



MATTERS

OUR PATH TO EASTER

The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday is called Holy Week. On Thursday evening we enter the Easter Triduum, three days of intense reflection on the events of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. Special ceremonies are held in churches on Holy Thursday evening and Good Friday, giving way to a great celebration of wonder and joy on Easter Sunday: Jesus has been raised from the dead! The crucified one is the risen Lord. Alleluia!

WALKATHON

Congratulations to Martin Drake and his team on the outstanding result for the Walkathon which raised an amazing **\$7,500** for the school. Even though we couldn't complete the Walkathon course due to the weather, the children thoroughly enjoyed the rotation of activities at school and the delicious BBQ.

Congratulations to Estelle Meppem and Harrison Tilyard who were the major prize winners and Abbey Webb and Orlando Colley who were runners up.

A special thank you to the sponsors:

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Next Tuesday April 3 will be a **PUPIL FREE DAY**. All of the teachers will be attending a Writing Workshop at the Light of Christ Centre at Waitara.

MUSIC WORKSHOP

All children will be participating in a music workshop next Wednesday afternoon with special presenter Michael Mangan. Michael is a composer, teacher and music liturgist who is based in Brisbane, Australia. A former specialist music teacher, he has composed over 250 pieces which are widely used in Liturgy and Religious Education programmes in schools and parishes throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA. Michael's music is published in North America by World Library Publications, Chicago. His compositions are known for their "singability" and suitability for liturgical celebrations, especially with children. The workshop is highly interactive with everybody singing both well-known and new songs and learning actions.

MARIA REGINA SCHOOL APP

Please ensure that you have downloaded the Maria Regina school app on your phone. This is used for messages and reminders.

SEWING HELP NEEDED

If anyone is able to help with sewing some girls check tab ties for the winter uniforms could you please contact Shane in the office.

P AND F NEWS

Maria Regina will be partnering with Northern Beaches Council and Reflective Gardens to complete garden works throughout the school grounds. The project will see Council provide native plants and assistance in planting them with students. Reflective Gardens will work with the P&F to ensure that the garden beds are ready for students to plant into. Planting will be staggered with the first phase set to commence May 1 with years 5 & 6 working on the gardens adjacent to the Main entrance to the school. This is an exciting project that will not only teach students about plants that are native to our local area but also have the added benefit of beautifying the school grounds. A big thank you must go to Kea Price for her hard work on this project.

RE NEWS

- **Holy Week**

Thank you to everyone who came along to reflect on Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday this morning.

- **Project Compassion Boxes**

Please return your Project Compassion boxes to school by the end of term. Thank you for reaching out to others in need during Lent.



- **Easter Vigil Mass**

The Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at Maria Regina Church Avalon will take place at 6pm on Saturday 31 March or 9am Sunday 1 April.

- **Year 1**

Year 1 will recount the Resurrection of Jesus on **Thursday 5th April in the school hall at 8.45am.**

- **Sacrament of Eucharist**

Parent information for children preparing for Eucharist is on Wednesday 4th April at 6pm at Maria Regina Church.