

1 April

**Focus for the Week: Be Good – Love ourselves so we can Love others - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

The main message of this Weeks reflection is to be good and love ourselves first but in an unselfish way. When Jesus said in the Gospel "Anyone who loves his life loses it and anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it. He is not telling us to hate ourselves or our lives. He wants us to love ourselves and serve others. What Jesus was trying to tell us is we will have lots of hardships to endure throughout our lives and with God's help and strength we will be able to overcome these. Mother Theresa was a great example of this. She loved herself and served others. She suffered but through her suffering she helped God's people and gained great Joy. There is no greater joy than the joy you gain from helping others. If we go back to Ash Wednesday we can remember what was said to us when we received the ashes on our heads. Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. As we approach Easter we need to remember these words and be prepared for the coming of Christ

**Value focus for the week:** Serve others and be good

**Success Criteria:** To put others needs before our own. Be unselfish.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:**

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the day where we remember the triumphant welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem. The people were looking for a King to lead them out of the oppression of their Roman conquerors. "Hosanna to the King of Kings" the people shouted as they welcomed Jesus. Sadly, only a week later we remember how Jesus Christ was betrayed and nailed on the cross to die. It is our belief as Christians that the death of Christ was not in vain and that he died so that he might have eternal life and be freed from sin. I encourage you to create memories for your children and walk the journey of Christ this Holy week by attending as many of the parish services as you can. Details of these are elsewhere in this newsletter.

On another matter, during my twenty two years as a principal I have dealt with numerous people and listened to many concerned parents. By a minority I have been abused, shouted at and by others blatantly ignored, generally this is when they don't get their own way. The staff of Marian School welcomes feedback and genuinely want to work with families to resolve issues. In fairness to staff, please make an appointment to see them if there are matters to discuss that cause you concern. If you are emotional about an issue, then sleep on it rather than venting anger or frustration at those who can make a difference for your child. Just as parents expect staff to be rational and to behave orderly, we too have the same expectations of parents. For your information I have attached the procedure for resolving issues or problems that may arise.

Next Thursday, we farewell Valmai Morrow who has for 14 years been the Supervisor of the Marian After School Care Programme. She has been a valuable member of the school community and we will miss her dedication and commitment to the Programme. We wish Valmai well in her retirement. Maree Coman will take over the Supervisor's position in Term Two.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome the following students and their families into our school community; Jack Dillon (Rm5) and Chris Muller (Rm5).

**Solidarity Day Mass and Liturgies:** A reminder that tomorrow is Solidarity Day and there will be approximately 1100 students and adults participating in our "Rice Day" Students in Years 1 – 3 will have Liturgy in the Hall at 9:30am Students years 4 – 8 will have Mass in the Cathedral at 10:30am Once again thank you to those people who have volunteered to help in any way or have made rice donations. For solidarity day we ask that each child brings a non perishable food item to give to those less fortunate than themselves. This will be brought up during the mass in the offertory procession.

**Entertainment Books:** These were sent out with the students last Thursday. Please ensure orders and payments have been returned to the class teacher by Monday. If you do not wish to purchase the book then please return as soon as possible. Many thanks for your support  
Sandra Petrin –PTFA

**Assembly:** There will be a Full School Assembly in the Cathedral on Friday at 1:30pm.

**Congratulations:** Well done to Nic Moon (parent and PTFA Rep.) and Maria Maarhuis (teacher), on the successful PTFA Duathlon that was held at the school last night. Their organisation was superb and the prizes were fabulous. Over a third of the school participated in this event and a lot of fun was had by all. Many thanks to all who helped behind the scenes and a special thank you to all the sponsors.

**KID'S LIT QUIZ**

Well done to these motivated students who are preparing for the Lit Quiz : Quin Leong, Olive Wilson, Emily Williams, Huon Cameron-Fraser, Alina Rajan, Kate Slater, Jamie Keane, Jamie Bai, Kyle Tuioti, Cameron Stevens.

