

Focus for the Week: *The Assumption is the Catholic belief that Mary was taken into heaven – body and soul – at the time of her death.*

Whether she actually died or not is often debated, but this is irrelevant, for the mystery of the Assumption is ultimately not about Mary per se, but the loving and redeeming power of God. In fact, all Marian feasts are about Jesus at the end of the day, for all that Mary did in her life was about sharing her Son with the world. From the moment of Jesus' conception, to his death and Resurrection, Mary was his greatest supporter and advocate.

Mary's Assumption into heaven was a reward for her tireless and selfless contribution to the coming of the kingdom of God. The Assumption therefore is a feast for all of us as it celebrates the reward that all who follow Christ, as Mary did, will receive.

Simon – NZ Catholic

Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

This Sunday, 97 children, many of whom attend Marian School, make their First Holy Communion and will be confirmed. Congratulations to you all and thank you to the people who prepared the children so well.

Currently the Diocese carries millions of dollars worth of debt on its school buildings, Marian School alone has benefited by over \$1.5 million of redevelopment in the last four years. As a result of rising interest rates and the need for the diocese to keep meeting the changing building requirements for schools, the attendance dues per child will be \$308 per child in 2008. If this amount is likely to cause pressure on your cash flow I suggest that you enter into an arrangement with the diocese to pay weekly or fortnightly by automatic payment.

As the winter sporting season comes to an end it is appropriate to thank the many volunteers who have given their time as coaches, managers or officials. Without the volunteer base of these selfless givers many children would not experience a sport. Please ensure that your children personally thank those that have assisted them.

The Marist Soccer Club team photos will be taken tonight in the school hall from 6 p.m. A list of photo times is available at the office.

Marist Soccer Photos: A reminder that these will be taken in the school hall tonight from 6pm on. Be at least 5 – 10 minutes early. Players to wear their Soccer Uniform. Times on school notice board if you have forgotten.



Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following children and their families: Conrad Winthrop (Rm4) and Caleb Parsons (Rm5)

Portraits R Us: Thank you to Mrs Panettiere and Mrs Jordan for collecting all the forms and opening Te Whare Taonga over the weekend. A Big thank you to all our Marian School families for supporting this fundraiser. Over \$600.00 was raised.

Remember Thursday 23 August for viewing and purchasing your portrait. This will be in the small room next to Room 16.

Student Council and VSA Wristbands:

The student council is selling these colourful wristbands to the school community at a cost of \$2.00 this week. Children may only wear these for the week. The money collected helps those who do Voluntary Service Abroad.

Lost:

- A pair of black shoes with strap and buckle named L Mason under strap. Please return to Rm5
- A polar fleece and a school jersey named Logan Stewart – Rm 14

Books Wanted: Second Hand books wanted for the Cathedral Redevelopment Fund's Book Fair. This will be held on Saturday 2 Sept and Sun 3 Sept. Children's, adults, reference, magazines, DVDs Videos etc. There is a drop off box in the office foyer.

Desperately Required – Transport: To and from school for a 5 yr old boy and also a young child at Jubilee in the afternoon. Children live in the Enderley/Fairview Downs area. Please phone Martha at school urgently if you can assist.

Waimaths Competition: The annual Wai-Maths competition will be held at Hamilton Gardens on Thursday 16th of August at 4:30 – 6:00pm. Congratulations to our Year 7 team of Samuel McCabe, Callum Maxwell, Thomas Loughnan, and Jackson Ruffley and our Year 8 team of Conrad Fernandes, Nisha Fernandez-Ritchie, Ji-Soo Lee and Atireta Teiwaki for making it to the finals and good luck for the competition! Everyone is welcome to attend to support our students.

Hockey - Combined Saints 11/8/07

St Pius, St Joseph, SPC, St Columbas, Marian Combined Saints Lost against Te Rapa Strikers 1-0. Some really great attempts at goals. All players tried hard. A disappointing result it was a hard fought game. The team never gave up even with only 11 players no reserves in strong windy conditions. Great support from parents on the side line.

Player of the week was awarded to Ryan Harvey.

Hamilton Branch NZ Suzuki Institute present their Annual Performance Concert.

Held 2pm on Sunday 19 August at the Gallagher Concert Chamber, WEL Energy Trust Academy of Performing Arts (University of Waikato)

Come and enjoy a concert performed by students who have learned to play the piano, violin, viola and cello by the Suzuki method. Many students have won awards in the Hamilton Competition and in national competitions. There will be solo and group performances. Several of the Marian School students will be performing.

Entry is by donation of \$5.00 per family. All welcome.

Monster Garage Sale: To be held on Saturday 10 November from 9am – 4pm at the Marian School Grounds. gather any unwanted items (workable and usable). Items must be operative and of a saleable nature. We want everything from the kitchen to the garden. For more information contact Ian 855 5819 or 021 760 902

Achieving Potential Seminars – For High Ability Students:

Held in September and October. 3 day courses held at Selwyn College. See registration forms at office counter.

Hamilton Creative Fibre Exhibition:

6 August – 27 September at Bryant Education Centre Library, Waikato Hospital. Mon – Thurs 8am – 8pm and Fri 8am – 6pm. Sat 9am – 4:30pm.

NZ Spinning, Weaving and Wool crafts society inc. www.creativefibre.org.nz

Babysitters available

- Miss Alex Donoso – 027 2111 989 or 855 1350. Reliable, trustworthy and caring babysitter available Thursday – Sunday nights. 30 yrs old, mature sensible and has taught Yr 9-13 at Hillcrest High & Fairfield College.
- Julie 021 633 226. Available for Nanny work Monday – Friday from 1pm on. Happy to pick up children and take to after school activities.

HN Junior Naturalist Club: 7pm at the Hort Centre, Hamilton gardens Gate 2. Topic this week is 'Where Did You Say Those Dotterels Went?' Facilitator is Bruce Postill.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday. \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal