

9 March

**Focus for the Week:** 'To pray' is 'to talk to God'. Sure ... other people can talk to God for us, that's not enough. What God wants most of all is to hear you! Your prayer 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 is to open your heart to the Lord.

The Prayer of the Faithful is a time for you to pray; not someone else to pray on your behalf. The minister offers an intention; then, in the sacred silence THAT FOLLOWS, you offer your prayer to God.

Try it! It works!

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Dear Parents and Friends of the School

### **Principal's Platform**

There has been a lot of debate in the media of late centred around a parents right to discipline their child. The wellbeing of a child is very important to preparing children for life. Children need and appreciate clear guidelines or boundaries in which to operate. When disciplining a child, it is important to address the behaviour in such a way that the child knows that they are loved and that it is the behaviour that is undesirable, not the child. If the core of the child is destroyed then there is little to work with and society in the end will suffer.

For those families who attended Mass at St Columba's in Frankton or at the Cathedral over the weekend, you will be aware that a major fundraising was launched to raise \$3million to extend the Cathedral, catering for increased capacity, meetings, additional toilets, kitchen facilities, storage and most importantly enhanced features befitting of a modern Cathedral. When this church was opened in 1975 it was built as a parish church, becoming a Cathedral in 1980 when this Diocese was formed. After 32 years of rapid population growth in Hamilton, bigger Mass attendances, and fewer priests, the time is right for this project to proceed. Obviously any increase in capacity will suit the needs of Marian School. The redevelopment will not impact on the current car park. You can help by firstly praying for the success of this project, secondly by considering making a one off donation or by contributing to a 100 week pledge campaign. Alternatively you may be in a position to donate professional expertise that might otherwise need to be paid for. Loose change alone will not make this project happen. Together we can leave a legacy for generations to come as an expression of our faith and our love of God and the church. To contribute either see me directly, I happen to be chairperson of the Cathedral Redevelopment Advisory committee, or see Linda at the Parish office.

**Bereavement:** We offer our deepest sympathy to the Willcock family, whose much loved grandfather passed away last week. May he rest in peace.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community, the following children and their communities: Tietie Kaninteang (Rm4) and Reupena Maka-Tyrell (Rm5).

### **'Second hand Uniform where everyone gets a Bargain' Sale with no money back guarantee!**

Thursday 2pm – 3pm where the old uniform shop was. A very big thank you to all the parents who donated uniforms. We have received quite a lot of clothing therefore I am having a one off sale. First in - first served. Some items are as good as new. All proceeds will go to the welfare fund.

Thanks - Martha

### **Toolbox Parenting Workshops – Practical solutions for parents.**

Well you asked me for it! So here it is....

- The Teenage Years: Held Monday 19 March from 2pm – 3pm in the School Hall. All parents welcome to attend the overview of this 6-week programme.
- The Early Years – 0-6, held on Tuesday 20 March 2pm – 3pm in the School Hall. This is also a 6-week programme.

The numbers for these workshops are limited to 14 per workshop. Both 6-week programmes will run in Term 2.

Martha

**New Parents Morning Tea:** Tuesday 13 March at 9am in the staffroom (enter through the reception area). All parents new to school are most welcome. Come for a cuppa and a chat, and find out anything you don't know about the school.

**Entrance Scholarship Exams to St Pauls Collegiate School.** For boys currently at Yr8 level wishing to enter St Paul's Collegiate in 2008, scholarships exams will take place **on Saturday 5 May, 2007**. Please collect an entry form from Marian at the school office.

**Parent Interviews:** A reminder that Interviews are held on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 (next week). The bell will go at 2:20 on both days. Interviews start at 2:30pm.

The slips are being sent home today with your times highlighted.

If you did not get a form, please collect one from the school office.

**Election Update:** To date there are only 2 names on the board for Nomination. These close on Thursday 15 March at noon. (Next Week).

Don't forget to send along a statement of no more than 400 words with your nomination form if you wish to stand. For existing Board Members who wish to re-stand.... the same applies. You need to be re-elected therefore I will need your nomination forms also.

Marian Panettiere  
Returning Officer.