We are excited to be entering 2 Teams on 13th May when they will be asked all manner of questions covering all genres of children's literature.

Watch for more information coming soon but in the meantime.... when you see these students, have some book questions ready to quiz them!!

**Anointing of the Sick:** A very big thank you to all the Team 3 parents, who provided a plate for the anointing of the sick liturgy at short notice. The liturgy was well attended by the elderly of our community and several commented on how lovely the afternoon tea was and how well it was hosted by Team 3 and 4 students. They also greatly appreciated the presence of our students at the liturgy and were very complimentary of the readers, singers and assistants to the priests.  
Kay Petchell

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION TIMES**

Cathedral Wed 1 April 2.00pm and 7.15pm  
St Joseph's Fairfield Fri 3 April 7.15pm  
St Matthews Hillcrest Mon 6 April 7.15pm

**EASTER MASS TIMES**

Chrim Mass	Tuesday 7 April	7.00pm
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Last Supper	7.00pm
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	9.00am
	Passion of Our Lord	3.00pm
Easter Masses	Saturday Vigil	7.00pm
	Sunday Masses	7.30am
	Children's Mass	10.30am
	Evening Mass	6.00pm

**RECONCILIATION/CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST**

PROGRAMME ADVANCE NOTICE— the date for this years Confirmation and First Eucharist is November 8th at the 10.30am Mass. Enrolments will be called for in Term 2 and the programme will begin in Term 3.

**Marist Soccer:** Registrations have now closed. Socks and shorts may be purchased from the Soccer Shop in Kahikatea Drive, (hospital end before the big bend).

### **Water wise "LISTEN UP"**

This week it's all about water and being water wise, so join in with us Enviro Agents by using water in a sensible way.

Here's a challenge for all adults and kids to see if you can:

Time your shower and see if you can make it less than 4 minutes long.

Here's an interesting fact:

Did you know that a dripping tap or a leaking plumbing job can cause to waste 100 litres of water a week!

Thank you for your time

Marian School Enviro Agents

### **Marian Pasifika "Luau Night"**

**THIS :** Friday 3 April 2009

**Where:** Sacred Heart Hall

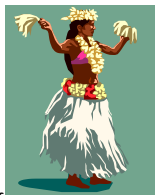
**Time:** Hall open & food on sale from 5.15 pm  
Start time - 6.30pm

**Dress:** "Island Styles" - spot prizes!!!!

**Bring:** -A Mat to sit on

- \$\$\$ Gold coins to donate to our young performers
- Buy Chop Suey + Rice, Sausage Sizzle, Raffles
- \$2 entry fee per family (gives you ticket for the raffle)

This will be a fun & exciting evening for our children, family and friends! Come & support our children! Be ready to do the HULA!  
(NB: details have been sent home for all children in the Pasifika group about THIS Friday)



### **Team 3 Swim Results:** Congratulations to the following

swimmers who represented Marian School in the South East

Hamilton Primary Schools swimming sports

Boys Medley - 2<sup>nd</sup> Liam Coombes-Fabing

Relay Team - 2<sup>nd</sup> Harris Abraham, Tyra Coffin, Madeleine

Muldowney, Megan Jamieson, Ben Taylor, Liam Coombes-Fabing

8yr boys freestyle 1<sup>st</sup> Ryan Campbell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexander Deo

8yr girls freestyle 3<sup>rd</sup> Deanne Nicholson

10yr boys freestyle 1<sup>st</sup> Harris Abraham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Liam Coombes-Fabing

8yr boys backstroke 2<sup>nd</sup> Alexander Deo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Liam Jamieson

9yr boys backstroke 3<sup>rd</sup> Quinn Tupaea

10yr boys backstroke 1<sup>st</sup> Harris Abraham

10yr girls backstroke 3<sup>rd</sup> Megan Jamieson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tyra Coffin

8yr boys breaststroke 1<sup>st</sup> William Muldowney, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexander Deo

