

**Focus for the Week:** "Putting Prayer back into Advent"**Parish Bulletin Notice 3****3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, 17 December 2006.**

'To pray' is 'to talk to God'. Sure...other people can talk to God for you, but that's not quite good enough. What God wants is to hear *your* thoughts, *your* words, *your* joys, *your* sorrows. God wants to hear *you!* It doesn't need to be complicated. It doesn't need to be longwinded. In fact, you don't even need to open your mouth. All you need to do, is *open your heart* to the Lord.

The *Prayers of the Faithful* are a time for *you* to pray; not someone else to pray on your behalf. The reader offers an intention; then, in the sacred silence that follows, *you offer your prayer* to God.

Try it! It works!

Dear Parents and Caregivers

**Principal's Platform:** Well folks, the school year is coming to an end, this will be the last newsletter of the year. On behalf of the staff I wish to thank you all for the wonderful support throughout the year and wish you all a happy and joyful Christmas time with family and friends.

Remember Christ this Christmas, make sure your children know and celebrate the Christian joy of Christmas, sadly it is so easy to get lost in the material world. I encourage you to create memories for your children so that for years to come they will be able to share the real meaning of Christmas with others.

If your children and families that are leaving Marian School at the end of this year please feel free to keep popping back to see the many wonderful changes that will take place. You will always be part of the Marian family. May God continue to bless you all. Enjoy the long hot evenings of summer.

**Important Info.**

- The end of year reports for pupils will be issued on Monday along with the pupil portfolios. Please note the change of date to that previously notified.
- 2007 class lists will now be published on Monday 18 December to coincide with reports going home. The lists are published before the end of the school year so that as a parent you 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.
- Classes end at 12 noon on Wednesday 20 December. After School Care will operate throughout the afternoon.
- Carol Service and Year 8 Graduation Tuesday 19 December.
- The School office will reopen on Monday 22 January.
- Classes begin on 7 February 2007.
- Second Hand Uniform Shop: The shop will be open during the holidays on Wednesday 31 January from 11:30am – 1:30pm. All new uniforms available from Postie Plus

**Board of Trustee Elections 29 March 2007**

Early indications are that three trustees will not be seeking re-election in 2007. If you are considering putting your name forward for election, the School Trustee Association are running community forums between 22 January and 1 February. Check out the venues on; [www.trustee-election.co.nz](http://www.trustee-election.co.nz)

The forums will cover – the information needed before standing as a candidate;



- board composition/membership;
- eligibility criteria;
- desirable skills, experience and behaviour for trustees;
- the role and responsibilities of the board; and
- where to access further help

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome Nicholas Lindstrom (Rm5) into our school community.

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

- Ben Taylor (Rm10), whose grandmother passed away.
- Terence Coombe (Rm21) whose great-grandmother passed away.

May they rest in peace.

**Final Full School Mass:** Mass will be celebrated tomorrow (Thursday) at 9:30 in the Cathedral. All welcome. At this Mass we ask if you could all please remember those who are less fortunate than others in our community. Please bring along a small parcel labeled boy, girl, woman or man etc. Alternatively, a parcel of food for the food bank would also be appreciated.

**Carol Service – Yr 8 Leavers:** A reminder that the Carol Service will be held on Tuesday at 6:30pm. Parents of Yr8 leavers are invited for a cup of tea or coffee in Te Whare after the Carol Service. This is a chance for a quick chat and final farewell.

**Mass Times at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

Sunday 24 Dec - 6pm Vigil  
- 11:15 Carol followed by Midnight Mass

Monday 25 Dec – 7:30am & 10:30am  
New Years Day – Monday 12pm

**Secondary School Buses:** For children who catch a secondary school bus, the final run will be tomorrow (Thursday 14). Please make alternative arrangements to get to and from school.

**School Lunches:** There will be no school lunches next week or in Week 1, 2007.

**Lost Property:** Please come and check the Lost Property boxes as there are a large amount of unclaimed articles. If not cleared by the holidays, articles will be washed and resold through the second hand uniform shop!

