



Newsletter 6, Term 2

Date 5 June 2019

Focus for the Week

Feast of The Ascension of the Lord : Luke 24:46-53

Not simply recalling an historical event, the feast of the Ascension celebrates what we are and will be as the church. Rather than focusing on the departure of Christ, this feast reminds us of his presence manifest in our midst in the Church.

As St. Leo preached on this occasion centuries ago, what was previously visible in the Redeemer is now present in the rites. No longer limited by space or time, Christ had gone away only to be available through the Spirit in the sacraments. And because he lives among us, St Leo says, "Where the head has gone, the Body hopes to follow." That the ascension of Christ is a promise of what lies ahead for believers

In the opening prayer we ask, "May we follow in him into the new creation, for his ascension is our glory and our hope."

Prayer Card: Ascension Sunday

How?

By sharing Jesus' message of forgiveness for all;
Living as his disciples, not afraid to stand tall.

What Does It Look Like?

Students accepting responsibility for their actions.
Students ready to forgive others when they feel wronged.
Students being positive role models in the classroom.

Jesus, help us to be more like you; kind, gentle and loving.

Maori Phrase for Week

Me tiaki tētahi i tētahi

Look after each other

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

"Be silent in order to learn, to speak, to obey,
to see God in all things."
Euphraise Barbier 1867

I read the above quote and thought of the phrase 'Take time to smell the roses'. In our busy lives it can be a challenge to find a moment to stop, breathe and refocus. Unless we take time, we rush around jumping from one task to another and miss the beauty of God in our interactions and activities.

Last week I was most lucky to attend a Mindfulness Workshop presented by our Dr Cath Ellice for teachers in our Waikato Catholic Kahui Ako (our network of Catholic Schools). During the session Cath presented some quite frightening statistics on stress and its effect on our health and our society. Mindfulness, an ancient practice is proving most effective with dealing with stress, anxiety, depression and developing resiliency. Daily mindfulness practice supports emotional regulation and cognitive focus. Rather than just reacting, daily mindfulness helps us to operate within our rational empathetic brain and utilise more resourceful responses. There are a number of excellent webpages if you are interested in finding out more.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank all our fantastic parents and families for your support last Wednesday as teachers participated in the NZEI/PPTA Industrial Action. The teachers and I have really appreciated the emails of support, thank



you. We have an incredibly dedicated hardworking team of Teachers and Support Staff who are here everyday for the good of our children. These ongoing negotiations are demoralising for our profession and I truly hope resolution will shortly be achieved.

Ngā mihi nui
Debra White
PRINCIPAL

D.R.S. Corner

Sacramental Programmes

If your child is aged 8 years or over and who is baptised, they are eligible to join the programme for Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation that runs through the Parish. Andrea from the Parish office is the person to contact for this. She has the enrolment forms for you to complete (andrea@cathedral.cdh.nz). Meetings will begin in Term 3. A full list of dates will be given at the First Parent Input session on **4 August at 7.15pm**. The date of the ceremony will be **24 November at 10.30 am**, in the Cathedral. Enrolments must be in by 10 July. Enquiries please phone Andrea 8566486.

If your child has not had the opportunity of receiving baptism and they wish to do so please contact me, and we can discuss the options for you.

Alpha Course

St Matthew's parish are running an Alpha course in August.

The evening course runs over 11 weeks and will start on Monday 5th August at the Marian School Gerry Sullivan Centre and is suitable for adults rather than students.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explores the big questions of life with food, a talk and open discussion. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge.

We have pamphlets available if anyone wants printed information or more details can be found on our parish web page www.saintmatthews.co.nz

God Bless
Nicki Whyte
D.R.S

Welcome

We warmly welcome into our school community, Samuel Yang (Rm2) and family.

B.O.T. Elections



Board of Trustee Voting closes this Friday at 12noon.

Please make sure your voting papers have

been completed and placed in the box in the school foyer before 12noon

Pasifika Shared Lunch

Kia orana. Fakaalofa lahi atu. Mālō e lelei. Tālofa lava. Talofa ni. Kam na mauri.

Greetings to all our Marian Catholic School Pasifika families. We wish to invite you all to a shared lunch with a focus on listening and recording family ideas on how to better support and encourage our Pasifika students. How can we refine our school space and personnel to ensure students feel confident to maximise their success and security as Pasifika learners? We would also love to hear from older siblings on what needs to be prioritised and how to improve transitions to high school.

Pasifika Shared Lunch

Te Whare Taonga

Sunday 23rd June 12.00pm (following Mass)

Bring a plate please

Whanau Hui

Whānau Hui

Te Whare Taonga

18th June 5.30pm

Whakatau mai!

PTFA



PTFA Fundraising Goal

We are currently fundraising for shade sails in the middle school playground. Help keep our kids sun safe by supporting the PTFA.



Oxford Pies

Oxford Pie orders are coming home today. Please check school bags for order forms! Completed orders and money, need to be returned to the PTFA box in the office.



Fieldays 2019 - help urgently needed

Can you fill one of the final shifts? Please contact marianptfa@gmail.com to volunteer or find out more. FREE entry into the Fieldays and FREE after school care is available to volunteers on the days they help. Your support allows us to provide equipment and opportunities for **your** children.

Gate 1	Wed 12 June	Thu 13 June	Fri 14 June	Sat 15 June
5.15 - 12.00	1			1
7.15 - 12.00	1	1	1	
11.15-4.00	1		1	
11.15 - 5.30				
Total needed	3	1	2	1

Save the date

Sunday 30 June The PTFA will be holding a sausage sizzle at Te Rapa Mitre 10, please come and support this. All proceeds will be going towards our new shade sails for the middle playground.

Friday 23rd August. Quiz night and auction. Thanks to those that have started to donate auction items and spot prizes - we appreciate the support.

If you are able to provide any auction items e.g. weekend at a bach, fishing trip, sports coaching/lesson, vouchers, mechanical repairs, cooking lessons etc please contact marianptfa@gmail.com

Whānau and Aiga, add this event to your calendars. Come and enjoy a day of celebration of our Catholic cultural community and support our tamariki.

There is also an opportunity for any school to provide a food stall(s) for this event to help individual schools' fundraising efforts. If you are keen to hold a food stall, please contact Dwayne Hudson dhudson@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz to book your spot. There are a limited number of food stalls we will be accepting, so be in quick.

More information will be coming out closer to the date with times of performances for each group.



Catholic Kahui Ako

Waikato Catholic Kāhui Ako Te Hui Ahurea 2019

Tēnā koutou katoa

On Saturday 17th August 2019, our Kāhui Ako will be holding our very first Cultural Festival to celebrate our Māori and Pasifika cultures through a day filled with song and dance. It will be held at Activate Church 11 Bisley Rd, Enderley, Hamilton. There will be a representation from all of our community from our two early learning centres, nine primary schools, and two secondary schools. Each school have been invited to enter one Pasifika and one Kapa Haka group to perform.

Yr 7/8 Open Morning

A reminder that our Intermediate Department will have their **Open Morning** for Year 6 children on Wednesday 26 June from 9:30am to 11:30am. The morning will begin in the GSEC and then parents will be given a tour of the Year 7-8 classrooms in action. The morning will conclude with morning tea with the teaching staff in the Green Room. A flyer will be sent home in due course.

Dates to Remember

7 June	BOT Voting closes 12noon
12-15 June	Fieldays



18 June	Whānau Hui 5.30pm
23 June	LC5 Mass
23 June (Sun)	Pasifika shared lunch 11.30am
26 June	Yr 7/8 Open Morning
5 July	Term 2 Ends
22 July	Term 3 begins
25 July	Grandparents Day Scholastic Book Fair
26 July	School Photos

Sausage Sizzle this week

This Friday - \$2.00 per sausage.

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Sport Notices

Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 5 June 2019

HOCKEY

Friday 7 June

Saints United 1st XI vs Southwell 2nd XI @ 5.15pm @ GHC1
Saints United 2nd XI vs Matamata Int Blue @ 6.15pm @ St Pauls
Saints United 3rd XI vs Orini Blacksticks @ 5.15pm @ GHC2

Intermediate draws are available at

<http://www.waikatohockey.org.nz/Junior-1/Intermediate>

Saturday 8 June

Marian All Stars vs HDS Steel Stix @ 12.15pm @ GHC2HA
Marian Rebels vs Ham West Tuis @ 11.15am @ GHC2HA
Marian Strikers vs Silverdale Harriers @ 9.00am @ GHC2QC
Marian Thunder vs Silverdale Pukekos @ 8.30am @ GHC1RB12 (Skill Session @ 8.00am)



Junior draws are available at

<http://www.waikatohockey.org.nz/Junior-1/Mini-Hockey-1>

NETBALL

Wednesday 5 June

Marian Ferns vs Gordonton Lightening @ 4pm on Court 3A

Thursday 6 June

Marian Pulse vs Fairfield Ferns @ 5.30pm on Court 10
Marian Mystics vs Knighton Magic @ 5.30pm on Court 8
Marian Stars vs Temple View Firebirds @ 4pm on Court 5

Saturday 8 June

Saints United 8A vs Berkley 8B @ 10.30am on Court 13
Saints United 8B vs Peachgrove Prems @ 10.30am on Court 15
Saints United Red vs Melville Y7&8 Stars @ 9.30am on Court 8
Saints United 7A vs Fairfield 7 Gold @ 8.30am on Court 11
Saints United 7B vs Ham West Titans @ 8.30am on Court 8
Saints United Gold vs Saints United Navy @ 8.30am on Court 17

Tuesday 11 June

Marian Magic
Marian Tactix

All netball draws can be found at

<https://netballhamilton.org.nz/>



BASKETBALL

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Wednesday 5 June

Marian Eagles vs C.O.B. @ 5.00pm @ YMCA Ct2
Marian Hawks vs Glenview Sonics @ 6.00pm @ YMCA Ct2

Thursday 6 June

Marian Tuis vs Te Ara Rima Pepi @ 6.30pm @ YMCA Ct2
Marian Wekas vs Toki Mapihi Maurea Tunas @ 6.00pm @ YMCA Ct1

Friday 7 June

Marian Ospreys - Draw not available at time of publishing

Melissa Nelson

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