

3 June

Focus for the Week: Trinity Sunday Matthew 28: 16-20

The words in Sunday's gospel reading focus on the mystery into which we are baptised. The Trinity is a mystery that we can never fully grasp. The Trinity is what God has chosen to reveal. It is only a glimpse. The reality of the Trinity reveals to us, that God is a community of Love. We share the love of God the Father, the goodness of Jesus the Son, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit. To be baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is to be in a relationship with the Trinity.

There are three persons but only one God. The Trinity is a mystery which we cannot really understand, but because we know that God can do anything, we believe in this mystery. It is part of our faith.

Value Focus: RESILIENCE – Week 7

Resilience is seen by those who show perseverance. Seeing things through to the end often gives reward and satisfaction, but ultimately it is habit forming.

Perseverance brings within our reach those things that are really worthwhile and wraps together those things mentioned in recent weeks: sticking to the task; learning from mistakes and seeing solutions; overcoming obstacles. Perseverance is about digging a little deeper, going a little further, and trying a little harder. Walt Disney was turned down 302 times for finance to create Disneyland!

"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer." ~Albert Einstein

Maori Language Focus: Have a wonderful day - *Kia rā pai tēnei mōu*

Dear parents and caregivers:

Principal's Platform:

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa

Further to last week's newsletter re the correct wearing of the school uniform, I have asked teachers to take positive steps to ensure that the correct school uniform is being worn to or from school or at sport lessons. If, for example, your child's footwear is non-compliant don't be offended if a uniform compliance notice comes home. Communicate with your child's teacher if there is a genuine reason the correct uniform is not being worn.

Thank you to the many people who have volunteered to help the PTFA on the gates at the Fielddays next week. The PTFA are working hard to raise funds for a new middle school playground and under the Diocesan Financial Assistance Scheme they will receive \$30,000 for the first \$15,000 raised. This makes the recent selling of the apples and the Fielddays work extremely helpful towards meeting the PTA's goal.

This community has raised \$146,951 of the \$250,000 required to purchase the old Boarders Hall from the Diocese. We have five years left to raise the remaining \$103,049. All family donations received by the school for the remainder of this year will be going into this account. The tender documents are nearly complete and it is hoped that work will commence on the modernisation of this building at some point next term.

Last Friday's mufti day raised \$856.50 for the Caritas appeal for the people of Nepal, thank you for your generosity.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community, Bokyeong Son, (Rm 5) and her family.

Anointing of the Sick: This Thursday with the students from Team 4. 1:30pm in the Cathedral.

Scholastic Book Club: This issue is due Wednesday 1 July. All orders and payments must be handed in an envelope to the class teacher. Please make cheques payable to the next order, will be due by Wednesday 1 July

Nits/Lice: Unfortunately there have been a number of reported cases throughout the school of children with Nits. Please check your child's hair frequently and treat if you see eggs or lice.

Homestay: Letters will be going home with the students regarding homestay. Please check your child's bag. Please return the Vetting Form and meeting time by Friday 5 June to the school office. We now have enough families to host students. Thank you to those who have offered. - Martha

FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION AND

RECONCILIATION: enrolment forms are now available.

Children who are baptised, aged 8 and upward, are eligible to join the programme. The ceremony will be on 22 November at the 10.30am Mass. It begins on 26th July with a parent meeting and continues through Terms 3 and 4. Please pick up a form from the Cathedral foyer or email Andrea to get the form electronically.

Maori Achievement Reporting: Every year we are required to report to the Maori Community. This year the meeting is being held at 2.30pm next Monday 8 June afternoon in the Whare and will be repeated on Tuesday 9 June at 9.15pm in the Staff room.

Art Competition for all. Do you have a child who loves drawing and doodling? Then this is the competition for them. Students across New Zealand are invited to enter an artwork based on the theme "If I could travel back in time I would..." As a school we will select the best of our entries to go forward to the competition. The overall winning entry will be used by Google for a day and the school will receive a great IT package. Please visit the website - Doodle for Google to read more about it.

Yr 8 Meeting for College 2016: On Monday June 8th, at 1.30pm, the senior school will host staff members and senior students from Sacred Heart and St John's College. They will talk to all year 8's about the programmes they provide. We welcome parents and caregivers to this meeting. Year 8 Boys will meet in Room 17 and year 8 girls in the atrium.

WANTED: A bach for accommodation for the 8A netball team in Tauranga the week of September the 7th to 11th for the AIMS games competition. Do you have a bach, or know anyone who has one in Tauranga that could help us out? Please contact Nicole Higby in Room 20. Thank you.

Lost:

- A school polar fleece named C. Bosch. Please return to Rm21

LOVE TO SING?

The Waikato Rivertones Chorus is holding an Open Night at Marian School, Clyde Street, Hamilton East on Monday, June 22nd at 7pm. Come along for a taste of four-part harmony singing with an award-winning women's chorus. New members welcome. Enjoy six weeks of FREE singing lessons. Contact Sarah Thomas, ph 027 408 9228. Check out our website www.waikatorivertones.com or find us on Facebook.

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- **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.
- **Biodegradable Toothbrushes.** Adult and young child toothbrushes are still available at the school office. \$4.00 each.
- **Fieldays:** If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer on the gates at the Fieldays, please fill in a form and send to the office urgently. Fieldays are next week!

This Week's Health Nugget:

WINTER WARMERS

Minestrone Soup

1 tsp oil
1 finely diced onion
4C veges eg. corn, carrots, celery
2x 400g can chopped tomatoes

4C stock
1x 400g can cannellini beans (drained)
½C pasta

Heat oil in a pot and cook onion, celery and leek until soft. Add diced vegetables and simmer over a low heat. Add tomatoes, stock and simmer for 10 minutes.

Pour in cannellini beans and pasta, stirring occasionally until pasta is cooked. Season if required and serve with wholegrain buns.

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Feeds a family of FIVE!

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$2.00 each.

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

Term Dates 2015

T2 = Mon 20 Apr - Fri 3 Jul
T3 = Mon 20 Jul - Fri 25 Sep
T4 = Mon 12 Oct - Thur 17 Dec
Teacher Only Days = Friday 14 Aug
= Monday 17 Aug

Term 1 2016

T1 = Tues 2 February