

22 February

Focus for the Week: In light of the current controversy regarding the intended screening of a deeply offensive and degrading TV Programme to show on C4TV tonight, it is important that we follow the words of St Paul: *“Be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith and purity.”*

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal’s Platform:

The last week has been another busy one with the Year 7 & 8 students returning from an exciting four days at camp. Thanks to the many parents who were able to attend the camp and support our teachers and students.

Bishop Dennis was very pleased with his visit to the school last Friday and proudly announced at each of the weekend Masses that Marian School should be held up as a fine example of actively being part of the parish.

The Catholic Church is once again in the media as it rightly objects to the episode of ‘South Park’ entitled ‘Bloody Mary’, being screened on C4TV. CanWest owns TV3, C4TV and the Radio Live network and the Bishop’s conference is not happy at their attempt to ridicule the mother of our church. Our Bishops write that;

“In New Zealand we are trying to promote an inclusive and tolerant culture, and whether we are Christian, Muslim or Jew, our faith, and those things we hold sacred, should not be subjected to deliberate, gratuitous insult.” *Please see flyer for more information but note – the screening has been brought forward to tonight.*

If you wish to submit your intention to boycott TV3 or C4TV and their advertisers, you can do so on this website: www.stopc4.org.nz before tonight’s screening.

We live in a society that is not necessarily governed by Christian values. As Christians we need to have an informed conscience, to know what the Church teaches and what Christ’s values are. As a Catholic School we well placed to support you as are together we teach our children these values, by both word and example.

It is important that we teach our children to show respect for others, themselves, the environment and the property of others.

How difficult it is for our children today as they feel the pressures of others. Just talk to the parents of teenagers as they know the pressures on their children. It’s never easy being in a minority and living by Christian values will at times place your children in the minority. It is important that our children learn to never compromise their values and beliefs.

Thanks to those who were able to make the ERO community meeting this week

Special Prayer Service: A special service will be held in the Cathedral tonight from 9:00pm to 10:00pm. This special prayer service will be held in honour of Our Lady in time with the screening of the Bloody Mary TV Show tonight. Everyone welcome.

Team 3 Mass: This Friday at 9:30am

Ash Wednesday Full School Mass: 1 March at 9:30am

Welcome: We warmly welcome the following children and their families into our school community: Caitlin Vuleta (Rm3) and Maggie Anderson (Rm5).

Safety: While we ask that parents pick up and drop off their children at the church carpark it has come to our attention that some parents are driving too fast around the carpark. Please think of the safety of others. 2 minutes late is better than an accident!

Calling all Parents of Our New ESOL Families: You are invited to join Mrs Wilson, Martha and others working with your children for a time of sharing what is being done and will be done for your children.

Date: Monday 27 February

Time: 9:20 (after School Prayer)

Location: In the Library

Thank you for your support

Lynne Fromont, ESOL Tutor

PTFA New Parents Morning Tea: Tuesday 7 March at 9am in the hall. All families new to the school are welcome to come along and chat to Principal John Coulam, PTFA members and various members of staff. If you have any concerns, queries or would just like to meet some fellow parents, come along and have a cuppa.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS: - Update This year, the University of New South Wales will hold competitions in **Mathematics, Computers Skills, Science, Writing and English** for students from Yr 4 to Yr 8.

These competitions are suitable for students who want or would benefit from the extra challenge. It provides an opportunity to measure their own achievement in an external assessment situation.

Students receive a result, letter and certificate detailing the questions they answered correctly. Certificates are awarded for each Yr level.

The Science, Computer Skills, English and Mathematics entry fee is \$6.50 per competition. The writing fee is \$13.00 as this is individually hand-marked. **This year we are also adding spelling at a cost of \$8.50. However, it is recommended for the above average spellers only.**

The dates for the competition are as follows:

- Computer Skills – Tues 4 April
- Science – Wed 3 May
- Mathematics – Thursday 11 May
- Writing – Tues 30 May
- **Spelling – Tuesday 30 May**
- English – Thurs 15 June

Please fill in the return slip below and send with entry fee to school before **Wednesday 1 March**

Mike Sommerville – Teacher-in-charge

Congratulations: Jessica Chanwai (Rm13) recently passed Trinity College Grade 2 Violin exam with Distinction. She learned last week that she was awarded the highest mark in Hamilton amongst all the Trinity College Grade 2 music exams.

Scholastic Book Order: The order for this term is due in by Thursday 23 February. Please ensure your child's name is on each order form used and any cheques should be made out to Marian School.

