

Focus for the Week: There comes a moment, which we can never quite locate or catch, when an acquaintance becomes a friend. In a sense, the change from one to the other has been taking place over a period of time, but there comes a point when we know that we can trust the other, exchange confidences, keep each other's secrets. We are friends.

There has to be a moment like that in our relationship with God. He ceases to be just a Sunday acquaintance, and becomes a weekday friend.

Cardinal Basil Hume

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

Last week I spoke of the school sign being stolen, I am pleased to advise that it was anonymously returned on Sunday evening. The sign is now firmly bolted in place outside the office.

Over the last week, Amanda Bai, who heads our school's Travel Plan committee, and Sandra Petrin, the PTFA Chairperson, have patrolled the cul-de-sac reminding parents that in the interests of student safety, they are not to use it as a drop off or pick up point. The gates and bollards will soon be installed and the work that these fine parents are doing is to help educate those who ignore the regular requests to keep out. The cul-de-sac is not an official road, having been deregistered in 1970. Under an agreement with the Hamilton City Council, the Board of Trustees of Marian School is responsible for the management and maintenance of the cul-de-sac.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families: Capri Mawston (Rm5) & Lucy Muldowney (Rm5).

Bereavements: We extend our deepest sympathy to the following families;

- Eugene (Rm 21), Marcel (Rm10) & Briega Koning on the death of their much loved grandfather.
- Siobhan (Rm20), Rhegan (Rm15), Braeden & Kelson Tu'akoi on the death of their much loved grandmother.
- Leah Parsons (Rm2) whose Grandma Norton passed away on the weekend.

Science Fair Results: Congratulations to all the children who made it to the semi-final of the Science Fair. A special mention to Siobhan Tu'akoi who won the Photography Section and Emily Howard who was Highly Commended.

Results from the (Australasian) International Writing Competitions: 25 students participated and are to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts. The outstanding results are as follows:

Yr 4 Credits: Yena Jang, Genevieve TuiSamoa

Yr 4 Distinction: Tabitha Leong

Yr 5 Credit: Stacey Jang

Yr 5 Distinction: Victoria Chan, Catherine Zhang

Yr 6 Credits: Nicole Chan, Quin Leong

Yr 6 Distinctions: Stevie-Rae Manawaiti, Yerin Ryoo

Yr 7 Credits, Sam Franicevic, Jodie Hunter

Yr7 Distinction: Nicole Hunter, Brooklyn Priestley

Yr 7 High Distinction: Annabel McKinnon

Yr 8 Credit: Nisha Fernandez-Ritchie, Emily Hunter

Yr 8 Distinction; Neshma Emile, Siobhan Tu'akoi

Netball Prizegiving: Prizegiving will be on 6 September at 6:30pm in the School Hall. (We are hoping to have a professional photographer take photos at a later date.)

After prizegiving there will be a shared supper. Each team is asked to contribute the following items:

Yr 4 Sting – lemonade

Yr 4 Future Ferns – Juice

Yr 5 Magic – Muffins

Yr 5 Force – Pizza/sandwiches

Yr 6 – sausage rolls/savouries

Yr 7 B - biscuits

Yr7 A – slice

Yr 8 C – sliced fruit

Yr 8 B – serviettes/disposable plates / rubbish bags

Yr 8 A – Serving coffee and tea

Feel free to alter slightly e.g. fudge, nibbles instead of items listed.

We need to cater for approx 95 netballers and their families.

Many thanks – Caroline Blair

Team 4 Cross Country Results

Year 8 Girls

1st –Jessica O'Connor

2nd – Emily Stokes

3rd – Courtney Miller

Year 8 Boys

1st –Justin Jang

2nd – Robbie Gray

3rd – Liam Hinz

Year 7 Girls

1st –Melissa Cawdron

2nd – Jordin Stirling

3rd – Zoe Poole

Year 7 Boys

1st –Conor Gyde

2nd – Eugene Koning

3rd – Mark Swarbrick

CIS Cross Country Placings –

Year 8 Girls

1st –Jessica O'Connor

Year 8 Boys

1st –Justin Jang

3rd – Robbie Gray

Year 7 Boys

2nd –Conor Gyde

Reducing Water Use: (EnviroSchool Tips)

1. Leaking Taps: A slowly leaking tap or toilet cistern can waste up to 200 litres in a day (73,000 litres a year). So turn taps off properly. Check and fix dripping taps.
2. Only use the dishwashers when you have a full load.
3. Washing Machines – choose the correct water level on the machine to suit the amount of clothes in the machine, or wait until you have a full load.
4. One for kids as well as adults: While brushing your teeth, keep tap off until rinsing.

