

7 November

**Focus for the Week:** *All of us have the Holy Spirit and he is guiding us to perfect love of God and neighbour (Vat. 11, L.G. 40). 'He teaches us all things' (Jn.. 14, 26).*

*If we can co-operate with what the Holy Spirit is doing in our lives we will be living in union with God.*

Fr John Kelly – 'Union with God'

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:** At this time of the year people are starting to look ahead regarding classes for next year. The Board of Trustees will be advised of the 2008 school structure at their meeting next week. The Board are in the process of appointing staff this week for 2008. Once all appointments have been made then the community will be advised by way of the school newsletter. This is likely to be in the newsletter on 21 November. The week beginning the 5 December will be a period of consultation where it is necessary. The process for this will be notified in a later newsletter. The classes for 2008 will be available before the end of the school year. Once published no changes to class compositions will be made unless initiated by the Principal.

I don't wish to sound like a stuck record, but I do need to know if your child is not returning in 2008. One child less at any level will make a difference as to how the school is structured. This information is needed urgently.

If you are looking for a bargain and love garage sales then please support the parish Monster Garage Sale on Saturday morning beginning at 9 a.m. A cake stall will be held in the Whare. Donations of cakes would be appreciated and may be dropped off after school on Friday or between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Saturday. All funds received go towards the Cathedral redevelopment.

**Music Appreciation Results:** What a fantastic night. The Out of School Music groups were just great. A big thank you to all the tutors.

Well done to all the students who took part in the performances. The winners of the cups are as follows:

Faire Cup (Boys Solo): Conrad Fernandes 1<sup>st</sup>, Lochie Hynd 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Mark Swarbrick and Andre Kong 3<sup>rd</sup> equal.

Heathcote Cup (Girls Solo): Nisha Fernandez-Ritchie 1<sup>st</sup>, Tess Benseman 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Melesha Bullock 3<sup>rd</sup>

Orchestra Cup: Andre Kong

Williams Cup: Conrad Fernandes

A special thanks to Colin and Barb Smith for all their hard work they have put into the evening. Their knowledge and expertise has always been highly valued.

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

- Who is the Prime Minister and what do they do?
- What bothers you most?
- If I gave you \$10 today, what would you do with it?

Getting through the teenage years

**Establish phone limits and phone skills**

As soon as your adolescent starts to spend more time than usual on the phone, establish some ground rules. i.e. 10 minutes per call, no gossip (give a warning as soon as you hear: 'I heard that she said...' and if it continues insist the terminate the call). No calls to be made or received after 8:30pm. Callers should give their name – it is good manners and helps to keep track of who your teen is associating with. Time limits and social skills teach consideration for others.

With cell phones, the best time to introduce limits is when you buy their first one. Set boundaries such as turning off the phone at 7:30/8:30/9:30pm depending on their age, as a condition of keeping it. If you have doubts, read the memory and confiscate if being used for text bullying or obscene messages. Establish a budget as to who will fund the phone. No cell phones or computers in bedrooms (a basket in the kitchen for all cell phones after curfew).

**\$2.00 Uniform Sale:** will take place tomorrow (Thursday 8 November) at 2pm. Come and check out the bargains!

Martha

**Yr 8 Boys High Entrance Exam:** this will be held **16 November from 8:45 – 12:30pm.** (not 19<sup>th</sup> as previously advertised

**Cricket Draw:**

*Friday – 5:30 start*

Stumpers vs Tamahere Stags @ Uni 3 (grass)

All Stars vs Tamahere Volts @ Uni 4 (grass)

Thunderbolts vs Southwell Blu Caps @ Uni 2 (grass)

Blockers vs Tamahere Knights @ Uni 1

Yorkers vs Newstead Warriors @ Uni 3

*Saturday 9am start*

Blasters vs Melville Green @ Melville Int.

Force vs Morrinsville Phoenix @ Morrinsville Recreation Ground

Strikers vs Morrinsville Primary @ Raymond park 2.

