

Focus for the Week: *'Catholic education is about reclaiming our radical traditions, telling our old stories and creating new ones. It is the love of Christ that urges us on and motivates us. This is our strength: we are not neutral – we are places of learning, of wisdom, of faith development, moral development and service'*.

Pat Lynch – 2006 Catholic Education Convention

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

An Important notice re the 2008 school year;

As from 2008, the Ministry of Education has given flexibility to schools around the start and finish times of the school year providing the school is open for the required number of days. At last night's Board of Trustee meeting, the following dates were approved for 2008, these differ from those previously advertised. Mark your calendars now.

Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 January: Teacher Only Days

Term 1 starts Thursday 31 January – Friday 18 April

Easter break: Friday 21 March up to and including Tuesday 25 March

Term 2: Monday 5 May – Friday 4 July

A four day **Queen's birthday** weekend: Friday 30 May up to and including Monday 2 June.

Term 3: Monday 21 July – Friday 26 September

Long Weekend: Monday 25 August

Term 4: Monday 13 October – Wednesday 17 December.

Mass will be celebrated tomorrow (Thursday) at 9:45am with the children from Team 3.

Bereavement:

- The Marian School community extend their sympathies to Sue Cousins and her family on the sudden loss of her mother who was killed in a car accident last night. Many of you will know Sue through her involvement with the Hamilton Marist Soccer Club.
- We also pray for the reposed soul of Fr Drum who passed away Monday night. His funeral will be at the Cathedral on Friday at the 12:05 Mass.

May they rest in peace.

Visitors Sign-In Book: Visitors to the school need to report to the office to sign in. This is a safety precaution for our students and staff.

Enviroschools: We require an old bath or a 40 gallon drum suitable for worm farms and composting. Contact Catherine Swney Rm20.

Creative Parents Required: we require parents to assist teachers and groups of students in the classroom, creating art suitable for the outdoors. Please contact Kerrie Martin 855 9228.

Sewing required: I require one or two people to sew chairbags and library bags for the New Entrants. I have run out of stock. Materials and a pattern will be provided. Please contact Marian at the office.

I would like to say a big thank you to Jeannie Cochrane who has for many years sewn lots of colourful chairbags/library bags for the Junior Dept. Thank you!

FIELDAYS - FIELDAYS - FIELDAYS

Thanks so much to everyone who has already volunteered!!! It is really great to have so many NEW names on the list!

We are nearly half way there, still there are about 41 shifts to fill - PLEASE - I still need your help.

See the shifts on the flyer today and let me know where you can help.

Be part of your school community.....it is time only - no money.

Freda Grace 027 2801787 - f.d.grace@xtra.co.nz - 07 8478727

Whanau Meeting Reminder: Thursday May 10 from 5:30 – 7:30pm. Agenda – Maths Home-Partnership.

Venue Change – Meeting will now be held in the Staffroom as the Hall and Whare have been prebooked.

An awesome opportunity to get some practical insight into what your child is doing in Maths and has been really appreciated by those who have done similar 'hands on' evenings with Anne Stack.

Cathedral Confirmation and First Eucharist programme

There will be a presentation of the Candidates at the 10-30 am Mass this coming Sunday 13 May. We ask that as many of the candidates as possible attend this Mass. Thank you to the large number of parents who attended last Sunday's meeting. If you were unable to attend and have not yet received your child's worksheets please contact Andrea at the parish office 8566486 or email andrea@cathedral.org.nz



Message from the Library: In celebration of the NZ Post Book Awards there are several things happening around the country. Please advise children of this local event:

Calling all children!

Thursday 10 May they can attend a NZ Post Awards PJ Party at Chartwell Library 6.30-7.30pm

Come dressed in pyjamas for storytime, games and hot chocolate. For more info call Dawn Carlisle 838 6842

Congratulations: Ben Greene, Keagan Faria and Jesse Balemi for winning the Waikato Junior Rugby 10-a-side tournament for Marist 13th Grade at Hopu Hopu last Sunday.

St John's and Sacred Heart present their joint Musical Production.

'BACK TO THE EIGHTIES' a story set around the highs and lows of the Senior Class at William Ocean High.

Where: Sacred Heart Girls' College

When: 19,21,22,23 May at 7.30pm

Tickets available from both College offices

Saturday 19/5 \$15 Adult \$8 Student (Wine and Cheese)

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday \$12 Adult and \$8 Student

MUSIC NOTICE – THURSDAY GUITAR

Tomorrow's lessons will be held in the
WHARE TAONGA



Lost:

- A polar fleece named Rawiri – return to Rm13 please.

For Sale:

- **For Sale:** Roller Skates children's size 12-1. Very good condition. \$35.00 ono. Please phone Anna 854 9984 Evenings
- Winter and summer size 8 polo shirts and 1 polar fleece jersey size 8/10. Phone Jayne 824 2082

Homestay: Required for the first 3-weeks of June for 3 girls. Could suit grandparents. If possible, we would like to keep the girls together.
An allowance will be paid. Please phone Martha to discuss.

NZ Fire Service – HN District: Free Electric Blanket

Testing/Open Day from 9:30am – 1:00pm – Saturday 19 May. at the Hamilton Central Fire Station of Thackeray St. See live fire demonstrations and check out the fire-fighters equipment. Fun for all the family.



House to Rent: Hn East area – 2/3 bedrooms, sep lounge. Fully fenced and lawns mowed. Available after 25 May. \$280.00 per week.
Ph Melinda 856 3907

Urgently required: If your children have out-grown their PE uniforms, I would appreciate them as there is a big demand on them for Martha.

Please hand in to the office.

Thank you

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

Flyer:

- PTFA Fieldays

Poems by Room 14 written for Catholic Schools Day

Catholic Schools Day

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We love to pray
and sing lots of Holy songs
Letting balloons go
Listening to the Bible
Praying to God
And proud to be Catholic

by Melissa Petrin

I believe in One God

I believe in one God
And he believes in me.
Even though I can't see him
I know he is there.
When I go to school
I learn most subjects
But one is special.

I believe in one God
and He believes in Me
I go to church on Mondays,
Sundays and sometimes other days:
I go to church to pray.

I believe in one God
And he believes in me
There's a day for schools
Who believe in God
And His son, Jesus.
It's like our special holiday.

I believe in one God
And I know He believes in me!

by Anna Westerbeke