

7 February

**Focus for the Week:** Love of God is the highest of all human values. This is the value to which the Holy Spirit is leading us. Love 'transvalues' all other values. Love alone brings a human being to perfect maturity. Those who run schools of love and those who are students in this school need to be very definite about their goal and its supreme value. It is easier to commit ourselves to the love of God if we are convinced that 'love alone counts'. Physical, intellectual and moral growth are important but without love, says St Paul, they are nothing at all (1 Cor. 13).

Fr John Kelly Osco of Southern Star Abbey, Kopua

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:** A very special welcome back to the school year, in particular welcome to the 72 new students who started today and to the new families who have joined our school community.

Welcome also to the following staff that have joined us, Mrs Dinnan (Teacher Rm 12), Mr Jordan (Caretaker) and Mrs Marshall (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour).

Now that the year is underway there is a real buzz around the classrooms with happy children sharing their holiday experiences. A school is nothing without the sound of the children and I am happy to have them back safely. Please **avoid using the Firth Street cul-de-sac before and after school as a pick up and drop off point.** The safest entry point into the school is by using the Beale St entrance and car park.

The dental therapists are in the school this term and have set up base in the Whare. Time permitting, all domestic students should be screened for dental care this term.

As the year progresses, please feel welcome to come and see me if there is ever an issue causing you concern.

**Full School Mass:** will be celebrated tomorrow in the Cathedral at 9:45am. All welcome.

**Monday Morning Prayer:** The whole school assembles in the church at 9am for a 15 minute prayer assembly each Monday. It is important that children are in class at the 8.55am bell on a Monday. If your child arrives late i.e. 9am-9:15, please take them directly to the church.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB** Scholastic book orders will go to each child's teacher with exact payment in an envelope with teacher's name and room number. Please ensure the child's name is on the order form.

This is a change of organisation for 2007 and your teacher will help you with any queries.

The closing date for the first order is **Friday 16th February**.

Thank you

Barbara Brown (Librarian)

**Hats:** Children must wear their summer hats during Term 1. It is part of our school policy. New hats may be purchased from Postie Plus.

### **School Lunches**

School lunches are available Monday to Thursday commencing next Monday 12 February. We now have a selection of delicious hot meals and refreshing salads

available. We will not be selling pies this term. Lunch orders are taken between 8.30 and 9 am in the corridor outside the library. We will require 4 parent helpers to take orders (one each day). If you can spare 30 minutes, one morning a week, please contact the office or fill in the form below.

**Sport Notices:** Cricket, Touch Rugby and Flippa Ball notices have been sent home today. These are all due back **this Monday** with payments inside a named envelope marking the sport on the outside. Please return to Liz Walker, Room 18. If your child missed out on a notice, please pick one up from the school office

**PTFA – AGM:** Will be held on Monday 19 February in the Staffroom at 7:30am. All welcome. We would love to see new members

**Informal Fish 'N Chip Night:** Friday 9 February from 5:30 – 7:30pm. BYO. Meet in the Junior Playground. All welcome. This is a great way to meet new families.

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

**Lost Property – LAST CHANCE!** Monday 12 February, will be the opportunity to retrieve your **named** lost property, by second hand uniform shop. This will be on display on Monday 12 from 2pm-3pm. From then on, it will be sold through Martha and the funds will go to the Welfare fund. There will be no more Second Hand Uniform Shop available.

Uniforms may be given to Martha but we will no longer sell on behalf of. They may be sold on Trade Me or through the usual outlets.

If you are in urgent need of second hand uniforms – please see Martha beforehand.

**P.E. Shirts:** As of Tuesday 13 February, PE Shirts will be sold at the office during school hours. \$28.00 each.

**Hamilton Marist Soccer Club:** Annual Soccer Muster will be held Sunday 7 March from 11:00am – 1:00pm at Marian School. Please mark your calendars now. Registration will be available for Boys and Girls of all ages. Shorts and Socks will be available for purchase at the Muster. For further information, please contact Jack or Sue Cousins 849 2226

**Out of School Music** – Notices sent home with newsletter today

**2007 Board of Trustee Elections:**

Nominations will be called in Week 3 as the Elections are to held on 29 March, 2007.

If you are interested or would like to know more information, please contact John Coulam. A list of the existing Board members is on the wall in the main foyer.

Please give this serious consideration.

