

# THE SCHOOL NEWS



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## 1 KAILUA

### St. John Vianney School

St. John Vianney School welcomed students back to class on July 28. Our first week was one filled with excitement as we greeted our returning students and extended a warm aloha to our new students and families. We also have several new teachers who will enrich our school with their experience and dedication to our children. Our focus is educating the whole child — mind, body and, most importantly, spirit. We do this in a nurturing environment and with the support of their parents, who choose our school because of our high academic standards. We provide a challenging curriculum focusing on math, science and technology. Students also learn discipline, respect, virtues and morals that will serve them for a lifetime. Our goal is to provide students with on-going formation in their faith and to develop each one's God-given gifts. On Aug. 3, in early celebration of the Aug. 4 feast day of **St. John Vianney**, our **middle-school students** enjoyed serving breakfast to parishioners after all Masses. It was truly a joy for them and

their service was very much appreciated. Students are told every day that God loves them, that Jesus walks with them in all things, that the Spirit is with them always, and that God has a unique plan for each of them. We want our students to succeed in high school, but also to relish life, help others and contribute to society. We are looking forward to this year being one filled with many accomplishments. *(Reported by Earl Walker)*

## 2 MAKAWAO

### St. Joseph Early Learning Center

What a great way to begin the school year with a visit of the **Jubilee Cross** to the parish. **La Salette Father Edison Pamintuan** invited the **St. Joseph ELC students** and staff to come and share, pray and spend some time with the Jubilee Cross. He invited the students to pray for their families and where the cross was traveling next. The same evening, the school families, staff and parishioners joined in the celebration of Mass, the rosary and an open microphone sharing of "What the Cross means to Me" reflection. It was a wonderful week of hosting the Jubilee Cross.

*(Reported by Helen Souza)*

## 3 PEARL CITY

### Our Lady of Good Counsel School

Our Lady of Good Counsel School 2006 alumni student **Kumu Makana (Jasmin) Geron** is joining us as our new **Hawaiian studies teacher** for preschool through grade 8! Kumu brings a deep passion for Hawaiian culture and a heartfelt commitment to our mission, inspiring students with knowledge about our unique island home. Once a week, students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in Hawaiian culture, history, olelo Hawaii (Hawaiian language) and traditional crafts. This meaningful extra-curricular course enriches our curriculum and supports our mission to help students become stewards of God, family, school and community. We are truly blessed to welcome Kumu Makana back to our campus. Her first class with grade three introduced the core values that will guide students as they learn together. We look forward to all the joy, wisdom and aloha she will share with our school ohana! *(Reported by Chantelle Luarca)*



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## EDITOR'S CHOICE



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