

20 May

Focus for the Week: Mark 16: 15-20**Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**

In Sunday's gospel reading, Jesus clearly tells us that the mission of the Church is to carry on His work. He commissions us to preach the Good News leading people to a life with Him through baptism. By doing this as Disciples of Christ, we continue the work that He started before His Ascension to heaven. In this way we witness to others that the kingdom of God is being established through the work of the Church.

Jesus wants us to proclaim the Good News through our thoughts, words and actions. He also tells us that the power of the Holy Spirit will help us.

**Values Focus: RESILIENCE – Week 5**

Resilience is shown by those who refuse to let obstacles get in the way of achieving their goals. In fact, the most resilient of people expect difficulties and plan for ways to overcome them or even avoid them.

Seeing opportunity inside problems allows us to work towards a solution and a way forward. To enable this to happen means showing the same thing time and time again – a positive attitude and belief in yourself.

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." -William Morrow

Maori Language Phrase for the Week: Week 5 - Listen to me**Whakarongo mai**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Principal's Platform:

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa

As the colder weather settles in it is timely to remind students and parents that if children are wearing shoes and socks to school then the uniform sock needs to be worn with a leather school shoe. I notice that some children are wearing black sports shoes, these are not acceptable. No doubt you have followed in the media the high profile cases of families going through the media and courts when they balk at school standards, such as rules around uniform and appearance. Uniform is about conformity, it is not a fashion statement. Please don't rock the boat, follow the school uniform policy as you agreed to do when you enrolled your child at Marian School.

As has been the case for some time now, demand for enrolment at Marian School by Catholic families is greater than the positions available. You can help me manage the school roll by ensuring any pre-schoolers are pre-enrolled and secondly by informing the school early if you know your child is leaving the school permanently.

As a school we have entered into a business relationship with an English language institute in China. In February and July each year up to 20 students of all primary ages will attend Marian School for two to three weeks as a cultural experience. The majority of the money received will be going towards our fundraising

for the purchase of the Arts centre. Currently we have raised \$141 000 of the \$250 000 required.

Supervision: We ask parents to please be mindful of the fact that children are not supervised by staff if they are dropped off before 8am or are still at school after 3:30pm unless they have a sports practice.

Reminder notices for Year 8 students: Secondary Schools Visits:

- **Sacred Heart Girls' College:** 9am - 10.30am or 12pm -1.30pm, Thursday May 21st. Please contact the classroom teacher to let them know when your child will be attending.
- **St John's College:** 6.30pm -8pm, Thursday May 21st, in the school gymnasium. Enrolment packs are in the office.

School Banking Options:

The school offers two banking options for children attending at the school to save. For further information regarding weekly banking with either the ASB or First Credit Union please contact the school office for an application pack.

Maori Achievement Reporting:

Every year we are required to report to the community on Maori achievement. If you are interested in hearing how our Maori children are achieving at school please come along to either of the following meetings in the staff room: 2.30pm on Monday 8 June or 8.45am Tuesday morning.

PTFA Notices:

- **Entertainment Books** – we receive \$12 for every book sold – pickup a form at the office or go online to order your digital copy (downloadable on 4 devices) at www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1540g39 or email Janerollitt1971@gmail.com for further information. Books are available at \$60.00 each.
- **Fieldays** – 10-13 June – volunteer to do one or more shifts at Fieldays. Not only do you earn money for the school you also can visit Fieldays for FREE! Shifts available each day from 5.30-8.30, 7.30-11.30 and 11.00-2.00pm; for this last shift Mr Coulam has offered free after school care for your children. Contact Pip Maternaghan on 022 1678 218 /pipmaternaghan@gmail.com to book your shift now.
- **Fresh, juicy, healthy apples!** A very generous parent has gifted fresh end of season apples to our community. These will be picked on Saturday. \$5.00 of 3kg bags. These apples will be available after school on Monday 25th May, outside the Whare. To Pre-order your delicious apples please email marianpfta@marian.school.nz.

Measles Notice From the Public Health Nurse:

What is measles?

- ▣ Measles is a highly infectious viral disease that can be serious.
- ▣ It is spread from person to person through the air by breathing, sneezing or coughing. Just being in the same room as someone with measles can lead to infection if you are not immune.
- ▣ The first symptoms of measles are a fever, and one or more of a runny nose, cough and sore red eyes. After a few days a red blotchy rash comes on and lasts up to one week. The rash usually starts on the face and spreads to the rest of the body. Measles can be very serious. Students and teachers with measles are infectious from 5 days before to 5 days after the onset of rash and must stay away from school and follow the advice of the local medical officer of health.

Who has to be off school in quarantine?

- ▣ Students at the school of a measles case who have not been fully immunised (2 doses of MMR or measles vaccine) or those with no immunity to measles, and who have been in close contact with a measles case during the infectious stages must stay away from school for 14 days from their last contact at the direction of the local medical officer of health.
- ▣ If your child has only had one documented MMR vaccine then they can have their second MMR vaccine (as long as greater than one month from the first) and immediately return to school.

School Sores: If your child has school sores, please make sure they are kept covered at school. Your child should also be treated with antibiotics prescribed by the doctor.

School Lunches:

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This Week's Health Nugget

Vegetable Dhal

WINTER WARMERS

1tsp oil	1Tbsp cumin	3C stock
1 diced onion	2tsp coriander	3C chopped vegetables eg. peas, carrots
1x 400g can tomatoes	1tsp turmeric	1/2C light coconut milk
1tsp garlic	1C split peas	
2tsp ginger	1x400g can chickpeas, drained	

In a large pot cook onion, garlic and ginger with oil until soft. Add spices and cook for 2 minutes. Add split peas, tomatoes and stock, simmer for 30 minutes. Add chickpeas and chopped veges, cook until soft. Add coconut milk and simmer until mixture thickens. Serve on rice.

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Theatre Cats Speech and Drama.

I am available to prepare children 8 yrs and older for the October Trinity College of London grade exams. Tuesdays and Fridays 4.30-5 pm in the Whare. These lessons may be individual or in pairs. If your child is interested in speech and drama and would like to experience the challenge of a grade exam, please contact me for further information. 8590377 or lynn18@xtra.co.nz
Many thanks - Sandra.

Children's Pottery classes:

Starting this Wednesday 13th 3.30 to 5.30pm at Waikato Society of Potters (close to Seddon Park) \$120 for 6 weeks, materials and firing costs, afternoon tea all included. Late enrolments accepted. Tutor Yasmin Davis.
Phone 021-027 95 210

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

Flyers:

- Sport
- Energise Tip Sheet