
Marian College Newsletter

With Mary in faith – Tātou ko Mere e whakapono ana

Always be thankful. Colossians 3:15

2 September 2010

Dear parents and caregivers
Tēnā koutou katoa, greetings

The college community had a great **feast day** recently. Special thanks to the students, **Mrs Dakers, Trish O'Donnell** and **Mrs Amanda Woods** for all the work with the Mass. **Mrs Seaward** helped by the culture council and house leaders enabled the house singing competition to rise to new heights. **Mr Milligan, Mr Frame, Mr Capstick** and **Mr Lange** worked hard to support all the talent quest contestants who performed so well. See the results from feast day later in this newsletter.

Many you may already know of the sudden death of **Fr Miles O'Malley**, parish priest of St Paul's Parish in Dallington, last week. Fr Miles was a generous sacramental chaplain at Marian College for 8 years who had a genuine love of young people. He was also a hard working proprietor's trustee on the college board for 11 years. Above all this, Fr Miles was a long term friend and advocate for Marian College who will be sadly missed. May he rest in peace.

This Sunday is **father's day**. Every good wish to the fathers and grandfathers of our Marian College community. May you receive recognition on this special day that is extended to you throughout the year. For those of our fathers and grandfathers who have died, may this day be one of remembering and gratitude for their contribution to our lives.

This week **Year 11** are having their **retreat days**, helped by the Catholic Youth Team. We hope that this be a special time for all those attending.

September 24 is the **feast of Catherine McAuley**, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. Marian College shares in this rich Mercy tradition. The Mercy International Association has developed their website www.mercyworld.org as a platform for matters related to Catherine McAuley and the Mercy tradition. Do have a browse.

With **winter sports** drawing to a close it is good to see plenty of fair play in evidence and so many teams having significant success. Special thanks to all who coach and manage teams, including staff, parents, friends, past pupils and current older students. Without you we could not be such a well known sporty school.

At present we have teams away on **winter tournament week** as follows: football in Nelson, netball in Blenheim, hockey and rugby in Christchurch. Thanks again to all staff, parent helpers, coaches and managers together with students, fundraisers and external agencies that work together so that our girls may participate in these tournaments.

The Marian College and Shirley Boys' High School two yearly **Japan trip** heads off later this month. Every good wish for an enriching trip and safe return.

Senior students may apply for one of the five places on the two yearly **Five Schools exchange** in May 2011. This year the host is Salesian College in Melbourne. The trip covers a week of the term break and one week of term two. Application forms are available from **Mrs Foulds**.

Every blessing

Anna Heffernan (Ms)
Principal

REFLECTION

Later this month is the feast of Our Lady of Mercy and is known as Mercy Day. It is a time to honour the creative vision of Catherine McAuley and to celebrate the living on her vision in Aotearoa and the Pacific.

Catherine McAuley's story is one of a remarkable woman who once walked through the poorest sections of Dublin city in Ireland and was saddened and stunned by what she found there – ignorance, neglect and disease. She was one of few extraordinary women who began to care for those for whom no one else seemed to care. With 7 co-workers Catherine began the Sisters of Mercy in 1831.





Sisters of Mercy today still teach, still care for the sick and still use their freedom to respond to new needs in the market places of the twenty first century. They influence politics and economics, ethics and moral theology. They counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful. They speak out for justice. They draw and paint, write and sing and pray. They support, influence, take responsibility for difficult projects and controversial causes. They respond, like Catherine McAuley to needs of their own times.

Catherine's inherited legacy a million dollars, disappeared quickly in the vast chasm of the needs of Dublin's poor. But the legacy of her work has, since 1831, inspired thousands of women to become Sisters of Mercy or be lay women who follow in the Mercy tradition. The legacy she left is beyond measure. She is nearly two hundred years later remembered affectionately by all.

"We should be as shining lamps, giving light to all around us." Catherine McAuley

CANONISATION UPDATE

You are welcome to come to *90 minutes with Mary MacKillop* in our MacKillop Chapel on Sunday 19 September, 3.30 to 5pm, led by Sr Jill McLoughlin rsj. This event is being held by the Christchurch East Pastoral Area.

Mrs Dakers, who will be in Europe on a private trip, will represent Marian College in Rome at the canonisation of Mary MacKillop on 17 October. Watch out for her on the televised coverage that we hope will be made for this event!

