

8 April

Focus for the Week: Prepare for the Coming of the Lord - Palm Sunday

The Lord calls us to be faithful especially during Holy Week. Many lined the street and acclaimed Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Less than a week later many of the same people were shouting for his blood. Not much fidelity there. But how faithful am I?

It is important that we all recognise the true meaning of Easter and what Jesus did for us so we can have eternal life. The Resurrection is the most important feast day of the year. A time to be thankful and have faith in our futures. Also a time of celebration and love and sharing with one another.

From all the staff at Marian School we wish you a faith filled, safe and Happy Easter.

Value focus for the week: Have faith in God

Success Criteria: Remember and reflect on the true meaning of Easter



Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

This week we celebrate Easter, for Christians Easter is much more than chocolate eggs and hot cross buns; Jesus is the reason for Easter. Jesus died so that we might have a new life, a life of hope and a life that is eternal. As the first teacher of your child make sure that your child knows the significance of Easter.

The Easter masses in the Cathedral are 8 p.m. Saturday Evening, 7.30 a.m. Sunday, 10.30 a.m. Sunday and 6 p.m. Sunday.

I found last week to be so enjoyable having experienced the Duathlon, Solidarity day and the Luau evening. Thank you to the parents who assisted in any way with these events that not only create memories for the children but it also goes a long way to strengthening community for those involved.

With the holidays coming up and the weather changing, now is a good time to check out those winter school clothes. Children may dress according to the climatic conditions of the day therefore they are to wear either the full summer or winter uniform and not a combination of both. Remember that if shoes are to be worn, then they must be black school shoes and be worn with the school socks. Children may wear the approved school jersey or the approved polar fleece.

Enjoy the holiday break. The office will be open on Thursday 23 April with term 2 commencing on Monday 27 April. Junior soccer kicks off on Saturday 2 May.

ERO Visit: An invitation to parents. As part of our regular review cycle the Education Review Office will be in the school for Weeks one and two next term. They are keen to meet with the parents of Maori students on Thursday 30 April from 2 p.m. until 2.30 p.m. in the school Library. At 2.30 p.m. they would like to meet with the parents of our Pacific Island students.

On Monday 4 May there will be a general parent meeting in the staffroom with ERO from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. ERO are keen to get feedback from the community on the performance of the school.

Bereavements: We offer our deepest sympathies to

- Isaiiah Fusitu'a (Rm4) and his family, whose great-grandfather passed away.
- Rapson Tupuhi (Rm7) whose beloved grandmother passed away.

May they rest in peace.

Solidarity Day: A very big thank you to all our parents who cooked rice and fed the multitudes. We also thank you very much for the donations of rice, cookers and chilly bins. A total of \$878.20 was raised. Please remember to pick up your cookers and chilly bins from the hall.

Flowers wanted for Easter Mass:(any flowers) for the children to decorate the Cross on Easter

Sunday. If you are coming to the 10.30am Mass, please bring a few with you.

Congratulations to Day-eth Smit, Room 8, who will be baptised and received into full communion in the Catholic Church on Saturday April 11th at the Easter Vigil Mass. She and other members of her family will be welcomed into the Parish of St. Joseph's Morrinsville. May God Bless you and your family on this very special day.

Marian Pasifika "Luau Night"

What a fantastic community event that showcased the talents of our 120 Marian Students in Pasifika & Kapa Haka last Friday evening.

Many thanks to the families, friends & staff who came to support the "Luau night".

Thank you to our talented guests – **tumeke!!** & the fun spirit from St John's College. The **grace** and **elegance** of Sacred Heart, the **energy** of Vardon School students and our **awesome** Fijian Cultural Group.

The money we raised came to \$1389.00!! WOW!! Thank you again! Congratulations to the Yap family who were the winners of the grocery-filled Wheelbarrow raffle: Ticket # 51 (3 black clubs)!

We would like to thank our Pasifika & Kapa Haka children by providing lunch in the hall at 12:40 this Thursday and view...

the DVD of the "Luau Night" compliments of Mark Johnson. Faafetai lava/Thank you - The Marian Pasifika Team.

Are you interested in Learning to Knit or Cross Stitch:

Come along next term on Tuesday morning from 9am to 10:30am to knit, sew and chat over a coffee – we might even swap recipes. Don't forget your needles. See you there – Martha

LIBRARY NEWS

THANKS for all the help in Term 1!

Holiday fun at the Central Library:

Wed 22nd April 1-3pm

Leonardo da Vinci—make parachutes & code breaking! Ph 8386842 or

www.hamiltonlibraries.co.nz for more information.

Lit Quiz

Remember to quiz those pupils training for Lit Quiz about authors, titles, characters ...!

Marist Junior Soccer vacancies

9th Grade: require a boy and a girl born 2000. One team is an all girls team.

10th grade: require a girl for an all girls team born 1999

11th grade: require two players born 1998

All enquiries to John Coulam at Marian School ph 856 7515.

Female Soccer Player wanted: A girl needed urgently to play soccer for an all girl's 10th grade team. Must be born in 1999. Please telephone Marise on 858 2305"

Tennis Coaching: Hi again and thank you to everyone who took part and enjoyed the tennis coaching over the last two weeks. If you would like to continue I will be holding an open day at the Lugton Park tennis club just for Marian students, all ages are welcome to come along on Thursday the 9th of April from 3.30 till 5 p.m. There will be games and lots and lots fun, as well as information about continuing tennis during term two. This will all be happening at the ASB Waikato tennis centre on Dey Street, entrance is now through the indoor Perry arena. For any more information please contact Carlin Linklater on 027 280 7821, 858 2042 or carlin.linklater@xtra.co.nz

Hamilton East Proposed Shopping Centre: If you oppose the proposed shopping centre on the corner of Grey and Clyde Streets, please make your views known to the Hamilton East Community Trust by Friday 17 April. Email to info@hect.org.nz or write to P O Box 4047, Hamilton East 3216.

Thank you – Christine Versluis

Friday Flute Class: This will be held on Thursday for this week only. Same time in the Reflection Room.

PTFA Fundraiser: The 'May Makeover' exclusive shopping/wine/nibbles evening at 'Cene' on Ward St – Wednesday May 13 from 7pm – 9pm. Tickets \$20.00 on sale from beginning of Term 2. Fliers and orange box for payment at the school office and fliers will also be distributed at school at drop-off / pickup times. Please contact Alice Cornforth 855 0622 / 0272 729 948 or Julie Chatwin 853 8058 / 021 779 373 for more information. Get in quick! - 40 tickets on sale until Friday 8 May. Support your school and have a fun night out.

Idea for Mothers Day 10 May: The PTFA have cookery books printed for Marian School for sale at \$10 each – would make a great Mothers Day present and support your school at the same time! Sample book available for viewing at the school office.

Kelly Sports All new fun and exciting KELLY SPORTS PROGRAMMES are coming to your school for Term 2. Please look out for enrollment forms at the beginning of next term or email waikato@kellysports.co.nz for any further information

Netball Update: A second meeting of those interested in being involved in the Marian School Netball Club/Committee was held last Wednesday. Thanks to the enthusiastic response from those who attended, it was decided to proceed with the formation of the club/committee.

The following officers have been elected:-

President: Liz Walker

Vice President: Caroline Blair

Secretary: Judy Weir

Treasurer: Anna Brown

Uniform/Equipment coordinator: Lisa Burgess

Coaching coordinator: Kate van der Hulst

Marketing & Promotions: Marian Greene

A number of actions have been set in place to ensure that netball at the school has a high profile; a good support network is available to players, coaches and managers, and resources are updated and improved.

