

26 August

**Focus for the Week:** We believe 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time – B

Sometimes, when we have something extraordinary or wonderful to tell someone, they find it hard to believe. We have to try to convince them that it really is true, even though we might have little or no proof.

Jesus had told His followers that He was the Bread of Life and that anyone who ate His body and drank His blood could live forever. Many followers found that just a little too difficult to believe and left Him. They had accepted that Jesus was the Son of God but stopped short of true understanding.

It was Simon Peter who once again showed the strength of his faith. He stepped forward to declare his belief in Jesus and the other apostles followed him. Like Simon Peter, we too need to put our trust in Jesus and believe in His message. We know that He is, indeed, the Bread of Life.

**Value Focus: Excellence – Week 6**

Excellence in our learning comes from thinking, doing, indeed being the best we can.

As with sports and games, to really excel we must have a plan. This first involves being open to reflect on our performance. Reflection coupled with the understanding of what success will look like for us allows us to compare our efforts with good examples.

If our actions fall short, or if we want to simply do things faster, better or differently, we must think about and dedicate time to identify and master our next steps for improvement. This sets in motion an amazing, unstoppable force -a commitment to never stop learning. Seeing and modelling ourselves as a lifelong learner is one of the great gifts we can offer our children.

*“Get over the idea that only children should spend their time in study. Be a student so long as you still have something to learn, and this will mean all your life.” ~Henry L. Doherty*

*“It’s what you learn after you know it all that counts.” Harry S. Truman*

**Maori Language**

Have any questions?

*He pātai?*

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal’s Platform:**

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa

Over the weekend our church celebrated the ordination of Father Danny Fraser-Jones, uncle to two of our students, Alec and Jack. Please keep Father Danny in your prayers as he fulfils this very special role of the church, a position that brings so much joy to others and yet at times like most leadership positions, one that can be quite isolated.

It is with sadness that we learnt on Monday of the sudden and sad passing of a former parent of the school, Mr Anthony Ramon, may he rest in peace. The Ramon family are fully involved at the cathedral, with their daughter Juanita, now in Year 12 at Sacred Heart, having attended Marian. Please pray for the Ramon family, wife Lynette, and the children Juanita and Miguel.

When life is taken so unexpectedly and at a young age, I am reminded that life is a gift from God, a gift to be used to the full and appreciated. Make today count, be happy and think beyond yourself, make others happy by how

well you are living your life. The challenge I put before the pupils each day applies to us all, ‘How are we the hands, the face and the voice of Christ this day to those we meet?’

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community Xavier Espiritu (Rm5).

**Cathedral Concert – great opportunity!** This Sunday, 30 August at 2pm. Ex-Sacred Heart pupil, now London-based mezzo soprano **Maureen Tarler** (nee Steffert) will perform Opera Arias and Musicals, Sacred Songs and beautiful ballads.

All for a **\$10.00 Koha** with proceeds going to the Cathedral maintenance. Tickets available at the Parish Office, or at the door.

Maureen has a very powerful voice and performed in Concerts, recitals, Opera Performances, Church Soloist and with Church Choirs.

**SAVE THE DATE: Out of School Music  
Twilight Performance – 5 November, 6-7 pm**

**Mufti Mania Day!** This Friday 28 August, Mufti Day – gold coin donation. Let's make a difference for students in the Solomon Islands! We are supporting two Catholic schools, Takawa Primary and St John's Dala, in the Diocese of Auki in Solomon Islands. All funds raised will go towards school resources for the students including books, bibles, stationery and sports equipment. For more info, [www.caritas.org.nz/schools/mufti-mania-days](http://www.caritas.org.nz/schools/mufti-mania-days)

**Excess Fruit and Veges wanted:** The EnviroSchool Team are asking the community for any excess produce for their 'Self Help' Wheelbarrow. Please leave excess goods at the office and the Team will bag it for you if you are unable to. Please help yourself to the free Fruit and Veges!!

**ART ROAM the ROOMS:** At 1.45pm on Friday September 4th, please come into school to view the wonderful artwork produced by **ALL** students over the past few weeks. There will be a wonderful range of ideas on display in the classrooms. It is a celebration of our creativity. You are also invited to make a donation to purchase the artwork your child has produced, anytime over the week following the walk through. Simply ask for an envelope from the classroom teacher, pop your name on the front and the amount you want to pay inside. The fundraising is going to towards the purchase of musical playground equipment, for all students to enjoy.

**ART AUCTION: Keep the evening of Friday September 11th free.** At 6.30 pm in the School Hall, you will have the opportunity to purchase local and national artists' work, as well as the children's collective artwork ( pieces made by whole classes), at great prices! It is a **FUN**draising and community building event that we would love to see you at.

**Scholastic Book Club:** This week's issue is now out and closes 16 September. All orders are to be completed on-line. Follow the instructions in the catalogues.

**BLOKES BREAKFAST:** Saturday 29th August, 7am— Men of all ages are invited to a blokes breakfast with the Bishop Steve. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available online or at the Rosa Mystica Catholic Bookshop. For more details visit [www.bishopsbreakfast.com](http://www.bishopsbreakfast.com) or phone Mike 027570 3164 or Bill 022 3257475.

**FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH:** St John's and Sacred Heart College are fundraising for their 2016 music and cultural tour to France with a Sunday Brunch on Father's Day. It will be held at the Marist Clubrooms, on 6 September at 10.30am. \$25 per person, 12 years and under \$15, under 5s free! Tickets are available from St John's College Student Services Office or email [spetrin@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz](mailto:spetrin@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz).

**DAFFODIL DAY - THIS FRIDAY 28th AUGUST**  
The Student Council will be selling daffodils again this year, to raise money for the Cancer Society. Students can buy these from 50c and keep them in class for the day. Find them on the courts outside Rm 22 as well as outside the library from 8.20am-9am this Friday.

**CROSS COUNTRY** - "Thank you so much to all the parents who came down to support their children running the Cross Country. It was a wonderful afternoon and great to see the number of children who set personal goals and achieved them. Whether it was to get in the top ten, to run without stopping or just to complete the course, we were proud of them! "



**GREAT NEWS!** One of our teachers, **Mrs Nicole Higby, Room 20**, has been nominated for NZ's Most Inspiring Teacher 2015! That means she is in to win a share of over \$40,000 in prizes and a prize pack for our school. Help her win, spread the word. Nominations need votes to reach the finals, so we encourage you to vote before closing date 30 August 2015 at <http://inspiringteachers.co.nz/Teachers>

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday \$2.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam  
Principal