

10 October 2007

Focus for the Week: *Let us ask our lady, in a very special way: Mary, mother of Jesus, be a mother to each of us, that we, like you, may be pure in heart, that we, like you, love Jesus; that we, like you, serve the poorest for we are all poor. First let us love our neighbours and so fulfil God's desire that we become carriers of His love and compassion.*

Mother Teresa

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Principal's Platform:

I welcome back from maternity leave Mrs Fong, who will be teaching with Mrs James in Room 4 this term. As mentioned last term, Mrs Bradley has reduced her teaching duties this term and will teach in room 11 three days a week and Mrs Moroney returns to the school teaching in Room 11 on the other two days. Mrs Bradley, who has taught at the school on and off since 1968, has announced her resignation from the teaching staff effective the end of this school year. I am sure that over this term many of you will take the opportunity to wish her well after such a long and faithful service to our school.

Enrolments have now closed for 2008 and I have to make decisions as to which applicants are accepted and which will be declined. I hope to have completed this process by 1 November. If you know that your child will not be returning in 2008 please let me know now as this information is vitally important to help me determine the class structure for next year and will also help one of the 100 on the waiting list.

On Tuesday 16 October all first class cricket players in New Zealand will be returning to one of their old schools to promote cricket. The New Zealand Cricket Captain, Daniel Vettori has chosen to come back to Marian. On this day he will speak at team assemblies, meet with our cricket coaches and those children who play cricket for the school and take skills sessions for some of our cricket teams. If you see him please make him feel welcome.

I am away from the office until Friday 19 October. In my absence please direct all enquiries that would normally need my consideration to the Deputy Principal Mrs Wilson.

Liturgy: There will be a Full School Liturgy this Thursday at 9:30am. (No Mass as Father will be away).

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following children and their families; Mathew Bastion (Rm21), Rosie Banfield (Rm16), Alessandra Howard (Rm4), Akaash James (Rm4), Gabriel Jhang (Rm4).

Parent Help required by Junior Dept: The Junior Dept is again holding PMP in the hall on Monday and Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 – 2:45. If you are able to assist with this please see either Maureen Keogh or just turn up at the hall at 1:30 on either day.

HATS: Under the Marian School Sun Safe Policy, it is compulsory for our students to wear their school hats during Term 4 & Term 1. Please ensure your child has a Marian School hat. They may be purchased from Postie Plus.

Marian School Multicultural Parade**Friday 12 October 2007 - 11:45 AM**

A reminder that the Marian School Multicultural Parade to celebrate our cultural diversity, will be held this Friday in the St Mary's Playground at **11:45 am** (Please note the earlier time). We invite all parents, caregivers and friends of the school to attend. Thank you to those students and parents who are dressing in traditional/ national costume for this event.

Those parents who are involved in the parade please meet your child with their class in the St Mary's playground just before the parade.

We encourage those students who don't have access to traditional/ national costumes to dress in the colours of the culture they identify with to make for a large, colourful event (Please bring these to school to change into – **students are to wear their uniforms to school**).

Students will march in teams, in the following order: Team 2, 1, 3 and 4.

Mike Sommerville

Lynne Fromont

Organisers

Meetings – Team 4: Tonight in the Senior School Atrium. You will have received notices outlining times and reasons for these.

6:30pm – Pubertal Change – an outline of the lesson content for Year 7 and Year 8 students.

7:30pm – Any parents who may wish to come to camp next year (12-15) February as parents helpers. (current Yr 6 & Yr 7 parents). This is not intended as a general information evening. More details on camp will follow.

Twilight Duathlon 5.30pm 21st November 2007

Open for all children of Marian Catholic School who wish to participate in a fun duathlon that will be held at the school grounds. This will include running and biking.

A Major Spot Prize of a Bike, minor spot prizes and raffles will be given out on the night- you need to be in to win!!

If you are interested please keep an eye out for more information which will be given out in the next few weeks.

Parents- if you have a business and are able to donate items such as vouchers for raffles/ prizes, we would greatly appreciate your kindness. Also if you are able to assist on the night (sausage sizzle, marshals, and drinks etc) please contact:

Nic Moon nmoon@xtra.co.nz

or

Maria Wilson mwilson@marian.school.nz

Kind regards,

Nic Moon and Maria Wilson

PTFA Meeting: This will be held TONIGHT at 7:30pm in the staffroom. New members welcome.

