

24 October

Focus for the Week: Pope Benedict reminds us that the absence of God in the lives of millions is the greatest suffering. People are hungry for God and not just for bread and freedom. Please help missionaries to reflect God's love with the support of your prayers and financial donations on Mission Day – This Friday from 12noon.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

Enrolment selections for next year have been made on the basis of the proposed enrolment scheme for this school which the Board of Trustees has adopted as guidelines for me to follow in the interim. There is however the need to formalise the Enrolment Scheme by writing to schools within the proposed zones and by holding a public meeting to receive feedback. A public meeting will be held in the Marian School hall at 7 p.m. next Tuesday 30 October. You are very welcome to attend.

The mufti day held at the end of Term 3 raised \$650 for the Cathedral redevelopment fund. Our school is committed to giving \$2500 between now and the end of 2008. Another mufti day later in the year should see us meet our 2007 contribution. Thank you for your generosity. The Cathedral redevelopment fund currently stands at \$2.2 million. It is hoped that the work will commence in February 2008.

Please respond generously by either donating goods, buying or assisting with the Monster Garage Sale that is to be held at Marian School on Saturday 10 November, all raised will go to the Cathedral fund.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following children and their families; Jenna Foot (Rm 4), Maya Wilson (Rm 4) and Mason Tupaea (Rm 4).

Music Appreciation Evening: This will be held next **Wednesday, 31 October** in the school hall at 6pm. All students involved are to be dressed in their school uniform. If your child is involved in Out of School Music and the Orchestra, they need to arrive at **5:30pm**. A letter will go out early next week to indicate the room where they need to meet. The second half of the evening involves the Team 4 students in Harmony, the Choir, Soloists and Orchestra. They will need to be at school by **7:15 sharp**.

Mass: There will be a Full School Mass tomorrow (Thursday) to celebrate World Mission Day. 9:30am – all welcome.

Mission Day: A reminder to keep bringing those books, toys, sweets and cakes by Friday morning

Twilight Duathlon 21/11/07

Parents!

Thank you to those parents who have offered their assistance in helping out on the night of the duathlon. It is greatly appreciated!

Any parents still wanting to help can contact either Nic or Maria on the e-mail below.

Students!

Reminder to all those children wanting to participate in the free Twilight Duathlon, please return permission slips to Miss Wilson (Rm 19) a.s.a.p! Late entries will be accepted!

Any students who do not have a notice come to Rm 19 before school to receive one.

Prizes!!!

All students who enter will receive a surprise pack on the night and you will also have the chance to **win 1 of 3 bikes**- just for completing the Duathlon!!!!

We have many goodies to raffle on the night and some fabulous spot prizes to be given out to families. These include vouchers and product from Future Feet, Bead It, Collins, Maxwell & Williams to name a few!

You must be in to win!!

Kind regards,

Maria Wilson mwilson@marian.school.nz

Nic Moon nmoon@xtra.co.nz

St Johns College Scholarships for 2008

now available. Please collect Scholarship forms from Mrs Troon, Rm 17.

They are available in the following categories:

- Academic
- Cultural
- Music
- Special Character

Challenges and Tips by 'Tool Box' - Parents Inc(from our Pastoral Care)

1. If our family had to move to another town, what would you miss the most?
2. Why do we have laws/rules?
3. If you could invent one thing what would it be?

Getting through the teenage years

Talk about your standards and values

The pre-teen years are an important time to capitalise on opportunities to impress upon your child; the values you think make a decent person. Because of the strange and mixed messages from television and peers these days, children often do not automatically know

what is the right thing to do. When children are young, parents spend a lot of time talking about sharing, helping, not fighting etc, but as time goes on, less and less teaching of values is occurring. Teenagers need a solid values system to live by because if they haven't got one, they will take on the values of the strongest personality around them. Verbally acknowledge your child when he/she lives up to your trust, when he/she is honest, truthful, courteous, obedient, treats other how he/she wants to be treated, contributes to society, etc. Always set a good example yourself!

