

22 August

Focus for the Week: *“There is an urgent need for the emergence of a new generation of Apostles anchored firmly in the Word of Christ capable of responding to the challenges of our times and prepared to spread the Gospel far and wide”*

Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal’s Platform

For the second time this year the large office sign in the gardens has been stolen. At a cost of over \$300 to replace I am not amused. If you hear of this being sighted around town or in a student flat, let me know. I will be keen to see a prosecution and to get the signs back.

A reminder that grandparent’s day will be celebrated on Thursday 6th September. This is a special feast day for Mary the mother of Jesus, and is our school’s feast day. Grandparents are invited to attend the school Mass on this day at 10.45 p.m.

After Mass grandparents are invited to visit the classrooms and see the work that their grandchildren are doing. Lunch will be at 12.30 p.m. Please remind grandparents to bring a lunch with them. Tea and coffee will be served from the hall throughout the lunch period.

From 1.15 p.m., the Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups will perform on the asphalt outside the hall. Afternoon classes will recommence at the conclusion of these performances. During the afternoon as well as all classes being open for the grandparents to walk through and discover what the education system offers today, some classes will be singing in hall while others do folk dancing.

Congratulations to all 95 children who made First Eucharist and Confirmation last weekend. We pray that this will be the beginning of a deep and meaningful journey where they experience a close and intimate encounter with God.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Fergus Cardwell-Dray (Rm4) and Leo McDonald (Rm4).

Bereavements:

We offer our deepest sympathies

- To Emily Williams (Rm 16) and Andrew Williams (Rm10) on the death of their very dear great-grandmother, Kath Ryan.
- Courtney (Rm17) & Hamish Miller (Rm13) whose much loved grandfather (Opa Koning) passed away.

May they rest in peace.

Yr 8 Book Display: Last year we gave our exiting Year 8 students the opportunity to donate a book to our Library. Each book donated will have an acknowledgement inside with the student’s name and year of leaving Marian School. This year the display from ‘Books for Kids’ will be in the school Library tomorrow and Friday. Eftpos is available at the office as a payment option.

We hope that many of our Year 8s will take up this opportunity.

Many thanks
Christine Troon



Whanau Meeting: There will be no second Whanau Meeting this term and only one will be held in Term 4. The next meeting will be held **15th November at 5:30pm** in Te Whare Taonga. Please disregard all other previous meeting dates.

Netball Prizegiving: will be held in Marian School Hall on Thursday 6 September at 6:30pm. More information in next week’s newsletter.

Portraits R Us: Please remember TOMORROW is the Viewing date (23 August) in the afternoon. Your portrait can be picked up on this day only. Held in the small room beside Rm16.

Wai-Maths: Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 teams who represented our school creditably in the recent Wai-Maths competition. It is a very tough competition testing the students ability to problem solve under time constraints and in front of an audience. Our two teams did really well with special mention to our Year 7 team of Thomas Loughnan, Samuel McCabe and Callum Maxwell who were placed third overall. Well done!

WEL Energy Grant: Marian school would like to acknowledge and thank WEL Energy for the recent grant received. WEL Energy is a major sponsor of the 2007 Science Fair competition. The grant will be used to assist teachers and students to prepare for science fair competitions.

PTFA Picture Plate Fundraiser: Paper for the PTFA Picture Plates fundraiser can be collected by parents on Thursday 23rd Aug from Room2 at 3.00pm. We would like parents to collect the paper so it does not get creased etc. Instructions will be included as well. thanks Yvonne

We are Looking for Support: We will shortly be having a new issue of newsletter printed. The newsletter will be used throughout the year to keep the school community informed regarding school activities. The newsletters are to be financed through the support of advertisers whose advertisements will appear on all newsletter for approx 12 months. This enables the School to receive the newsletter free of charge.

We trust this way of keeping your business in front of the local community while helping the school will be of interest. Please contact Pierce Brown at Newsletters Unlimited ph 09-522 1677, 0800 228677 or fax 09-524 0336, 0800 228336 if you are interested in advertising in our newsletters

Hockey - Combined Saints 17/8/07

St Pius, St Joseph, SPC, St Columbas, Marian Combined Saints Played a draw against Southwell Black. The Saints lifted their game in the second half. Liam McGirr scored two fantastic goals. Ryan Harvey, our Goalie, put his body on the line and saved a great goal.

Player of the week was awarded to Tess Johnson. A real nail biter.

Congratulations

- to Justin Coulam (R16) who represented Hamilton as a member of the Hamilton Junior Indoor bowling team at the weekend. Against older opposition, Justin won all his games on the day.
- Kellie Petrin, Highly Commended – Tap; Melissa Petrin, Commended – Tap; Quin Leong, Highly Commended - Jazz; and Tabitha Leong, Commended – Jazz

Lost:

- A school jersey and a polar fleece named Eric Leiaataua – please return to Rm5
- A PE shorts named Kieran Bradey – please return to Rm3.

For Sale:

- Mobility Scooter, Make CTM, 4 wheel, 750W at 3400rpm. Runs on battery and includes charger. Up to 40kms per hour. Has had very little use, retails \$3700+. Selling for \$1500 (open to offers). Please phone Viv or Neil on (07) 855 4543.
- Roland H.P.450 electronic piano. Excellent condition. \$500.00. Ph Maree 856 1163
- 16" Girls Raleigh bike (pink), doll's carrier and trainer wheels – great condition \$ 75.00
20" Girls Tarini bike– ex cond \$100.00
Contact Robyn on 8565241

Volunteers Survey: Please see the links for the following surveys so that the opportunity is available to those who wish to contribute.

The research will be used to make representations to government about policy developments affecting volunteers etc.

Victoria University of Wellington and Volunteering NZ are working together on a research project to find out the financial costs of volunteering incurred by volunteers and the organizations they volunteer for where some or all of these costs are reimbursed, and whether they are preventing some from volunteering.

To complete the survey "for volunteers", please click: www.vuw.ac.nz/surveys/volunteers2007/content/volunteers2007.asp

To complete to the survey "for voluntary organisation", please click:

www.vuw.ac.nz/surveys/volunteerorgs2007/content/volunteerorgs2007.asp

To print out a hard copy of the survey "for volunteers" please click the following link and download the pdf version from the VNZ website.

www.volunteeringnz.org.nz/projects/surveys.php

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SPT Tennis Club OPEN DAY : Sunday 2 Sept from 10am – 2pm. Meet the Coach, Tennis Demonstration, lolly scramble, prizes to be won, equipment demos. All welcome. Phone 853 3017

Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club: 24 August at 7pm, Hort Centre, Hamilton Gardens Gate 2. 'Nitrogen: Good Guy or Bad' Associate Professor Louis Schipper, Waikato University.

SK Motors: Full workshop service. Looking for a garage with good old fashioned service and very competitive prices. Est. since 1970. For personal attention, call Richard or Chris 847 6418 or 0274 757 071

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$1.00 each

God Bless

John Coulam
Principal

Flyer:

- Garage Sale – Cathedral Development Fund

Reminder: Keep those books coming in for the Cathedral Book Fair (1st & 2nd September)