

4 April

**Focus for the Week:**

We began Holy Week with the procession of palms followed by a solemn reading of the Passion. As we listened, who did we identify with?

Peter: disloyal, denial

Pharisees: status-building, lies, false accusations

Judas: love of money, betrayal

Pilate: hesitant, compromising

The crowd: supporting those who yelled the loudest, fickle

The disciples: fearful, fled

The women and St John: loyal, supportive, present

Will Holy Week be a simple sequence of ceremonies squeezed into the rest of our lives, or will it be like a three-day retreat in which we are renewed and revitalised? Are we going to be passive observers or passionate participants?

Fr Frank

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:**

For Christians the events of Holy Week are central to our faith. I ask you to talk to your children about the importance of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter resurrection. As Christians, it is important for children to realise that 'Jesus is the reason for the season', not the Easter Bunny. The chocolate signs of life, i.e. eggs and bunnies are a sign of new life and are derived from the Northern Hemisphere where at this time of the year the season is Spring. The dying of Jesus on the cross is the beginning of a new life for us, a life as a people of Hope and the chance to live eternally one day with our God in Heaven.

Take the time over the holidays to enjoy the company of your children; I look forward to their return to Marian School on **Monday 23 April**.

Congratulations to the new board of trustee members and thank you to those who were unsuccessful for putting their names forward for the election. I was heartened by the interest in the election and I look forward to working with the new board.

**MUFTI DAY:** We apologise for the short notice, but have decided to hold a mufti day tomorrow (Thursday) to raise funds for the Solomon Island Relief fund after the dreadful earthquake/Tsunami.

Gold coin donation.

**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)

**Board of Trustees Election Results - 2007**

Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

Parent Representatives	Votes
BEKX, Tony	40
COOPER, Matthew	198
GRACE, Freda	172
GYDE, Caitriona	73
HILTON, Baden	133
McLENNAN, Robert	55
MULDOWNEY, Lachlan	93
NORMAN, Graeme	85
O'BRIEN, Kevin	30
PETRIN, Jason	50
TUI SAMOA, Nonu	104
TUIOTI, Vince	81
VOSPER, David	85
WERE, Louise	50
WILLCOCK, Mark	104
WONG, Tammy	185
INVALID	9

I hereby declare the following Parent Representatives duly elected:

Matthew Cooper  
Freda Grace  
Baden Hilton  
Nonu TuiSamoa  
Mark Willcock  
Tammy Wong

Staff Representatives	Votes
OLIVER, Kim	22
TROON, Christine	17
INVALID	NIL

I hereby declare Kim Oliver duly elected as the Staff Representative

Marian Panettiere  
Returning Officer

**Easter Mass Times:**

Holy Thursday:	7:00pm
Good Friday –	
Stations of the Cross	9:00am (Excellent for families)
Service	3:00pm
Easter Vigil	7:00pm
Easter Sunday	7:30am
Children's Mass	10:30am
	6:00pm

**Wanted:** Flowers required by the Cathedral at the Easter Sunday Mass (10:30am) for the 'Flowering of the Cross'. Please leave in baskets in the foyer of the church just prior to Mass.

### **Special Programmes for Primary School Netballers**

#### **FUN FERNS**

**What:** Fun Ferns Netball

**Who:** 5 – 10 year old students who are not yet playing Future Ferns netball.

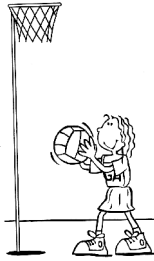
**Where:** Minogue Park Netball Complex

**When:** May 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2007 (13 weeks)  
Thursday afternoons 3.40pm – 4.40pm

**Cost:** \$20.00 per child for the 13 week programme  
Information:

Children wishing to be part of one of these programmes are asked to pre-enrol, but enrolments will be taken each Thursday, at the courts, for the first 3 weeks. Please complete the registration form from the school office and return to Hamilton City Netball Centre, P.O. Box 848, Hamilton by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

If there are any **parents** willing to assist on a Thursday night, can you also complete and return the attached form & you will be contacted by phone. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Caregivers/spectators may also be asked on the day to help hold hoops, count netballs or even join in with the odd game. Thank-you.



### **Year 4-6 Interschool Swimming Sports Results**

The following students placed in finals at the recent South East Hamilton Swimming Sports at Hillcrest Normal School.

8 yrs and Under: Harris Abraham 3<sup>rd</sup> Boys Backstroke

Victoria Chan 2<sup>nd</sup> Girls Backstroke

Jonathon Blair 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys Breaststroke

9 yrs: Kate Evetts 2<sup>nd</sup> Girls Backstroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girls Breaststroke

10yrs and over: Ji Min Lee 1<sup>st</sup> Girls Breaststroke 2<sup>nd</sup>

Girls Freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Girls Backstroke

Cameron O'Connor 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys

breaststroke 3<sup>rd</sup> Boys Backstroke

Open: Ji Min Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> Girls Medley

Relay Team 2<sup>nd</sup> (Consisting of: Cameron

O'Connor, Henry Goodall, Caedyn Lim, Rhegan Tu'akoi, Ji Min Lee, Kristy Dennis)

These are our best results so far in these events – Well Done! Those parents who wish to view heat times for their children in this event please see Mr Sommerville.

**Pies:** Thank you to all the parents, teachers and friends who supported this fundraiser. We sold 1986 pies which is great. Special thanks to the Greene family (Rm6), who sold 125 pies, McDonald family (Rm5) with 97 pies and the Baranski family (Rm6) with 76 pies.

Also a great big thank you to all the parents who helped pack the pies. You were awesome!

**Chocolate!** St Mary's Scouts are fundraising for their Jamboree in December. Marian School pupils will be selling \$2.00 chocolate bars by the car park after school on Thursday.

### **For Sale**

- (moving overseas), 2 x Size 8 PE Shirts  
1 x wool jumper size 77cm, 1 x white shirt size 8  
1 x white shirt size 6, 1 x grey short size 8  
2 x polo shirts size 8, Phone 859 2404
- Set of good bunk beds. Please see Martha

- A 3-seater cream sofa-bed Please contact Martha before the end of term. You will have to collect it.

**Health:** Next Term, the Public Health nurse will be giving a health talk regarding school issues. Second Tuesday of Term 2 in Te Whare from 2pm – 3:00pm  
Regards - Martha

**Ride home needed** on Tuesday afternoons from school to Plunket Tce. If you can help please call Marise 858 2305.

### **The world of Media explained! New Zealand's new site for media related issues!**

For

- \* smart Ideas on media use,
- \* information & viewpoints on media issues
- \* access to trusted media Research.... visit

[www.mediascape.ac.nz](http://www.mediascape.ac.nz)

Find ways that your family can make the best of media opportunities understand more about how New Zealand's media system works.

Look at ways that children's media use can be part of classroom learning Link to local research and great websites

### **NOTICE:**

ARK Exchange Programs seeks host families for it's July-November intake of students. Several teenage male and female students from Brazil and Germany and South Africa are available for placement. All students have a good level of English. Full support is given. Student profiles are 20 pages long. This is a great way to have a cultural experience without leaving home! Julian K enjoys tennis, drawing, travel, movies and swimming. Carolin L enjoys dancing, tennis, handball, piano and reading. For further information please contact Raewin 07 8498 018 or [raewin-ark@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:raewin-ark@slingshot.co.nz)

### **School Holiday Fun & Funky Finger Knitting**

**Workshop for children.** Knit World will be teaching school age children to knit using their fingers during the Easter School Holidays for 1-hour workshops.

Date & Time: 11 April 10am & 12:30pm

17 – 19 April 10am, 11am & 12:30pm

Venue: Knit World, 55 London St, ph 38 3868

Cost \$10.00 Bookings essential.

**Rice Cooker:** We are still missing the insert of a rice cooker. Please see the one on display in the office and check if it is yours. Someone out there has a Sunbeam insert bowl by mistake!

**Music:** From Term 2, Trumpet will be held in the After School Lounge.

Flutes will move to Resource Room by Rm 16.

Have a Happy Easter and a good break.

God Bless You

John Coulam  
Principal