is under specialist care, please send a note along to the child's teacher or to the school office.

International/ESOL Reminder: The end of Year Christmas Dessert night will be held on Friday 8 December at 7:30pm in the School Hall – see you all there. Martha

Stuck for Christmas Presents? Our PTFA have come to the rescue and have printed a fabulous cookbook for only \$10.00. (On sale at the school office). These make great gifts for leavers, grandparents and friends and the recipes have kindly been donated by parents of the school.

Urgently required for Junior Nativity Play: One brass long necked Vessel for a Wise Man. Please see Anna Ellmers, Rm 7 if you can help us. The play will be on Friday 8th December.

Irish Set Dancing: Monday 11th December will be our last get-together for 2006. To wrap up the year, we are going to have a longer session from 7:00pm to 8:30pm which will include some live Irish Musical items.

Looking forward to seeing you there – Jo Sanders

Cricket Draw:Friday 5:30pm start

Yorkers vs Cambridge Small Caps @ Marian Sch
Stumpers vs St Josephs Volts @ Flagstaff Park
All Stars vs Rototuna Green @ Flagstaff Park
Thunderbolts vs Cambridge Colts @ Victoria Sq, Cambridge
Blockers vs Insoll @ Insoll Ave

Saturday 9am start

Blasters vs Southwell Hunters @ Southwell Sch 2
Force vs Old Boys Colts @ Discovery Park 2
Strikers vs Suburbs Black Caps @ Discovery Park 1

The Waikato Touch Association is holding a development session on Saturday 16th December 2006 at Swarbrick Park for your team referees.

Time: 9.30am – 11.00am, bring your whistle and touch shoes and water bottle.

The session will help with your on field work and will be a practical session.

If you require extra information please contact me.

RSVP: Friday 15th December by return email

Regards

Lynette Blair -Module Coordinator

Basketball

There are a number of T-shirts that have not been returned this season. Please return to Room 18 before Friday

Water Polo

Marian Red competed in the North Island Champs in Auckland from Thurs Nov 30 – Sun 3 Dec. They were place 8th out of 30 teams competing in two divisions. This was a fantastic effort and all the games were very close. Thanks to all the parents who supported the efforts to get them there.

Special thanks to;

- Cathy O'Shea Miles for sponsorship.
- Sandra Goudie for her generous support of a raffle prize and organising the garage sale, also her support while in Auckland.
- Dennis Turton for his help and support while in Auckland.
- Jessica Walker for her fantastic water polo expertise

Liz Walker
Coach

Flippa Ball Finals - 10th December - Finals

| Game | Start Time | Teams | | Position |
|------|------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| | | White Caps | Blue Caps | |
| 1 | 3:00 | Marian Dolphins | Te Rapa 2 | Loser 9th/Winner playoff 7th/8th |
| 2 | 3:20 | Marian Seals | Te Rapa 1 | Semi-Final |
| 3 | 3:35 | Marian Marlins | Hukanui | Semi-Final |
| 4 | 3:50 | Knighon | Winner Game 1 | Playoff 7th/8th |
| 5 | 4:10 | Hillcrest | Deanwell | Playoff 5th/6th |
| 6 | 4:20 | Loser Game 2 | Loser Game 3 | Playoff 3rd/4th |
| 7 | 5:40 | Winner Game 2 | Winner Game 3 | Final |

Congratulations:

- Ben Taylor won the Farmers Colouring In Santa Parade Competition and won himself a \$200.00 gift voucher, a new bed, an Elf costume and a ride with Santa in the Santa Parade. What a great Christmas you're going to have Ben!
- Sarah Harris came 1st in Karate Kata. Well done Sarah!

Young Vinnies Cake Stall: This Sunday after 10:30am Mass the Young Vinnies will hold a cake stall to raise funds for those in need in our community.

Wanted: Empty baby food jars – please drop off to Rm 2

Lost:

- A school hat and PE shirt named Monique McDonald – please return to Rm5.
- A pair of glasses, blue frame, in a blue case. Named Neshma Emile inside the case. Please return to Rm21.
- One black roman sandal named C Hilton – please return to Rm 9
- A polar fleece named O'Halloran – please return to Rm20
- A PE Top and shorts size 8. Please return to Keaton August Rm 6

Please Help: Does anyone know how to 'Tat'. If so, please contact Daphne Hutton on 855 1670

For Sale:

- Sacred Heart College uniform, 1 size 10 shirt, 1 size 12 summer shirt, 1 size 12 winter shirt, years 9-12 only. Text or phone 021 250 2651
- A Yr 7/8 Girls Uniform, size 10, skirt, 2 x white shirts, Jersey and PE shirt. Excellent condition – phone 856 5595 Louise
- A Sacred Heart Yr 9/10 uniform for sale – a size 77cm skirt, 2 X Med sports shirts, 2 x blouses size 10/12, 1 jersey size 12/14. \$100.00 for the lot. Phone 843 5312 and leave a message.

School Holiday Programmes:

- Kids to Five have vacancies from children aged between 5 – 10 years old. Contact Maria 846 7180 for more details.
- Tennis from 8 Jan to 2 Feb. Pick up enrolments at school office. Also - Term 4 coaching commences 12 February, 2007.
- Waimarie: Hamilton East Community House
WHAT: Spring Holiday Programme
WHEN: 15th Jan 07- 5th Feb 07
WHERE: 53 Wellington Street.
Child Youth and Families Services, Oscar approved (subsidies available). For enrolment forms or more information, please contact Trudie or Jane on (07) 8583453.

Babysitters available:

- Alex Donoso, 29yrs old, warm mature caring lady with experience. (Children under 5 free). Phone 855 1351 daytime or weekend nights.
- Ex-Marian student, 17 years old, full driver's license. Doesn't mind late evenings. Can do days or nights. Phone Emma 856 1615 or 027 330 2307.

About Decent Films: The website www.decentfilms.com is a site of film appreciation, information, and criticism informed by Christian faith. It is the online home of the film writing of Steven D Greydanus, who is film critic for the National Catholic Register and a member of Online Film Critics Society and the Faith & Film Critics Circle.

Features include:

- A 4-part ratings system that evaluates films for overall recommendability, artistic-entertainment value, moral-spiritual value, and age-appropriateness.
- Robust search options that allow the user to browse and search reviews by a wide range of criteria, including film title, genre, or any of the December Films ratings.
- Rating information from the Motion Picture Association of America and the US Bishops Office of Film and Broadcasting.

Beach House – Pauanui: 2 Bedroom, available from 18 December. \$170.00 per night. Will suit family of 4 or 5. Phone 854 3552

Woodlands: The historic estate is once again decorated for Christmas and invites families to see the displays. \$5.00 for adults and under 15 are free. Open 10am – 4pm daily till 7 January

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$1.00 per sausage.

School will finish for the year on Wednesday 20 December at 12noon and will resume again on Wednesday 7 February, 2007.

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