St John's Reminder:

Could you please remind your Yr 8 students, who are wishing to enrol at St John's College, to send in their Enrolment Applications as soon as possible, as interviews are being organised in the next couple of weeks.

Many thanks , Celia Jowsey – St John's College

Portraits 'r' Us: Please direct all enquires to 0800-500-775 or 09-299 5655

Thank you

Team 4 Extravaganza: This will be held on Sept 18 at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 for students aged 13 & up and Adults. Primary children and younger are \$2.00. These will be on sale next week.

Lost:

- A School polar fleece not named. Size 14. Please return to Morgan McLaughlin Rm 15.

Wanted to Buy: School tunic for 10 year old in good condition. Please phone Marise 858 2305

Hockey - Combined Saints 24/8/07

St Pius, St Joseph, SPC, St Columbas, Marian Combined Saints lost against Hillcrest White 6-0. Although we lost, it was a great team effort by the Saints. A well fought game between two good teams. Lots of players were injured during play. However not one player came off as we only had eleven players, no reserves .

Great game played by all.

Player of the week was awarded to Matthew Clarkin

Jazz Ballet Result: Congratulations to Renee Hancock who gained Honours for her performance. Well done Renee!

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

Rimbrook Women's Group: Children, Teenagers and the New Media: - Paulette Marsh, teacher in the media and communication, on the pervasive influence of T.V., Internet, Video Games etc.

Rimbrook Study Centre, 64 Hillcrest Rd, Wednesday 5 Sept, 7:30pm. \$5.00.

Phone Diane Willcock, 856 8784. All welcome.

Press Release. - Heritage Candidates Meeting.

The Hamilton East Community Trust has organised a Meet the Candidates meeting to be held in the Knox Church, Albert Street, Hamilton East on Wednesday 5 September at 7pm.

"Our Trust has been very involved in promoting the heritage values of Hamilton East and expressing the concern of our community with infill housing and inappropriate subdivision in this important historic area" says Chair, Lois Livingston.

"We feel it is important for our community to have the opportunity to meet the candidates for the Mayoralty and the East Ward to ascertain the commitment to heritage matters throughout the city."

All candidates will be given a chance to speak for two minutes and then there will be a question and answer session. A light supper will be provided so people have a chance to speak further with the candidates.

Change of Date: St Peters Tennis Club Open Day now will be held on Saturday 8 September from 1pm – 4pm.

Free Ear Clinic for Children: The caravan is currently operating at Crawshaw Primary School Dental Clinic – Crawshaw Dr. Commencing 27 August to 19 September.

The Snow Queen – A Stagecraft Drama School Production at Riverlea Theatre. Performances are 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd September from 7 – 9pm and 1 matinee on 22nd 2pm – 4pm.

Tickets available between 11am – 4:00pm from Riverlea Theatre, Riverlea Rd. Telephone bookings available 856 5450 or 0800 800 192.

A number of the Marian School students are involved in the cast with Nisha Fernandez-Ritchie as the Snow Queen. (Cast 1 of the Tues, Thurs & Sat Matinee performance).

Holiday Programme:

- **SonForce Kids**
24 -28 September 2007
8am - 5pm at \$20 per day or \$10 for morning or afternoon session.
Oscar Approved.
Bring lunch, water bottle, spy gear including shoes, hat and sun glasses.
Morning/afternoon tea, sport, games, art, music, drama all included in price @ Knox Community Hall 50 Albert Street, Hamilton East. For registration forms please phone Helen 856 5687.
- **Waimarie Holiday Programme:** For children aged 5 – 12 years. Held at the Hamilton East Community House, 53 Wellington St. Ph 858 3453. From 7:45 - 5:45pm OSCAR subsidy is available. Children to bring a packed lunch, drink, comfortable shoes and a sunhat. Morning tea and afternoon tea provided. Enrolment forms at school office.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal