

2 May

**Focus for the Week:** *Catholic education in the new millennium embraces God's most precious gift to each of us. Our educational institutions have the vital task of helping students to create meaning from what they do. They provide a framework for students to make sense of the world and their place in it.*

'Catholic Schools' Day' Information Package

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:** Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Today all Catholic Schools in New Zealand are celebrating Catholic Schools day. In our Cathedral today Bishop Denis celebrated Mass with representatives from 11 Catholic schools including Marian pupils from teams 3 & 4.

Education in a Catholic School is becoming a popular choice as families seek the support of the church to nurture their children's education in a school with gospel values. Demand for placement at Marian School exceeds spaces.

If you have children to start at Marian school between now and the end of 2008 please ensure that we have enrolment forms for them. If your family is transferring out of Marian School during the next twelve months, I would appreciate knowing in advance. At this stage all new enrolments are being placed on a waiting list until such time as the Board of Trustees has had a chance to discuss a more transparent process for accepting enrolments other than on a first in basis.

Many Hamilton Schools will face disruption on either Wednesday or Thursday 9 & 10 of May as teachers attend paid stop work meetings in the afternoons. Please note that it will be classes as normal at Marian School as classes will be taken by management staff, part time teaching staff, relievers and non union members thus allowing union members to attend one of the meetings.

### **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 11 May**.

### **Kapa Haka for Yr5 & 6**

**students:** Practise for Yr 5 & 6 Kapa Haka Group will start on Thursday 10 May from 12:45pm to 1:20pm. A permission slip will be given to each child at this first practise.

Thank you – Whaea Doak



### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE CATHEDRAL PARISH**

Confirmation and First Eucharist Programme begins this Sunday. The first parent meeting will be Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. The Confirmation and Eucharist Mass will be on 19<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30am. Please diary these dates. Other important dates will be given at the Parent Meeting.

(If your child has already received Eucharist but is not yet confirmed, please contact Andrea).

**Andrea at the parish office 8566486 or email [andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz](mailto:andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz)**

### **Baptisms for Older children:**

If you have older children wishing to be baptised, please contact Andrea at the Cathedral Office. ph 856 6486.

### **Year 7 Immunisation Programme:**

Information will be given to students tomorrow 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.

### **FIELDAYS – FIELDAYS - FIELDAYS**

The PTFA is again running with the annual Fieldays Fundraiser - this costs you nothing but a few hours of your time - **be part of your school community** - please help. A flyer has been sent home with the newsletter - roster yourself and your family for a shift (or two!). It's good fun and its good for the school!

THANKS.

Freda Grace - [f.d.grace@xtra.co.nz](mailto:f.d.grace@xtra.co.nz) or 07 8478727, 027 280 1787.



**Absentees:** If your child is absent from school for any reason, please let the school office know by 9am. Messages can be left on the answer phone.

**Lost:** Black leather school shoes. Velcro straps size 11 or 12. Named Caitlin. Please return to Rm3.

**For Sale:** Soccer boots size 3US (2UK). Worn only one season. \$15.00. Please phone Annemarie 856 6471

**Annie:** Annie is on at the Riverlea Theatre from 19th May to 2nd June. Great family entertainment. If you want to see one of our Marian pupils as "Molly", the dates to go are: Sunday 20th May (Matinee @2pm); Wednesday 23rd May (7.30 pm); Friday 25th May (7.30 pm); Saturday 26th May (Matinee @2pm); Wednesday 30th May (7pm); Friday 1st June (7pm) or Saturday 2nd June (7pm).

**Huntly Monthly Market Day:** *Something for Mothers Day?* Saturday 12 May at St Anthony's Catholic School from 8:30am – 1:00pm. Access from 102 Bailey St or the end of Meadow Lane.

**After School Care required** for 2 boys aged 12 & 8 in Western Heights area. ph 846 4998 evenings.

**Free to a good Home:** 1 female rabbit (white and black) with hutch. Please see Mrs Fletcher (Rm7).

**Free Ear Clinic:** Mon / Tues/ Wed from 8:30am – 1:00pm.  
currently at Whitiora Primary School Dental Clinic – Willoughby St till 30 May.  
HN East Primary School – Dawson St, from Tuesday 5 June to Tues 26 June.

**Headlice:** Please check your children's hair for headlice as there are a number of students suffering from this problem. It takes everyone to combat this problem. There are a number of remedies available.

- Condition and leave in hair for ½ hour before using very fine comb to comb them out.
- Variety of Products available at pharmacies
- Robie Comb on loan from school office
- Check website of [www.ecokids.com.au](http://www.ecokids.com.au)

**Wanting to Car Pool:** From Coleraine Drive. Please phone Shamilla 855 7714

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

God Bless You

John Coulam  
**Principal**

### **Flyers:**

- Term 2 Calendar
- PTFA Fieldays Notice