**Advance notice....Please mark your calendars...** First Eucharist and Confirmation date, in the Cathedral Parish, is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August at the 10.30 am Mass. Enrolments will be taken later this term and the programme will begin in term 2. Children aged 8 and over (or Year 4) are eligible to enrol. Any enquiries to Andrea at the Cathedral office. 8566486 or email [andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz](mailto:andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz)

**Pies:** Order forms are being sent home today. Completed forms with payment, must be returned to school **by Friday 23 March**. Delivery dates is Tuesday 3 April. These pies are great – trust us. Helpers are still needed to pack all these pies on the delivery day. If you can help our, please ring Shienping on 858 2236

**Marian Pasifikanz Culture Group:** Kia Ora! Kia Orana! malo e lelei! Bula Bula Vinaka! Kona mauri! Hello! Aloha! Talofa lava! Warm Pacific Greetings! The Marian Pasifikanz Culture Group for 2007. will meet tomorrow Children of all ages are welcome. When: Thursday 8 March 2007  
Where: School Hall  
Time: 12:30  
See you there!  
Many thanks - Joanna



**Cricket Draw:**  
*Friday Night Cricket – 5:30pm start*  
All Stars vs Tamahere Volts @ Marian School  
Thunderbolts vs Melville Bashers @ Glenview Park  
Stumpers vs Rototuna Yellow @ Flagstaff Park  
Yorkers vs Morrinsville Primary @ Morrinsville Primary  
Blockers vs Puketaha Blue Caps @ Puketaha School  
*Saturday cricket – 9am start*  
Blasters vs Te Kauwhata @ Te Kauwhata College  
Force vs Peachgrove Hurricans @ Peachgrove Int.  
Strikers vs Old Boys Dynamites @ Raymond Park 1

**Touch Rugby:** Congratulations to the Year 3-4 Touch Rugby team whose efforts during Monday and Friday practices is really starting to show on Tuesday's game. Well done to the whole team!

**Sacred Heart & St John's Colleges Basketball U.S.A. Tour:** Monster garage sale on Saturday 31 March at St John's College. If you have any pre-loved furniture, books etc that we could sell please pone Theresa 855 5804 for collection the week leading up to the event.

**Lost:**

- A bucket hat named Alana Schuler – please return to Rm 16.
- Black sandals not named – size 3. Pleae return to Jemima Gillingham Rm7
- Size 2 silver jandals and size 2 school sandals not named. Please retrun to Brittany Lowe Rm12.

**CATHEDRAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
We are currently seeking new members. No experience required! No auditions! If you love to sing and would like to be part of a rewarding ministry you are invited to join us in the Cathedral every

Wednesday afternoon (3.20-4.30pm). A small afternoon tea is provided.  
Please phone Kristin (853-6008) for more information.

**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.

**Hamilton Marist Junior Rugby Club Registration**

A combined weigh-in and muster day (Mooloo Muster Day)  
When: **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March (1pm – 4pm)**  
**5 – 9 year olds, 1:00 – 2:30**  
**10 – 14 year olds, 2:30 – 4:00**  
Where: **Marist Clubrooms (cnr. Day Street and Old Farm Road)**  
New Players: **Bring proof of age**  
Any queries please contact:  
Steve Harcourt (Ph. 850 4561, Mob. 027 290 0204);  
Greg Cateley (Ph. 8541638, Mob. 021 369 781);  
Peter Banks (Ph. 8551978, Mob. 027 458 6740)  
Or visit our web site at: <http://www.hamiltonmarist.co.nz>

**Do you live in or near Cambridge:** I am moving to Cambridge before Easter and would like to car pool if possible. I work in Hamilton on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Anyone interested in car-pooling, please pone Annette 854 9150 before 23 March or 027 600 5870

**Wanted for Maori Poi Making:**

- a slab of foam rubber at least 10cm deep/thick.
- some strong white plastic bags
- wool (thick)

Please drop in to Room3  
Many thanks – Whaea Doak

**Urgently needed:** a baby's 'Safety Sleep' Please contact Maria at Jubilee 856 4072

**Australasian Competitions:** Please donate any past papers to the school office so students may have some practise at these exams.

**Electronic Toys:** A reminder that our school policy is that children are not allowed to bring toys especially electronic ones to school.

**Waimarie Community Centre:** Autumn Holiday Programme from April 10 – 20<sup>th</sup>. 53 Wellington St.. CYFS & Oscar approved. For more information, contact Trudie or Jane on 07-858 3453

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

God Bless You

John Coulam  
Principal