

24 June

This Week's Focus - In this week's Gospel reading Jesus once again calls on us to have faith. To have faith not only in who He is, but also in His love and care for us. During the storms of our lives it can often seem as though Jesus is asleep, perhaps uncaring, or absent all together. However, as this story clearly shows, Jesus is always present in our lives and we are always under His care and protection, even when we least feel it.

Often in life we will find that when we have invited Jesus into our boat – into our life – we don't get so thrown by all the stormy things that happen in our lives. If we panic too much we can't always hear Jesus helping us to weather the storm until things calm down a bit. Then we realise that with God in charge we don't actually need to be so terrified.

Value Focus: RESILIENCE – Week 10 When all is said and done, our ability to be resilient rests on our capacity to remain positive in the face of challenge, difficulty, failure, and distraction. A positive attitude means we can see through problems to solutions more often. Knocking the “t” off can't allow us to aim towards the achievement of our goals every time even if we don't get there at first. What we can learn by not succeeding first time makes us richer people for the experience.

“People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.”

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

Maori Language Phrase: *Collect the rubbish*

Kohia te rāpihi

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa

At the recent Catholic convention I was reminded by one of the key note speakers that we are a church of real people, none of us are perfect and yet in our imperfection we are loved by God. As a principal of Catholic schools I have met many people who feel that they no longer fit within the rules of the Catholic Church and sadly they tend to walk away or be passive in their involvement. The rules of the church are ideals, something to aspire to. Just like the national standards in education, they are aspirational and not all will meet each one to a high standard. Hang in there folks, your God loves you, and when you live a life of love God is present through you.

We are blessed to have such dedicated staff at Marian. Last week many of our staff did a First Aid Refresher course from 4 - 8.30pm and this week we have staff running/supervising the Team 3 and 4 Discos. Many staff do a lot extra to make school a fantastic place to work and learn.

A very big thank you to all those who voted the Good in the Hood Programme at the “Z Petrol Station.” The ‘Feed the Hungry’ Programme on a Tuesday at the Cathedral received \$1,178.00 that will go towards buying more chairs. Your generosity goes a long way to helping others in need. – Thank you!!!

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community, Katie-Rose Mclvar (Rm5) and her family.

Zero Doctors Fees for Under -13's: From 1 July, children under 13 are

- no longer charged a fee for visits at most general practices.
- No longer charged the regular \$5 prescription fee
- Have access to zero fees after-hours care.

For more information talk to your GP or nurse.

2016 School Dates : For those who like to plan well ahead, the Board of Trustees have approved the following term dates for the 2016 school year.

Term 1: Tuesday 2 February – Friday 15 April

Waitangi Day 8 February

Good Friday 25 March, Easter Monday 28 March,

Easter Tuesday 29 March

Term 2: Monday 2 May– Friday 8 July

Queen's Birthday Monday 6 June

Term 3: Monday 25 July – Friday 23 September

Term 4: Monday 10 October – Friday 16 December

NB: Labour Day Monday 24 October

2016 DATES

Full School Mass next Thursday, 2 July at 9.45 a.m. All are welcome.

LEADERSHIP WEEK - Next Week

The Team 4 Leaders have been working hard to organise a range of activities to promote leadership within the school next week.

Lunchtime Fun There will be a range of activities and performances on offer each lunchtime as per the timetable flyer.

Indoor House Games - next Thursday 2nd

July. Students are to come to school in uniform but instead of bringing House colours, they are encouraged to bring their P.J.'s for this activity. This is to promote “Jammies in June/July” (pyjama collections for the needy, please drop any spare PJ's, robes or blankets at the school office).

Sir Peter Blake Red Sock Day next Friday 3rd

July. This is **not a mufti day** but any red socks can be worn with the uniform to show support for Leaders worldwide.

Thanks for your support of our leaders.

MARIAN BEANIES

Only 10 beanies left!! Get yours from the courts outside Rm 22 from 8.30am or 2.45pm this week.

P.Js: The nights are getting colder and we have people in our community who would really appreciate your help to stay warm. So, the Young Vinnies group are collecting '**Jammies in June and July**'. If you have children's pyjamas or dressing gowns (any size) that are too small, or no longer needed, please drop them into the school office. We will make sure they find a new home!

On the last Thursday of term we also have a whole school house event, after morning tea, The students can bring along their own onesie, or pyjamas, to wear for this event. A fun way to finish the term. **Please note students come to and from school in their full uniform and will need to bring PJs in their bag to change into.**

Nits: *There appears to be an outbreak of nits/headlice around the school.*

Please check your child/ren's hair and treat accordingly. They may need to be treated more than once.

Marian School After School Care Holiday

Programme: The Holiday Programme will be available in the first week of the holidays (6 – 10 July) from 8am to 5pm. Cost is \$32.00 per day.

Please register with Mrs Maree Coman in the Hall after school or email mcoman@marian.school.nz

Upcoming Art Auction: Mark your calendars now everyone...Friday evening, September 11th is the Marian School Art Auction. Student and local artists' work will be sold to raise money for Soundscape Playground equipment. There are several ways you can support this event and we would love to hear from you if you are willing and able to do so.

Do you have an artwork at home that you would like to donate for the auction?

Would you like to join the organising committee? We are meeting on Wednesday 24th June, at 3.30pm in the Boardroom and would love to see you there. Cake provided.

Contact Kerrie Martin by email, KMartin@marian.school.nz to let her know how you would like to help.

The New Zealand Association for Gifted Children

is having a conference at Waikato University from the 3-5 July.

For registration details contact

nzagc40thanniversary.org.nz/admin@giftedchildren.org.nz

FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION AND

RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME: Enrolment forms are now available and will close on 12th July. 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.

Marian PTFA fundraiser - Fieldays 2015

Thank You

Marian School is an amazing community. Parents, Grandparents, neighbours, friends, staff, parishioners and families that don't have children here at our school stepped up to help out. The flood of volunteers was wonderful. This is the best year ever.

So thank you for volunteering. It is a privilege to work with each and every one of you.

We want you to know how much we appreciated you giving of your time to make this Marian PTFA fundraiser the success it is. Not just today, but the whole year through. Thank you!

'Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.' ~Voltaire



SPORTS PHOTOS: WILL BE HELD Week

1, Term 3, Tuesday 21st July in the Hall

Times are in the Sports Newsletter.

Lost:

- PE shirt and a school jersey named Shreya James, please return to Room 17
- PE shirt named Middleton with size 13 white and pink sports shoes and hockey socks inside a supermarket bag. Please return to Rm3.

This Week's Health Nugget:

WINTER WARMERS

One Pot Wonder

400g thinly sliced chicken (skin & bones removed)
1 diced onion
1 can chopped tomatoes
¼C peanut butter

1Tbsp curry powder
2C finely diced vegetables
3C chicken stock
1½C rice

In a large pan, cook onion and chicken until just browned. Add tomatoes, peanut butter, curry powder and vegetables and mix. Stir in rice and slowly add stock, stirring continuously as it boils. Reduce heat and simmer for 20-25 minutes or until rice cooked and liquid absorbed.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

Feeds a family of FIVE!



Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 per sausage.

God Bless You

John Coulam

Principal

Flyers:

- Sport
- Leadership Week 2015 Timetable