

4 March

Focus for the Week: The Transfiguration Mark 9:2-10**Second Sunday of Lent**

“And he transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.”
What can we make of this? Seeing not just the material looks of a person, but what is really inside. God made us all in his image.

What do we do when we see a poor man on the street? His clothes are thread bare and he is unclean. What do we do when we see a disabled person trying to find their way?

Do we cross over to the other side of the street and ignore them or do we offer to help, do we smile, do we say something encouraging?

If we are made in the image of our God, what would Jesus do?

Value Focus: Diversity – Week 5

Variety is the spice of life – so it is with opinions, both in the real and virtual world. On a more important level, the country we know and love: New Zealand would not have a flourishing democracy if it weren't for different political opinions and ideologies, coupled with the freedom to express them. Appreciating that others have different opinions and listening to these in dialogue with others, opens our minds to new possibilities and helps us to form the principles that make us who we are. Additionally, accepting the opinions of others, even if we don't agree in part or whole, does allow us to see things from other standpoints which immediately or in the future may help us look at things with broadened potential.

“For having lived long, I have experienced many instances of being obliged, by better information or fuller consideration, to change opinions, even on important subjects, which I once thought right but found to be otherwise.

Benjamin Franklin

This Week's Maori Language Focus: Week 5 - Listen to me Whakarongo mai

Dear parents and caregivers:

Principal's Platform:

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa

This term we have 'learning discussions' on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 March. These were previously known as Parent/teacher interviews, the difference being that this year the focus of the meeting will be to share assessment results and co-construct the next learning steps for the child in reading, writing and mathematics. From Year 2 and above it will be really beneficial if the child attends the interview as well. It is important that they see, hear and understand what it is they need to do to progress. Each discussion is 10 minutes long, with a 5 minute break in between to allow the teacher to get the materials needed for the next discussion. **It is recommended that you don't book interviews back to back if you have more than one child as interviews must run on time.** You can book an appointment by logging onto www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

Type in the password **W9D3D** and there are three easy steps to follow.

NB: Rms 4 & 5 (New Entrants) will not be taking part in these 'Learning Discussions' as the most recent data

will be or will have been discussed with the parent in the follow up meeting to the School Entry Assessment.

Book your appointment now. If you do not have access to a computer either ring Marian at the school office or call into the office and we can help you.

No pieces of paper will be sent home this year advising interview times, these are

e-mailed to you once you book on line. The benefits of using an electronic booking system are great, particularly for our hard working Marian in the school office.

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TeamMAC (Marian Against Cancer) are

preparing for our relay for life walk at Mystery Creek next week.

At least 13 staff members and their families will be at this event, raising money and awareness for those suffering

past, present and in the future from Cancer.

If you would like to support our team, please go online and add your donation on the link below. Alternatively drop your donation to Mrs Higby in Room 20. Thank you for your support for this great cause.

<https://relayforlifehamilton.everydayhero.com/nz/team-mac>

Reading Tutors- Volunteers wanted for the senior reading programme. If you have an hour to spare each week, you like working with keen students and love reading...WE WANT YOU. Please contact KMartin@marian.school.nz to see how you can help.

Art Crew- Calling all community members interested in forming a group to help with the school wide Art Auction to be held in Term 3. You may be an artist willing to assist classes with their arts project, have art to donate or sell, or love helping with the organisation of large scale projects. I invite you to firstly send me an email KMartin@marian.school.nz and indicate your interest and from there we will hold a meeting of all those who respond. Please let me know in the email when, during the day, would be best and we will go with the majority. I will be in touch.

Kind regards,
Kerrie Martin

Second Hand Uniform Shop: The hours are Thursdays only from 2:00pm to 2:45pm.

Juices: We purchased a large number of Juices for our family fun day, which was unfortunately cancelled due to poor weather. we will be selling these at school on Friday at lunchtime for \$1 each

RCIC: in term two we will have classes for school age children who wish to be Baptised . Enrolments are now being taken for this course. Contact Andrea Savage at the Cathedral 856 6486 or andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz

This Weeks Health Tip



Theatre Cats Speech and Drama:

- **'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory':** Three students from Yrs 5-8 still required for main parts in our end of year production. Two boys and one girl. Rehearsal takes place in Te Whare Taonga on Thursdays from 3:15pm to 4:30pm.
- **Fun Fridays for Girls in Yrs 3 and 4:** This speech and drama class encourages clear speech, mime, improvisation, storytelling and confidence skills. Trinity College of London syllabus is incorporated to give little ones a firm foundation in speech and drama. Classes are held in Te Whare on Fridays from 3:15 – 4:15pm.

Contact Sandra Timlin 859 0377 or lynn18@xtra.co.nz

Bodywise is a family based programme aiming to manage over weight issues in children aged 5-12 yrs. Participation in a 6 week group programme is supported by on going individual visits for a further 12 months. Programme topics include: healthy eating for families, school lunches and snacks, getting active, promoting self esteem and confidence, tips for dealing with bullying, problem solving and goal setting. Bodywise is now accepting referrals for a programme scheduled for term 2.

For more information contact either :

Helen, Bodywise Dietitian:

P: 07 838 3565 ext. 22142 E.

helen.stockman@waikatodbh.health.nz

Soroya, Bodywise Active Families Co-ordinator

P: 858 5388 E. soroyam@sportwaikato.org.nz

Is your child interested in music? If so I am currently offering tuition for private flute lessons and have a few available vacancies left. You can contact me on 0278440403 or email at musical_addiction@live.com
Jade Browne B.Mus (ex-pupil)

Claudlands Rovers Junior Muster Sunday 8th March 2015

Claudlands Rovers Clubrooms, Galloway Park, 2pm

For further information contact Lee

Riches brettandlee@xtra.co.nz

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$2.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam

Principal

Flyers

- Solidarity Day
- Sport

- PTFA 'NES' Night

Go "TeamMAC"!!!!