Lost:

- Bucket hat named Raven Priestley. Please return to Rm 12
- A pair of black leather Roman sandals named E Hilton. Return to Rm 4
- A pair of blue goggles, please hand into office or phone Michelle 855 8425
- A sliver cross with pearl inlay, could have been lost on Monday at the Municipal pools – please return to Shayla Rm 21.
- A school jersey named Liya – please return to Rm 12
- A brand new nameless bucket hat – lost by middle school playground. Please return to Arni Gemmell Rm 9.
- A School tunic named Brittany Lowe – return to Rm11

Child minding required for 2 weeks on Monday & Tuesday only. 3 boys aged 9, 6 & 4 to be picked up from school and Jubilee and taken to their own home in Albert St. Car not necessary as only a 10 minute walk. Mother will arrive home by 5pm. Please phone Nicette 856 1413

MathZwise: Maths tutoring available after school. Tutoring from 8 years to NCEA Level 1, 2 and e. Only 2 students per tutor for the hour. Each child's lesson is individually planned. Book now while spaces are available. Ph Kathy Redwood 0800 12 0965 or 027 245 9155.

Heaphy Tce: Attention has been drawn to the upgrade of the Claudeland showgrounds. The footpath along Heaphy Tce on the grounds side is out of use. Children are to use the footpath on the other side of the road and not walk on the road as some children did this morning, but care will be needed to re-cross by the lights. Please discuss this issue with your child. Hopefully this will not be too long a process.

Part Time Accounts /P.A. Admin position: Person required for construction/property service. Approx 25 flexible hours in a home based office. Phone Roger, Jason or Chris 858 4321 (day)

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

Flyers

- Sports News
- Walking School Bus
- Bishops Office flyer
- Scouts

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Australian Competition Reply Slip
Please return with payment to CLASS TEACHER

Child's Name _____

Rm _____ Yr Level _____

I wish my child to enter the following Australasian School's Competitions:

Computer Skills	YES/NO.....	\$ 6.50
Science	YES/NO	6.50
English	YES/NO	6.50
Writing	YES/NO	13.00
Spelling	YES/NO.....	8.50
Mathematics	YES/NO	<u>6.50</u>

TOTAL _____ =====

Signature _____
(Parent/Caregiver)

Ph No _____

Entries close WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH

Sports News

Cricket Draw:

Friday 5:30pm start

Yorkers vs Southwell Blue Caps @Southwell Sch
Thunderbolts vs Melville Stars @ Melville Primary

All Stars vs ST Joes F/F @ Flagstaff park
Stumpers vs Puketaha Peewees @ Puketaha Sch
Sonics – BYE

Blockers vs St Peter Chanel Spinners @ Uni 1

Saturday 9am start

Blasters vs St Andrews @ St Andrews School
Force vs Huntly Hawks @ Steele Park 1
Strikers vs Cambridge Torpedoes @ Innes Common 1

Reminder to Blockers: Practice day is Tuesday from 3:15 – 4:00pm. Please be prompt.

Touch: games start Tuesday 28 February Teams are presently being made up. Players will receive notification before the end of the week. Please see Mrs Liz Walker, Rm18 if you have not received notification by Monday.

Flippa Draw: Sunday 26 February

M. Penguins vs Dolphins @ 3:00pm

M. Seals vs Te Rapa @ 3:20

M. Marlons vs Deanwell @ 3:40pm

Please be at the pools 15minutes before your game. Any queries see Mrs. Liz Walker Rm 18

Team 4 Swim Sports

We had a very successful and fantastic day on Monday. A big thank you to all the parents who assisted and supported this event.

HOCKEY: The St Peter Chanel School Sports Club invites all interested HOCKEY players from years 2-8 to a hockey muster.

Location: St Peter Chanel School - Turf

Date: Sunday 5 March 06

Time: 2.00pm

Please bring a drink bottle, mouth guard, shin pads and if you have one, a hockey stick. Some sticks will be available for the muster.

Interested parents who would like to be coaches managers or fundraisers are also invited. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Any questions please ring Raewyn Wilson.

Hockey Co-ordinator on (07) 849 7320

Houses: The whole school will be involved in House Teams for sport and team wide events.

Your children will be notified of their team and colour in due course.

At present, the houses are in colours but they will be given names.

House Captains: Yr 8 students were given the opportunity to apply to be House Captain or Deputy for their respective houses.

The House Captains and deputies have been selected as follows:

Green:

James Green – House Captain

Sarah Harris – Deputy

Blue:

Lashara Lim – House Captain

Sean Clarkin – Deputy

Yellow:

Siobhan Vusoniwailala – House Captain

Alexander Sebastian – Deputy

Red:

Alice Kennedy – House Captain

Paeturi Maletino – Deputy

Purple:

Eoin Miles – House Captain

Kelsi Chiles – Deputy

Congratulations to these leaders!