



Editorial

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People's humanity is greatly enhanced when they have a personal life mission bigger than themselves. With such a world view, individuals are better able to navigate their lives in circumstances where dramatic global external challenges occur. There is much room for hope, since the human spirit is resilient and human talent and creativity are abundant. History teaches us to hope and hope is fundamental to a successful life. We are wise to avoid the merchants of doom.

Life and death issues always focus the mind. Seeking out alliances with others in regional and international settings is becoming crucial to successfully navigating the 21st Century.

Today's society needs plenty of understanding, rather than condemnation. It is too easy to focus on war, terrorism, violence, selfishness, greed and so on, which are all a tragic and unfortunate part of the human experience. Rather, we would be very wise to follow the wisdom of the Chinese proverb: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

Education is the ultimate engine of fairness and progress, since it effectively liberates individuals. As the year comes to a close, all those involved in education can take to themselves the words of Teilhard de Chardin who asserted that "the future belongs to those who give the next generation hope."

Thank you for your dedicated work this year in your particular school or other education institution.

Our Integrated School sector is doing well as it contributes to the well-being of our students and their families, and the wider community of New Zealand. Your active involvement is very much appreciated by our Proprietors and a whole range of other people.

As we focus on Christmas and the New Year may we review our commitment to being people of hope, since it is hope that sustains us and enables tomorrow to be better than today.

Thank you again for your leadership and efforts with our young people – your efforts will touch generations to come.

Wishing you a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a peaceful yet challenging 2011.

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou.

We wish you blessing as you prepare for Christmas and the summer vacation – we hope all goes well for you.

Integrated Schools Finalists and Winners in Young Enterprise Scheme Awards

Columba College, Dunedin, winners of the MOVAC Award for High Growth Potential; John Paul College, Rotorua; Roncalli College, Timaru; St Mary's College, Auckland; St Thomas of Canterbury, Christchurch; Waikato Diocesan School for Girls, Hamilton; Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt. The St Thomas of Canterbury team, Oceanic Fusion, winners the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs Award for Excellence in Pasifika Business and the Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme Company of the Year.

Dialogue Australasia Conference 18-20 April 2011

The 2011 Dialogue Australasia Network Conference 'Engaging Sceptical Minds with Ultimate Questions' will be held in Sydney 18-20 April 2011. Details and registration are at: www.dialogueaustralasia.org.

Educating for Asia Summit Wellington 5-6 April 2011

Asian NZ and the Ministry of Education invite principals to this conference. Registration, accommodation and meals are all free. Register at www.asianz.org.nz.

Carrousel Theatre Performances

Carrousel Theatre's bilingual (French, German, Italian English) puppet show 'Puss in Boots' will tour NZ schools during May 2011. Go to www.carrousel.com.au, or book through: enquiries@carrousel.com.au.

St John's Primary School Mairangi Bay Golden Jubilee

The Golden Jubilee of St John's Primary School Mairangi Bay will take place on 18-20 March 2011. To register, visit www.stjohnsjubilee.org.nz.

Fibre Drops to Integrated Schools Wholly Funded

The Minister of Education has recently announced that integrated schools will no longer have to contribute 32% of the cost of the fibre drop cost, under the Government's Ultra Fast Broadband and Rural Broadband Initiatives. This is good news, and the Minister is thanked for this help.

"This is what Yahweh asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.."

Micah 6:8



CELEBRATING PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Congratulations to:

Columba College, Dunedin: Tori Locke won the Puffin Short Story Awards.

Those who participated in the 40 hour famine raised \$7,670.30. Constance McDonald won 1st place in the Communication Design-Print section of the 2010 National Young Designer Awards.

Garin College, Nelson: Toby Gwynne-Hussey's entry in the Warhammer painting competition has made it to the grand final in Sydney. Benedict Morrisey has won a place in the National Maths Olympiad training camp.

St Brendan's School, Heretaunga: Olivia Gorman and Jayden Gotlieb have had their artwork selected for the 2011 Upper Hutt Community Calendar.

St Mary's College, Wellington: Chanel Lutton gained 3rd place for High Street Fashion in the NZ Young Designer of the Year Awards.

Hutt International Boys' School, Silverstream: Tim Robertson came 1st in the Australian Boys Individual event for Orienteering. Alexander Sparrow has been selected to perform at the Globe Theatre in London in 2011.

St Francis de Sales School, Island Bay: featured in the 8 November 2010 NZ Education Gazette, with a photo in an article on inclusive education

St John Bosco School, New Plymouth: Tempany Paola danced with the Russian Dance Theatre in their recent performance of Sleeping Beauty.

St Joseph's Maori Girls' College, Taradale: Te Rangi Kauia Tipene-Matua featured in the 8 November 2010 NZ Education Gazette.

Baradene College, Remuera: Emele Palu had her poem 'School Camp' published in the book 'Leprechaun Icecream'.

Carmel College, Milford: Mariel Catapang and Ellen Curran both received scholarships from Rotary to attend a Science Forum at Auckland University. Alyssa Moore competed at the National



Children from St Joseph's School, Stratford, put handmade posies on the graves of parishioners, families and friends on All Souls Day.

Young Performer Awards and placed 3rd in the tap dancing section. Rose Aschebrock won the Senior Eveningwear Category at the Young Designers Awards. Kate Marsh has been awarded a Gold Crest Award by the Royal Society of New Zealand for her cookbook project.

St Paul's College, Grey Lynn: Dux John Palavi, the recipient of 22 awards at the college prizegiving, was the subject of a wonderful story on TV One's Close Up.

Rosmini College, Takapuna: Miles Broderick, Oliver Tyack and Joseph Coddington were on the front page of the NZ Herald, for their speedy assistance in helping the dying and injured occupants of a car that hit their school bus.

Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross

The canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in Rome was an occasion that brought joy and blessings to millions of people. We share the joy of the Sisters of St Joseph of Nazareth (the "Black Joes") and the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the "Brown Joes") and congratulate them.

Did You Know?

2011 is the United Nations International year for People of African Descent, International Year for Chemistry, International Year of Forests and the International Year of Youth (12 August 2010-11 August 2011)

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