

28 February

Focus for the Week: *God has some amazing gems to offer us this Lent; 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 SACRED SILENCE so that we can truly hear God speak!*

Parish Bulletin Notice 3.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

Life seems so hectic at the moment, tomorrow is the first of the Ministry's roll audits for the year, how much easier a computerised system makes life!

Last week I attended the Learning at Schools Conference in Rotorua, it was pleasing to see that the direction this school is taking with the pedagogy of Inquiry Learning and the utilisation of Information Technologies in the delivering of the curriculum is at the leading edge of current practice. By the start of next term all Yr 6- Yr 8 classrooms will have digital capability with fixed data projectors, DVD and sound systems. These technologies coupled with the trolley of laptops for pupil use bring the world into the classroom. All other classes in the school have access to mobile versions of the above.

From next Tuesday, I will be in Christchurch for the week, visiting Catholic Schools and meeting with the New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals' Executive of which I am a member. In my absence please direct all curriculum or discipline enquiries to my Deputy, Mrs Delia Wilson. Mrs Panettiere (Marian) will be able to handle most other enquiries in the first instance.

B.O.T. Elections 2007 – update: All parents/caregivers on the voting roll should have received their nomination paper in the mail by today. If not, spare copies are held at the school office. Nominations close 15 March at 12 noon. If more than six names have been nominated, then an election will be held.

Regards

Marian Panettiere – Returning Officer

Parent/Teacher Interviews: These will be held on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 March. See notice sent home today for more details. **Please note early bell times on these days.** ONE reply slip per family to be returned to Marian in the office by Wednesday 7 March.

Vision & Hearing: The technicians will be visiting the school on 15 March and will do hearing and vision tests on all new entrant children. Repeat tests of previously identified children with possible defects who are not under specialist care, requests from teachers and parents and vision checks on Yr 7 boys.

If your child is under specialist care or you do not wish the technician to carry out these tests then please notify the class teacher in writing.

Marian Pasifikanz Culture Group:

Kia Ora! Kia Orana! malo e lelei! Bula Bula Vinaka! Kona mauri! Hello! Aloha! Talofa lava! Warm Pacific Greetings!

It's time to start our Marian Pasifikanz Culture Group for 2007. Children of all ages are welcome.

When: next Thursday 8 March 2007

Where: School Hall

Time: 12:30

We'd love to see you there!

Many thanks - Joanna



Tool Box parenting: You are invited to hear Elaine Horne give a presentation on parenting Skills for parents of children 0 – 6 years old.

When: 20 March

Where: School Hall

Time: 2-3pm

Cricket Draw:*Friday cricket – 5:30pm start*

Thunderbolts vs St Joes Sparks @ St Joes Fairfield

All Stars vs Tamahere Knights @ Tamahere School

Stumpers vs Hukanui Arrows @ Flagstaff Park

Yorkers vs Cambridge Small Caps @ Uni 3

Blockers vs Hillcrest Hitters @ Hillcrest Normal School

Saturday cricket – 9am start

Blasters vs Berkley Blue @ Raymond Park 1

Force vs Old Boys Colts @ Raymond Park 2

Strikers vs Suburbs Six @ Flagstaff Park 2

Marist Junior Soccer Club: The Marist Junior Soccer Club registrations are now open. If you were unable to attend the muster at school last Sunday then collect a registration form from the school office. Teams will be drafted over the next weeks, so don't delay. Closer to the start of the season socks and shorts will be on sale through the school.

Hn Marist Rugby Club – Weigh In and Registration Day for all Junior players. This Sunday, 4th March from 1pm – 4pm at Marist Club Rooms, Old Farm Rd. Any queries, contact Alan Jones 855 3076.

Australasian Competition FINAL NOTICE – Please fill in the slip below if you wish to enter these competitions. Payment and forms must be in **by TOMORROW 1 March**

PTFA Pie Extravaganza: Yes, it's back again this year. Those of you who are looking forward to stocking up these yummy pies for the holidays will not be disappointed. Order forms will be sent home with next week's newsletter. Delivery date is Tuesday 3 April. Watch this space. Thank you – Shienping Dennis (PTFA)
P.S. Please phone 858 2236 if you can help.

Lost:

- A pair of black velcro sandals – not named – please return to Dominc Clentworth (Rm14)
- Black Roman Sandals named Monique McDonald – please return to Rm 5.

For Sale:

- Soccer boots (Size 6) and boots. Pleae phone Andre 021 027 96120

UNIFORM CLEARANCE SALE

Brim hats (Large / extra large) - \$5 each
 Long sleeve polos (to fit seniors – 7/8 years) – \$15 each
 Track Suit Pants (sizes 12, 14 and 16) - \$10 each
 These can be purchased at the office.
 NB – Limited stocks only

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 each.

God Bless

John Coulam
Principal

Easter Fundraising Opportunity: Bakers Delight would like to offer Marian School Community to opportunity to take part in the Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser for 2007. This year, Bakers Delight is offering the following : **a \$1.00 donation to the school** for every six-pack purchased (at just \$6.00) . Please inform the assistants when you buy your 6-pack that you are from Marian School and your purchase will be recorded electronically. The Hot-Cross buns are packed with lots of sultanas, currants and spices. The mouth-watering Choc Chip Hot Cross buns are also for sale.

Flyers:

- Parent Interview Slips

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AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS –
Reply Slip

Please return with **payment to CLASS TEACHER**

Child's Name _____

Rm _____ Year Level _____

Computer Skills	YES / NO	6.50
Science	YES / NO	6.50
Mathematics	YES / NO	6.50
Writing	YES / NO	13.00
Spelling	YES / NO	8.50
English	YES / NO	6.50

TOTAL =====

Signature _____
(Parent / Caregiver)

Ph NO. _____

Entries close tomorrow THURSDAY 1 MARCH