

21 March

This Week's Focus: *It used to be that 'talking in church' was absolutely forbidden. The reason for this was simple: it showed respect for the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle.*

Over the years silence has disappeared from our churches. This can also be said of respect for the Blessed Sacrament. We think that because the Blessed Sacrament is now often reserved in a side chapel, there is little need to keep a SACRED SILENCE in the church. This has had a detrimental affect on what is now considered 'acceptable behaviour' in church.

By SACRED SILENCE the church is not demanding a deathly quiet. Rather, the church is asking us to keep a reverent silence in which we can hear God.

So, if you want to talk and laugh and have fun, that's fine ... but go outside ... or into the foyer. Leave the church in SACRED SILENCE so that those who wish to continue to pray can actually hear God speak and feel him close.

Parish Bulletin Notice 6

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform

Chaos at the School gate has been one of the motivating factors to the formation of a School Travel Plan group. Many issues have been identified by the community and are being addressed. The first of these is the crossing of children after school at the corner of Clyde and Firth St by Sacred Heart School. The Board of Trustees has employed a staff member, Mrs Maree Coman, to be on duty for twelve minutes after school each day to cross children at this point when traffic volumes are particularly high. Mrs Coman is known to the children and will be wearing a colourful vest.

The second issue relates to the constant use by parents both before and after school of the Firth St cul de sac. The Board has requested on a number of occasions, that parents don't use this before and after school as it a danger to our students. Unfortunately more and more people are ignoring this, so we are now writing to the council seeking permission to close the cul de sac between 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. on school days. I believe that from about 1970 until 1990 a barrier did exist at the top of the cul de sac. The cul de sac is a deregistered road and the Board of Trustees has written authority from the council to manage this piece of council land.

A third issue is that of a lack of safe pedestrian access into the school. The PTFA are raising funds this year to provide a footpath from Beale St to the area by the Whare. In time a footpath will need to be installed by Jubilee and leading to the Junior department.

The travel group are looking at redesigning our school car park area that would include drop off and safe walking areas. Once the concept has been agreed on then it will be submitted to the diocese for their ten year plan.

Other issues that will be investigated in the future are safe walking routes and improved bus servicing.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community Tabitha Coyne (Rm 5) and her family.

SOLIDARITY DAY REMINDER *Our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active. 1 John 3:18*
Thank you to all those parents who have so generously offered their time to come and cook rice tomorrow. If you meet in the hall at 10am Freda Grace will let you know the organisation for the day.
If you have so generously offered cooked/uncooked rice, this can be dropped off at the hall kitchen in the morning.
Thank you to those people who have offered rice cookers. Rice cookers can be dropped off at the office or hall tomorrow morning. Please ensure that they have been clearly named.
All we need to do now is pray that the weather will be kind to us, and that our students will enter into the spirit of the day, knowing what they are doing is something beautiful for God.
Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are a member of my family, you did it to me. Matthew 25:40

Solidarity Day Mass: Thursday 11am.

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 second order is **Friday 23rd March**.

Cricket Draw:

Friday night cricket – 5:30pm start

All Stars vs Cambridge Colts @ Victoria Sq, Cambridge

Thunderbolts vs Cambridge Tigers @ Victoria Sq, Cambridge

Stumpers – BYE

Yorkers vs Rototuna Green @ Flagstaff Park 2

Blockers vs Frankton Jets @ Swarbrick Park

Saturday 9am start

Blasters vs Melville Green @ Melville Int.

Force vs Morrinsville Primary @ Raymond Park 2

Strikers vs Cambridge Rockets @ Innes Common 1

WFPS - Swimming

Yesterday 18 year 7/8 students represented the school at the Waikato Full Primary School Swimming sports.

For the first time Marian School hosted this event held at Waterworld Te Rapa. There were over 250 swimmers present, representing 35 Full Primary Schools in the Waikato.

A special thanks to all the parents who helped run this event. In particular, Alan Barclay and Wayne Walker who were responsible for the smooth running of the events. Also thanks to Margaret Barclay, Sandra Goudie, Louise O'Connor, Barb Lockett and Louise Swarbrick. A special mention to Tess Benseman and Emily Hunter for being great hostesses, ensuring the many officials were well fed and watered.

It was a very successful day for our swimmers with the following achieving some excellent results.

Marian School was placed 3rd Overall.

Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys
Sam Franicevic 3 rd 50m Backstroke	Jessica O'Connor 1 st 100m Backstroke 2 nd 100m IM 2 nd 100m Freestyle 3 rd 50m Butterfly 3 rd Place overall in Yr 8 Girls	Mathew Swney 1 st 50m Breaststroke 2 nd 100m Breaststroke 3 rd 50m Butterfly 3 rd 100m IM 3 rd Place overall Yr 8 Boys
Zac Kneebone 4 th 50m Butterfly 4 th 100 Backstroke	Lauren Barclay 1 st 50m Backstroke 3 rd 100m IM 4 th 100m Backstroke 4 th Place overall in Yr 8 Girls	Year 8 relays 2 nd 4x 25 IM 2 nd 4x 25 Freestyle
	Sam Lockett –Turton 1 st 50m Freestyle 6 th Place overall in Yr 8 Girls	

B.O.T. Elections: Voting papers have been posted. Voting closes 29 March at 12noon

Netball: Notices have been sent home with the children today. Slips must be returned to the sports box outside Rm 18 with payment in a marked envelope by Monday 26 March

Marist Junior Soccer Registrations have closed, however vacancies remain for a few players at 8th (born 1999) and 11th Grade (born 1996). See Mr Coulam for further details.

