



24 April

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Focus for the Week: The Easter season challenges us to reflect on what it truly means to be a resurrection people. We know in our heads that Jesus died for our sins and rose again, but do we truly understand in our hearts what this means?

Take some time to discuss the meaning of Easter with your child/children, remembering that this is your faith – the most precious gift that you can ever give to them.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

It is so good to be back for another term. I do miss the children during the holidays, as a school has little spirit without children.

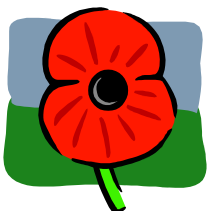
Sadly on the last day of Term One we learnt of the sudden death of Mr Martin Ballantyne, who taught at Marian School for ten years from July 1995 until July 2005. Martin was a much loved teacher who will be remembered for his successes in the New Zealand Herald 'Design a Newspaper Competition' and for his wonderful humour. I have communicated the sympathy of this community to his wife Heather, and sons Simon and David. Martin's sister, Noeline Turnbull and nephew Sam remain part of this school family.

"Eternal Rest Grant unto Martin O Lord and let perpetual Light Shine upon him, May he rest in peace. Amen"

Uniforms - Students are reminded that there is no official day for changing into winter uniform, as they are encouraged to dress for the conditions of the day. I do ask your cooperation in ensuring that students are abiding to our dress code and wearing official uniform items only.

Mass: Full School Mass 26 April - Please note that the Full School Mass on Thursday has been put forward to an earlier time because of a funeral. The Mass will now be at 9:10am so please ensure that your child/children are at school by nine o'clock so that the roll can be taken before Mass.

Please note: This Newsletter is out a day early due to ANZAC Day tomorrow. For all families new to New Zealand, ANZAC Day is public holiday where we remember all the soldiers who died in the war from Australia & New Zealand.



Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following children and their families: Jacob Burns (Rm4), Léopold Dutu (Rm4), Isaac Hilton (Rm4), Braedan Kennett (Rm5), Sophie Heggie (Rm 17), Jackson Heggie (Rm12) and Quinn Tierney (Rm3).

Prayer Sponsorship: This week, your child/children will be given a personalised prayer sponsorship card to take home. They are asked to find sponsors who will pray for them on a daily basis. This is part of an initiative to bring schools and parishes together and, to promote awareness in our students of the power of prayer. We ask students to return the cards to school by next Monday so that they can be used in a display for Catholic Schools' Day on Wednesday 2 May

Easter Raffle Results:

Vinnies: First Prize of Easter Eggs: Sally Scott
Second Prize: Jacob Hodges Rm10
Welfare Fund Easter Raffle: Melissa Petrin (Rm14)
Congratulations!

Dyslexia Awareness Week : 23 – 29

April: For more understanding and information, visit www.dfnz.org.nz

Marist Junior Soccer starts this Saturday 28

April. Check out the draw on <http://www.forcethree.com/main.cfm?id=136>

Teens Parenting: just a reminder to parents enrolled in this programme that we start next Monday, 30 April at 7pm in the Whare and the Tuesday Group will start at 9:15 on Tuesday 1 May. Don't forget to bring your I.D to say you are a New Zealand citizen or Resident. We need this for funding purposes.

I look forward to meeting you all then.
Martha

Public Health Nurse: Nikki our Public Health Nurse will be in the Whare next Tuesday, 1 May from 2pm – 3pm to discuss school health issues. Come and support her. See you there. – Martha


Year 7 Immunisation Programme:

Information will be given to students on 3 May about the Yr 7 Immunisation Programme, which may include viewing of the Ministry of Health Video 'Year Seven Immunisations', specifically designed for this age group.

At this information session your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to read and choose whether or not to have your child immunised by Public Health Nurses at the school.

There is information about the Year Seven Immunisation on the Immunisation Consent Form. Immunisation Day is 21 May.

PTFA Meeting: Tuesday 1 May in the staffroom at 7:30pm. All welcome.

 **PTFA Cook Books:** We still have a number of Marian School cook books for sale at \$10.00 each. These make a great Mothers Day gift.

Sport Notices:

- **Basketball:** Notices went home Monday. Returns must be in by Friday at the latest.
- **Netball:** Team lists will be out by Friday. Players will be contacted by their coaches regarding practise times.
- **Thank you:** I would like to say a big thank-you to all the coaches & managers of Cricket and Touch who gave up their time in Term 1. Your assistance is very valuable and most appreciated.

Parenting through Separation – Term 2:

A programme for parents to help their children understand the relationship breakdown. Phone the appropriate numbers to register.

Parentline (4 sessions) 7pm-9pm 30/4/04 – 29/5/07
Phone 839 4536

Relationship Services 12noon – 2pm 8/5/07 – 15/5/07
Phone 839 3267

Family Works (4 sessions) 8, 15, 22, 19/5/07
Phone 858 4413

French, Spanish and German After-School Classes

If you are interested in French, Spanish or German classes for children from 5 – 11 years held at the Whare Taonga at Marian Catholic School please contact me before Friday 27.04.2007:

French has been scheduled for

Thursdays **French** 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
Teacher: Patricia Gammeter

German and Spanish could be held Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Anne Eddy: 856 5258

anne@funlanguages.co.nz

For more information about the program check out www.funlanguages.co.nz

Lost:

- School jersey lost from Rm4 last term. Named either Joshua F-C or JFC. Please return to Joshua F-C in Rm 3
- Bike Combination Lock lost last term– see Joshua Muller Rm 9 or phone 853 7221

For Sale:

2 x size 12 long sleeve navy T-Shirts \$10

1 x size L Marian School jacket \$20.00

all in excellent condition – ph Simone 823 8334

House to Rent:

- Fully furnished 3-bedroom house in Rototuna. Available now. Please phone 021 10 19 452 for more details.
- House for rent- 80 Clyde Street, \$240.00 per week. 3 bedrooms, single car garage with internal access & automatic door opener. Suitable for a small family. Handy to Marian and Sacred Heart Schools. No cats or dogs. Ph: Jan or Pat - (07) 8567870

Rimbrook Women's Group Presents

'*Saving the Planet*' by Mark Kilgour. Mark will talk about some of the 101 simple tips from his book co-authored with Eva Collins. These are easy, everyday things that most of us can accomplish without having to make any major inconvenient changes in our lives. The results could be dramatic. Rimbrook Study Centre, 64 Hillcrest Rd, Wed 2 may at 7:30pm. \$3.00. Ph Diane Willcock 856 8784. All welcome.

Sausage Sizzle: this Friday - \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal



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