Let your teenager know you have the 'last say'.

You know what is best for your child and it is important for them to know it too. When you respect your own decisions then he/she will respect them, and you, too. Don't come up against resistance from your child about the choices you have on their behalf. Don't back down – stand by your decisions. You are older and wiser, so make sure your child knows that you have the final say. Naturally this will change once your child gets older and becomes more experienced in decision-making, but do not relinquish authority too soon. You and your teen must agree on the final 'deal'

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic book orders will go to each child's teacher with exact payment in an envelope with teacher's name and room number. Please ensure the child's name is on the order form. Your teacher will help you with any queries.

The closing date for this order is **Friday 26th October**.

Enviroschool Tip of the week: Use water from a bucket when washing the car and rinse it quickly with the hose.

Wanted: Empty baby food jars . They are for a mission day item. Please drop in to Rm2.

Cricket Draw

Friday 5pm start

All Stars vs Southwell Blue Caps @ Southwell Sch

Stumpers vs St Joes FF Black Caps @ marian Sch

Thunderbolts – BYE

Yorkers vs Hillcrest Force @ Hillcrest Normal Sch

Bolckers vs Southwell Black Caps @ Southwell School 3

Saturday 9am start

Blasters vs Te Rapa @ Ashurst Park

Force vs Old Boys Storm @ Clyde Park

Strikers vs Hillcrest Hitters @ hillcrest Normal School

Monster Garage Sale: Saturday 10 November from 9am to 4pm at the Marian School grounds.

Gather together your unwanted items, anything around the house, garage, garden etc (items must be operative and of a saleable nature), and bring them down to the venue on Friday 9 November.

We **urgently require volunteers** to help out with stall duties on the day AND vehicles to transport goods from the storage depot to the venue.

If you can help out with either of these or with goods for the Garage Sale, please contact Ian 855 5819 / 021 760 902 or Mike 07-852 5861

Can You Help? In December, a group of 30 Colombian Women and children are expected to arrive in Hamilton as refugees. If you are interested in have a cross cultural experience or would like to make a difference or speak Spanish, we would love to chat with you about the possibilities to being involved. Training begins in November with limited places – so be in quick! For more information, contact Rachel on 853 2195 or rms-ham@rms.org.nz

Found: A plastic bag containing dolls clothes – please collect from school office.

Lost:

- PE shorts named A.C – please return to Alexis Rm 12
- A jersey named T Adams – Please return to Tara Rm 8.
- A polar fleece named Jackson Ruffley – please return to Rm 22.
- A jersey named Tammy Johnson – please return to Rm 15

For Sale:

- A Sacred Heart Girls College blazer – size 14 in very good condition. Phone Annette 021 122 8209 A/Hrs
- An Ashton guitar ¾ size. Brand new, immaculate condition. Black with padded matching carry bag. \$90.00 o.n.o. Phone Maree 856 1163 after 3:30pm

St Peters Tennis Club junior club night has started- Coaching and match play every Friday between 3.30 and 7.30 dependant on age, 5-8 yrs 3.30-4.30, 8-11yrs 4.30-5.30, 11-14yrs 5.30-6.30, 14yrs+6.30-7.30 -cost only \$110 for two terms. Please phone Shelley on 839 3513 or 021 104 9448 for more details.

Pianos on Brookfield Music School. Piano Tuition at reasonable rates. Vacancies available for children 8 years and older. Adult beginners welcome. Also, those who would like a refresher or second look after previous piano study. Phone Robyn Smith (ATCL) on 856 1404 or email: robyns_49@yahoo.co.nz

House Available Short Term

A fully furnished house in Grey St, is available from 22 November until 22 January 2008. Please contact 856-3907 or 021-804-619 for details.

Tour de Lakefront: Cycle course for 5 – 12 year olds starting at Rotorua Lakefront Village Green, along with a bike obstacle course. Saturday 3 November 2007. Entry Form at school office.

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal