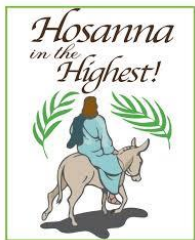




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Focus for the Week: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.



At this time every year we hear the story of Jesus' betrayal, passion and death. We can imagine the grief and confusion of the apostles as Jesus was taken from the garden of Gethsemane, to be whipped and beaten, crowned with thorns, and made to carry His cross for His own execution. The apostles were asked to walk that road of suffering with Jesus - and so are we.

Today we remember and celebrate what Jesus has done for us. He gave His life so that we could be free. Free to love God, ourselves and our neighbours. Just as Jesus trusted His Father in Heaven, we too come to learn to trust in the ways of God through Jesus. By saying the prayer of

the 'Our Father' we are placing our trust in God and embracing the cross of Jesus. You are invited to slowly pray the Our Father, pausing after each line and thinking about what it means for you.

Values Focus Honesty – Week 9

How richer are we as New Zealanders to have been graced by the books of the late, great Margaret Mahy? Whether young or old, those who saw her on TV or met her in person saw that the take Margaret Mahy, person had on the world and in particular, human relationships, was well-aligned with Margaret Mahy, author. She and we loved her eccentricity, because it seemed to be so much a part of her. She was comfortable in her own skin. What does being comfortable in our own skin mean for us? Perhaps it comes back to being honest with ourselves, identifying our values, describing to ourselves who we are and what we would like to be.

It means acknowledging our strengths and weaknesses and, being comfortable with the blend that makes us who we are. It's about defining ourselves from what we believe, not the possessions we have, the friends we keep or the job we do. Get this right and we can enjoy being happy in our own skin.

"Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else"

- Judy Garland

Maori Te Reo Phrase:

God be with you

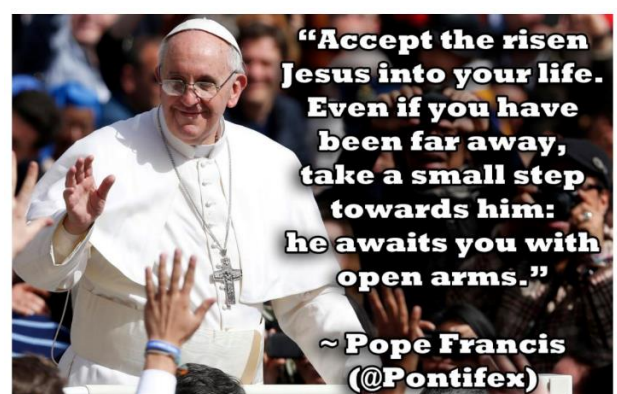
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Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Reflection:

'The spirit of Easter is all about Hope, love, and joyful living'.

- Pope Francis



HOLY WEEK @ MARIAN

At the end of our Monday Prayer Liturgy, Andrea spoke to the students about Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament which is usually kept in the Tabernacle will be brought forward to the Altar and placed in a Monstrance. Each class had the opportunity to spend ten minutes in silent prayer - Adoration on Monday. We had four senior leaders represent our school at the beautiful Chrism mass on Tuesday night. The whole Hamilton Diocese is represented at this mass as Bishop Steve celebrates with the deacons, priests, bishops and parishioners. On Thursday Team Three will have a Last Supper meal and the school will come together for a Holy Week Liturgy beginning at 2.00pm. This will be a prayerful liturgy - and at the final scene of Good Friday, students will be asked to leave the church in silence.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our students and their families a Holy and safe Easter break.

*Lord, when I am tempted to despair, give me hope.
Help me to see your presence in all things, even in those things that are most troubling to me. May this Holy Week transform my darkest moments and weakness as I surrender all to You, my God. Jesus, I trust in You.*

NEWSLETTERS - ONLINE

Today we are emailing out our weekly newsletter. We will be also sending home a paper copy for the next two newsletters this term. From next term we will be emailing out our newsletters. If you have not received an email please contact the school office to update our records. If you prefer to receive a paper copy - we will have paper copies available from our school office. The new Header and Advertising page has been made especially for the emailed version of the newsletter.

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TEAM THREE SCHOOL CAMP

Congratulations to our AP Mrs Erin Sawyer and our Team Three teachers for a successful school camp experience for our Team Three students. Each class spent two days and a night under canvas on Maungatautari Sanctuary Reserve. The teachers were delighted with the calibre of learning experiences and are keen to include this event on our bi-annual EOTC programme. A HUGE thank you to the parents who attended and supported the teachers with supervision and activities.

FIELDAYS 13 - 16 June 2018

Our school has a long tradition of working the ticket booths at the Agricultural Fieldays with excellent financial return for our school. This year we are wanting to ensure our school covers the required shifts to confirm our continued commitment. To help our volunteering parents the school is offering childcare both before and after school free of charge. Please consider offering your time to cover a shift at the Fieldays and provide much needed funds for our school. Please contact Melita via email melita.iremonger@hotmail.com if you are able to help.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

This is a reminder to parents that there is NO supervision for children arriving at school before 8.15am in the morning. We are noticing we have children arriving at school as early as 7.30am. There are also a growing number of children being left at school past 3.30pm. This is a concern as there is NO school supervision after 3.30pm. I encourage parents to take advantage of our excellent After School Care programme which is available until 5.00pm. Please do not leave your children unattended in our school grounds before 8.15am and after 3.30pm. Thank you for your support keeping all our children safe.

NO SCHOOL Wednesday 4th April –

Teacher Only Day. The school will be closed

Easter Mass Times

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Thursday 29 March 7pm (Cathedral)

Stations of the Cross Good Friday: 30 March 9am (Cathedral)

Passion of the Lord Good Friday: 3pm (Cathedral and St Matthews)

Easter Vigil Saturday: 31 March 8pm (Cathedral)

Easter Vigil (Syro Malabar Rite): Saturday 31 March 7.30pm (St Matthews)

Easter Sunday: 7.30am, 10.30am, 6pm (Cathedral); 8.30am (St Matthews)



Full School Liturgy: A Holy Week Liturgy will be held tomorrow Thursday at 2pm.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community, the following children and their families; Taireti Aata (m5), Venus Panopio (Rm5)

DONUT ORDERS: Donuts will be delivered to classrooms after lunch. All students must collect them from their own rooms after the Liturgy, and especially those students who have been selected for swim

sports. The donuts are not suitable for the freezer and will not keep.



Nothing Naughty bars: Once again the PTFA have these yummy bars on sale! Various flavours. Cost is \$25.00 per box of 10. (Slight increase from last year sorry). The boxes are available at the school office.

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Celebrating Success: Congratulations to

- **Isaac Bates** has been selected to represent Waikato in the Under 12 Waikato Boys Futsal team for the national tournament held in Palmerston North in the July School holidays
- **Saints United Hockey** - A big congratulations to the following Marian Students who made it into the Saints United 1stXI team for 2018: Kate Singer, Nicole Fulton, Kushal Jeyakumar, Caleb McIntyre & Esther Pedro. The trials went superb and all the children were amazing – Thanks to all who trialled. - Jardine

Advance Notice: Enrolments for Confirmation and First Holy Communion will begin in Term 2. The ceremony will take place on Sunday 25 November at the 10.30am Mass. The programme will run over terms 3 & 4.

Children's April school holiday programme at

WSA Waikato Society of Arts School, 120 Victoria Street 16 to 20

April, 9am to 12pm, 5 to 12 years, \$35 per session or \$150 Monday to Friday

Enrolments are now open, see details here:

<http://www.wsa.org.nz/school.aspx>



Daylight Saving ends this Sunday morning, 1 April. Remember to put your clocks back.

Gods Blessings to you and your families over Easter and keep safe. School resumes on Thursday 5 April.

Debra White
Principal

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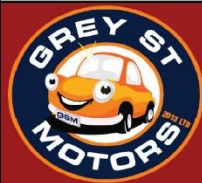
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