

25 July

Focus for the Week: *Christian families are the principal places for the experience and transmission of faith and virtue. The legacy of faith is safeguarded in the home where family members learn the values that will help them live as children of God.*

Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

Our Parish Church, the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is to undergo alterations in 2008. One of the many hats that I wear is that of Chairman of the Cathedral Redevelopment Committee. My committee has the task of raising \$3.5 for the development. The committee has already raised \$1.3 in cash or pledges.

One of the fundraising activities will be a Monster Garage sale on Saturday 10 November to be held in the Marian school grounds. Please hold on to any items that might be able to be donated to help out this parish event. The organisers of this event are looking for vacant weatherproof spaces to store goods i.e. spare garages, sheds or warehouses! Also needed are volunteers to help collect the stored goods and deliver them to Marian School either on the Friday evening or the Saturday morning, a trailer or truck would help. Volunteers are also required to help sell on the Saturday.

If you are able to help with any of the above requests please contact me through the school office.

The headache I have at the moment is that over 160 children want to fill the 100 places available for enrolment in 2008. The Board of Trustees are looking to implement an enrolment scheme before the end of this term that will give me a clear management tool to select future enrolments. If you have a five year old to start in 2008 I need their names urgently. If your child is not returning to Marian School in 2008 please tell me as soon as possible to assist me with my planning.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following children and their families; Caitlin Burkett (Rm4) and Chae-Won An (Rm21)

Bereavements:

We offer our deepest sympathies

- To the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions on the deaths of Sr Mary Magdalene and Sr Mary Hassan. Both nuns passed away on Sunday night. .
- To Brooklyn & Raven Priestly, and Luka & Noah Reti on the death of their much loved granddad.

May they rest in peace.

Mass: Full school Mass in Maori will be celebrated tomorrow at 9:30. All welcome

MUFTI DAY on Friday 27 July. This Friday, students have the opportunity to wear mufti to help raise money for the people who have had their lives disrupted by the devastating floods in Northland. The cost will be a gold coin. The funds raised will be forwarded to Caritas to be distributed to families affected by the floods. Students are also invited to donate a soft toy or book that can be passed on to children whose lives have been affected by the floods. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to be the hands and heart of Christ to those less fortunate than themselves.

Whanau meeting Thursday August 2

Kia ora everyone. I am sure you will all be aware that this is Maori Language week. The general focus around the school is on the theme of food. Our next whanau meeting is scheduled for **Thursday August 2 at 5.30pm**. As requested at previous whanau meeting the focus will be waiata. Invitations are being sent out on Wednesday July 25. Please return slips by Friday 27. Those who are present will get a CD of the songs we are learning. There will also be a lucky number prize, and some prizes for the children. Hope to see you there!

Family Portrait for \$10.00

250mm X 330mm Black & White OR Colour

The \$10.00 goes to Marian School PTFA .

- Family Portrait
- A great fundraiser
- an opportunity to purchase additional prints on the Viewing Day held around ten days later when you pick up your \$10.00 Family Portrait.

Misplaced your voucher? There are extra copies at the school office. The cut off date is very soon so get those vouchers along with your \$10.00 to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you – Sarah Franicevic (843 8153)

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PTFA Quiz Nite: To be held 11 August at 7:00pm in the school hall. More details to follow.

Australasian Science Results: Congratulations to the following children who achieved so well in this exam;

Year 4 – Thomas Slater – Credit

Year 5 – Akhil Babu – Credit

- James Bai - Credit

Year 6 – Kate Slater – Credit

- Yerin Ryoo - Distinction

Year 7 – Sam Franicevic – Credit

- Jodie Hunter - Credit

- Nicole Hunter – Credit

- Thomas Loughnan – Credit

- Mark Swarbrick – Credit

- Samuel McCabe – High Distinction

Year 8 – Emily Hunter – Credit

- Reshma Thekkekara - Credit

- Conrad Fernandes – Distinction

Orbiter Bus Route: Due to popular demand Environment Waikato have introduced a new Orbiter Bus route that commenced 16 July. Please see flyer enclosed with this newsletter. Please support this bus.



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.

Your teacher will help you with any queries.

The closing date for the first order is **Friday 3rd August**.

Team 1 & 2 Fundraiser: For only \$15.00, your child can transform a drawing onto a melamine dinner plate. Please see flyer 'PicturePlates'.

Community Radio (HN) presents 'Youth Sports Talk' commencing Friday 27 July from 4pm – 4:30pm. Listen to AM 1206 or FM 106.7. Eliot Jessep, a Yr 7 student from Rm21, will be the broadcaster for this show every Friday.

Well done Eliot!!!

Hockey First round Final - Combined Saints 21/7/07

St Pius, St Joseph, SPC, St Columbas, Marian Combined Saints lost the Final against Hillcrest White 3-1 in very wet conditions. Our first half was a little unstructured but we fought back strongly in the second half. Kieran McGirr scored just before full time. Ryan Harvey played a awesome game as Goal Keeper. Player of the match was awarded to Kieran McGirr.

Lost:

- A key ring with soft fluffy white unicorn. Please return to Katie Sullivan Rm 6.
- A school jersey named Leticia Mason – please return to Rm 5

Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club – Science talks for children aged 8 – 17: Meetings are held at 7pm, Hort Centre, Hamilton Gardens Gate 2.

This Fri 27 July – What Simple Discovery Changed the World Forever? (Presented by Stewart Finlay from Waikato University).

Planet Dance: (160 London St – with Jazz Unlimited Learn Salsa, Argentine Tango, Latin Rock, Ballroom etc. See office notice board for more details.

Henry Ford Memorial Car Show - All Ford Day: Sunday 29 July. Claudelands Event Centre, Heaphy Tce from 10am – 2pm. \$5.00 per adult and Children free. Display vehicle entry is \$5.00.. (Gates open from 8am for Display Vehicles.)

Individual Education Plan: Parent to Parent Inc in conjunction with Parents of Vision Impaired (NZ) and the ministry of Education Special Education Services are hosting a series of 'Individual Education Plan or IEP seminars within New Zealand. This seminar is a free event for parents who have children with disabilities, health impairments and special needs. The course will cover 'your' role in your child's education planning and the individual education plan process. Registration forms are available at the school office.

For more info, contact Parent to Parent Inc 0508 236 236.

Viva L'Opera! A selection of favourite choruses and arias from the operas you know and love.

Saturday 4th August at 7:30 – Cambridge Town Hall.

Sunday 5th August 2:30pm at the WEL Energy Trust Academy of Performing Arts, Hamilton. Tickets from Ticket Direct. Adults \$20 Children under 12 free.

Gear Up for Success at School – 'EdAlive' Computer Software. See order forms and flyer with newsletter.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

Flyers

- Orbiter Bus
- St Mary's Scouts & Cubs
- PicturePlates fundraiser Team 1 & 2 only
- EdAlive – Computer software