

28 March

**Focus for the Week:** *It is all too easy during Lent to content ourselves saying a few extra prayers, denying ourselves some pleasure, giving to charity and kidding ourselves that that is enough. There is nothing wrong with any of these. But what Jesus is demanding is so much more.*

*This Sunday is Passion Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week. Take this opportunity to accompany your children on the sacred journey with Christ.*

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

### **Principal's Platform:**

#### **Bus Transport Survey**

Last year parents/caregivers of Marian school pupils were asked to complete a survey with regard to how our children are getting to and from school. That survey was initiated based on the need to address the major traffic congestion and pupil safety issues that we are faced with everyday when getting our children safely to and from school.

Based on the overwhelming response to the survey, a transport committee of concerned parents and Marian staff has been formed. This committee will be looking at possible solutions to specific areas of concern over the next year. One area we wish to investigate further is the use of the local bus service to deliver our children to and from school.

I would appreciate your help in gathering this information. Please complete the one minute survey sent home with this newsletter and return it to school by the end of term.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community the following children and their families: Phoebe Meyrick (Rm4), Daniel Ward (Rm4), Tobias Cameron (Rm11) & Flynn Cameron (Rm1).

**Bereavement:** We extend our deepest sympathies to Brigit MacKenzie (Rm10) and her family on the death of her much loved great-grandmother

**Election Update:** A reminder that voting for the B.O.T elections closes tomorrow, Thursday 29 March at 12noon. Results will be published in the Waikato Times next week.

### **Home School Partnership in Numeracy**

Thank you to the parents of international students who were able to attend Tuesday morning's meeting to learn about the stages of thinking in maths and to share some ideas about math's games to enjoy at home.

Many thanks,  
Anne Stack.

**Pies:** Thank you for all those orders. Please remember to collect your pies from the Hall (Not Te Whare) next **Tuesday 3 April** from 2:30 – 3:30pm.

**End of Term:** School breaks up for Easter on Thursday 5 April at 3pm. We come back to school for Term 2 on Monday 23 April. (The office will be open on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April, (9am – 3:30pm).

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE CATHEDRAL PARISH**

Enrolments for the Cathedral First Eucharist and Confirmation Programme are now available from the church foyer or Parish office. All children over the age of 8 (or Year 4), who are baptised, are eligible to join. Please consider very carefully whether you wish your child to receive these important sacraments, which you promised to them at the time of their baptism. All enrolments must be received by Easter. The first parent meeting will be Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. The Confirmation and Eucharist Mass will be on 19th August at 10:30am. Please diary these dates. Other important dates will be given once enrolments are received.

**Enquires please contact Andrea at the parish office 8566486 or email [andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz](mailto:andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz)**

**Rice Cooker:** A parent who lent their brand new rice cooker for Solidarity day has received the wrong insert bowl. Please check your rice cookers and return the bowl to the office.

**Solidarity Day :** Once again our Solidarity Day was a resounding success, thanks mainly to all the wonderful parents who gave up their time to come and cook rice for us. Well over 1000 students were served rice on the day, and this could only be achieved with the help of these parents. Seeing the parents working so well together, highlighted for us the true meaning of solidarity.

Special mention must be given to Freda Grace for coordinating the effort for us. With Freda's expertise in organisation, the cooking and serving of the rice ran very smoothly.

We would also like to thank Father Frank and Father Alexander for their support on the day. The Mass was very uplifting and prepared the children well for sharing in the rice meal.

Thank you also to those parents who kindly donated rice and to Pak 'n' Save, Clarence Street, for their generous discount on rice and tin-foil purchased. Every donation helps us to assist those in need.

To date the total raised for Caritas is \$956.50 with still more money to come in.

**Easter Raffle:** Baby Shots Photography Ltd have kindly donated a voucher for a portrait sitting and one 7x5" portrait. (Value of \$95.00). Raffle includes Voucher, a beautiful collectors Teddy plus a chocolate bunny and Easter eggs– tickets \$1.00 each at the counter. All proceeds to the Welfare Fund.



**Teens Parent Programme:** Thank you for the great response for our first Teens Parenting Programme.

Could all those parents who indicated they were keen please attend the meeting next Tuesday 3 April in the school hall from 2pm-3pm. You will be required to register at this meeting.

At this stage, I intend to run an evening course on Monday 30 April in Te Whare from 7pm-9pm and a day course on Tuesday 1 May from 9:30-11:30am.

If you cannot attend please contact me regarding the details etc.

I look forward to seeing you next term (At this stage we will NOT be running the 0-6 Parenting Programme. Hopefully we will have sufficient numbers in Term 3).

Martha

**Soccer Uniforms:** We apologise for the delay in soccer uniforms. They should with luck arrive by the end of the Term and will be on sale in the last two days of the school holidays. The school office will be open in the holidays on Thursday 19 & Friday 20 April from 9am – 3:30pm.

### **SAXOPHONE LESSONS**

There will be no Sax lessons this week as Andrew is away.

**Library News:** International Children's Book Day (and Hans Christian Anderson's birthday) is on Monday 2 April. We will celebrate this in the library with big crosswords, word finders and reading of Hans Christian Anderson's stories during lunchtime. Hope you enjoy celebrating this day too.

Thanks

Barb

**ASB is Proud to Support Marian School:** ASB will make a donation to the school of:

1. \$250.00 when a parent or staff member presents a voucher for every new ASB Home Loan approved and drawn down.
2. \$25.00 for every new ASB Term Investment or ASB Retail Unit Trust opened to value of \$50,000 or more.

Vouchers available at the school office.

### **Congratulations:**

- To Henry Goodall who was selected to represent the Hamilton Yr 6 Rep cricket team. Well done Henry!
- Results from Northland Open Karate Tournament held in Whangarei on 25th March: Lizzy Grace gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place 6-9 year old girls Kata; Quinn Tupaea 1<sup>st</sup> in 5-7 year old boys Kata and 3<sup>rd</sup> Kumite 5-7 year old boys, Thomas Vosper 3<sup>rd</sup> in 8-9 year olds Kumite. A fantastic effort. Well done.

### **Cricket Draw:**

*Friday 5:30pm start*

All Stars vs Thunderbolts @ Marian School

Stumpers vs Puketaha Small Caps @ Puketaha School

**NOTE:** This game starts at 5pm, no practice for the Stumpers before the game. Please be there by 4:50pm. Thanks.

Yorkers vs Hillcrest Force @ Hillcrest Normal School

Blockers vs Cambridge Rams @ Uni 3

*Saturday 9am start*

Blasters vs Cambridge Blue Caps @ Cambridge Middle Sch 1

Force vs Fairfield Blue @ Discovery Park 2

Strikers vs Morrinsville @ Morrinsville Primary School

### **Lost:**

- A pair of black roman sandals named Tim Howard on inside of strap. Please return to Rm 13.
- A bucket hat named Looker – Please return to Rm 19

### **Found:**

A selection of togs, shoes, uniforms etc all left at the end of the school hall. Please check to see if these articles belong to you.

**For Sale:** 1 school polo fleece jumper size 8 on great condition \$12.00 and 2 grey winter shorts size 6 with zips – great condition, \$12.00 each. Phone 854 3552

### **Holiday Programmes:**

- We've got lots on to keep you entertained at Westfield Chartwell these School Holidays. From Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of April to Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April come along to the centre for "Story Time at Westfield Chartwell" being held in the Centre Court. There will be stories read between 11 am to 2 pm each day and with readings from books such as Favourite Fables and Fairy Stories, Dr Seuss Favourites, Funny and Fantastic Tales to Lemony Snicket Rules, The Book of the Movie and Animal Crackers there is something for everyone! There is also a book to be given away every day at each reading. So come on down and listen to some of your favourite books at Westfield Chartwell these school holidays, And come and meet the team from Hi 5. Hi 5 are doing a meet and greet at Westfield Chartwell on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of April at 9.30 am. Come and meet them live in the centre, bring along any Hi 5 stuff you may have and get it signed on the day!
- Dolphinz Swim School: Is your child confident in the Water: Dolphinz swim school can help. Book now for block course 1 April 16 – 20 (5-days intensive). Term 2 begins 23 April. Call Lisa 843 3380.
- South Pacific Tennis: April Tennis Holiday Programme - Phone 853 3017
- April 2007 Achieving Potential Seminar for High ability students Yrs 4-10. 11-18 April at Selwyn College. Phone 09-585 0111 or email [info@holidayseminars.co.nz](mailto:info@holidayseminars.co.nz)

**Earthrace boat supporters:** thank you for your support. Keep it up, log in and send emails. [www.earthrace.net](http://www.earthrace.net) pass it on ....

Regards Michelle Bond-Ewart.

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

God Bless You

John Coulam

Principal

### **Flyer:**

- Bus Transport Survey