

5 December

Focus for the Week: *Jesus came to reshape human society and create a new world order – the reign of God.*

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's platform: Please note that there are to be some changes to the school organisation than previously advised. All year 1 and 2 children will be accommodated in Team 1 (Rms 1 -6). All year 3 and 4 students will be in Team 2 in rooms 7 -11. Please note that Room 7 will be a composite Year 3/Year 4 class with Mrs Fletcher as the teacher. Team 3 will consist of three Year 5 classes and three Year 6 classes. Team 4 remains as previously published.

Pupil reports will be sent home on Friday, 14 December along with the 2008 Stationery lists for each age group for next year. The class lists for 2008 will be published on the afternoon of Tuesday 18 December. The lists are published before the end of the school year so that as a parent you able to act positively and encourage prospective classmates around to play over the holidays and also for your child to start the year with the security of at least knowing their teacher's name. Please do not ask for classes to be changed around once they are published, as any request will be declined

A number of accounts remain unpaid for the year which continues to frustrate me. While the amounts may not be huge in the eyes of some, the accumulated effect is taking its toll on our balance sheet. All debts will be discussed at next week's board meeting with consideration being given as to what sanctions can be imposed next year against families with historical debt. If this applies to you then you will know. Avoid the embarrassment and pay up. Am I grumpy....? Yes!

Please note that classes will finish at 12 noon on Thursday 20 December.

Team One – Nativity Play: This Friday – 7 December at the Sacred Heart Borders Hall, 2pm. All welcome.

Congratulations:

- Joey Kawe won Gold medal in the Hamilton Metro Senior Boys Open and Gold Medal in the Auckland/North Harbour Judo Championships in Senior Boys Open 50+ Kg. Well done Joey.
- The Board of Trustees wish to congratulate the parents that helped at the duathlon. What a great evening! The behind the scenes work of the PTFA clearly showed through. Well done – Baden
- The Marian A Waterpolo team had a narrow loss to Berkley in the final. 6-5 a very exciting game. The players showed a great deal of determination and came back from 3 goals down twice to tie the game only to lose by 1 goal in the end.
- Liz Walker

Flippa Ball 9th December – Finals

Game	Start Time	Teams		Position
		White Caps	Blue Caps	
1	3:00	Marian Seals	Te Rapa Blue	Winner plays off for 5 th /6 th
2	3:30	Marian Dolphins	Deanwell	3rd/4 th
3	4:00	Winner Game 1	Hukanui	5 th /6 th
4	4:30	Te Rapa Red	Marian Marlins	1 st /2 nd

Water Polo

Two teams participated in North Island Champs in Auckland last week. They participated with sportsmanship and passion. The boys' team were runners-up in their division and the girls were 4th in the girls. They were narrowly beaten by Auckland Diocesan. Thanks to all the parents who supported the team. Special thanks to Margaret Barclay, Jo Gibbs, Allen Swney and Sandra Goudie. Marian Red lost 7-6 in the final of the local competition. This was a closely fought game and the players should be very proud of their performance. They all played with a never give up attitude and gave 150% effort. I congratulate them all for their commitment and hard work over the season.

Marian Blue won 10-1 against Peachgrove in the Division II final. Well done team it was a very polished performance.

Mrs Walker
Thomas Walker

Sport Congratulations

Cricket

Mathew Swney and Jason Sklenars have been selected to play in a Hamilton Rep u/14 Cricket Team. They will be competing at a Regional competition in Wanganui in January.

Waterpolo

Mathew Swney and Sam Lockett-Turton have been selected to play for Waikato u/14 teams and will be competing at Nationals in Wellington next week. Callum Maxwell, Sam Franicevic, Mark Swarbrick, Bradley Goudie, Thomas Loughnan and Harmeet Singh-McConnell have been selected to play in a Waikato Development team at a National Div II competition in Hamilton 15- 18 December.

Swimming

Lauren Barclay and Jessica O'Connor have qualified to swim at National Div II swim meet next year.

