

13 February

Focus for the Week: *Now is the time to examine our own hearts to see how much they are singing, how much of that promised joy and liberation do we experience? How well do we witness to an invincible God whose Kingdom has begun?*

NZ catholic Bishops Conference

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform: The term has settled into its routines and the classes all appear happy in their work. This week our year 7 & 8 students are on camp at Finlay Park, discovering the many challenges that such a camp brings. Team entries have been submitted for cricket, water polo and touch rugby. Mrs Walker will announce the teams and coaches next week once she has returned from camp.

Any day now security fencing will go up around the Cathedral as it quickly becomes a construction zone. Please be patient in the school car park, remember to enter and exit from Beale St only.

On Wednesday next week, Martha our school based pastoral worker, leaves us for an extended holiday in England to join her husband who is working there. Martha will be returning for the start of term 3. I will miss Martha who not only encourages and supports the families of the school but also has a listening ear for staff. May God continue to bless you Martha and may you return safely to us.

Early notification of the **Marist Junior Soccer Muster** (registration) this year, **Sunday 24 February** on the deck of the St Teresa's block, **11 a.m to 1 p.m.**

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community, the following children and their families; Alice Chai (Rm13) and James Chai (Rm21) Juanita Raman (Rm12).

Web Address: Our Web address and emails no longer contain the word 'primary'.
Web = www.marian.school.nz

Mass: Will be celebrated with the students from Team 4 at Finlay Park where they are on camp.

Out of School Music: Applications close this Friday. Please return enrolment forms to office.

PTA Meetings for Term 1:

The first meeting will be held on -

- Monday 25 February **A.G.M.** followed by
- Tuesday 18 March
- Tuesday 15 April

Meetings are held in the staffroom at 7:30. All welcome. A special welcome to any parents who are interested in joining.

Fish and Chip night: This Friday from 5:30 – 7:00pm in the junior playground. Bring your own take-out or picnic (not necessarily fish and chips). This a 'meet and greet' night for all newcomers and old families alike. Love to see you all there.

Samdra Petrin – PTFA

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic book orders will go 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 29th February .**

PE Uniforms: Special price for older style of PE tops. Limited numbers left in size 14, small adult, medium adult and large adult. All \$20.00 each. All other sizes are \$30.00

Touch Teams: I require more girls to join the Yr 3 & 4 Touch and also extra players required for Yr 5 & 6 to complete teams. Please see Liz Walker, Room 18.

New Parents Morning Tea: Tuesday 4 March at 9:30.

All parents new to the school or just wanting information about how the school runs, are welcome to come along for a coffee and a chat with Principal John Coulam, relevant staff and other parents.

If you have any questions or concerns this a great opportunity to discuss them in a relaxed atmosphere. RSVP to Marian or Ian (856 7515) at the school office. Ian Maxwell – PTFA

Congratulations: To Yena Jang (Rm14) who has been selected as a competitive International Rhythmic Gymnast. She will represent New Zealand in all her overseas competitions. Well done Yena!

Found in Room 3 late last week - one silver hoop earring which will belong to a parent. Please see Anne Stack.

Wanted:

- Any old cotton reels (wooden) with or without thread.
- Old ear-rings – even single ones.

Please leave at School Office.

For Sale:

- A Marian School skirt, size 14 in good condition. Please phone Marlin 849 6674
- A Sacred Heart Blazer size 87. Great condition. phone 856 1195

Tainui Festival 2008: This annual event will be held this weekend from Friday 15 February to Sunday 17 February from 9am at Hopuhopu, 451 Old Taupiri Rd, Ngaruawahia, Hamilton.
Cultural and Sporting events include basketball, touch rugby, indoor bowls, netball and kapa haka.
Free entry. All welcome.

From Burton's Garden Centre – Re: Burton's Sunflower Competition

Dear Principal,
Back in December some children from your Primary school picked up Sunflower seeds from our retail nursery, Burton's, to enter a competition to see how tall they can grow and how large a sunflower bloom they could achieve. The children are asked to bring in their growing plants to our retail nursery this Saturday 16 February or, at the latest, by 1pm on Sunday 17 February for judging which is at 3pm Sunday February 17.
The children can win prizes, but also the school which the winning children attend will also get plants to the value of \$200!
Could you please put in your weekly school newsletter a mention of the fact that all sunflower plants entered in the Burton's Sunflower Competition should be brought in this weekend to 585 Gordonton Road, Hamilton.
If you have any queries, please give me a call.
Regards,
Graeme Burton
07 824 3730

CATHEDRAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are currently seeking new members.
No experience required! No auditions!
If you love to sing and would like to be part of a rewarding ministry you are invited to join us every Wednesday afternoon (3.20-4.30pm).
Due to the Cathedral alterations, choir will be in the Parish Centre until further notice. A small afternoon tea is provided.
Please phone Kristin (853-6008) for more information.

Brazilian Futsal (Indoor Soccer) School Term 1 2008.

It is time to prepare for the soccer season, so come and play Futsal (Indoor Soccer) and brush up your skills – Register Now!
Classes begin Tuesday 19 February at Hamilton Boys High School
5 – 9 Year Olds at 5:30pm
10 – 14 Year Olds 7:00pm
Contact Karen brazilianfutsal@ihug.co.nz
or Carlos 827 8999 / 021 18 94 915

You have to run in nearly every sport!!

So get some extra practice while having fun at Hinemoa Athletics Club **new Branch**.
For 5 to 11 year olds at Hinemoa North, Mondays at Flagstaff Park. Starts 5.45pm
Also at Steele Park in Hamilton East, Thursdays, 5.45pm. Enquiries Ph Barrie Jennings 855 0295, or 0272634578

Kids on Keys: Free first trial lesson. Lessons held after School at either;

- Bankwood Primary School
- Forest Lake Primary School
- Cambridge Primary.

For children aged 5 – 13+.

Max. of 5 per class. Sessions last 30 minutes

Lessons fee \$110.00 per term

For more information contact 0800 543 766 or visit

www.kidsonkeys.co.nz

YMCA CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - 36 PEMBROKE STREET, HAMILTON

- **Y-Gymnastics & Y-Dance** - The YMCA has fun and educational programmes for children of all ages. Classes are designed to stimulate and develop physical and motor skills with experienced instructors.
- **Birthday Parties** - A party with a difference. Obstacle course, party games and prizes, suitable for ages 1-10 years.

SHGC ROWING CLUB FUNDRAISER

We are due to hold our major fundraiser for the year in the format of a casino evening in Hamilton on 16 February 2008 at Fraser Tech Rugby Club. Tickets are \$10. The evening involves gambling at gaming tables with funny money, supper, an auction of some prizes for the big winners of funny money and spot prizes throughout the evening for ticket holders, followed by an auction of real prizes for real money. If you would like to attend or make a donation, please contact Alva. Mrs Louella DINAN will be entertaining us throughout the evening and has donated a free gig for auction.
Your support is appreciated.
Alva Tohovaka-Staples
Event Co-ordinator for SHGC Rowing Club

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

Flyer:

- **School Zone** 40k Infringement notice
- **Term Calendar**