

27 May

Focus for the Week: With the Feast of Pentecost we reach the end of the liturgical season of Easter. Pentecost has its roots in a Jewish feast, the Feast of Weeks. It was a day of thanksgiving for the wheat harvest and to remember the giving of the law on Mt Sinai.

For Christians, Pentecost is the birth of the Church. It marks the beginning of the work and activity of the Holy Spirit. Before His departure Jesus promised that He would not leave us orphans. He would send the Paraclete, the Comforter, who would teach us all things, remind us of all things and give us the strength needed to continue His work.

Just as the Jewish people gave thanks for the Earth's bounty, received from God, let us also give thanks for the gifts showered upon us by the Holy Spirit. Wisdom, understanding, knowledge, courage, counsel, reverence and wonder.

Value Focus: RESILIENCE – Week 6

Resilience is shown by those who consistently try to make sense of the world around them. Taking notice of things happening around us and how they apply to our situation helps us understand what we can and can't control. Learning from real world examples not involving ourselves also adds to the pathways through which we can achieve our goals and become better people. The key is to maintain our sense of optimism when all around us seems negative and challenging.

"All there is to thinking is seeing something noticeable, which makes you see something you weren't noticing, which makes you see something that isn't even visible". Leo Strauss

Maori Language Focus Week 6 - Very good/ Very well done

Tino pai

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Principal's Platform:

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa

In talking to colleagues a trend over the last ten years or so across the country is the decline in the oral language skills of 5 year olds when they start school. I used to blame the fact that prams faced the world and not the parent, so there was reduced conversation happening. If only it were that simple.

In the media recently we have read of the long hours children are parked in day care as their parents work to save for a deposit on a house or make ends meet. It is possible that many of these parents have run out of energy by the time they get home from work and cook dinner, bath the children etc that they don't have the energy to talk to their children or read a bed time story.

A survey conducted recently with 140 senior students in the school showed that approximately a third sat at a dinner table and conversed with the family over dinner. Some ate watching television, while some were on the computer or simply went to their room to eat.

Take time to talk with your children on a daily basis regardless of their age. If you're not already doing so, banish technology at meal times and gather the family together.

Volunteers Wanted for Special Needs Review

Team: We are undergoing a school review of how inclusive we are of children with special needs. Three of our staff are on the review team and we are inviting interested members of the parent community to be on that team also. If you have

an interest in Special Needs and would like to be on that review team please contact kpetchell@marian.school.nz



A NEW CHAPTER FOR MRS

BROWN. I have decided to be closer to cherish my new grandchildren so am moving to Auckland. I have appreciated and enjoyed the Marian School family and community. Thank

you for blessing me with your friendship, and in particular the joy the children and young people bring with them. It has been a privilege to be your Librarian and will be here until 18th June so please pop in if you have a moment so I can thank you personally.

AMAZING ART! The library is vibrant with art –ANZAC SILHOUETTE ART by Room 21, clever PREISCOPES by Room 18 and designs with winning entry for the Junior World Cup Soccer Tournament. Well done Anastasia Saint Dass.

CULTURAL AREA We are looking for a woven mat about 1 x 2 metres to enhance our Cultural Area.

MUFTI DAY: There will be a mufti day this

Friday. Gold coin donation. Proceeds will go to Nepal. Thank you in advance for your generosity. (Students who are off to TechArts are to be mindful of their footwear).

Marist Soccer Queen's Birthday weekend:

ALL Juniors from 7th grade to open ARE playing football this weekend

Health Fact: Did you know that an estimated 550,000 school days are lost every year nationally, due to asthma! For the 1 in 7 of our kids who take asthma medication it is so important to be active, in order to be healthy.

PTFA Notices:

Night of entertainment with International hypnotist

See international hypnotist Andrew Newton at Southwell School on June 19th. This is a fun filled, family orientated event suitable for all ages. Tickets \$20 each with \$10 going to Marian School.

You can book your tickets by emailing marianptfa@marian.school.nz or leaving the money and a note with name, phone number, email and number of tickets required in the PTFA box in the office. Ticket sales finish on the 10th June.

