

27 November

Focus for the Week: *"when sport is practised in the right spirit, and with respect for dignity, it helps to promote the development of the person.*

"Sport helps man to consider his own capacities as a talent and his life as a gift of God. Even when sport is practised at high levels, it is important to maintain an inner harmony between body and spirit in order not to reduce it to a mere search for results."

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's platform:

When putting classes together the senior teachers look at such things as class size, gender ratio, academic needs, social needs, learning styles versus teaching styles and ethnic balance. I ask that you recognise the experience of the senior teachers and their ability to place children accordingly under the outlined criteria. The staff has a vision of the whole picture, not just one brush stroke.

This year the senior teachers will only consider written requests based on pertinent and compelling matters that would help us best place your child.

As I have confidence in all my staff I will not accept requests that relate to having one teacher over another. Please note that it is not like picking lollies in a sweet shop. Compelling evidence is not, "My child would like...", nor "I would like..."

In consultation with their team of teachers and the current teacher of your child, Mrs Keoghan will draft the class lists for Years 1-3, Mrs Chadwick for Years 4 & 5, Mr Sommerville for Years 6, Mrs Troon for Year 7 & 8. All written requests must be received no later than Friday 7 December.

Written requests may be submitted by e-mail or left at the office to the appropriate people as follows;

Mrs Keoghan: mkeoghan@marian.school.nz

Mrs Chadwick: cchadwick@marian.school.nz

Mr Sommerville: msommerville@marian.school.nz

Mrs Troon: ctroon@marian.school.nz

N.B. The final decision as to which child is in what class remains the responsibility of the school.

Last week's newsletter outlined the proposed structure for the 2008 school year. The 2008 class lists will be published during the last week of term.

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



Welcome: We warmly welcome Joshua Hoyte into our school community.

Wanted for Junior Nativity Play: Vessels, urns or bowls for the 3 Wise Men to carry. If you can lend one of these for our Team 1, on 7 December 7th Play. Please see Anna Ellmers Rm 1

Marian Pasifika Culture Group

Kia Ora! Bula! Fakaalofa lahi atu! Malo e lelei! Aloha! Namaste! Hello! Talofa!

Parents, family, friends & supporters!!!!

Reminder: "Huakinakina Po" tonight in the Boarders Hall 6.00.

Thank you to all who have replied.

Please be at the whare at 5.00pm to change.

Girls white blouse.

Tomorrow 12.30 our Pasifika Group will have our end of year get together.

We will provide lunch for our members, say thank you to all, especially to our year 8 students - 23 of them.

Thank you / Faafetai lava.

God bless

The Pasifika Team

Mark your Calendars for Special Whole School Events

3 Dec	Advent Liturgy 9am (Full School)
7 Dec	HAM ORDERS DUE with payment
11 Dec	House Picnic & Tabloid Sports 9:30
13 Dec	Full School Mass of Thanksgiving & Farewell for Claire Bradley, Colin & Barbara Smith. 9:30am
18 Dec	Parent Thank You Morning Tea 10:30
19 Dec	Carol Service at 5:30pm
20 Dec	School closes at 12:00 noon

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. Cheques made out to Marian School. 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.

Cricket Draw

Friday 5:30pm start

Stumpers vs Newstead Tigers @ Seddon Park 3

Thunderbolts vs Old Boys Hawks @ Seddon Park 4

All Stars vs Aberdeen Atoms @ Seddon Park 6

Yorkers vs Cambridge Tigers @ Cambridge Middle School 2

Blockers vs Morrinsville Primary Red @ Morrinsville Primary School.

Saturday 9am start

Blasters vs Berkley Blue @ Uni 4

Force vs Fairfield @ Fairfield Int

Strikers vs Hukanui Cannons @ Raymond Park 2

Post Duathlon Update

What a fantastic night!!

It was great to see all participants challenge and enjoy themselves. We were really pleased with the turn out and hope that the families involved also had a great night.

A special thank you to all parents, Marian staff and PTA members who offered their time and assistance for this event.

We could not have done this without you!!

Congratulations to all of the participants for your superb effort.

We look forward to bringing you this event again!!

A very special thank you to the **following sponsors** who very generously donated so many fabulous prizes that made this event so successful;

Tuppaware, Calder & Lawson, Mitre 10
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Weetbix, Scholastics, Bakers Delight, Rugby
Union, Corry Fursdon – bags, MAFIA Try Club-
stands, The Stevens Family.

Nicola Moon and Maria Wilson

Congratulations: Well done to the following students

- Victoria Chanwai (Rm6) who sat the Trinity College (London) Speech and Drama Initial Grade Examination and passed with Distinction.
- Jessica Chanwai (Rm16) who sat the Trinity College (London) Speech and Drama Grade 1 Examination and passed with Distinction.

For Sale:

- Part of a St John's uniform; 2 x S and 1 x L short-sleeve tea-shirts and 1 x M jersey plus a pair of socks. \$2.00 each. First in first served! See Martha or Marian
- Marian School Tunic size 7, size 12 jersey \$40.00 each ph Polly 856 8468
- A sport buggy blue/green in good condition \$100.00. A dark purple trike with tray. Used by one child only. \$70.00 phone Bronwyn 853 6038 or 021 183 9917

Lost:

- A black Nokia Phone lost at the Team 3 Athletics last Friday
- A fawn hand-bag lost at Team 3 athletics last Friday. Please return to office or phone 856 8475
- Bike Helmet – please return to Liam Singer Rm2
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Tips for Parents

Conversations to help spend time with your child.

- If you could talk to anyone in the world on the phone for 30 minutes, who would you talk to? What would you ask them?
- How many capital cities of countries can you name?
- What does it mean to be a 'true friend'? Why do you have friends? Do you want friends or need them?

Teenage parenting tips:

Empty out their school bag regularly

get into this habit from an early age and this will keep you in touch with what your child is bringing home from school – newsletters, the uneaten lunch, eftpos receipts. It is a hard course of action to start suddenly at 14 when you suspect your teen is smoking (or stealing).

Give your Teenager a goal for their future

Tell your teen that everyone has a gift to offer the world. Pick something they are good at and associate it with a future career. It is important for children to be encouraged to look ahead and know that they are expected to do something worthwhile with their lives. A good education betters themselves and also assists to better society.

Finish dates for Out of School Music lessons

GUITAR : FINISHED FOR YEAR

CLARINET: FINISHED FOR YEAR

FLUTE: Tuesday 4 December (note change)

Thurs 13 December

VIOLIN : FINISHED

All to come to Fri 30 November

SAX: Friday 7 December (+ make up lesson on Monday 3 December) = 32 wks

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). = 32 weeks

Spring-cleaning before Christmas? Let me help you! 6 years experience. \$15.00 per hour. Please phone 853 7536 or 027 423 9686

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.

Holiday Programmes: Knocking around Knox: Water Works Park – from 7 – 11 January at the Knox Presbyterian Church , 50 Albert St. From 8 am For enquires phone Helen 856 5687. Cost \$10.00 per half day or \$20.00 for full day. Bring lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, towels, hat & sunnies.

PTA Calendars: Final week to order your calendars. Artwork and photos will be collected next week form all the classrooms.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

Flyer: Advent – Joy and Hope