

12 September

**Focus for the Week:** *This is the true reason for our existence  
to be the sunshine of God's love  
to be the hope of eternal happiness.  
That's all.*

Words to love by Mother Teresa

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:** Grandparents day was yet again a great success where the children show cased their talents and those present experienced a colourful and beautiful liturgy. Congratulations to the Year 7 & 8 line dancing Team that won Best Overall team and Best original dance at the Catholic Line Dancing competitions last week, I am sure that the grandparents enjoyed watching their demonstration.

Last year was a tough year financially for the Board of Trustees, due mainly to associated costs around supplying assets for the new administration centre and upgrading the school's computer network and hardware. As a result I have the task of reducing this school's working capital deficit and the responsibility of running the school at better than a break even point. I was somewhat grumpy last night when I looked at accounts outstanding and realised that 95 families owe this school a total of \$13,000. I need your help for me to achieve the expectations of the Ministry of Education. This school stands for Honesty, Integrity, Justice and Responsibility. Payment of school accounts will demonstrate these values. If there are genuine hardship issues then make an appointment to see Martha. If you owe us money, a letter is in the mail.

If your child is not attending school on any given day please telephone the school by 9.30 a.m. on 856 7515 and leave a message giving the child's name, room number and reason for absence. Alternatively you may e-mail the school secretary at [secretary@marian.school.nz](mailto:secretary@marian.school.nz)

We do try to contact the parents of unexplained absence. This is however difficult to do without up to date telephone contact information for parents. Parents, it is your responsibility to ensure that the school holds current home, business and emergency contact details. If you have changed address or your child has a changed medical condition or allergy from that notified at the time of enrolment, then we need to know.

**Mass:** This is a Buddy Mass (Rms 4, 5, 12, 13, & 14) and will be celebrated at 9:30am tomorrow (Thursday 6 Sept).

**Bereavement:** We offer our deepest sympathies to the following

- Mariah and Nikita Komene, whose much loved Great-Grandfather (Moke Couch) passed away.
- Hone Tito (Rm10) on the death of his much loved grandfather.
- To Lincoln and Karlos Bailey whose much loved grandmother 'Nan' passed away.

**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.

**Whole School Assembly:** A reminder that whole school assembly will take place next Thursday (20 Sept) at 1:30pm

### **Marian Pasifika Culture Group**

Kia Ora! Malo e lelei! Bula Vinaka! Kona Mauri! Kia Orana!  
Hello! Aloha! Faakalofa lahi atu!! Talofa !

The Marian Pasifika Group have two very special events to lead before they can relax, chill and enjoy the holidays.

- 1 Next Thursday 20 September the end of the term Mass, the Pasifika Group will be leading. It starts at 9 30 am.
- 2 Our Community Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday 23 September, starting at 6 pm. (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the holiday)

So family and friends please come, be part of our celebrations and support our children in their awesome efforts.

**Mufti Day:** This will be held on the last Friday of term 3 (21 September). We ask for each child to bring a gold coin donation and the proceeds will go to the Cathedral Redevelopment Fund. Please remember that the total will be matched dollar for dollar.

### **Australasian Spelling Results:**

Congratulations to all students who participated in the spelling exam.

#### Yr 4:

*Distinction* – Tabitha Leong, Thomas Slater

#### Yr5:

*Distinction* – Darren Caeiro, Lauren Baranski, Keana Fletcher-Mathews

#### Yr6

*Credit* – Alina Rajan, Leticia Feausi

*Distinction* – Kate Slater, Yerin Ryoo, Jamie Keane

*High Distinction* – Quin Leong

#### Yr7:

*Credit* – Simon Roh, Brooklyn Priestley, Jodie Hunter

*Distinction* – Conor Harvey, Nicole Hunter

#### Yr8:

*Credit* – Aleena Sutton, Sonia Chan, Reshma Thekkekkara

*Distinction* – Conrad Fernandes

### Australasian English Results

Well done to all the students who participated in these exams.