Apples Thanks to everyone who purchased our juicy fresh apples this week. A special thank you to the Rose family who donated the apples from their orchard. If you would like more of these lovely apples you can find them at the Farmers Market at Te Rapa racecourse on Sundays.

Entertainment Books: These are still available at the school office. \$60.00. (The old ones expire at the end of this month).

Uniforms: This is the time of year when the muddy fields are very unkind to uniforms. To help you out with washing and for the hygiene of our classroom carpets we ask that children bring a set of old clothes for wearing on the field during this term and next. Children who don't bring old clothes won't be allowed on the grass areas unless we have had a run of fine weather and the mud has dried up. We also ask that you help us by ensuring that your child comes dressed for school in accordance with the BOT uniform policy and that they go home in full uniform as well. Doing so helps prevent items of uniform being lost.

Important advanced notice: Please take note that due to teacher training days at Marian school in August, there will be no school on Friday 14 August and Monday 17 August. Treat this as a mid-term break and for some a chance to have a four day winter holiday. Mark your diaries now and plan your child care if needed. The Marian School holiday programme will operate on Friday 14 August and possibly the Monday if there is demand

Absences: Please phone the office before 9:30 if your child is absent from school. Leave child's name, room number and reason for absence. (A ministry of Education requirement). If you do not inform the school, your child's absence automatically reverts to a Truant after 5 days.

Celebrating Success:

- Marian School was one of 24 schools, invited to contribute an artwork depicting the culture of one of the countries represented in the FIFA Under 20 World Cup. Team 4 students entered their Senegal inspired ideas and **Anatasia Saint Dass** had her art selected. It will be printed onto a large panel and displayed near the Waikato Stadium. Congratulations! All entries can be viewed in the school library.

- Congratulations to **Taine Apiti** who placed 3rd in the Under 12 division of the Regional Climbing Competition on the weekend at Extreme Edge, Hamilton. This is a very notable achievement as he competed against climbers much older and taller than him, and has only been climbing with a club since the beginning of Term 2.

This Week's Health Nugget

WINTER WARMERS

Creamy Pumpkin Rice

1 tsp oil
1 diced onion
3C of diced pumpkin
2 rashers of bacon (fat and rind removed)

2 tsp garlic
1½C short grain rice
3C stock
1C frozen peas
1C chopped silverbeet

Cook onion, pumpkin and bacon in a pan with oil. When onion is soft, add garlic and rice, stir well. Slowly add 1C of stock, stirring occasionally.
Gradually add 2 more cups of stock until rice cooked and most liquid absorbed. Add peas and silverbeet. Cook on low heat for 10 minutes.

Feeds a family of FIVE!

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

ICAS Dates:

Science - 3/6/15
Writing - 15/6/15
Spelling - 16/6/15
English - 28/7/15
Maths - 11/8/15

'Wot to Wear' - St Johns College in association with Student Horizons, are organising the adventure of a lifetime for their Social Science students in 2015 – a trip to Europe to explore some of the battlefields of France, Belgium, Italy and Turkey. **'Wot to Wear'** is a funny comedy aimed at lifting the self-esteem of NZ women.

Time: 7:30pm Thursday 25 June (Doors open 7:00pm)

Cost \$30.00 per person

Venue: 'Nga Puawaitang' Hamilton Girls High School Auditorium.

Complimentary Nibbles, Bubbles, Treats & Sweets, Tea and Coffee

Tickets on Sale at St Johns office 856 7091 or contact Lisa 027 464 6379

Ski Club: Te Horonuku - a family friendly ski club right on the snow at Mt Ruapehu, from just \$36 a night for members inc meals. **Accepting member applications now.** See www.tehoronuku.org.nz or email info@tehoronuku.org.nz to organise a weekend stay.

Wanted to Rent: 2-3 Bedroom house near Matangi. Phone Maria 027 741 9781

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$2.00 each

God Bless You
John Coulam
Principal

Flyers:

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