Uniforms will be handed out in the first week of Term 2.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday 29 April at 7pm** in the staffroom

General committee members are also required so please come along and show your support for this great innovation. Your thoughts and ideas are most welcome. YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to:

- Stefan Krystman and Sarah Krystman who competed in the Kyokushin Karate Waikato Championships last weekend. They both came 1st in Kata and Kumite (full contact) for their divisions. Sarah also came 2nd in her Team Kata.
- Jake Scurrah (Room 10) won Bronze in the North Island Karate champs for 8yr Kumite (sparring) competition, against some touch competition. Jake also won Gold in 100m & Shot-put and Bronze in discus in a recent BOP/Waikato athletics champs. Well done Jake! (from your loving family)

Transport Required: As from Term 2, transport is required for two children in the Junior area who live in Hukanui Rd to be brought to school in the mornings only. If you can assist, please contact Eseta 853 3774 or 021 169 1148

Lost:

- **Lost in the vicinity of St Teresa's block.** I have lost an unusual gold pendant with 1 aquamarine/topaz stone with 2 more similar stones hanging from it in a pendant type design. This is of sentimental value as it was originally my grandmother's. It may have been inadvertently picked up as "treasure". Please ask your children about it. Many thanks, Anne Stack, Room 3.
- A school bucket hat named M Bean. Please return to Madeleine Rm 9
- A bucket hat named Baranski – Return to Lauren Rm 20
- A bucket hat named Zaphida Kanyi – Please return to Rm 20

For Sale

- 2 x Fleece Jumpers size 8, 2 x Boys summer shorts size 7, 2 x Rain Jackets size 10, 2 x Girls summer blouses size 8, 2 x Girls summer blouses size 10, 2 x Girls white polo neck jumpers size 8, 2 x pairs short socks size 6/8, 1x long sleeved blue polo size 8
Please ring Michele on 021 269 9393
- A pair of rugby boots size 7. Brand new, (bought by mistake) RRP 480 will sell for \$10.00. Phone Diane 856 8784

LEARN TO MARCH CLASSES

Hosted by Marching Waikato

WHERE: Hamilton Central Baptist Church Gym, Charlemont St Hamilton

WHEN: Every Thursday night 6pm – 8pm, 23rd April – 11th June

Come along – it is FREE to learn the basic skills of marching

If you are aged between 7 and 50 marching could be the sport for you.

Daughters bring along your Mum

Mum bring along your daughters

For more details phone:

Marie Brown 854 1062

Singing Lessons: For contemporary singing lessons at any age contact Hannah McGrail (Vocal Tutor) 07-853 9249/ 027 353 9077 or email hannahmcgrail@gmail.com

Holiday Programmes

- **South Pacific Tennis** (Palmerston St) 14th–24th April
Term 2 - Commences 27th April
- **Achieving Potential Seminars:** 15 – 22 April. Selwyn College, Kohimarama, Auckland. The seminars are for students who already perform at the top of their age group in one or more aspects of intellectual ability. It also caters for students who have the potential to do well but do not always make the necessary effort. Will suit students who are creative, capable and innovative.
For more details on the seminars, please see school notice board.
To Register, phone Jean Hendy-Harris 09-585 0111 or 021 389 448
- **Hamilton Central Library** - Library hosts Da Vinci holiday programme. To support the Waikato Museum's Da Vinci Machines Exhibition, the Hamilton Central Library is hosting a Da Vinci themed holiday programme on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 for kids aged 5-12. Kids will have the chance to use their investigative skills in a Da Vinci code-breaker challenge before testing out one of his designs by building a parachute and dropping it over the Level 2 railings! The programme is free and runs from 1-3pm. Numbers are limited so please register by Friday, April 17 by phoning the Community Programmes team on 838 6842 or email community.programmes@hcc.govt.nz.

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

RETREAT 2009 - Celebrating 25 years

We would love you to come and be part of a weekend of sharing memories and stories of women's lives that have been touched and enriched by God's amazing love.

If you are new to Dove – Come and See!

And if you have been blessed through Dove – Come and Celebrate.

Tui Ridge, Rotorua 1-3 May 2009 or Willow Park, Auckland 15 – 17 May 2009

Enquiries and/or registration forms available :

Wilma 829 8616 or Raewyn 856 8321 www.dove.org.nz

God Bless You and have a safe and happy holiday.

John Coulam
Principal

