

8 August

Focus for the Week: *God is like the sun; we cannot see him as he is. We need someone to tell us about him, someone who knows and who can be trusted to speak the truth. Our Lord knows, and he has spoken to us.*

Words by Cardinal Basil Hume

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform

While technology is a wonderful thing, the misuse of it by students is a worry. Over this year there have been many incidents involving students, mainly at year 7 & 8 who are using technology such as chat rooms, cell phone texts and other web based sites to post bullying comments about other students. Such behaviour is obviously having an effect on social relationships in the school and is taking up a lot of time and energy of teachers as they talk incidents through with students. I have no patience for such behaviour and urge all parents to monitor and be in control of the technology that their children are using. While I have no control on what happens in the home, should the behaviour spill in to the school I will not be amused and will take strong action against any individual acting in a way that is contrary to the special character of the school. I view emotional bullying as a serious matter and will treat it no differently to physical bullying. Both deserve a zero tolerance.

The Marian After School Care programme has recently been taken over by the Board of Trustees, this service is business orientated and run on a cost recovery basis. All accounts must be settled within a fortnight period unless prior arrangements have been made with the school bursar, Mrs Stephens, or myself as Principal. Failure to pay accounts on time will see the service withdrawn for your child until the accounts are paid in full. After School care is strictly user pays, there will be no 'free rides!'

Welcome: We warmly welcome Georgia Hancock (Rm5) into our school community

Bereavements: We extend our deepest sympathies to

- Thomas Dunn (Rm22) and family, whose much loved grandfather passed away.
- Jessica Cabrita (Rm21) and family, whose much loved grandmother (Avozinha) passed away in Portugal.

May they rest in peace.

Mass Times:

Tomorrow's Mass will be celebrated with the students from Team 1 at 9:30am. All welcome.
Assumption Day – Full School Mass: Wed 15 August at 10am – All welcome. (Please change your calendar)

Portraits R Us: Times have been confirmed – please check your answer machines if I didn't speak to you directly. An appointment card has gone home today with your child.

The portraits are being taken in Te Whare Taonga (adjacent to the church carpark).

Please be on time as the appointments are tightly scheduled.

Thank you

Sarah Franicevic (843 8153)

Marist Soccer Club Team Photos: These will be taken in the Marian School on Wednesday 15 August.. Team times are on the school notice board or available from your coach. Please be 10 minutes early. All teams to wear Marist Soccer Uniform (boots and shin guards not required)

Photos \$12.00 or \$20.00 are **payable on the night**

PTFA Quiz Nite – This Saturday 11 August at 7pm in the School Hall.

Come spend an evening with fellow inmates of the Marian School Community. This is a fun night not designed to discover who is bright and who is not. Yes, there are questions and correct answers. Correct answers may depend on similar age and interests of the question setter i.e. you're a sad person. Should be something for everyone and you have the anonymity of being on a team. Teams are drawn on the night. If interested or need to know more, ring the school office or Sandra Petrin 855-7323. Put your name in early as the evening will not go ahead if there are not sufficient numbers.

Pasifika : Kia Ora!! Malo e lelei! Bula Vinaka! Kona Mauri! Kia Orana! Hello!!

Fakaalofa lahi atu!! Talofa lava!! Aloha!!!
Greetings to all our families, friends and supporters!
Thank you, thank you, thank you. Our Friday night Luau was an 'AWESOME' night.

The donations/gifts came to \$425.50.

Tomorrow we will be watching a PowerPoint presentation of the night made by Leanne Johnson and a lunch will be provided for our hard working students.

Again thank you. Faafetai lava
The Pasifika Team



Helpers for PMP Required: on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. 1.25-3.00. Any parent with spare time on these afternoons would be most appreciated by the Junior Dept to assist with this (Perceptual Motor Programme). Please see Yvonne in Room 2.

Vision and Hearing: The Technician will be at the school on 28 August, testing New Entrants who have started school after 5 June 2007. If your child is under a specialist or you do not wish your child to be tested, please send written notification to the class teacher of school office.

Hockey - Combined Saints 3/8/07

St Pius, St Joseph, SPC, St Columbas, Marian Combined Saints Lost against Fairfield Blue 1-0. It was an evenly matched game, some wonderful shots played, the game could have gone either way. Saints were just unlucky against Fairfield Blue.

Player of the match was awarded to Jonathan Swindells. Well done.

Lost:

- A school jersey named Neysa / Lucy. Please return to Room 9
- A school jersey named Chelsea Lin – return to Rm8
- A school jersey named SuJin Lee – return to Rm8
- A school jersey named Brianna Ranstead – also Rm 8

YMCA: Check out the Y's Gymnastic classes for children aged 2 – 10yrs designed to simulate and develop physical and motor skills. For more info, contact Carolyn 838 2529

Conservation Week 4 – 12 August:

There are still events in the greater Waikato region which include a range of guided walks and other family activities Sport Waikato is pleased to support – these activities are free, and we encourage you to participate. Please see school notice board for activities.

BOOKFAIR— 1st & 2nd September in the Parish Centre

One parishioner took some boxes into work and the staff members filled four boxes! Is that something that you would do?

Please let us have your surplus books, DVDs, CDs.

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

(we will happily collect) Remember each \$ will be doubled!

Our thanks to those who have already dropped books off.

Ask friends and family for books that they are finished with.

Thanks Linda



“What a Thriller” – The ILC concert them for this year. Students from the Independent Living Centre, (including Sunil Fernandez-Ritchie, ex-Marian student) will perform at Hillcrest High School, Morrison Memorial Theatre on 16 August at 7pm. Must be seated by 6:45pm Entrance is gold coin donation.

HN Junior Naturalist Club – Hort Centre, gate 2. Friday 10 August

Topic – Camouflage: How Man Tries to Copy Animals (Dr Marcus Wilson from Waikato Uni.).

Garage Sale – person moving overseas: Sat 11 August, from 8am – 11am at 63 Te Aroha St, Hamilton

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal