

18 July

Focus for the Week: *The eloquence of the parable of the Good Samaritan, as of the entire Gospel, is in real terms this: Human beings must feel personally called to witness to love in the midst of suffering.*

Pope John Paul II

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

With the start of term the Hamilton City Council is again running its Back to School campaign for two weeks. The aim of the campaign is to make people aware of the increased student numbers and the need for motorists to keep children safe. Drivers are asked to watch out for children and reduce their speed, drive to the conditions; and parents are asked to ensure that their children are exiting their car on the curb side, and if possible, without having to cross the road.

As part of the campaign the Councils Parking Enforcement Wardens have been asked to be vigilant outside Marian School and Sacred Heart College.

The school travel plan committee will have its term meeting next Wednesday 25 July at 7.30 p.m. in the staff room, on the agenda will be a progress report on the 2007 goals and a report from the Hamilton City Council on Walking School Buses. If this interests you then please feel welcome to attend.

Welcome: We warmly welcome the following students and their families into our school community; David Lee (Rm16); Joy Lee (13); Moritz Hahn (Rm4); Temaka Tabokaai (Rm4); Isaac Balemi (Rm4); Dean Cullingworth (Rm5); Leticia Mason (Rm5); Dhanya King (Rm5); Gemma Mecchia (Rm22); William Hamilton (Rm11); Joseph Kawe (Rm21), Sacha Kawe (Rm19) and Jahleel Jean-Jacques (Rm22).

Bereavements:

- We extend our deepest sympathies to Melissa, Kellie and Blair Petrin whose much loved Great Nana has passed away.
- We also offer our deepest sympathies to Theresa Wharehinga whose much loved father passed away in the holidays.

May they rest in peace.

Mass: Mass will be celebrated with the students from Team 4 at 9:30am. All welcome.

Maori Language Week – Week 2: Please support your children's activities during this week and feel welcome to see our office foyer and library focus.

Thank you: Many thanks for all the donated uniforms. There are some winter uniforms now available. Please make an appointment to see Martha

Portraits R Us- PTFA Fundraiser

Last chance to book your family \$10.00 portrait for 11 or 12 August. Simply cut out the voucher, fill it in and return to the Marian School Office along with your \$10.00.

Cathedral Confirmation Eucharist programme

The candidates are about to begin the final cycle of the programme. There will be a Parent Input session in the Cathedral at 7-15 this coming Sunday 22 July. It is important that parents attend this session. Please continue to pray for these young people. The BIG Day will be **19th August at the 10-30 am Mass**. enquiries to Andrea at the Cathedral office 8566486 or email andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz.

Rivertones Exciting News: Well done to the Waikato Rivertones and Barbara Smith who won Gold in the World Chorus Championships held in America last week. The Rivertones practise in our hall every Monday and are an amazing choir.

"...You can imagine how thrilled the chorus is on our success at the competitions. This is the first Australasian Chorus to win an International award and we have a huge trophy to show for it.

This has been a very exciting time and the Americans just loved our NZ package. We brought many of them to tears including the judges.

So we have a bunch of very proud Kiwis with gold medals around their necks...." Barbara & Colin Smith.

Marian Pasifikanz Culture Group: Kia Ora! Kia Orana! Malo lelei! Bula Vinaka! Kona mauri! Hello! Aloha! Talofa Lava!

Greetings ...

Fa'afetai, thank you to our families who have replied and returned their slips for the 'Luau Pasifika Night' Please continue to return your slips to the office or to Cathy Chadwick Rm 8. Hope to see you all there!

The Pasifika Team

EnviroSchools and Environment Waikato

Funding: Marian School would like to thank Environment Waikato for the recent grant provided to the school to assist us to undertake composting and worm farms to further reduce waste in our school. This grant will assist us in buying bins, peat, wooden frames, plywood and so on. However, we do need parental assistance. If you are able to provide timber, plywood etc and we do need **parental assistance**. If you are able to provide timber, plywood etc and/or most importantly, your time and basic woodwork skills to help our caretaker and the children create this composting area, could you contact either Greg Jordan

(caretaker) or Catherine Swney (Rm20). Your help would be greatly appreciated!
Catherine Swney

CATHEDRAL REDEVELOPMENT FUNDRAISER
BOOKFAIR 1st & 2nd September in the Parish Centre.