Mission Day: This annual event will be split into two days this year, due to various commitments. The Mass (Full School) will be celebrated on Thursday 25 October at 9:30am and then the actual Mission Fun Day will be held on Friday 26 October starting at 12noon. Please start thinking about your donations of books, toys, sweets, cakes etc to make this a very successful fundraiser where all the proceeds will go to the Missions.

Farewell to the Michael family: It is time to say goodbye to one of our Papua New Guinea families who are returning to PNG at the end of this month. They would love to take back to PNG a box of children's books to take to their school. Any donations would be gratefully received. A box will be held in the foyer. Thank you - Martha

Important Health Notice:

A student in the school has recently been diagnosed with a rare medical condition. With treatment, the child is able to be at school and enjoy the company of classmates.

We would like to reassure you that this condition is not contagious. However, a side effect of treatment is a lowered immune system (the body's natural defence) and we ask you to; **Please contact the principal or class teacher should your child come into contact with chicken pox or measles, or develops either disease.**

This illness can have serious implications for a person on some treatments and we need to inform the parents that the appropriate action can be taken.

Thank you – John Coulam (Principal)

NB – *If your child is sick please, keep them at home but remember to inform the school office.*

Scallywags Playgroup: New members wanted. Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30am – 11:30am in the church hall. Come along with your preschoolers and meet some new friends.

Enviro Tip for the Week: As summer approaches, think about watering the garden or lawn – not the footpath/street! Use a broom to sweep your driveway or paths, not the hose.

Te Awamutu Competitions

Held first week of school holidays

Tap dance under 8

Kellie Petrin Very highly commended

Tap dance 8yrs and under 10yrs

Melissa Petrin Highly commended

Restricted Tap Dance

Kellie Petrin Very Highly commended

Melissa Petrin Very Highly commended

Song and dance under 12yrs

Kellie Petrin Very Highly commended

Tap dance 10yrs and under 12yrs

Gemma Rose Commended

Waltz Tap 10yrs and under 12yrs

Gemma Rose Commended

Poetry Speaking under 10yrs

Elizabeth Grace Very Highly Commended

Prepared Prose Speaking under 10yrs

Elizabeth Grace 2nd

Reading at sight under 10yrs

Elizabeth Grace 3rd

Character Sketch under 10yrs

Elizabeth Grace 1st

Poetry or prose under 10yrs

Elizabeth Grace 2nd

New Zealand Poem under 10yrs

Elizabeth Grace 2nd

Water Polo: Congratulations to the following children who represented Waikato at an U/12 "Future Champions" Tournament in Auckland in the holidays;

Bradley Goudie, Thomas Loughnan, Callum Maxwell, Zoe Poole and Briar Loveridge.

The team was coached by Thomas Walker (Marian Coach) and they were placed 5th.

A great effort. – Liz Walker

Tee-Ball/Soft Ball

Enrolments are being taken now. Please see me at Rm 18

Liz Walker

Pastoral Care Notice: as of next week there will be 3 Tool Box Parenting Tips in the newsletter each week. Tips will cover communications with your child and getting through the teenage years.

Waikato Tennis Centre in Dey Street: Our Junior Club (School age) is starting registration in the second week of the 4th term, on Thursday and Friday.

Junior Tennis starts this week at Lugton Park Tennis Club in Dey Street , Hamilton East.

Age Groups And Session Times

Thursdays - from 18th Oct 3.30 to 4.00pm Pee Wee Tennis

Stage 1 (6 weeks) 4.15 to 5.45pm 8 – 10 years

(8 weeks) 6.00 to 7.30pm

Match Play (ages 11 & over – 8 weeks)

Fridays - from 19th Oct 3.30 to 4.00pm

Pee Wee Tennis

Stages 2/3 (6 weeks) 4.15 to 5.45pm 11 – 13 years

(8 weeks) 6.00 to 7.30pm 14 years & over

Thank you - Harry Bowkett

Multicultural Concert – This Saturday 13 October at 6:30. This event will take place at the Gateway Christian Centre, 950 Victoria St, Hamilton. Tickets are \$10 or \$20ea. contact Antony Joseph 843 5976 or email info@nzmalayalee.org

Light Party: A fun alternative to Halloween (Ephesians: Chapter 5 verses 8-11).

Where: Salvation Army, 94 London St

When: 31 October from 6pm – 8pm

Costume Theme: Heroes and princesses

Age: Pre-school, primary and intermediate

Sausage sizzle, drinks available at \$1.00 ea. games, prizes, lollie scramble, heaps of fun!

Contact; Linda Jefferson 853 3110 for more info 027 383 3331

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam

Principal

Flyers:

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