**A Very Big Thank you:** Thank you for your support this year. I finish tomorrow to spend Christmas in Ireland and hopefully play in the snow! Wishing all our families and friends a safe and happy season. - Martha



**Team 2 Athletics Results:**

Sprints:-

7 year girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Shauri Whitehead, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mariah Komene, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kristen Clements  
7 year boys; 1<sup>st</sup> Harris Abraham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mitchel Welsh, 3<sup>rd</sup> David Kang  
8 year girls; 1<sup>st</sup> Janice Timotius, 2<sup>nd</sup> Madeleine Muldowney, 3<sup>rd</sup> Yena Jang  
8 year boys; 1<sup>st</sup> Caedyn Lim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lewis Corby, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tayne Tupaea  
9 year girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Kate Evetts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lizzie Grace, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ciara Gyde  
9 year boys: 1<sup>st</sup> Connor Hutton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Panashe Machingura, 3<sup>rd</sup> Daniel Jeon

High Jump:-

1<sup>st</sup> Michael Weir, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kate Evetts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Oliver Goodall

**Congratulations**

Waterpolo -

Lashara Lim, Samantha Goudie, Michael MacKenzie and Eoin Miles. These students are representing Waikato u/14 Waterpolo Teams at the National Tournament in Wellington

Cricket

Mathew Swney has been selected to play for the Hamilton U/12 Gold Team – the team are participating in the Wanganui Cricket Festival in Jan/ Feb 2007

Flippa Ball



The Marian Marlins won the Flippa Ball final playing Marian Seals.

The first semi final was a great game. Marian seals vs Te Rapa 1  
The score was 3 – 1. The second semi final was the

Marian Marlins vs Hukanui . The score was 4 – 1 . The final was an awesome game between Marian Seals vs Marian Marlins The final outcome was 3 – 1 to the

Marian Marlins

Eliot Jessep and Sam Franicevic

Sport Reminders

Cricket gear bags need to be returned by Friday  
There are still some basketball singlets to be returned. **Friday is the deadline.**

**Reminder:** School Community morning tea for all our parent helpers will be held this Thursday (tomorrow) after Full School Mass.

**Help Wanted:** Parents to help check and repair junior readers. Please see Maureen Keoghnan Rm1.

For Sale:

- Sacred Heart College uniform, 1 size 10 skirt, 1 size 12 summer shirt, 1 size 12 winter shirt, years 9-12 only. Text or phone 021 250 2651
- A blue Girls Bike 24in, good condition, Huffy brand. \$60.00 Ph Theresa 855 5804 after 5pm
- Swimming pool 366cm x 76cm, filter and cover \$100.00 - Ph Theresa 855 5804 after 5pm

**Found:** A silver cross – Please collect from the school office

Lost

- A polar fleece named Takitimu – please return to Rm 10.
- A bucket hat named Morgan Hogg – Please return to Rm20.

**Kittens:** Free to a good home. 7-weeks old, fully toilet trained. 1 black & white male and 2 females tortoiseshell/tabby. Can be held till Christmas. Phone Gabrielle or Sheryl 855 6816

**Riverlea Stagecraft** "Enjoy the magic of Theatre!" Drama and singing classes for preschoolers, children, teenagers and Adults  
Classes commence 12th February 2007. For enquiries and enrolments: Enrolment Day 3 February 2007 9am-12noon Riverlea Theatre, Riverlea Rd, Hamilton. On line at [www.riverlea.org.nz](http://www.riverlea.org.nz)  
Email: [boxoffice@riverlea.org.nz](mailto:boxoffice@riverlea.org.nz) Phone 8565450 (Louise) Day . Phone 8566348 (Cecilia) evenings

**Dolphinz Swim School** – Enquiries to Lisa 843 3380. Plus ask about our pool birthday parties.

**Sausage Sizzle** – Friday \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam  
Principal



**SCHOOL HIRE INSTRUMENTS**

- If you are wanting to keep your instrument over the holidays please fill in the form below and return to the office this week.
- Year 8 pupils must return their instruments to the office by Friday.
- Those with outstanding fees will not be able to have an instrument over the holidays. **Please settle accounts this week.**

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**SCHOOL HIRE INSTRUMENT HOLIDAY LOAN**

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

Instrument.....

Number.....

Signed.....

.Phone.....

