

31 October

Focus for the Week:*'My definition of a Saint'*

*A saint is always honest with themself,
But always thinks of everyone else.
Never cheats or tells a lie,
Comforts people when they cry.
Loves God with all their heart and mind,
Helps any poor people that they find.
Saints are always there for you,
To love and help you in all that you do.*

by Portia Baine – Rm 14

Dear Parents and Friends of the school

Principal's Platform:

Mission Day last week was a great success with children entering freely into the spirit of the day. Just under \$5000 was raised which will be distributed to the Mission Sisters operating in East Timor, some will be used to buy religious story books for catholic children in poorer and more remote places in New Zealand that lack regular access to a priest, with \$200 going to the Pontifical Mission Society. Mission Day is a tradition in this school and helps educate children to think beyond themselves.

The Mission Mass held last week led by Father Frank and Deacon Mark Field was particularly beautiful. Both Father Frank and Deacon Mark are past pupils of this school and we are delighted to have them associated with us.

I am out of the office over the next few days; in my absence please direct all enquiries to Mrs Wilson, the Deputy Principal.

Music Appreciation Evening – TONIGHT: If your child is involved in the Out of School Music or the Orchestra, they need to arrive at 5:30pm. The programme starts at 6pm sharp. Children have been given notices to meet in allocated rooms. Children not involved in the second part of the evening may go home after their performance if they wish to.

The second half of the evening involves Team 4 children in Harmony, Choir, soloists and Orchestra. These students need to be at school by 7:15sharp to perform at 7:30pm. **Children are to wear school uniform.**

All welcome to attend this fabulous evening.

Out of School Music lessons will continue until further notice.

Mass: This will be celebrated tomorrow at 9:30 with the students from Team 4.

Mission Day was once again a resounding success, thanks to all your wonderful support. It is always great to see the community working together to achieve a common goal. We raised the grand total of \$4950.00 which will be sent to Sister Gael (see photograph) in East Timor, the Pontifical Society, the Columban Missions and for Christian Books for Kids. The students in Teams 3 and 4 are to be congratulated for their wonderful array of stalls. They provided lots of choice and opportunities for the younger children to have an enjoyable day, while at the same time giving to a worthwhile cause.

Ahi Saun means 'Fellowship Fire', and is used as a symbol for equal relationships between all people, despite disabilities.



Sister Gael, can be seen working with a group of physically disabled people on sewing tasks. They cannot manage the treadle machine so they are working on the old brown machines with a knee lever.

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 Mike 07-852 5861

Garage Sale – Cake Stall: Saturday Nov 10 starting 9am. We need cakes, biscuits, loaves, scones, bread, sweets etc. Fruit and veges are also welcome. All proceeds to the Cathedral Redevelopment Fund.

Drop of on the day at the Whare before 9am, or deliver to the Whare after school on Friday.

Please contact Therese 853 5069 or Emily 856 6229 if you require pick ups.

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

- How do you decide who your friends will be?
- Which day is usually your best day each week?
- If you could become a cartoon character, which one would you want to be and why?

Getting through the teenage years

Meet the parents of your children's friends: As your children get older you can let them arrange their own social life, sleep-over's etc, but it is up to you to make that phone call to the parents to confirm. It is simply good manners to check on drop-off and pick-up times. If you keep up the habit of introducing yourself to the parents of your child's friends, then you will know who she is associating with, and you will establish a support network if you every need to know about parties or to check if your child really is spending the night where she says she is. It is not intruding on your teen's private life to want to know where she is and if you establish this a something you have always done, it can save aggravation later on.

Parents need to support each other. If you hear of a child doing something you think his parents should know about, do the right thing and tell them. The boot could be on the other foot one day!

Have two lists of contact phone numbers: One should be your child's friends and the other their parents' numbers on display by the phone (key in parents' home phone number next to child's name in your cellphone) so that tracking down your child is never a problem. Establish a habit of having your teenager let you know his plans and whereabouts at all times – and do the same yourself!

To International & ESOL parents: A meeting will be held in the Whare on **6 November from 9:30 – 10:30** to discuss end of year reports and annual Christmas party. See you there.

Martha

Can you help please?????: Domenic has won two 3 day passes to New Zealand V8's at Pukekohe this weekend. They are adult passes and children under 14 get in free). I am in need of a male volunteer, with a full driver's licence who would like to attend and who would be willing to take Domenic with them. I am not sure what time the racing kicks off each day. Domenic plays cricket on a Saturday so Sunday would be a better day for the racing for him. My contact number is 07 859 0277 if you can assist.

Thanks -Joanne

Celebrating 125 of Catholic Education in Hamilton East

In 2009 it is planned to have a Reunion for past pupils, staff and friends of Sacred Heart College, St Mary's School, Thomas Aquinas College (Marist), Marist Intermediate and Marian School all who have served the Catholic Community of Hamilton East.