**REV Cycling Fest:** The Perry Foundation REV Cycling Festival is on February 24, 2007. This is a cycling extravaganza for children, families, friends and businesses. The festival is a day long event which marks the start of the Bikewise week promotion. Everyone is welcome and there is an event to suit everyone from kids on trikes through to 60+ year olds.

One of the Bikewise REV kids events is a 6km Mountain Bike ride through Ruakura Farmland and tracks (which are normally closed to the public). This is for under 10 year olds and will start after the REV 120 races.

There are heaps of exciting events and entertainment planned for the day and it's a great day to pack up your family, a picnic and get on your bike and come down to the University of Waikato fields to experience this great event – corner Silverdale and Knighton Roads, Hamilton.

Entry is **FREE** to all children, but kids are encouraged to register online at [www.therev.co.nz](http://www.therev.co.nz) if they want to take part. There are many other activities for families on the day including Bouncy Castles, dress your bike competition, Bike sprints, Lollie scrambles and much more.

**French After-School Programme**

The French classes for children from 5 – 11 years will start 15.02.2007 at Marian School

Thursdays **French** 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Teacher: *Patricia Gammeter*

For enquiries and bookings please contact:

**Anne Eddy: 856 5258 [anne@funlanguages.co.nz](mailto:anne@funlanguages.co.nz)**

[www.funlanguages.co.nz](http://www.funlanguages.co.nz)

If you are interested in a Spanish or German class please contact me as well.

**Free Ear Clinic for Terms 1 & 2:** Clinic Days –

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 8:30am – 1:00pm.

Appointments cannot be made for this service.

Term 1 – Insoll Ave School Dental Clinic, Insoll Ave, 7 Feb – 7 March

Nawton Primary School Dental Clinic, Livingstone Ave, 12 March – 4 April

Term 2 – Nawton Primary School Dental Clinic, 23 April – 24 April

Whitiora Primary School Dental Clinic, Willoughby St, 30 April – 30 May

Hamilton East Primary School Dental Clinic, Dawson St, 5 June – 26 June

**YMCA Children's Activities** - 36 Pembroke St, Hamilton.

Y's Gymnastics - for children of all ages to stimulate and develop physical and motor skills.

Y's Art Club – members of NZ Art House Foundation. For children aged 7 – 17 years.

Birthday Parties – a party with a difference for ages 1-13.

For more information phone 838 2529

**For Sale:**

- A Sacred Heart School Blazer, skirt and shirt (size 12) \$200.00 the lot. Phone Sue 846 4523
- Marian School Jacket size small adult. In good condition. \$30.00. Phone Chris 843 2919 after 5pm.
- Intermediate girls, size 12 uniform for sale includes summer shirts, winter shirts, Skirt, jersey, long socks and PE uniform & hat. All in excellent condition. \$80.00 the lot. Also have Marist soccer shirts size 10 & socks, \$10.00. Phone Shayne 853,6277

**Sausage Sizzle:** There will be no sausage sizzle this week

God Bless You

John Coulam

**Principal**

**Flyers:**

- Out of School Music Notice
- Letter from our DRS



**Term Dates for 2007:**

Term 1 – 7 Feb – 5 April

Term 2 – 23 April – 29 June

Term 3 - 16 July – 21 Sept

Term 4 - 8 Oct – 20 Dec

**School Lunches Menu: Monday – Thursday**

*Please note price increase*

Filled roll ( <i>ham, chicken, vege</i> ) ....	\$3.00
Wholegrain salad sandwich – ( <i>ham, chicken or vege</i> )	\$3.00
Pizza .....	\$2.00
Sushi .....	4-pack \$4.50
	6-pack \$6.50
Hot Meals:- .....	\$3.00
<i>Stir Fry, Lasagna, Macaroni Cheese, Cottage Pie</i>	
Salads: .....	<i>Ham, Chicken, Vegetarian</i> \$3.00
Muffin .....	\$1.50
Jumbo cookie ...	\$1.20
Fresh fruit .....	.50c
Fresh milk chocolate ....	\$1.50
Fresh milk strawberry ...	\$1.50
CalciYum chocolate ...	\$1.50
CalciYum caramel .....	\$1.50
Juice .....	\$1.50
Snack pack ...	\$2.00
Popcorn .....	.50c

**Lunches Reply Slip:**

I am available to take lunch orders on (*please circle*)

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