8yr girls 1<sup>st</sup> Deanne Nicholson

10yr boys breaststroke 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Weir

### **Cricket Draw:**

**Friday night** - games start at 5:30pm

Blasters v Tamahere Volts @ University 1 Grass

All Stars v Tamahere Firebirds @ University 4

Stumpers v Hukanui Shooters @ University 3

**Saturday morning** - games start at 9am

Thunderbolts v Tamahere Aces @ Steele Park 2

Blockers v Morrinsville Primary @ Morrinsville Primary School

Strikers v Berkley 3rd @ Marian School

### **Whanau Gathering - Waiata evening**

Kia Ora Katoa,

Reminder for our waiata evening next Tuesday. Come along; sing, mingle and enjoy. Everyone is welcome!

**What:** Waiata evening

**Where:** in the school staff room

**When:** Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> April 6:00-7:00

**Bring:** A plate (with food on it, to share)

### **Lost:**

- A pair of blue prescription swimming goggles - please return to Bevan Rm 18.
- A school jersey named Greene. Please return to Caitlin Rm11

- 2 Batugon balls. Return to Tarquin Rm8

### **For Sale:**

- 2 x Size 7 tunics. Phone 855 4595 for more details
- A pair of rugby boots size 5. Brand new (bought by mistake). RRP \$80.00 will sell at \$10.00. Phone Diane 856 8784
- Soccer Gear: - Soccer boots, Lotto red & white, fixed rubber cleats, size US5, EU36.5, UK4; Lotto Helix shin & ankle guards; one pair Marist soccer shorts, S; Marist soccer socks All purchased new, very good condition. Worn for one season by 9 yr old. ph Anna 854 9984 A/H
- Netball Shoes Asics Gel-Netburner, size US4, EU36 Quality supportive shoes, good condition. Worn for one season by 8 yr old. All prices negotiable. Contact Anna 854 9984 A/H or txt 0274 195 819 for more details or to arrange to try on.

**Racemode on Lake Rd:** Family Fun - Free entry. V8 simulator, Classic Cars, Holden and Ford mechanise, Tyre Changing competition, amusements rides, balloons and lots more. 'Hamilton 400 Weekend', 17 - 19 April. (Supporting local charities.)

### **Holiday Programmes:**

- **Awesome Activities: Holiday Fun at Waikato Museum**

**April 14 - 24, 11am - 12 noon, Monday - Friday (except Easter Monday)**

Each week day in the holidays the Awesome Activities at

Waikato Museum will have something to do with the

amazing Da Vinci Machines. Check out the Awesome

Activities timetable on [www.waikatomuseum.co.nz](http://www.waikatomuseum.co.nz)

Call 07 8386606 to book as numbers are limited. Each

session is \$5 per child and they are suitable for children 5 -

12 years. Caregivers must remain in the Museum while

children attend Awesome Activities. They may come into Da

Vinci Machines as well but the exhibition admission charges

will apply. (Adults \$12)

**Holiday Tours for Kids with Leonardo's Apprentice.**

**Monday - Friday, during holidays, 2pm**

"Leonardo's apprentice" takes a special kids' tour of the Da

Vinci Machines at Waikato Museum each holiday week day

at 2pm. Adults are welcome too. The tours are free but there

is a entry cost to the exhibition of \$6 children, \$12 adults.

- **Anzac Day at Waikato Museum, 11am - 2pm. Children's Anzac Poetry competition.** The children's poetry finalists will read their poems at this special Museum Anzac event; children and adults can add to the memorial wall with a "posted" thought and listen to popular Anzac songs while enjoying Anzac treats at the cafe.
- **Holiday Cricket Coaching:** 14 - 16 April with Grant Bradburn to be held at Inzone Sports, Sunshine Ave, Te Rapa. limited vacancies. phone 838 0912. See school notice board for more details.

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam

Principal

### **Flyers:**

- Query Flow Chart
- PTFA List of Sponsors
- Hamilton East Community Trust Public Meeting Notice