

19 September

**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 XV1

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:** It will be no surprise to you to know that Marian School is to implement an enrolment scheme to assist me with the selection of students for enrolment.

The scheme has six orders of priority by which enrolments will be processed.

The proposed priorities are:

**First Priority** – will be given to preference applicants who are siblings of current or former students.

**Second Priority** – will be given to preference applicants who are a child of a staff member or Board of Trustees member.

**Third Priority** – will be given to preference applicants who are living within the Cathedral or St Matthew's parish boundaries.

**Fourth Priority** – will be given to preference applicants who are living in one of the Hamilton City Parishes

**Fifth Priority** – will be given to other preference applicants

**Sixth Priority** – will be given to non-preference students.

At the moment I have 69 vacancies for 2008 with 135 application forms received. Allowing for the historical figure of up to 30 students to leave during 2008, I should over the year be able to enrol 100 students. If you have a preschooler to start who has a sibling at Marian School, please complete and hand in all the forms now. Enrolments close over the holidays and selections will be made early in term 4.

If your child is not returning to Marian School in 2008 please inform me as soon as possible this will help other families.

**Staffing:** Mrs Fong returns from maternity leave next term and will team teach in Room 4 with Mrs James. Mrs Taylor has resigned and will not be returning from maternity leave and therefore Mrs Tui Samoa will continue teaching in Room 5 until the end of the year. Mrs Bradley (Rm 11) will team teach with Mrs Jane Moroney in term 4.

**Cul-de-Sac Gate:** The long awaited bollards and gate have finally been installed at the end of the Firth St Cul de sac today. In the interests of student safety access will be restricted between 8.15 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. daily. Please use the Church/School car park.

**Mufti Day:** A reminder that Friday is a Mufti day. Gold coin donation with proceeds going to the Cathedral redevelopment fund.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community Mathew Wenzlick (Rm 4) and Malia Gemmill (Rm4).

#### **Orbiter School Bus: - Change for Term 4**

Starting on Monday, 8 October this service will operate slightly differently as to what it ran in Term 3. The bus will still be white and will be marked as an 'Orbiter school service'.

It will depart from the corner of Resolution and Discovery Drives at 8am, travel via Discovery Drive, Endeavour Avenue, then follow the normal Orbiter route until the corner of Peachgrove Rd and Clyde St, where it will turn right onto Clyde St instead of going to the University. The bus will stop at Sacred Heart Girls College, opposite Marian School.

In the afternoon the Orbiter school service bus will run the reverse of the above route, starting outside Marian School at 3.15pm and terminating south of Flagstaff shops after completing the River Road, Discovery Drive and Endeavour Avenue loop.

For more information, phone 0800 4 BUSLINE (2875463) or visit [www.busit.co.nz](http://www.busit.co.nz).

**Congratulations:** Katie Pigou (Rm13) who will be appearing in "Cinderella" with the Royal New Zealand Ballet at Founders Theatre on Thursday 4th October 7.30 pm and Friday 5th October 6.30 pm (2nd week of the school hols.)

Tickets can be booked at TicketDirect 0800 484 253

She also passed her Grade 3 Ballet Exam with Distinction! Well done Katie!

### **Marian Pasifika Culture Group**

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

Reminder

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

- 1 Thursday (tomorrow) the Pasifika Group is leading the school Mass.
- 2 Our Community Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday 23 September, starting at 6 pm. Students will have to be at the whare at 5.00pm to get dressed.

So family and friends please come and be part of our celebrations.

Thank you very much to those who have replied.

Please continue to return the slips to the office.

**PTFA Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on 10 October (the first Wednesday in Term 4). 7:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

### **South East Hamilton Interschool's Cross Country**

Congratulations to those runners from Marian School who raced at the recent Year 4-6 Interschool's Cross Country. Thanks to the superb support given from those parents who attended and a team of well-behaved and committed runners.

A list of top 10 places is below – Our best results ever!

#### Year 4 Girls:

1<sup>st</sup> Madeleine Muldowney

7<sup>th</sup> Kristen Clements

10<sup>th</sup> Yena Jang

#### Year 4 Boys:

2<sup>nd</sup> Marcel Koning

6<sup>th</sup> Liam Coombes-Fabing

7<sup>th</sup> Sam Turnbull

9<sup>th</sup> Ben Wheatley

10<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Blair

#### Year 5 Girls:

6<sup>th</sup> Krystal Leger-Walker

10<sup>th</sup> Ciara Gyde

#### Year 5 Boys:

1<sup>st</sup> Logan Stewart

#### Year 6 Girls:

2<sup>nd</sup> Rhegan Tu'akoi

3<sup>rd</sup> Brianna Stewart

6<sup>th</sup> Kristy Dennis

#### Year 6 Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Stefan Krystman

10<sup>th</sup> Cameron O'Connor

**Rocket Junior Soccer Competition** – A 6-week competition will be held during Term 4. 3 grades available – Nippers (Yrs 1-3), Juniors (yrs 4-6), Seniors (yrs 7-8). All interested teams or individual, please contact Ange for further details. Rocket Indoor Sports, 53 Duke St, Hamilton. Ph 847 1653 or email [info@rocketsports.co.nz](mailto:info@rocketsports.co.nz)

### **Lost**

- or taken accidentally - school raincoat named Will Hamilton Rm 11.
- A PE Top named Rowena Thekkekara – return to Rm 5 please.

**Knitworld:** Holiday knitting lessons. held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 25, 26 & 27 Sept from 10:30 – 11:30am and 1:30 – 2:30pm

Children have a choice of what they would like to knit. Kits supplied. Cost \$5 or \$10 dependent on kit chosen.

Bookings essential. Please phone 838 3868

### **Rimbrook Women's Group: Professional Development for Women who do Housework**

– Rimbrook Study Centre, 64 Hillcrest Rd, Saturday 6 Oct from 2 – 4:30pm. \$5.00. Phone Diane Willcock 856 8784. All welcome.

**Weekend Retreat for Women:** Sept 28 – 30. Conducted by a priest of Opus Dei, a personal Prelature of the Catholic Church. For more information, please phone Kirstie 856 2396

### **SKATING SESSIONS**

The Hamilton Roller Skating Club runs the following sessions at the Skatedome on Melville Park. Sunday Morning 10.a.m. till Noon, Mums and Dads skate free kids \$2.00 each, \$1.00 hire Skates, great session for families with lots of fun for everyone with games, speed races and lolly scramble. Maximum cost for any family \$10.00. Thursday night from 7p.m. till 9p.m. is also a Public Session with lots of fun and games.

Other Sessions open to the Public are:

Learn to Skate Monday 5.30p.m.to 6.30p.m.

Hockey Senior Tuesday 7.30p.m to 8.30p.m.

Speed Skating Thursday 6.00p.m. to 7.00p.m.

Hockey Junior Sunday Noon till 1.00p.m.

For further enquires please ring Pearl on 8298924 or Kathy on 8552523

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday - \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You and have a safe and happy holiday!

John Coulam  
Principal