Pies: Thank you for all those orders. Last day for placing orders with payment is this Friday 23 March. Remember to collect your pies on Tuesday 3 April **from the Hall**, (NOT from Te Whare Taonga), between 2:30pm and 3:30pm. Helpers are still required to help pack the pies. Please ring Shienping on 858 2236 if you are able to help.

Marian After School Care Programme – A.G.M.: Tuesday, 3 April at 5:30pm in the Staff Room. Children will be looked after for the duration of the meeting.

Position Available: Marian After School Care

Adult Supervisor required to assist at the M.A.S.C.P. Hours 3pm – 5:30pm

Job Description available at the After School Care office.

For further information, contact Valmai 0274 830 857 between 3 -5:30 Immediate start.

Pistons Basketball game Tickets:

Adults \$8.00 – Children \$5.00

Sat 24 March 12noon - playing Nelson

Fri 30 March 7:30pm playing Hawkes Bay.

Both games at Y.M.C.A Hamilton.

Phone Theresa Wharehinga 855 5804 for Tickets.

Fundraiser for St John's & Sacred Heart Basketball USA Tour.

Sat 24 March – Mad Hatters Social at Puketaha Memorial Hall. Tickets \$20.00 include supper and band (Mule). Cash bar available. Phone Theresa 855 5804 for tickets.

Lost:

- A drink bottle with no name but logo "Jesus – the name above all". Please return to Bevan Rm19.
- Polar fleece size 10, named Cadence Takitimu – please return to Rm8.
- A pair of reading glasses with thin blue frames. – return to Jackson Ruffley Rm 22

Please check names/labels on your child's clothing.

Found: A pair of brightly coloured Rosary Beads. Please phone 027 425 7460

For Sale:

- 2 school jerseys size 30in \$10.00 ea. Polo Shirts \$2.00, P E Shirts \$2.00 (Size 8/10). Girls Tunic \$5.00 phone 854 6252
- Soccer Boots – Free to good home for 5-6yrs old. Good Condition. Phone Robert 839 9967.

Raffle: Baby Shots Photography Ltd have kindly donated a voucher for a portrait sitting and one 7x5" portrait. (Value of \$95.00). Raffle includes Voucher plus a chocolate bunny – tickets \$1.00 each at the counter. All proceeds to Martha's Welfare Fund.

Achieving Potential Seminars For High Ability Students:

Three day courses held for Juniors (Yrs 4 – 6), 11-13 April; Seniors (Yrs 7 – 10) 16 – 18 April. See office notice board for more details or check website www.holidayseminars.co.nz

St Dominic's College Henderson is celebrating its 40th Jubilee Reunion

Labour Weekend 2007 (19-21 October 2007)

Expressions of Interest can be directed to Barbara Barclay c/o St Dominic's College, P O Box 21123, Henderson, Auckland 1008

Ph 09 8390380 email barbara@stdoms.ac.nz

Holiday Programmes

- **Holiday Cricket Coaching:** with Grant Bradburn _ ex Black caps & Northern Knights. 16, 17 & 18 April @ Inzone Sports, Sunshine Ave, Te Rapa
Cost \$55.00 per person. Collect enrolment form from the office. or check the website www.gbsports.co.nz
- **NISDA Small Whites Soccer Holiday Programme:** at Porritt Stadium 10-13 April and Fairfield College 16 – 19 April. Cost \$100.00. Contact Karen 07-853 2826 or 027 668 2987. Registration forms at the school office.
- **South Pacific Tennis:** Pick up enrolment forms from the school office. Lil Kiwis (aged 5-8) Pure Tennis 9yrs and up.
- **Waikato Tennis Clinic:** 14-16 April @ ASB Waikato Tennis Centre, Dey St. \$60.00 pick up enrolment form at office.
- Knocking Around Knox presenting "**Serengeti Trek**" Holiday Programme
16 - 20 April 2007 -8am - 5pm at \$20 per day or \$10 for morning or afternoon session.
Morning/afternoon tea, sport, games, art, music, drama all included in price @ Knox Community Hall 50 Albert Street, Hamilton East For a registration form please phone Helen 856 5687

COME TO OUR ENORMOUS GARAGE SALE Proceeds to

Abbeyfield Waikato If you have items to donate, please contact Val Mildon 8567267

Wesley Methodist Hall, Heaphy Terrace

Saturday 24th March @ 8.00 a.m.

Girls Brigade: See notice board for details;- Pamper Night Thursday 22 March, Fairy Tale Night Thursday 29 March, Easter Extravaganza Thursday 5 April. 6-8pm for all girls Primary to Intermediate. Knox Community hall, 50 Albert St, Hamilton East 856 5687

Babysitter available – experienced mature, reliable and trustworthy. First Aid Certificate and Catholic. 30 years old and available week nights and weekends. Phone 027 2111 989 or 855 1351

Divine Performing Arts: An Asian Global Sensation of dance, myths and legends. 5 April, Auckland @ The Civic, ph 09 638 3497 or www.ticketek.co.nz

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal



WFPS Swim Team