

22 April

**Focus for the Week: Living like Jesus Luke 24:35-48****Third Sunday of Easter**

In Sunday's gospel reading, Jesus appeared to his disciples saying "Peace be with you" and told them not to be afraid. Then he showed them his wounds to convince them that he really had risen from the dead. Today's readings are all about forgiveness. The presence of Jesus is a healing, forgiving, strengthening presence. We are invited to return to the ways of Jesus, even when we have refused or ignored the invitation before. Through the power of the Resurrection, not only are we forgiven but we are asked to share the love of God by living a forgiving life and caring for others.

**Value Focus: RESILIENCE – Week 1**

To show resilience, we must start with a positive outlook and attitude. Strong examples are seen in people who aim to achieve their goals and succeed every time, even if they don't. Starting first with saying "I can", even if things are hard, allows us to see solutions instead of problems.

[A man is but the product of his thoughts what he thinks, he becomes.](#) *Mahatma Gandhi*

Maori Focus: Week 1 - [Rā Maumahara ki nga hoia o Aotearoa me Ahitereiria](#) – Anzac Day

**Principal's Platform**

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa

**Dear parents and caregivers:**

We are now in the forty days of Easter, a time where we celebrate the risen Lord here and now. It is through our very action that we see Christ risen and here with us today. I am often asking the children to reflect on how we can be the hands the face and voice of Christ to those we meet each day, as adults the same question applies to us. Remember that as parents we are the first teachers of our children, do your children see Christ risen in your words and actions?

There is sadness as I write this newsletter, Marian our much loved secretary is on leave this week as her husband became ill over the holiday break and has now entered palliative care. Please keep Joe Panettiere, Marian and the family in your prayers as Joe waits to be welcomed home to be with our God.

It is with regret that the Board of Trustees this week received and accepted the resignation of Board member Jacqui Fraser due to her ill health. Jacqui has been a wonderful Board of Trustees member, who while on the Board demonstrated a strong advocacy for children and a commitment to this school. Please keep Jacqui in your prayers.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families: Ann Joseph, Isabella, Lily and Joel Petrin

**ENROLMENTS for First Communion and**

**Confirmation** will be available next week. The ceremony date is 22nd November at 10.30am.

**Full School Mass**

This Thursday 23 April will be a Full School Mass. All welcome. We ask each family to provide a non-perishable food item for the food bank please. Thank you.

**Did you know...?**

- As far as scientists can tell plastic toothbrushes and their moulded packaging last forever in the natural environment.
- The size of the floating plastic garbage patch in the eastern north Pacific is estimated to be 1,392,400 square kilometres that is 5 times the size of New Zealand.
- In New Zealand approx 16 million toothbrushes are thrown away, they either go into landfills or end up in the waterways which lead to the sea.
- Bamboo is a grass native to China can grow up to a metre a day, is not irrigated, need pesticides or fertilizer.
- A bamboo toothbrush is fully biodegradable, it will break down in your compost heap over 4-6 months, or you can stick it straight into your lawn.
- A bamboo toothbrush will clean your teeth just as well as a plastic one.
- The packaging from a bamboo toothbrush is totally biodegradable.

You can get your biodegradable toothbrush from Marian School! They are \$4 each.

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 3**

Parents can now order and pay for Book Club online with Scholastic's linked Online Ordering and Payments for Parents (or Loop). Orders are due by 20 May.

### **Saturday Morning Music classes**

The first session for Term 2 of the Hamilton Community Centre of Music will take place on Saturday 2nd May.

The school has been in operation for over 30 years. Located on the University of Waikato campus, it is a charitable trust, and offers group tuition in a wide range of musical instruments, with fees kept low to make learning music as accessible as possible.

Most classes are 30 minutes in length; class times are between 8am and 12:30pm on Saturday mornings during primary school terms. The enrolment fee for an instrument class also includes participation in any one of the following: an ensemble, concert band, or Sinfonia Orchestra. We offer a *Music Makers* programme for children ages 3-8, specially designed to give them an enjoyable introduction to music.

Contact us via our website <http://www.hccm.ac.nz/> or on 07 838 4611

### **SACRED HEART GIRLS COLLEGE ENROLMENT 2016**

All students wishing to enrol in 2016 need to have a current signed Preference Card from their Parish Priest. Open Day for Sacred Heart is Thursday 21 May 2015. Enrolments Close Monday 29 June 2015. Enrolment packs are available from Thursday 21 May 2015: online at [www.shgcham.school.nz](http://www.shgcham.school.nz), at school or from Sacred Heart on Open Day. Transition meetings will take place in Term 3 and/or Term 4.

Visits to contributing schools will take place from Wednesday 20 May to Thursday 4 June 2015. An information evening will be held in October/November. Notification will be nearer the time.

**Clay Club is Back** on Wednesday Afternoons this Term: All creative students over 7 years are welcome to join. Contact

[KMartin@marian.school.nz](mailto:KMartin@marian.school.nz) before Friday 1st June to secure your child's space in the course. Start date 6th May, for 7 weeks, taking us through until Wednesday of week 9. It is held in the senior area of the school from 3.15pm-4.30pm. The only thing required is an old shirt and a great imagination. The cost is \$70 including all materials, firing costs and expert tuition. A maximum of 12 students can enrol. Students make at least one clay item per session (and love it!)

### **ANZAC REFLECTIONS:**

Cantando Choir and Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra, Saturday 25 April, 2.30pm.

Founders Theatre. Tickets @ Ticketek



### **Theatre Cats Speech and Drama Term 2**

An exciting Acting Class for senior girls is starting on Friday afternoons in the Whare from 3.15-4.30pm. If you are keen to work with a small creative group and have fun exploring the elements of acting, please contact me asap. The group will perform in the Drama Showcase for Family and friends at the end of the year. \$125.00 for 8 sessions. Contact Sandra Timlin.8590377 or [lynn18@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lynn18@xtra.co.nz)

### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Pre order your entertainment book NOW!! Still some early bird vouchers left.

Online at <http://www.entbook.co.nz/1540g39> or at the school office. There is a sample book for your perusal.



**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday \$2.00 each

God bless you

John Coulam

**Flyers: Sport**