Cricket Draw:

Friday night 5:30pm start

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

Thunderbolts vs Newstead Tigers @ Uni 2 (grass)

Stumpers vs Tamahere Firebirds @ Uni 4 (grass)

Yorkers vs Blockers @ Uni 4

Saturday 9am start

Blasters vs St Joes Morrinsville @ Wisley Park Morrinsville

Force vs Ngahinapouri @ Ngahinaouri

Strikers vs Vardon Magics @ Vardon School

Parenting Tips

Conversation starters

- When you've done something wrong, is it ever hard to say, "I'm sorry." Why?
- Is there someone in your life you can't stand to be around? What bothers you the most about them?
- What is your favourite room in the house?

Teenage Tips

- Start a separate account for their future education: As your child receives a bank statement each month, he/she can see the money growing and know that you are putting it aside for her future. You are planting the idea that learning is important – it is worth spending money on.
- Communicate you want the best for them: Tell your child 'we are doing this because it is best for you'. As they grow up hearing this and learning that it is true, they will learn that you are on their side and trust your decisions. In the teenage years, some children think anything you do that curbs their freedom is done simply to annoy them, spoil their fun or to make their lives miserable. When contentious issues arise, remind your child that you are making them do something, or stopping them from doing something because you care – not because it will benefit you.
- Teach children that pocket money and privileges must be earned. Don't just dish out their \$5.00 each week; make it contingent upon the fulfilment of certain duties. Many children these days are given so much that, as teenagers, they only know how 'to take'. They can learn to give first and then you receive. Start with regular household chores for an understanding of the relationship between work and money, responsibility and reward. Children also need guidance on spending their money wisely. It may be their money, but they can be coached into good choices. Encourage them to put a portion of it into their savings accounts. If your child is spending pocket money unwisely (eg cigarettes), don't give it to her. Explain that your hard-earned money isn't going to be spent on something that will endanger her health.

Homestay Wanted 2008 – URGENT: Wanted for a Yr 13 student at Sacred Heart student for the 2008 year. Funding available. Please contact Martha urgently.

A Very Big Thank You: I would like to thank the Helpers, Parents, Past and Present Pupils and Guests who all made the 'Hakinakina Po' (fun nite) the success that it was. It certainly was

fun for me! Your support was most appreciated. See you all next year and have a lovely Christmas. God Bless – Bub

Lost:

- A school jersey named Olivia Schuler – please return to Rm 11

Babysitter Available: I am a 17 year responsible, safety-conscious person who enjoys children. I have worked at Jubilee Early Childhood Centre once a week in my free time and feel comfortable looking after children of any age. I have three years experience and babysat children from 6 months to 10yrs old. I also hold a full drivers license.

I am available day or night and weekends.

Please phone me, Ashleigh 855 5224 or 027 426 6317

Can you help?: Like us you are probably asking where the year has gone. As we enter the festive season our demand for blood and blood products increases and sadly we struggle to meet our weekly collection targets.

If you can assist, call in or contact:

Alison Keast

Donor Recruiter - New Zealand Blood Service

t: 07 839-3679 ext. 8627

cnr Lorne St & Ohaupo Rd, P O Box 185, Hamilton 3240

One blood donation can save the lives of up to three people. Save Lives, Give Blood.

House to Rent: 4 bedroom, no garage. Situated in Mansell Ave, Hillcrest. Available from 9 December. Please phone Jordan 021 9777 68

Wanted: A reliable and responsible person to collect mail, water plants and feed a cat in the Hamilton East area, for a family on holiday from December 28 until January 10. Rates to be discussed. If you can help, please phone 838 3480.

Book Repairs: Parents required to help sort and repair Junior Readers. Please see Maureen Keoghan.

Waimarie Holiday Programme

Jan 14th - Feb 4th 08, 7:45- 5:45pm daily

\$25 a day + \$5 for excursions.

Ages: 5-12yrs

OSCAR approved

For more information contact Trudie on (07) 8583453 or email waimarieham@xtra.co.nz.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$1.00 each

God Bless

John Coulam
Principal