Marian College's own celebration of the canonization will be a **school Mass on Friday 22 October at 9.30am** in the gym. Although space is limited, family members are welcome to attend.

The Christchurch Diocese's celebration of the canonization is on **Saturday 20 November** commencing at 1pm at the grave of John MacKillop, Mary's brother, in the Barbados St Cemetery and proceeding to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for Mass. More details of this event will be provided in the November newsletter.

STAFF NEWS

The board has received the resignation of **Mrs Dakers**, director of religious studies, who will finish up at school at the end of the year. Opportunities to farewell her after 24 years at the college will be provided later in the year.

Congratulations to **Miss Dick** who was acknowledged recently by **Dinu Harry**, the national president of the NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants, for having four students in two years gain external tertiary provider accounting scholarships.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

ACADEMIC

LAW

Congratulations to **Danielle Lawrence** (Yr 13) who has been shortlisted from 374 applicants nationwide for the Russell McVeagh Law Scholarship. To get to this point is a significant achievement. Every good wish to Danielle for the interview stage of the selection process.

ART

A wide array of artists had inspired our Year 12 with their works this year. Congratulations to **Tiana Ratana**, winner of the Marian College Board of Trustees Year 12 Art Prize 2010. Special thanks to **Mr Frame** for overseeing the exhibition, and to **Mrs Pestell** and Year 13 food and hospitality students for catering the event so deliciously.

COMMERCE

Ashleigh Grose, Eden Russell, Jordana Cook and **Kate van der Weert** all from Yr 12 competed admirably in the Lincoln University Commerce Quiz. Thanks to **Ms Dick** for her support.

Recently the Yr 10 economics class held their school trade fair at The Palms. They all successfully sold their range of products, after learning how to run their own business this term. Thank you to **Miss Dick** and **Ms Vousden**

MATHEMATICS

Four teams of four represented Marian College at the Year 9 and Year 10 Cantamath Competition in August 2010. The Year 10 A team did particularly well and was in the lead for some time. Thanks also to the senior girls who trained the teams and to the staff who helped.



HISTORY

The annual Canterbury History Teacher's Year 11 History Quiz was held recently. Marian College entered three teams and the two teams were placed fourth equal. Thank you to **Mrs Davidson** and **Mrs Perry, Elena Bloxham, Jess Lee** and **Tessa O'Reilly** (all Yr 12).

LANGUAGES

The following students received Certificate in excellence from the New Zealand Land Association of Language Teachers for 2009.

French, NCEA Level 1 (all Year 12) **Zoretta Barrett** and **Melanie O'Connor**.

Japanese, NCEA level 3, **Susan Kweon** (Yr 13) and Level 2 (all Year 13) **Annalee Jones, Catherine Hay** and **Lisa Caldwell**.

LANGUAGE WORLD CUP

The Language World Cup 2010 was held at Shirley Boys High School during languages week and the Shirley Boys' High School team came ninth in New Zealand. Highest Distinction - **Michaela Ellis** (Yr 11). Merit - **Melissa Abraham** (yr 10) and **Fran McGuigan** (Yr 11).

CULTURAL

FEAST DAY

The winner of the house singing competition on feast day was **Takahe**.

In the talent quest that day the winners were:

First	Year 11 Glee Peeps group
Second	Mahalia Simpson (Yr 13)
Third	K-Stars Korean group
Overall best performer:	Mahalia Simpson (Yr 13)
Overall best effort:	Rima Hurrell-McCarthy (Yr 9)

SPORTING

FOOTBALL

Hannah Wong (Yr 12) is on her way to Trinidad and Tobago in the NZ Junior Women's Football team.

The junior football final was played between Marian College and Burnside High School. Marian College won 1-0. Thanks to **Mr Capstick** the coach.

NETBALL

Three players from Yr 9 were selected in the under 14 Christchurch netball development teams: **Marieka Hitchcock, Rona Johnston** and **Amber Rose Te Huia**.

The Year 10A netball team played in the final of the under 15 division 2 recently.

SWIMMING

Samantha Fiebig (Yr 12) and **Laura Fiebig** (Yr 10) are representing Canterbury region in the South Island swimming championships in Queenstown at present.

RUGBY

Alex Norton Bradley (Yr 10) and **Georgia Williams** (Yr 12) were selected to play in the Town and Country Rugby Tournament.

Marian College beat Linwood College in ten a side rugby to win the mid week competition for the second year running. Thanks to **Mr Christison** for his team support.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Canterbury Secondary School's Cross Country. Participating were **Hannah Tyrrell** (Yr 13) came twelfth in the senior girls' 4km race and **Millie Haughey** (Yr 11) came fourth in the intermediate girls' 4km race.

In the NZ Secondary School Cross Country Championship held in Waikanae, coming fifty first out of 181 finishers was **Millie Haughey** (Yr 11).

ROAD RACE

Canterbury Secondary Schools road race was held recently. First twenty placegetters included:

Senior girls Year 13:	Hannah Tyrrell (20)
Intermediate girls Year 11:	Millie Haughey (4)
Junior Girls Year 10:	Tessa Lewis (11)
	Jackie Eden (20)
Under 14 girls Year 9:	Ellie Jackson (15)

Thanks for **Miss Boyle** for her team support.

DUATHLON

Hannah Tyrrell (Yr 13) came fifth in the senior individual girl's event and **Millie Haughey** (Yr 11) came seventh in the intermediate indivi. Congratulations to **Tamara Nolan** (Yr 12) on her win as a girls' thrower at the 2010

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Recently in Ashburton the Special Olympics were held. In swimming **Samantha McLachlan** (Yr 9) came first in 25 metre backstroke; second in 25m freestyle relay and third in 25m freestyle.

BOCCIA



Congratulations to **Tamara Nolan** (Yr 12) on her win as a girls' thrower at the 2010 Canterbury Secondary School's Boccia Championships.

BASKETBALL

In intermediate grade division two and open grade division four both teams came first. Well done – our open grade team is a young team who are developing well. Thanks to **Erin Rooney** for coaching the team and **Mrs Seaward** for her support.

BADMINTON

The 2010 Canterbury Secondary Schools' Badminton Championships held recently in the year 9 and 10 grade **Anna Koster** (Yr 9) was runner up in girls' singles, one of the winning girls' doubles team and runner up in the mixed doubles team. In the year 11 to 13 grade **Katrina Koster** (Yr 11) won the girls' singles and was runner up in the girls' double team.

TABLE TENNIS

Marian College entered a table tennis team, in a local competition for the first time and were placed fourth in C grade. Well done girls. Thank you to **Miss Boyle**.



SENIOR REPORTS

Full senior reports are being posted on Thursday 23 September 2010. If you do not receive your copy soon after that please contact the school office (385 8449). Families will be sent a print out of your daughter's NCEA standards results later in term 4.

SENIOR EXAMS

Year 11 to 13 internal exams are fast approaching. They will be held from **13 to 18 October** inclusive. Now is the time for a good exam study timetable and focused preparation from each senior student. Your support for your daughter with this will be much appreciated. Students with particular concerns about the exams should talk with their subject teachers or the dean.

HEALTH EDUCATION COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Every two years the school is required to consult the school community about the school health programme. We would also like to inform you of the extent of health education throughout various subjects in the school. The feedback and information you provide will help us to improve health practices and education throughout the school. As an added incentive, all responses will be given a ticket to go into the draw to win one of three hampers. Please find a copy of the questionnaire on attached to the back of this newsletter.

NEW FAMILIES 2011

New Year 9 for 2011 will sit an **entrance test** on 18 September from 8.40am to 11.30am. The highest scoring candidate will win the **Marian Foundation Scholarship**. Between 11.30am and 12.30pm **second hand uniforms** will be available for purchase from the PTA. **New PE uniforms** can also be ordered on 18 September, to collect at the start of 2011.

MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA SPARKLES AND GLITTER

To be held at 7.00pm, Thursday 23 September 2010, in the school auditorium, door sales only \$5.00 per ticket. It's going to be a great night with lots of variety.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place in the following parishes. If your daughter wishes to take this opportunity she needs to make contact with the Parish at least a month prior as there are confirmation programmes that each parish provide to prepare students for this sacrament.



St Mary and Frances, Rangiora	03/10/2010	7.30pm
St Patrick's, Kaiapoi	05/09/2010	9.00am
St Paul's, Dallington	15/09/2010	7.00pm
St Joseph's, Papanui	31/10/2010	5.00pm
St Mary's, Christchurch	19/11/ 2010	5.10pm
Sacred Heart Parish, Addington	30/11/2010	7.00pm

BOARD ASIAN FAMILIES MEETING

The board of trustees warmly invites families of students with Asian heritage to attend an annual meeting with them on **Thursday 2 September at 7.30pm** in room F5, followed by light refreshments. Your daughters are welcome to attend.

