

2 September

Focus for the Week: Following Jesus**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

In this week's Gospel Jesus and His disciples ignored one of the many rules that the Pharisees had created. This made the Pharisees very angry.

Jesus tells the Pharisees that the outward appearance of people can be misleading. We have to look into their hearts and see what is inside, to know if they are filled with God's goodness. Rather unkind thoughts, acts of selfishness, being unkind, speaking unkindly are what makes peoples' hearts unclean. What goes on inside our hearts is what really matters, especially to God.

When our hearts are set on God they are freed from the multitude of human rules that tie us down, that stop us having a direct, personal relationship with God and prevent proper action and worship.

Today we are invited to consider what changes we need to make in order to live the Christian life more fully? What changes do I need to make today to become a person of greater integrity?

Value Focus: Excellence – Week 7

Friendship with others satisfies a large part of our basic social needs. It recognises that one of our inner requirements in life is to be included with others and to feel part of a group that we can identify with. Excellence in friendship can relate to the quality of our relationships with others and the loyalty we demonstrate. A few ideas on being a quality and loyal friend are demonstrated through the following actions: Recognising the needs of our friends while continuing to remain true to who we are; Committing to sticking around in good and tough times. Respecting the needs of our friends to spend time with others and alone; Doing the things they like even if we don't and having them do the same. Finally, it's about having friends for who they are not what they have or what they can do.

"Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born."

Anais Nin

Maori Language: Look at this beautiful picture! *Tirohia tēnei pikitia ātaahua!***Dear Parents/Caregivers:**

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talo

Welcome to spring folks, I don't winter well and love the longer hours of daylight and warmer weather.

This week we have the Team 3 classes on their overnight trip to Auckland staying at Kelly Tarltons.

There has been much to celebrate over the last week as pupils celebrated success in the speeches, bible reading, science fair competitions and Year 7 and 8 Catholic school cross country. Congratulations to all place getters and winners and to those who showed this newsletter.

I had a glance over the accounts owing the other day and noted that there are a number of families that have made no effort to settle the school account sent out in March. If you are sitting back and thinking that education is free then you are sadly mistaken. The

reality is that without the financial support of communities the government funding is insufficient to run the school. As a community I'm sure that you expect a well-resourced and high performing school, this doesn't happen without a cost. Remember that by paying your accounts you show integrity, honesty, responsibility and justice. These are all values that you no doubt expect in others. If a school account is causing you hardship please either come and see me or Martha our school family support worker.

Bereavement: We offer our deepest sympathy to our beloved Marian, the School Secretary, and to her family, on the loss of a loving husband, father and grandfather. Joe's funeral was held today.

CARITAS MUFTI MANIA: Thank you to all those who participated – we raised \$700 for students in the Solomon Islands!

Daffodil Day Donations: In less than an hour Marian students raised \$243.00 for the Cancer Society. Thank you for your support!

Welcome: We warmly welcome Caren Sheju, Room 5 into our school community.

LOST: Marian School polofleece, size 5 labelled Middleton. Please return to Lauren in Room 8.

Excess Fruit and Veges wanted: The EnviroSchools Team are asking the community for any excess produce for their 'Self Help' Wheelbarrow. Please leave excess produce 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!!

SPEECH FINALS RESULTS 2015:

Congratulations to the following students who won their section at the speech finals held last Wednesday night. We had an excellent range of speeches and the following students were placed first:

Year 4 - Luka Dale

Year 5 - Halen King

Year 6 - Ethan Ferdinands

Year 7 Girls - Kitty McInerney

Year 7 Boys - Jono Benge

Year 8 Girls - Polyanna Norman

Year 8 Boys - Temaka Tabokaai

Bible Reading - Ann George

The Year 7 and 8 winner will go on to represent Marian Catholic School at the Waikato Full Primary Regional Speech Competition on 9 September. We wish them all the best.

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 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 BOOKS: The cut off day for this order is 16 September.

Niwa Science Fair Results 2015: Congratulations to Tiernan Sanders and Daniel Nobilo for coming First in their category 'Living World' Year 7 and they went on to win a Major Award - University of Waikato Science Communication Award. This was an absolutely wonderful achievement.

Leo McDonald and Conrad Winthrop were highly commended in their category 'Living World' Year 8 and won a Special prize from Waikato Regional Council for an 'excellent exhibit relating to the environment'. Leo was also highly commended for his weather photos.

Life Education - Thank you to the parents who attended the information evening. Positive Puberty Lessons for Team 4 are underway. Please take the opportunity to ask your child about their learning.

GRANDPARENTS DAY – Thursday 10 September Will commence with Mass at 9.45 am in the Cathedral. This will be followed by morning tea for Grandparents and guests. *If you would like to contribute something for morning tea, donations would be gratefully received.* Please drop these to the office before school. After morning tea there will be various events happening around the school for your enjoyment.



Marian School Tea Towels

On Grandparents Day we will have a Marian School Tea Towel for sale - they have been designed by a group of children at the school as a memento for our wonderful grandparents. They will be \$10 each with all the money going to the middle school playground - get in quick as only 100 have been printed.

MARIAN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME:
Will be operating for the first week of the school holidays September 28th to October 2nd, from 8am to 5 pm - \$32 per day per child. Please see Mrs Coman to register or email her at mcoman@marian.school.nz

Sausage sizzle: This Friday \$2.00 each

God Bless you

John Coulam
Principal

PARTY IDEAS

SHARE YOUR PICS!!

Share photos of your own healthy party food ideas on our Facebook page!

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