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

**Helpers needed for Parish Garage sale**

**Thurs:** If anyone is able to assist with the putting up of the tents please be at Marian School at 1.00pm Thursday.

**Fri:** Any one available to help collect goods and set up please be at Marian School at 9am Friday.

**Saturday:** Volunteers to be present by 8 a.m. Contact Mike to confirm that you are attending.  
Anyone able to help please contact Mike 8525861.

**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 off 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.

**PTFA meeting** will be held next Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at the staff room 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Whanau Meeting:** This will be held on 15 November at 5:30pm in Te Whare Taonga. Come and join us for a shared meal.

Also, I would like to thank Tanya Kingston for making the poi.

**Hinemoa Athletics Club:** We still have vacancies for 8 or 9 year old boys and 11 year old girls. We meet at Steele Park on Thursdays at 5:45pm. All welcome!

#### **Finish dates for Out of School Music lessons**

Guitar : Monday - 26 November  
Thursday 22 November

Clarinet: Wed 21 November

Flute: Tuesday 27 November  
Thurs 6 December

Violin : Mon 19 November  
Fri 30 November

Sax: Friday 7 December ( + make up lesson on  
Monday 3 December)

Trumpets: Will continue on Tues 13, 20 and 27 Make up lessons will be held on Thurs 29 November and Thursday 6 December (final day)

Orchestra: Will continue until 19 December

- Outstanding music fees - there are a considerable number of outstanding music accounts. Please pay these in the next two weeks. **Please note:** Those families with **unpaid fees this year will not be entitled to enrol next year unless prior arrangements have been made with Mr Coulam.**
- School hire instruments

**Year 8 students must return their instruments to the office by 14 December** or straight after last Orchestra lesson. Other students wishing to continue learning next year will be expected to practice over the holidays and can arrange to keep their instruments over the holiday break. This does not automatically assure you of a school hire instrument next year.

#### **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](mailto:principal@marian.school.nz) or telephone 856 7515 if you are willing to be part of the organising committee.

#### **Judith Ward School of Dancing presents 2 shows of ballet "Toyshop" and "Magical Seasons".**

Venue: Clarence St Theatre

Date: Sat 17 November

Time: 11am and 7pm

Tickets: \$15.00 (Adult), \$8.00 (Child) available at Ticket Direct or Public Libraries.

All welcome. Some Marian School pupils are performing.

#### **Lost:**

- A blue fold-up umbrella – please return to Ashleigh Rm 16.
- A school jumper left on Orbiter bus named Abbie Bond-Ewart. Please return to Rm 1 or phone Michelle 021 122 6789

**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.

**Church Car Park:** Please be considerate of others when picking up your child/ren. Please do not cause a traffic jam by blocking the flow of traffic while you wait for your child. Find a car park!

**Waterworld Colour in competition** – See flyer: Please add "Marian School" on the entry form. The closing date is **24 November**

**Gift Ideas for Christmas:** Professional Portraits - \$100.00 per shoot. All images put on to disc. All enquires welcome. Phone Deearn 027 529 7814 or 839 7297.

**Cantando Choir presents 'Messiah'** : at St Paul's Collegiate School Chapel, Hamilton at 7:30pm Saturday 17 November and Cambridge Town Hall at 2:30pm on Sunday 18 November.

Adults \$25, Concessions \$20, School Students \$10, Under 12yrs Free

Tickets from Ticket Direct or [www.ticketdirect.co.nz](http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz) or Cambridge Information Centre for the Cambridge Concert.

#### **Summer Kids Camp – Tui Glen**

4 camp suitable for 9 years and up and especially intermediate and secondary school students. Horse riding for Beginners to Advanced. Registrations now open for Summer Holidays please phone 07-323 6457 or 027 4477 957 or email [tui.glencorporate@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tui.glencorporate@xtra.co.nz)

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

God Bless You

John Coulam  
**Principal**

#### **Flyer**

- Waterworld Colouring Competition
- PTFA Calendar Reminder