

15 February

Focus for the Week: “ The new year is a time in which we want to renew our spiritual journey with Jesus, with the joy of seeking and finding him incessantly.”

Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform: This week our year 7 & 8 students are on camp at Finlay Park, discovering the many challenges that such a camp brings. Fingers crossed for fine weather. The Education Review Office will be in the school next week from Monday to Thursday and are very keen to meet with members of the community to hear your views about the school. If you are able to attend, the meeting is scheduled for 2.30 p.m. in the Whare on Tuesday 21 February and should conclude around 3 p.m.

Bishop Dennis Brown will visit the school this Friday morning as part of his parish visit.

With summer sports beginning this week for cricket and flippa ball, I offer my sincere thanks to the people who have offered assistance to coach or manage. A special thank you to parents, Ian Maxwell and Tim Purcell for putting the cricket gear bags together.

Welcome: we warmly welcome the following children and their families into our school community; Dominic Uaisele (Rm10), Kiko Uaisele (Rm3), and Keegan Harnett (Rm22)

Scholastic Book Order: The order for this term is due in by Thursday 23 February. Please ensure your child's name is on each order form used and any cheques should be made out to Marian School.

Please help the Office Out! Could parents please have the correct change if possible when making payments for sports, stationery, music etc as we do not hold a lot of cash.

The payments may be made electronically but you **must** enter your **child's name** and the **activity** you are paying for (i.e. cricket). Our school account number is 031556 0031552 00

Thank you!

In-School Piano Lessons Available: Tutor; Janet Harper (ATCL, TTCERT, AIRMT). Held Tuesdays in the Whare. \$19.00 per lesson to be paid by the term in advance. To secure a place please contact Janet on 856 3819

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS:

This year, the University of New South Wales will hold competitions in **Mathematics, Computers Skills, Science, Writing and English for students from Yr 4 to Yr 8.**

These competitions are suitable for students who want or would benefit from the extra challenge. It provides an opportunity to measure their own achievement in an external assessment situation.

Students receive a result, letter and certificate detailing the questions they answered correctly. Certificates are awarded for each Yr level as follows:

High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants in New Zealand;

Distinction to the next 10% of entrants in N.Z.;

Credit to the next 20% of entrants in N.Z.,
Achievement to the students who are placed in the top 20% of their Year Level at their school but do not qualify for one of the above national Certificates. **Participation** to other participating students.

The Science, Computer Skills, English and Mathematics entry fee is \$6.50 per competition. The writing fee is \$13.00 as this is individually hand-marked.

The dates for the competition are as follows:

- Computer Skills – Tues 4 April
- Science – Wed 3 May
- Mathematics – Thursday 11 May
- Writing – Tues 30 May
- English – Thurs 15 June

Please fill in the return slip below and send with entry fee to school before **Tuesday 28 February**

Mike Sommerville – Teacher-in-charge

Sacred Heart Girls College Carpark: The carpark on the corner of Firth and Clyde has been designated to staff from Sacred Heart College. Staff have been issued with display stickers. Please do not be offended if you are asked to move. The church carpark is the appropriate place for dropping off and picking up your children.

Dental Clinic: The dental therapists are currently in our school for all of this term and will check all the children's teeth.

Out of School Music: We have had a huge



response and are now processing entries and assigning classes. Timetables will be issued next week and first classes will start on Monday 27 February.

All children who have kept their violins over the holidays **must return them to the Whare this Friday between 8am and 9am so that continuer violinists can be resized.**

Marist Junior Soccer – A.G.M.: This will be held tonight (Wednesday) in the school hall at 7:30pm. All welcome.

Flippa Ball: all players will need to be at the Te Rapa pools on Sunday at 2:45pm as the draw has not been made up as yet.

Cricket Draw:

Friday Draw not available when newsletter went to print. Please check website

www.home.xtra.co.nz/hosts.hjca

Saturday 9am start

- Blasters – BYE
- Force vs Morrinsville Blue Caps @ Discovery Park 1
- Strikers vs Vardon Magics @ Vardon School

Basketball: All Players aged 8 to Jay Dee Squads. Training held at St John’s College to develop players who show potential or interest in basketball.

Under 10 mixed Sun 9am-10:30am

Under 11-13 mixed Sun 10:30 – 12noon

Cost is \$80.00 per term.

Contact Colin Driscoll 856 7091 (work)

c.driscoll@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

The Cathedral Children’s Choir:

If you love to sing and would like to be part of a very rewarding ministry, come along to the Cathedral next Wednesday 22 February from 3:20 – 4:30pm for our first rehearsal.

We practice every week at this time and would love to see you.

No auditions necessary. For more information, please phone Kristin Browne 853 6008

French and Spanish at Marian School: Fun Language International is continuing to hold French and Spanish Language Classes for children aged 5-12 years at Marian School. We use a professionally designed course involving games, crafts, drama, songs and lots of lively activities. The classes are run by native speakers and experienced teachers.

Spanish: Wed 3:30 – 4:30 (start 15 Feb)

French: Thurs 3:30 – 4:30 (start 16 Feb)

Fee: \$90 Term 1

Membership Pack \$25.00 (one off cost for new students)

For bookings and enquires contact Anne Eddy 856 5258 or anne@funlanguages.co.nz

Free Desks: There are still a few desks available – free to a good home. Please see John Groufsky.

For Sale: Size 14 Skirt ex condition \$50.00
Size 10 PE top and summer polo shirt \$10.00 each.
Phone Patsy 027 309 7670

Adult Dance classes (by Planet Dance): for ballroom, salsa, tango etc. see school notice board for details.

House to Rent: Neat 3 bedroom house available. Melville area. Rent \$280 neg. Contact Jeremy on 027 289 5954

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

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Australian Competition Reply Slip
Please return with payment to CLASS TEACHER

Child’s Name _____

Rm _____ Yr Level _____

I wish my child to enter the following Australasian School’s Competitions:

Computer Skills	YES/NO.....	\$ 6.50
Science	YES/NO	6.50
English	YES/NO	6.50
Writing	YES/NO	13.00
Mathematics	YES/NO	<u>6.50</u>

TOTAL _____

Signature _____
(Parent/Caregiver)

Ph No _____

Entries close TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY