

### **SECRETARY – SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The St Mary's School Board of Trustees requires a Secretary to undertake the administrative duties relating to the Board's monthly meetings. This paid position involves 6-10 hours per month. Full training and support will be provided – it is not a difficult or time consuming job. For further information and Job Description contact Sister Julian on 3481701 or email [srjulian@stmarys.rotorua.school.nz](mailto:srjulian@stmarys.rotorua.school.nz) Applications close Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

### **CAR PARKING**

It would be appreciated if cars were not driven into the school through the Ranolf St entrance during school hours and no parking in the bus carpark at any time.

### **WANTED TO BUY – Children's Playhouse**

Mrs Liley would like to buy a children's wooden playhouse – any condition considered – please contact her on 3480434.

### **TELECOM SCHOOL CONNECTION**

A simple way to support the school, if you are with Telecom for land and toll calls, is to fill in a Telecom School Connection form – it costs you nothing but our school can benefit with points being converted into computers, cameras and digital equipment. Sometimes people sign up with the Telecom School Connection plan at one school then transfer to a different school without changing the benefiting school – we have forms in the school office if you wish to change your arrangements or start a new one ☺.

### **MISSION MONEY**

As befitting the special character of our school, each term the donations collected from our students at Monday assembly are passed on to the Missions to benefit those much less fortunate than ourselves. Our focus this term are students of remote schools in Papua New Guinea. Your donations are always appreciated.

Let me leave you with this:

Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words.  
*(St. Francis of Assisi)*

God bless,  
Sr. Julian, Principal



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# 9<sup>TH</sup> May 2007

## PLEASE READ ME !!!

NEWSLETTER NO. 7

9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007

### *Positive Attitude Equals Positive Actions*

Dear Parents/Guardians

The month of May is with us, a month dedicated to Mary the Mother of Jesus. It is very fitting that this Sunday we also celebrate Mother's Day. May the Mother of Jesus bless all our Mother's in a very special way on Sunday and throughout the month of May.

#### WELCOME

A very special welcome to our new children and families to the school: Finlay McMachan, originally from England but transferred from Taupo and our new entrants Sophie McKenzie, Emil Saby, Akileo Niko and Jack Iremonger. May these children and their families feel the warmth of our school community.

#### ✠ PRAYERS ✠

Our sincere sympathy and prayers to: the Sithole family on the death of Mr Sithole's father, grandfather to Tarisai and Tinashe; the Vulu, Vulu-Lafu & Kelemete families on the death of their relative; and to the Florence family on the sudden death of Mr Florence's cousin in Wellington this week.

We pray for the grandfather of the Le Lievre children, Andre, Zoe & Sophia, who is in hospital, for Te Mania Whata William's old sister who is in Starship Hospital and for Mrs Swann's sister, who has cancer, aunty to Aiden & Kieren.

Please continue to pray for those who may be sick or suffering hardship in our St Mary's School community, your prayers are of comfort and support to our families.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

To Aiyana Grigsby for being placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 10yr Girl section in the recent Mountain Biking Competition 10-14years and to Blair McLeod, only 8yrs old, for being placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 10yr Boys section – an awesome effort by both.

To Jayden Tuki on being the Most Improved Swimmer at Arawa Club for 10yr Boys and 1<sup>st</sup> Overall and Mason Deane 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall for 10yr Boys.

#### FOCUS – Physical Education Uniform

ALL children must have the correct t-shirt and shorts for Physical Education. Physical Education cannot be done effectively in winter school uniform. Parents – we need your support because continued failure to bring correct P.E. uniform will result in children spending time in the lunchtime detention club.

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION DAY - THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to our Parent Support Group in organising a lovely morning tea for our Catholic Education Day as well as a special treat of an ice block.



Thank you, also, to all the parents and caregivers who joined us on the walk to the Racecourse to release our prayer balloons – while a little wet it was a day celebrated well by everyone.

#### HAPPENINGS

- \* Middle & Senior School – Rm 8 to Rm 16 – will hold homeroom interviews on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Notices will go home this week, please return promptly and please follow up if your child does not bring a notice home.
- \* Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May, our Parent Support Group will hold a Disco. The theme is Black & White – admission will cost \$2. Start time 5:30pm till 7pm. Children are to be picked up from the hall at 7pm or earlier – no child may leave the hall without a parent.

#### MID/SNR SCHOOL – HOME ROOM INTERVIEWS

Middle/Senior school Homeroom Interviews are being held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May. A form is being sent home with the newsletter today for parents to fill out and return by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

If you do not receive a form please get in touch with the school office as soon as possible. School will close at 2pm (for Middle & Senior school only) in order to start the first interviews at 2:20pm.

#### YEAR 6 STUDENTS – John Paul College Interviews

Year 6 students intending to go to John Paul College will have interviews at St Mary's School on June 12<sup>th</sup> & June 13<sup>th</sup> – please ring St Mary's School office (3481701) to book a time now. For your interview you will need to have a copy of your child's birth certificate and also the Preference card (your present one is for St Mary's School, you will need a new one to enrol at John Paul College).

#### SPORT

Our winter codes are all underway with a large number of our children participating in Netball, Hockey, Soccer or Miniball. It is fantastic to see so many children and parents involved – the health and wellbeing of our children can only improve.

Although all team members are given the time of their respective games, the draws are also displayed on the Sports noticeboard beside the PE shed and on the office noticeboard. Draws are displayed as soon as we receive them – if they aren't there it's because we haven't got them yet !☺!

#### MOTHER'S DAY – 13<sup>TH</sup> May - \$3 Gifts for Sale

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, the Parent Support Group will be selling Mother's Day gifts for \$3 each in the school hall from 12:30pm till 1:25pm.

#### FAREWELL



It is with sadness we farewell Mr Harman, our caretaker and very handy 'handyman', from St Mary's on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. After five and a half years Mr Harman is going to join his son at their business at Papamoa. His skills

and enthusiasm for our school will be greatly missed but we wish him all the very best and God's blessing as he toils away in sunny Papamoa under cars!