

# THE SCHOOL NEWS

## 1 HONOLULU

### Saint Louis School

The following are excerpts from a letter to the school ohana by principal **Tim Los Banos**. "We have but a few weeks remaining in the Hooilo, or traditional rainy season of the Hawaiian calendar, and the summer will soon be upon us. Governor Joshua Green, M.D., recently proclaimed April as Native Hawaiian Plant Month and this underscores the breadth of Saint Louis School's efforts in sustaining and promoting aina-based learning. In fact, ongoing efforts of our **Coordinator for Organic Sustainability, Jon Watase '07** and our students can be seen literally springing forth on campus. So, thinking back to our kupuna's environment makes us realize the value of planting dryland natives over thirsty alien species that we find in many garden shops. One of the tried-and-tested hardy natives is the **pohinahina**, a silvery-leaf shrub that we see trailing over the redwood fence of the Wiegand robotics and engineering building just across from Newell Hall. Another dryland native is the official state flower, or **mao hauhele**, or endemic yellow hibiscus that we have on the terraced slope at the back of Bertram Hall. In front of Bertram Hall, flanking the walkway where Our Lady of the Pillar stands, are the Nihoa variety of the endemic **loulu** palm, and just next to them are two fledgling **ohia**, the treasured tree sacred to Pele and now threatened by disease in its native Hawaii island habitat. These are a sampling of the native plants on campus, and we have more in the nursery, awaiting transplanting into the Kalaepohaku substrate." (Reported by *Tim Los Banos*)



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made the day that much sweeter! (Reported by *Julia Hudson*)

## 3 MAKAWAO

### St. Joseph Early Learning Center

April was **Sexual Assault Awareness** month and we have a presenter come in every year, **Gabrielle Shabke** from Maui Sexual Assault Center. Thank you, "Aunty Gabby," as the students affectionately call her, for sharing the packets, song and presentation with the center. The presentation

was well received and covered the gamut of important information in an age-appropriate manner. The presentation also fulfills the Safe Environment Child and Youth Protection Charter. In the photo we have the students from **The Rainbow Class** presenting their thank you card and lei to Gabrielle after her presentation. (Reported by *Helena Souza*)

## 4 KAILUA

### St. John Vianney School

Our remarkable **hula halau**, pic-

tured, was invited to perform at the **Kuhio Beach Hula Show** on April 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We are very proud of our halau and so grateful to our kumu hula **Jack McKeague** for presenting our halau to the greater community and being such amazing good-will ambassadors for our school! ... The entire student body went to the movies at the Kailua Cinemas on April 12 to see the new **Super Mario Bros Movie!** Mahalo to our fabulous **PTSH** for arranging such a fun adventure. ... On April 23, our

school had a booth at the **I Love Kailua Town Party**. Our goal was to promote the awesome accomplishments of our school. We also wanted to encourage past graduates to register as alumni. The booth was decorated with pictures of student activities and art. Students and volunteers promoted our school and distributed informational pamphlets as well as logo items. ... Our **musical ensembles** presented their annual **Spring Concert** on April 25 at 6 p.m. in the church. The performance was entitled "Dances with Dragons" and featured our bands, choir and orchestra celebrating songs of adventure. The concert was enjoyed by both school families and many of our parishioners. It was indeed a delightful event and we are so proud of our young and talented students. ... On April 30 our art department will present the **Keiki Art Show!** Artwork from all grades will be displayed on the Fellowship Lanai from 8 a.m.-noon. Everyone is invited to stop by to admire our students' beautiful creations. Mahalo to **Mrs. Jessee** and **Miss Carnazzo** for planning and organizing this amazing event. (Reported by *Earl Walker*)

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### Maryknoll High School

We recently unveiled a new mural commemorating the private school's **95th anniversary**. The mural was designed by local artist and class of 2007 alumna **Kelsie Chin Kalohi**, pictured with lei. "I attended Maryknoll from pre-kindergarten through graduation and my favorite class was art," said Kalohi. "My goal was to create a great conversation starter for the current students as well as for those who come back as alumni like me." The mural features a stamp design, with each stamp representing an important part of the Maryknoll story. The stamps include Maryknoll's foundress, **Mother Mary Rogers**; the **Maryknoll Sisters**; the **Jean Charlot** statue that was gifted to the campus; and **Sacred Heart Church**. The completed mural was featured and blessed on Founders Day, Feb. 14. (Reported by *Sydney Cerri*)

## 2 AIRPORT AREA

### Holy Family School

April is the **Month of the Military Child** and on April 14, our school celebrated **Purple Up Day**, an event celebrated nationwide that encourages wearing purple clothing to celebrate military children. We recognize military life can be tough on kids and are honored to celebrate the resiliency of our many students connected to military life. Grape popsicles for all



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