

21 November

Focus for the Week: *To know something of ourselves is already to know a great deal about God for we are made in His image*

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

At the end of this school year, Mrs Bradley leaves us as a teacher after a long association with this school. Also leaving us is Mrs Sweeney who has won a promotion to St Columbas School in Frankton as a senior teacher. Mrs Flay, Mrs Moroney and Mrs Tui Samoa complete their fixed term positions and are likely to be seen as relief teachers next year. As previously mentioned, both Mr and Mrs Smith who have ably led our music for years will also be leaving us.

Joining the teaching team are Miss Brooke Addison and Miss Anna Wood both of whom are beginning teachers. Also joining the teaching team is Mrs Jane Barbour who is a very experienced teacher.

2008 school structure

Team 1

Team Leader: Mrs Keoghan
 Room 1: Mrs Ellmers (Y2)
 Room 2: Mrs Vosper (Y1/Y2)
 Room 3: Mrs Stack (Y1)
 Room 4: Mrs James (Y1)
 Room 5: Mrs Fong (Y1)
 Room 6: Mrs Cullingworth (Y2)

Team 2

Team Leader: Mrs Chadwick
 Room 7: Mrs Fletcher (Y3)
 Room 8: Mrs Chadwick (Y3/Y4)
 Room 9: Miss Addison (Y3)
 Room 10: Mrs Montgomery (Y4)
 Room 11: Mrs Kedian (Y4)

Team 3

Team Leader: Mr Sommerville
 Room 12: Mrs Dinnan (Y5)
 Room 13: Mrs Steens (Y5)
 Room 14: Ms Crook (Y5)
 Room 15: Miss Oliver (Y6)
 Room 16: Mr Sommerville (Y6)
 Room 19: Miss Wilson (Y5/Y6)

Team 4

Team Leader: Mrs Troon
 Room 17: Mrs Troon (Y7/Y8)
 Room 18: Mrs Walker (Y7/Y8)
 Room 20: Mrs Barbour (Y7)
 Room 21: Miss Wood (Y7)
 Room 22: Mrs Clarke (Y7/Y8)

The following part time teaching staff will also be supporting classroom programmes; Mrs Dyer, Mrs Summerville, Mr Brocklebank and Mrs Berry.

Please note that where there is a composite class, at least two thirds of the class are of the older year group. The exception to this is at the Year 1 and 2 level where classes at this level are generally arranged by age and ability to lessen the range within the class.

Next week's newsletter will contain details regarding the consultation process. The staff are busy with end of year assessments and report writing at the moment so the classes for next year will not be drafted until December.

If your child is leaving Marian School at the end of the year and you have not yet told me, please do so now. This information is necessary for putting classes together for next year.

Welcome: We warmly welcome Arnold Eron (Rm4) into our school community.

Hakinakina Po – Fun Nite: You are warmly invited to this fun evening hosted by the Yr 7 & 8 Kapa Haka group. Held in the Boarders Hall on Wednesday 28 November from 6:00pm. Whanau and friends welcome. Entry Fee - Koha



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic book orders are to be returned 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 30 November**.

This is the final order of the year and late orders will not be accepted.

Parenting Tips: Questions to ask your child to assist in communicating

- Who are the three greatest people you've ever learned about? What makes them so 'great'?
- What's the best gift you've ever given to anyone? What made it so special?
- In all the things you've had to forgive people for, what has been the toughest thing to forgive? Why?

Teenage Tips

- **Start study habits young:** Set definite study/homework times from a young age so that routines are in place and automatic. There will be less chance of aggravation between you and your teen over important high school homework if she has already come to terms with the time sacrifice involved, and developed the habit of study
- **Involve your teen in extra-curricular activities:** Enrol your child in a weekend activity. Organised sport is best or dance or drama – something that will be regular and ongoing. It helps if they enrol with a friend. Start when they are young and enthusiastic. Important social skills are learnt through sport or group activity; getting along with others, gracious winning and losing, and the opportunity to achieve or excel. Don't let your child just sit around on a Saturday and don't give them a choice. Your child not wanting to go is no reason for him / her not to get involved.

Cricket Draw

Friday 5:30pm start

Thunderbolts vs St Joes FF Black Caps @ Uni 1 (grass)

Stumpers vs All Stars @ Uni 2 (grass)

Blockers vs Newstead Warriors @ Uni 3

Yorkers vs Morrinsville Primary Red @ Uni 1

Saturday 9am start

Blasters vs Cambridge Blue Caps @ Cambridge Middle School 2

Force vs Suburbs 7 @ Flagstaff Park 2

Strikers vs Old Boys Mustangs @ Raymond Park 2

Mark your Calendar: The Full School Advent Liturgy has had a change of date – it will now be held on 3 December.

3-Day School Holiday Course: January 22 – 24 2008. 3D Computer Modelling and Animation; Computer Games Design; High-level Thinking Skills; Stop Motion Animation Lab. Auckland. Contact Denise or Rebecca: 09 622-0670 or 021 607 190.

Email: denise@bubbledome.co.nz

www.bubbledome.co.nz

Pamphlet at school counter.

Lost:

- A school polar fleece named Nicole Baranski – please return to Rm 6.

For Sale:

- Red Raleigh Bike m200, 21 gears, S.R suspension. \$150.00 o.n.o. To suit girls/boys aged 10 upwards. Immaculate condition. Free bell helmet. Phone Maree 856 1163 after 3:30pm

Wanted to Rent: We have a new Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour joining our team next year who is wanting to rent a 3 bedroom house semi rural or Hamilton

East Area. No children, 1 house trained dog. Ph Andrea 09 8274638

021 2665299

027 4449245

Do you want to live within walking distance to Marian School?:

- A beautifully renovated 4-bedroom character home on a large section is available for sale. Located in Wilson St. It is a 7 minute walk to Marian and Sacred Heart and close to Boys High, University and Hamilton East shops. View on 'Trade-Me' or phone 856 5006. Open home Sundays 1-2pm.

Advent Celebration Twilight Fete: Be inspired this Advent at the twilight evening fete, Friday 30 November 5:00pm – 10:00pm at St Peter's Cathedral, 51 Victoria St. Free Christmas Choral concerts, artists presenting exciting gift ideas for sale, local and exotic food tasting, wines & non-alcoholic cocktail tasting, local personalities favourite Christmas fare and much more. For more info ph 839 4683

Marian Pasifika Culture Group

Kia Ora, Bula, Fakalofa, Lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Aloha, Namaste, Hello, Talofa lava

The Pasifika group have been invited to perform and participate in the "***Hakinakina Po***" which is a fun night that is been hosted by our Marian Kapa Haka Group.

When : Wednesday (28 November)

Where : Boarders Hall

Time : 6.00 pm

This will be an exciting night as some of our children in our group have volunteered to share their talents!!!

Also it is our last performance for 2007. So come along with the family to sit, relax, and be ready to boggie!

Your child/ children will need to be at the Whare Taonga by 5.00 pm to get changed.

Many thanks – The Pasifika Team (Please see child's notice).

Part Time Hours available at Inland Revenue

Dept 2008: Suitable for mums returning to the workforce. 9:30 – 2:30pm, Monday to Friday with some flexibility around school holidays. There will be an Open Day scheduled for December that will give you a chance to look around and meet others like yourself. Call Raymond 07-959 0733 or Tania 07-959 0723 for more information or put your name down on open Day.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 each

God Bless

John Coulam
Principal

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- Bakers Delight
- Calendar Orders