

7 May

Focus for the Week: Baptism is more than a few drops of water washing away original sin. Baptism is becoming immersed in the Spirit – not just for the moment but for the rest of your life. Take time out with your family this Sunday to celebrate Pentecost - the birth of the church.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

It is so good to be back for another term, I love my work and the excitement of making a difference for children and their learning. At school this term all classes will focus on the skills needed for building positive relationships. When relationships are positive children should witness cooperation, respect and honesty. It is important that as Christians we learn to think beyond ourselves and to serve others in a way that promotes good relationships. What do your children witness?

Students are reminded that there is no official day for changing into winter uniform, as they are encouraged to dress for the conditions of the day. I do ask your cooperation in ensuring that students are abiding to our dress code and wearing official uniform items only.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following children and their families; Gershom Anton-Uthayarat (Rm4), Luc McRae (Rm4), Conor Gillespie (Rm5), Fahe Uaisele (Rm5) and Kael Hennessey (Rm4).

Bereavements: We extend our deepest sympathies to the following families;

- To Kaleah Stirling-Matenga (Rm22), whose much loved grandmother (Hine Manuhiri) passed away.
- Xavier Staheli (Rm9) whose much loved great-Grandmother passed away.

May they rest in peace.

Solidarity Day – thank you to all those wonderful parents who supported our Walk for Lent and cooking of rice for Solidarity Day. Also special thanks to Pak 'n' Save in Clarence Street for their generous discount on rice and paper plates. We raised \$1092.50 which has been forwarded to Caritas to support projects that promote justice, peace and development around the world.

Firefighters – Mufti Day: A very big thank you to the students who raised a total of \$895.70 with the Mufti Day held at the end of last term.

Liturgy: Team 1 & 2 will have an Ascension Thursday Liturgy in the School Hall at 10:30 tomorrow (Thursday).

Teams 3 & 4 will have their Liturgy tomorrow at 9:45am in the Boarders Hall.

Car Park: Please do not park adjacent to the disabled car parks as it makes it difficult for cars to get through.

Help Urgently Required: This weekend, to serve morning and afternoon tea and lunches for the Marriage Preparation Course. I need at least 2 people to assist on both days. The times are Saturday 9:30am – 3:30pm and Sunday 9:30am – 1:30pm. Please contact me urgently, Andrea Savage, at the Church Office 856 6486 xt 0.

Pasifika

Kia orana! Malo e lelei! Bula vinaka! Kona mauri! Hello! Aloha! Fakaalofa lahi atu! Talofa lava!

Warm Pacific greetings to all.

Reminder..... come, look, listen and join in.....Its time to listen to the drums of the islands and move to the music of the pacific.

Our Marian Pasifika Group for 2008 will start tomorrow.....

When: Thursday (8 May)

Where: School hall

Time: 12:40 (lunchtime)

All children of all ages from our school are welcomed.

Any queries to Louella Dinnan room 12.

Faafetai lava/Thank you

Louella and the Pasifika Team



Everybody needs a little help sometime

Marian school is interested in developing a home tutoring system to help families that have immigrated to New Zealand

We are looking for parents on a voluntary basis, who would be interested in becoming ESOL tutors at the school. Or parents who would like some support with their English.

The tutors course would involve a 10 week 2 hours course run here at the school.

Once you have completed the training you then help and support parents at the school with their

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If you interested in either becoming a tutor or need some support with your English. Come and hear what it is all about and how it might work here at Marian.

I have invited Elaine Mc Donnell from ESOI (English for speakers of other languages) to school next Tuesday 13th May at 9.30 she will give us an overview.

This would be a great way to get to know and support our school community. So come along to the meeting no obligations.

Martha and Lynne

Urgent PTFA Request:

The PTFA are providing breakfast and lunch for the Waikato Rivertones Music group. For this event to run smoothly we need ten parents/adults to assist us.

We will require your assistance from 6:30am to 8:30am on Saturday 17 May.

We acknowledge that winter sport is in full swing so will be endeavouring to stick to these times.

Get in quickly – it will be an enjoyable morning!

If you are unable to help on the 17th, you could still help us by donating specific grocery items or money for grocery items. Please contact Nic Moon on 856 7575 at your earliest convenience to indicate availability or to discuss a suitable grocery item/money for grocery items. Once again, thank you for your support, it is much appreciated.

Nic Moon – PTFA

Other PTFA Notices:

- 'Priscilla Queen of the Desert' only 15 seats left. Be in quick! Phone Sandra 027 232 5217 or leave message at the school office.
- Fieldays – 2008 Volunteers required to man the gates. Please see flyer attached.
- PTFA Meeting TONIGHT 7:30pm in the staffroom – all welcome
- Struggling for a Mothers Day Present??? - We still have some Marian School PTFA recipe books available at the office \$10.00 each

Yr 7 Immunisation Programme: The Education Programme will be held this Friday (9 May) at 1:30pm in the Atrium. Children will receive the parental permission form.

The Public Health Nurse will provide Yr 7 information about this and answer any questions they have.

If you do not wish your child to be involved in this please send a letter to the class teacher.

Many thanks – Christine Troon

Celebrating Success:

- To Jane Sul who came 3rd overall from throughout New Zealand in the recent Korean Speech Competitions. Well done Jane!
- Justin Coulam – representing Waikato as a Junior Indoor Bowler (undefeated in the single games). Well done Justin!

Free Ear Clinic Service for Children – Term

2: Clinic days Mon/Tues/Wed from 8:30 – 1pm. We do not make appointments for this service. Contact 021 976 474 for more details.

Crawshaw Primary School Dental Clinic – Crawshaw Dr
5 May – 7 May

Fairfield Primary School Dental Clinic – Clarkin Rd, 12
may – 11 June

Whitiora Primary School Dental Clinic – Willoughby St,
16 June – 2 July

PMP Help needed: The Junior Dept require assistance to run the PMP Programme on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 1:45 to 2:45pm. Please see Maureen Keoghan or leave message at the school office if you are able to help.

Wanted: Senior students winter school shoes urgently. If you have any unwanted shoes at home, please donate to Martha. We also need rain coats. There is a limited amount of second-hand winter uniforms available at \$2.00. The last of the boys winter shorts size 84 brand new only \$5 get in quick only 9 pairs left. Please contact Martha if you are in need.

FOR SALE: Marian School Tunic, Size 14, in excellent condition, \$25, please ph Simone 8238334”

Lost: A blue rain raincoat named M.D. Please return to Madeleine Dunn (Rm10)

Rimbrook Women's Group: Keep Love Real – NZ journalist Carolyn Moynihan reports on the Second International Congress on Education in Life, Sex and love. delegates gathered from around the world to share experiences of educating young people about chastity and love, listen to research on the subject, listen to the young people themselves, and advance a 'real love revolution'.

Rimbrook Study Centre, 64 Hillcrest Rd, Wednesday 14 May, 7:30pm, \$5.00.

RSVP to Diane Willcock, 856 8784 or dianemkw@ihug.co.nz. All welcome

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

Flyers:

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- PTFA Fieldays Notice
- Gymnastics for Teams 1 & 2

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