BOARD GENERAL PARENTS' MEETING

The board of trustees warmly invites all parents to attend a meeting with them on **Monday 20 September at 7.30pm** in the gym, followed by light refreshments. This meeting will consider overall progress for the student body at Marian College, changes to NCEA and to University Entrance requirements, and provide a time for questions from the floor about any school related matter. The night is not about your daughter's individual achievement. Should you have any concerns with that please contact her subject teacher or the dean by ringing the school office.

STUDENT TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

The term of office of **Tessa O'Reilly** (Yr 12) as student trustee is drawing to a close. Special thanks to Tessa for her work as a trustee on the Marian College board and for heading the student trustee council.

The **student trustee election** will be held on 17 September. Nominations closed this week for this important role. Candidate information will go up in each classroom. All current Year 9 to 13 students may vote in the election.

Thank you to retiring members of the **student trustee council** whose last meeting is in September 2010. They have generally liaised well with their house groups in preparation for council meetings. A new student trustee council is being formed to assist the student trustee. Each house group will elect one Year 9 and one Year 11 student who will hold office from October 2010 until September 2011. The student trustee council meets once a month with the student trustee on the board for a two-way flow of information.

BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is **26 October at 5.30pm** in the board room. All welcome.

OFFICE HOURS IN TERM BREAK

The office will generally be open 8am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday in the term break.

GREATS AND GRANDS

October is national greats and grands month. All students are encouraged to honour their grandparents during October. Where grandparents are deceased, this is a good time to pray specially for them.

FAIR

Keep **Sunday 31 October 11am to 3pm** free for the Marian College and St Bede's Fair held at St Bede's. Remember to support the PTA in this combined fair with St Bede's.

MONTHLY MASS

There is no first Thursday Mass in October as it is term break time.

TERM 4 CALENDAR

The term 4 calendar is attached to help your forward planning. Please add it to your pin board or fridge door for easy reference.

NEWSLETTER

Kindly note that the next first Thursday of the month newsletter is due out on **4 November** because 7 October is in term break time. The final newsletter for the year is **2 December**.

WHĀNAU COMMITTEE HUI

The next whānau committee hui will be held on Monday 22 November 2010 at 7.30pm in the staff room.

BALL PREPARATION

6pm on 31st October is the **Leavers' Ball practice** which it is very important to attend. Please contact **Ms Goodman** or **Ms Straight** for further details. Our leavers this year will be presented to **Bishop Barry Jones**, the college proprietor and Catholic bishop for the Christchurch Diocese.



FINANCE MATTERS

Families will soon receive a letter detailing adjustments to costs and financial contributions for 2011. Goods and services tax (GST) is also to be increased from the current 12.5% to 15% on attendance dues from the start of term 4

At any time, families with financial difficulty are asked to make an appointment with the principal through the school office (385-8449) to discuss a way forward.

PAKISTAN

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is raising funds to provide aid to the millions of people devastated by recent flooding in Pakistan. Caritas is distributing water purification kits, food, kitchen supplies, mosquito nets and health and hygiene items to thousands of affected households. Other relief efforts include setting up cash for work schemes employing local people and providing shelter and hygiene kits to homeless families. Donations to the Pakistan Flood Appeal can be made by:

- Phoning 0800 221 022 (during office hours) to donate a specified amount by credit card.
- Phoning 0900 4 11 11 to automatically donate \$20 through your telephone account.
- Donating online using a credit card at 111.caritas.org.nz; or posting a cheque Caritas Aotearoa NZ, P.O. Box 12-193, Thorndon, Wellington 6144.
- More information at www.caritas.org.nz

CELEBRATE LOVE SEMINAR

A two day married couple's retreat presented in a Catholic context exploring intimacy and spirituality. No group discussion or counselling. Cost \$180.00 **Saturday 16 October and Sunday 17 October**, St Gregory's, 30 Cotswold Avenue, Bishopdale. Information www.celebratelove.co.nz; register Phone 351-8002.

CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST

St Matthew's Parish Centre, Jeffreys Road, Bryndwr, 0800-1000, Saturday 11 September. Full breakfast \$20.00, Sr Mary Hanrahan, RSM, Pastoral Chaplain, will speak on Hospital Chaplaincy. Contact Michael Riley, 382-8340.