I am looking for a team of people to help me organise this event.

Please contact John Coulam by e-mail: principal@marian.school.nz or telephone 856 7515 if you are willing to be part of the organising committee.

For Sale:

- 2 x size 10 long sleeve polo shirts and 2 x size 12 long sleeved polo shirts. \$10.00 each. Phone Catherine 838 3421

Cricket Draw

Friday night – 5:30pm start

Stumpers vs Cambridge Colts @ Uni 1

Thunderbolts vs Cambridge Runners @ Uni 2

All Stars vs Tamahere Stags @ Uni 3

Yorkers vs Southwell Black Caps @ Southwell Sch 3

Blockers vs Cambridge Small Caps @ Cambridge Middle Sch 1

Saturday -9am start

Blasters vs Te Kauwhata @ Te Kauwhata College

Force vs St Peters @ St Peters Sch

Strikers vs Cambridge Piranhas @ Cambridge Middle Sch 2

Lost:

- A Bus-it card with approx \$7.00 worth of travel remaining. Please return to Rianna Haliday Rm 21.
- A polar fleece named Norman. return to Owen Rm 14
- A school hat named Teagan King – please return to Rm6.
- An engagement ring – solitaire diamond in 1950s setting, gold band. (Lost on Tuesday) Please hand into school office.

Twilight Duathlon Wednesday 21st November

Reminder: Get your permission slip in quickly! The last day for entering is Friday 2nd November! No more entries will be accepted after this date!

Only 3 weeks to go until the Twilight Duathlon! There are great prizes and raffles up for grabs!

Training tips to come in the next newsletter!!

Hope to see you there!

Regards,

Maria Wilson and Nic Moon

A Big Thank You! A very big thanks you to everyone at Marian School; staff, parents and pupils who showered us with love, kindness and assistance on the recent death of our beloved husband, father and grandfather (dad) Perry.

Thank you Mr John Coulam, Martha, Mrs Marian Panettiere, Veronica and Jamie MacKenzie, Amanda Luke & Marcus, Jamie and

Cathy Bai. Mrs Montgomery and the pupils and parents of Rm 10. A special thanks to Fr Frank and Andrea Savage. There are some I don't know by name but thank you.

I would also like to thank those who helped us move us; Martha, Veronica & Jamie MacKenzie, Amanda Luke & Marcus Bai, Annemieke and Stephen Wheatley. We were so overwhelmed by so much support. Thank you is not adequate.

You have an A.1. school Mr Coulam! God bless you all!!

Regards from Phoebe, Perry Jnr and Hone Tito

\$2.00 Uniform Sale - This will be held next Thursday (8 November), from 2pm – 3pm. We would appreciate any donations of second hand uniforms. Please hand into the school office.

Many thanks – Martha

For Sale - Fundraiser: Taumata Girl Guide Fundraiser for Jan 2008. Manured shavings, great for the garden as mulch or dug in! We load your trailer for \$10. Ph Craig or Simone 823 8334.

Rimbrook Women's Group: Christmas Workshop:- Fun, easy and inexpensive family Christmas craft, decorations and treats. Rimbrook Study Centre, 64 Hillcrest Rd, Wednesday 14 Nov, 7:30pm, \$10.00. Phone Diane Willcock 856 8784. All welcome.

Open Home Foundation – A Christian Child and Family Support Service: We are currently seeking and network of Foster Families who can offer children safe and secure relationships for children within their family/Whanau. The aim being to return the children home as soon as possible therefore most foster care is short to medium term in length.

If you can assist please phone Betty Mitchell 847 2607 or email betty.mitchell@ohf.org.nz

Caregivers/foster parents needed

Come along to an information evening to find out more about becoming a caregiver for Child, Youth and Family.

Tuesday 6 November - 6.30-7.30pm

Methodist Centre, London St, Hamilton

All welcome, just turn up, refreshments provided.

For further information phone 9571219.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam

Principal

'The Beach Splash'

Splash! I hit the ice cold water like a dolphin jumping up and down. A bone crushing wave hit me and my surf board. When I came back up to the surface, I had water in my eyes and I couldn't see. A small wave hit me then I rubbed my eyes. As soon as I opened my eyes I could feel myself being sucked in by a massive wave, it was like being sucked in by a vortex. Immediately I started to swim against the current and slowly gained speed, as I went faster, and faster. When the wave crashed down it was like a giant falling from the sky. The wave crashed right beside me and I caught the wave. Now that I caught my first wave I got up on my feet. I was almost ready to jump in the water, when I slipped off. When I popped back up from under the water, I went for another go and caught a bigger wave.

The end

By Brock Vuleta (Year 6 Room 15)