Please let us have your surplus books, DVDs, CDs.
Ask friends and family for the books that they are finished with!

Contact Jimmy & Linda 855 2203 or Kath & Bernie 853 7613.

(we will happily collect)

Remember each \$ will be doubled!

Let's get together and have some fun with this project!

How can we make the Church more relevant for our children?"

Well now you can do something -- JOIN A PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP



You will get to really know other people in the parish, to build community. Importantly, you will have a lot of fun, while growing in support and care for each other. Through the interaction within your Family Group you will find you are bringing a happy, loving spirit to your parish and school community. The motto 'A FAMILY FOR ALL' reflects children and their families belonging to small groups who gather regularly for various activities (pot-luck dinners, various outings, etc). As these people get to know one another they are able to offer practical Christian love 'in good times and bad'.

Passionist Family Groups have been in our parish for almost 18 years. While many of you remain in an active group, some of the initial groups have dwindled or ceased, but they are still a great way to build community. Now is a good time to 'review and renew', and you are invited to join a Family Group by completing an enrolment form at the school office or church foyer.

You might also wish to take a look at the PFG website www.passionistfamily.org.nz

Please feel free to contact us if you need further information or explanation. Clive & Frances Bleaken
Ph 854 5285

Results from Hamilton Competitions Society

Tap Dancing:

- Melissa Petrin: Restricted Tap Under 10 – Highly Commended; Tap Solo 8 & under - 10 Highly Commended; Tap Troupe Open – 2nd Place
- Kellie Petrin: Restricted Tap Under 10 – Commended; Tap Solo Under 8 – Highly Commended; Song and Dance Under 12 – Highly Commended.
- Isabelle Johnson: Restricted Tap 10 & Over – 1st place; Tap Solo 10 and Under 12 – Very Highly Commended. Isabel also won the Local Tap medal and was selected to dance in the Performance Showcase at Founders Theatre on 22 July.

Violin

- Jessica Chanwai (Rm16) achieved 1st place in Violin 10 Yrs Class and 1st place in the Family Ensemble

Class with her sister Victoria Chanwai (Rm6 – Violin) and mum Tammy (Piano)

- Victoria Chanwai Rm6 Violin: 1st place in the Family Duet Class with mum (Violin) and 1st place in the Chamber Music Under 12 Yrs class with Amelia Hayes on cello
- Amelia Hayes (Rm 16) Very highly Commended in the Fiddling Under 11 yrs Class

Jessica also recently passed her Trinity College Grade 4 Violin Exam with Distinction (95%)

Piano

- Stella Kang won first prize in Pianoforte Grade 1 and second prize in Restricted Under 9 years
- Marianna Kang won 3rd Prize in Pianoforte under 13 years

Congratulations

- Thyme Jones has been selected to play representative rugby for the Hamilton Black Bowers Cup Team. (Thyme competed in the Goord Cup Tournament recently). The Bowers Cup Tournament will be held on Sunday 29 July in Cambridge, Sunday 5 August in Hamilton and Sunday 12 August in Morrisville.
Well done Thyme
- Results from the Karate National Competitions in Wellington – Quinn Tupaea gained 3rd place Kumite in the 8yr old boys and Tayne Tupaea gained 2nd place in 9 yr old.
- In the Hamilton Performing Arts Competitions held at the beginning of the holidays – Amelia Hayes was awarded First Prize in the Erickson Cup for Best Cello under 11years. She was also awarded the adjudicators prize and selected to perform in the performance showcase concert at the Founders Theatre this Sunday at 2pm.

P.E. Shirts Price Discount: The following PE shirts are now discounted to \$20.00 – size 6, 14, Adult S, M & L (Limited Stock).

Wanted: A sewing machine. Please see Martha

Girls Brigade: For Girls aged 5 and up. Term 3 starts this Thursday fro m6pm – 8pm at the Knox Presbyterian Church, 50 Albert St, Hamilton. For more information contact Karen Honey 07-889 4119

Hillcrest High School Open Day/Evening – Tuesday 14 August 2007. See school office for more details of times etc.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday. \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

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