

Focus for the Week:

*Jesus has said very clearly;
 I am the love to be loved
 I am the life to be lived
 I am the joy to be shared
 I am the bread to be eaten
 I am the blood to be drunk
 I am the truth to be told
 I am the light to be lit
 I am the peace to be given
 Jesus is everything*

'Words to Love by...' Mother Teresa

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform: You might have heard it said, "You don't know what you don't know". To help me with my own professional development over the last year I have been visiting a number of the larger Catholic Schools in New Zealand and some in Australia to look at good practice. This week I am in Nelson and Blenheim where no doubt the sun will be shining. The idea of duty staff wearing bright viz. jackets was seen on these visits. Next year it is planned to change the instructional and interval times as outlined below. Times similar to these are already in place in many Hamilton schools.

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8.55 a.m. – 10.55 a.m. First period of instruction

10.55 a.m. – 11.25 a.m. Morning interval

11.25 a.m.– 12.45 p.m. Second period of instruction

12.45 p.m. – 1.30 p.m. Lunch

1.30 p.m. – 3 p.m. Third period of instruction

An hour's lunch break is often too long for children with inappropriate behaviours tending to happen in the last 15 minutes as children become bored. The teachers are keen to have a longer period of uninterrupted instruction in the morning when the children are more focussed. We will trial the change and as the year progresses I will be keen to receive your feedback.

Next year I have money available to redevelop the school gully so that it can be used on a more regular basis. Part of the development will include improved access, drainage and the removal of the pine trees with the replanting of the bank in natives. To help the

money go further, I am looking for firewood merchants or the like that might be happy to remove a tree or two for as little as possible. If you know of anyone with the skills and equipment that is happy assist please ask them to contact me.

Mass will be celebrated with the students from Team 1 at 9:30am

Bereavement: We offer our deepest sympathy to Shayla Paparoa (Rm7) and Rhett Flight (Rm20) and family on the death of their very much loved grandmother. May she rest in peace.

Twilight Duathlon- Wednesday 21st

November

Only 1 week to go until the Twilight Duathlon! Every participant will receive goodie bags filled with treats after they have completed their event! Spot prizes, major prizes and raffles will be handed out on the night after the last event! Look out for raffles that will be on sale in the office from Tuesday 13th Nov.

Spot Prizes include:

Bead it voucher
 Collins Family Footwear voucher
 Future Feet Voucher
 Sue Mayo Swim School Voucher

Raffles include:

A weekend away for 2 anywhere in New Zealand
 A Breakfast hamper
 A Maxwell Williams Dinnerset

Nutrition Tip:

Food is our body's fuel. In order to perform well we must eat well!

We encourage all students and in particular duathlon participants to eat plenty of fresh fruit, vegetables, lean

meat, chicken, fish and carbohydrates (e.g. potatoes, rice or pasta) to assist your body in training for this event.

Also keep drinking water throughout the days to keep yourself alert and well hydrated.

Choose healthy snacks such as bananas, wholemeal sandwiches and rice wafers with tomatoes to snack on.

Remember- keeping our bodies healthy and strong will assist us not only for this event but for our whole lives. *Look out for a flyer outlining the course and distances for each category!*

Kind regards,

Maria Wilson and Nic Moon

Marian School Christmas Ham Fundraiser

– please see flyer. The school receives \$5.00 from every ham sold! Payment and order form must be at the school office by **7 December**. No late orders

Cricket Results

Friday - 5:30pm start

Stumpers vs Melville Slammers @ Glenview Park
Thunderbolts vs Tamahere Firebirds @ Marian School
All Stars vs Cambridge Runners @ Uni 3 (grass)
Blockers vs Hillcrest Force @ Hillcrest Normal
Yorkers vs Tamahere Knights @ Tamahere School
Saturday – 9am start
Blasters vs Matamata @ Clyde Park
Force vs Peachgrove Hurricanes @ Peachgrove Int
Strikers vs Tamahere Aces @ Tamahere School

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

- If you went on a Mastermind programme, what would be your subject?
- In the film Pinocchio, Jiminy Cricket played Pinocchio’s ‘conscience’. What does a conscience do? Where does it come from? Do you have one?
- Does making friends mean that you should learn to ask great questions? What are five questions that kids your age would like to be asked?

Getting through the teenage years

Establish Curfews:

When your teenager first starts to go out in the evenings, let him know what time you expect him home. Let him know that you expect to be rung if he is going to be later than expected. If you are going to arrive home later than you said, you would extend the same courtesy.

Ensure your teenager lives up to their commitments

Sometimes it is tempting for a busy parent to take the easy way out, to buy that book of raffle tickets rather than encourage to son or daughter to take steps to sell them, or to give him/her jobs around the house on school workdays rather than encourage him to go out and find some for himself, or to phone up and make an excuse to get him/her out of something s/he doesn’t want to do. Don’t let your child be a quitter. Dealing with responsibility is an important social skill. Make sure s/he lives up to his/her responsibilities or takes the consequences if s/he doesn’t.

Wanted: Team 1 are needing Hessian sacks/bags or other large bags suitable for sack races. We need approx 13.

Please drop into Rm6

Lost: Please check all tags!

- A school jersey named Tayne Tupaea – please return to Rm 14.

Violin with Sebastian

Sebastian will be having a special end of year session with both the Monday and Friday classes on Friday 30th November.

Lessons for the Monday class will finish next Monday, but are invited to join with the Friday class for this special session.

Puketaha School PTA Garden Ramble:

Sunday 18 November from 9:30 – 3:30. 11 gardens including won that featured in the Fine Homes Tour. Tickets \$20.00 each at Puketaha School (824 3870), or Wairere Nursery, Burtons Nursery and Fire Pot Café.

Church car park – Please do not park in the ‘Disabled Carpark’ unless you display a disabled sticker.

Gift Ideas for Christmas Professional Portraits, \$100.00 per shoot. All images put on to disc. Enquires to Deearn Kume welcome 027 529 7814 or 839 7297.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal