

11 April

Focus for the Week: Third Sunday of Lent (B) John 2: 13-25

In this week's gospel reading we hear of Jesus's dramatic cleansing of the temple in Jerusalem. For Jewish people the temple was more than just a place to gather together to pray and offer sacrifice to God. It was the very dwelling place of God amongst His people. It housed the Ark of the Covenant, a tangible symbol of God's covenant and relationship with His chosen people. When Jesus saw that the temple was being used by dishonest money changers to cheat people he was justifiably angry.

Jesus came to renew our covenant with God, to cleanse and restore our relationship. He declares that, in truth, he is the temple that houses God. He tells us that, although the temple of his body would be destroyed by man, it would be raised again to life everlasting.

Value Focus: Diversity – Week 6

Accepting and celebrating difference, naturally means we acknowledge our own and others' strengths and needs. These do not need to be fixed for life, because of our ability to practice the skills for and have the desire to advance in areas we want to improve upon. However, that said, there will always be things which we struggle with, which come easily to others.

This need not be a source of frustration for us. Could it not be the opportunity to co-operate, to discuss, to learn from others? In times of instant communication and the "global village" drawing on others' strengths to enhance ourselves or the greater community, this need not even be limited to national borders. All it takes is the willingness to want to improve and the courage to reach out to others. For it is togetherness that we can achieve greatness.

"If you can find collaborators whose strengths compliment your own, the result can be more than the sum of its authors." - Walter John Williams

Maori Focus: Week 6 - Very good/ Very well done - *Tino pai*

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Principal's Platform:

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa

As mentioned last week 'learning discussions' are to be held on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 March. These were previously known as Parent/teacher interviews.

Thank you to the many parents who have already been on line and booked their time. Remember that from Year 2 and above it will be beneficial if the child attends the interview as well. 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.

At this week's Board of Trustees meeting we received news that the remodelling work on the Arts Centre, subject to consent approval, is to start in July and will take until the end of the year to complete. Thank you to the families who have been able to make the family donation payment as approximately 1/3 of the money collected is going into buying this building so that we can have a large covered community and activities space.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Kaysie Fong (Rm5), Josephine Chong (Rm5) and Setaita Moala (Rm5).

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Scholastic Book Club: The latest book order closes Thursday 26 March. Please ensure all cheques are payable to Marian School. Orders with payment must be in an envelope and handed to the class teacher.

Marist Soccer/Football. Registrations close this Friday 13 March to allow teams to be made up. Registrations are on line or forms are also available at the school office.

The PTFA 'NES' night will be held on 26 March 2015, spare ticket forms by the wooden box in reception. Get your tickets quick.

Come and enjoy an exclusive shopping night with nibbles, drinks and exciting spot prizes. Discounts offered on purchases on the night.

Calling All Poets- The Waikato Times is inviting Year 3-8 students to write a poem about the War and the prize is a free class trip to the For Us They Fell Exhibition at Waikato Museum. Entries close April 2nd. All information has been loaded onto the school website, under 'Arts at Marian' in the toolbar.

Young Vinnies: Hello, we are the Young Vinnies students in Team 4. We are asking if anybody would like to donate any sized wrapped Easter eggs for the elderly in our community. We are making Easter baskets for those who have no one to celebrate with. Also, we are planning an Easter Basket raffle. Tickets will be available from students in the office. Any donations gratefully received. Please gently drop eggs into the basket at the school office. Thank you – Young Vinnies Team

School Learning Discussions/Interviews: These will be held on **17 and 18 April**. Bookings are now open and on-line. www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Enter the code **W9D3D** School finishes on both days at **2:00pm**. There will be supervision till 3pm on the playground. After School Care will operate **from 3:00pm** as usual.

In order to make the most of your learning discussion with the teacher it would be really helpful if you understood the stanines and what a particular stanine tells you about how your child has achieved in the standardised testing compared to other New Zealand children of the same age.

Understanding Stanines

Stanines tell you how your child compares with other New Zealand children their age.

There are nine stanines. One is the lowest and nine is the highest. Most children will be stanine 4,5 or 6.

For example, you may be told that when compared with all year 4 students nationally, your child is in stanine 7. Since the average stanine is stanine five, this indicates an above average performance on this test.

Learning Discussions in Team 4- Next week Mrs Martin will be available to be seen should you wish to do so, when you come in to meet the teacher. You will find her office near the entrance door to the atrium. No question too small.

Nits: Please check your child's hair. Nits are doing their rounds again and some children are getting repeated outbreaks.

Answer Phone Messages: Please ensure that when you leave absence messages on the answer phone, that you state your **child's full name and Room number** as well as a brief **reason** for their absence.

BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN (RCIC): in term two we will have classes for school age children who wish to be Baptised. There will be a four week programme to prepare for Baptism (starting in May) Enrolments are now being taken for this course.

Please contact Andrea at the Cathedral Office.

In term three those eligible (over 8) will join in to our Confirmation and First Communion programme with other children from the parish.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The First Communion and Confirmation ceremony will be on the 22nd November at the 10.30am Mass. Children aged 8 and upwards are eligible to enrol. Enrolments will be taken in Term 2.

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to James Kibby for winning gold in the 100m sprints and bronze in the 200m sprints held at Waikato BoP Athletics Championships last weekend.

Part Time Administration Assistant Required for busy life insurance brokerage. Flexible hours, central city office. Interested?

Phone Michele on 021 269 9393 or email

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Ride from School wanted: Someone who can drop off a child to Raleigh Ave, Fairview Downs each day after school for the first 3-weeks in Term 2. Mum is unable to drive after surgery. If you can help, please phone Jennifer 0272 855 935

Wanted to buy: Bass guitar in good condition please ph: 027 4884615

This Week's Health Nugget



For Sale - Football boots

Adidas Predator size US 4. Good condition. \$20.00
Contact Craig 0274 22 22 90

Wanted to Buy: Football boots – Size US 5 or 6. Contact Craig 0274 22 22 90

Twilight Gala: St John's College, 85 Hillcrest Rd. Fri 20 March. (cancelled if wet). Fun for the whole family. Come join us.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$2.00 each.

God Bless You
John Coulam
Principal

Flyers

- Sport
- Kelly Sport Holiday Programme
- Energise Tip Sheet