#### Yr 4

*Credit* - Tabitha Leong, Jemma McClymont,  
Madeleine Muldowney

#### Yr 5

*Credit* – Lauren Baranski, Victoria Chan  
*Distinction* – Keana Fletcher-Mathews, Catherine Zhang

#### Yr 6:

*Credit* – Georgina Jones, Quin Leong  
*Distinction* – Huon Cameron-Fraser, Amelia Hayes,  
Yerin Ryoo

*High Distinction* – Kate Slater

#### Yr 7

*Credit* – Abbie Bond-Ewart, Jodi Hunter, Craig McCarthy  
*Distinction* – Nicole Hunter, Samuel McCabe,  
Lauren Morgan

*High Distinction* – Annabel McKinnon

#### Yr 8

*Credit* – Mathew Swney, Conrad Fernandes, Sam  
Lockett-Turton, Aleena Sutton  
*Distinction* – Emily Hunter

### Waikato Full Primary Speech Competition:

Congratulations to Sam Franicevic who gained second II placing in the Yr7 section. His speech was titled ' Tongue nah gat teeth but he ah bite for true' a Guyana proverb that translates into 'The tongue does not have teeth but it bites for true.' Well done Sam!

**Daffodil Day:** Thank you to all those who contributed to our Daffodil Day. The school raised \$250.00 that will be given to the cancer society. A special thanks to Natalie Steens for generously providing the daffodils.

**EnviroSchools Tip of the Week:** A shower uses 10 – 20 litres of water a minute so a shorter shower can save lots of water. (5 minutes is a reasonable time for a shower.

**Netball & Waterpolo Photos:** These will be held tomorrow (Thursday 13 September), in Te Whare Taonga. Photos are \$11.00 each. Please pay Marian at the school office or Caroline (in the Whare on Thursday).

Orders will NOT be taken after Thursday afternoon.

Could managers and or coaches please get their team in their correct uniform to the whare by the following times:

2:10pm	All waterpolo teams
2:30pm	Yrs 8A, 8B & 8C
2:50pm	Yr 5 Magic
2:55pm	Yr 4 Future Ferns
3:00pm	Yr 6 Rebels
3:05pm	Yr 4 Sting
3:10pm	Yr 5 Force
3:15pm	Yr 7A
3:20pm	Yr 7B

Any questions – please call Caroline this evening on 858 3655

**Waterpolo:** The games are on tonight with the White Team playing at 6pm and the Read Team at 6:30pm. Please be there a half hour earlier.

**Final Reminder for Touch & Cricket:** Please return all forms and payment to Mrs Walker, Rm 18 - no later than Monday.

**Rocket Junior Netball Competition:** An 8-week competition specifically designed for Year 7 & 8 netball players will be held during Term 4, 2007. All interested teams or individuals, please contact Ange for further details. Rocket Indoor Sports, 53 Duke St, Hamilton. Ph 847 1653, email [info@rocketsports.co.nz](mailto:info@rocketsports.co.nz)

### Congratulations:

- To Sarah Krystman (Rm8) who last weekend at the Waikato Kyokshin Karate championships, came first in 8-9 yr old Kumite (Full contact) and also won the most Spirited Junior Trophy of the Championships.

**Westfields of Chartwell:** These school holidays it's time to take to the stage with the Westfield Sing Like a Star competition. Come to **Westfield Chartwell September 24-28** and be in to win some amazing prizes. Morning registration is from 10.30 – 11.00 am and showtime is at 11.00 am. Afternoon registration is from 12.00 – 12.30 pm with showtime at 12.30 pm. There's a total prize pool worth \$22,000 up for grabs and entry is free!

**Wanted:** Old knee highs or pantyhose to store puihuis. Please deliver to the school office or Whaea Doak.

**Found:** A bike lock – please see Mrs Panettiere at the office

### Lost:

- School raincoat, brand new, named Will Hamilton, return to Rm 11.

**Connections:** Peter Walls, conductor and Maria Mo on piano. Bartok, Rumanian Dances, Schumann, Mozart, Griffiths (Harbour Extracts) Friday 14 Sept at 8pm in the WEL Energy Trust Academy of Performing Arts. Call your local booking office for tickets. Friends of Opus is Free

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

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 (Snow Queen). Neshma Emile (Lady-in-Waiting) Tara Fernandez-Ritchie (Girl in audience, Spell), Capri Fox (Old woman's daughter), Leticia Feausi (Snowperson) & Christine (Snowperson).

Production consists of two casts; Cast 1 on Tues, Thurs and Sat matinee, and Cast A Wed, Fri & Sat evening.

**Gala Day:** Saturday 29 Sept from 11am – 2pm at the Gallagher Aquatic Centre, 20 Collins Rd, 07-958 5890

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday, \$1.00 per sausage.

God Bless You

John Coulam  
Principal