

16 September

Focus for the Week: Jesus is the Son of God**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 8: 27-35**

In this week's Gospel we hear Jesus asking his followers a difficult question: "Who do you think I am?" Simon Peter said, "You are Christ, the Son of God."

If Jesus asked the same question today, what would we say? We know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and Saviour of the world. His love for us is unending, and He is our best friend.

We are called to follow Jesus, just like Simon Peter, but Jesus warns us that it will not always be easy. Just as He carried the cross for us before His death and resurrection, we will have our own crosses or difficulties throughout our lives. To accept the cross means to live as Jesus did. Jesus promised that those who do this will live forever.

Our reward for this will be to share everlasting life with Christ Jesus.

Value Focus: Excellence – Week 9 : Encouraging excellence in others often gives added motivation for them to achieve their goals. Our encouragement of other's quests for achievement communicates to them that their accomplishments matter to us too. Also, how much easier is it to have a training or study partner to push you to new heights? Aiming for goals together can give us good examples to follow and someone to reflect with to determine what our next steps are even when we fail. If we can support, learn from and encourage others in the attainment of their goals and likewise others towards us, it is more likely that we'll be able to continue alone when we need to.

"Those who are lifting the world upward and onward are those who encourage more than criticize." –Elizabeth Harrison

Maori Language: I will help you "Māku koe āwhina"

Dear Parents and Friends of the School:

PRINCIPAL'S PLATFORM:

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa

Grandparents' day last week was a wonderful celebration and I really enjoyed the Mass and how Bishop Steve spoke to the children. On the day we were joined by three mission Sisters who planted a kowhai tree in the school grounds to acknowledge 150 years of the Mission sisters in New Zealand. Thank you to the people who provided food for the morning tea, I know that the grandparents appreciated the hospitality.

Now that the winter sports are coming to an end it is an appropriate time to say thank you to the people who have helped coach, manage or assisted in anyway with a sports team. Thank you for giving your time and talent selflessly to benefit others. When I was a lad my dad was there to help transport teams, keep the score or umpire cricket. It is only with age that I realise the sacrifice he made with love for his children and how vital he was when so many other parents were nowhere to be seen. Such volunteers make sport accessible for children not just their own. How do you make a difference as volunteer?

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: (Gold Card awards)

Tomorrow, Thursday 17 September, 1.30 pm in the Cathedral. All welcome!

Mission Day 2015- The holidays are a wonderful time to clear out cupboards of unwanted toys and books, clothes people have outgrown and a time to plan. The team 4 students will be working on preparing their stalls for Mission Day, to be held on the **first Friday of Week One next term**. We would also appreciate it if you could drop into the office

any unwanted items you find at home, that you think someone else may want.

MARIST SOCCER PRIZEGIVING Arts Centre, Marian School, **tonight** 16 September 6pm sharp (please have players there by 5.50 pm. Players are to wear their Soccer uniform but no boots or shin pads. Players not competing in the 5-aside please bring another shirt to change into after handing in your Marist shirt.

ABSENCES: If your child is sick or going to be absent from school for any reason please contact the school office before 9.30am. Either phone, (07) 856-7515, email secretary@marian.school.nz, send a written note to the office or download the school app and send a message via the app. If your child is late to school, even by 5 minutes, please get them to report to the office before going to class so we can mark them present on the attendance register. Thank you.

Celebrating Success:

- The judges of the Margaret Mahy Starlight Poetry and Essay Competition selected **Nathaniel Borman's** short story...How Maui Saved the Southern Stars as one of 10 winners nation wide. Many congratulations!
A wonderful achievement to be proud of!
Nathaniel will fly to Twizel with his Dad and will have a chance to meet a visiting astronomer, Professor Chris Lintott, from the University of Oxford.
- Regional Speech Winners:** Congratulations to **Kitty McInerney** who placed third in the Year 7 Girl's Section and **Polyanna Norman** came second in the Year 8 Girl's Section. Polyanna will go on and represent Marian Catholic School at the Waikato

Full Primary School Final at Ohaupo School this week. We wish her all the best!

• **CATHOLIC INTERSCHOOLS CULTURAL FESTIVAL SUCCESS**

Marian was proudly represented by senior students last Wednesday and won the overall points and the SHIELD!

Results out of 11 Catholic Schools:

RE Drama - 2nd place - **Cole Begbie, William McVicar, Michael O'Brien, Isobel Goldfinch, Simone Peers, Maggie Lowe.**

RE Quiz - 2nd Place - **Aaron Joseph, Treesa George, Angel Benny, Teena Toms.**

BIBLE READING - 2nd Place - **Ann George**

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEECH - 3rd Place - **Rebecca Joseph.**

- Litia Qiqiwaga and family, whose much loved grandfather passed away.

May they rest in peace.

Lost:

- A blue and white ball at morning tea today. If you see it please could you return it to RM 24. It belongs to Nathanael.

Evita – Clarence Street Theatre,

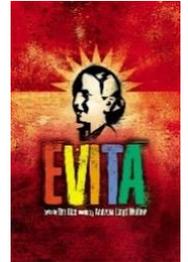
19 September 2015 – 3 October 2015,

Tickets at Ticketek

Three Marian School students, **Simone Peers, Capri Mawston and Hunter Wilson-Riches** are members of the children's cast in this fantastic production

Opening on Saturday 19 September 2015 at the Clarence Street Theatre.

Come and see this amazing production about Eva Peron. Director – *David Sidwell.* Rebecca Wright – *Eva*, Ben Moody – *Peron* and Nick Wilkinson – *Che*



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This Week's Health Nugget



CATHEDRAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The choir currently is seeking new members. If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of this beautiful ministry, you welcome to join us every Wednesday during term-time 3.20-4.30.

No auditions, all are welcome.

For more information please contact Kristin Browne 853-6008 bluebellmusik@gmail.com

PIANO FOR SALE

1950s era, Collinson piano, all keys work, needs a tune \$200 please phone Kristin 853 6008.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

Flyer

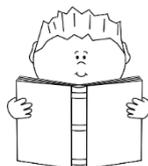
- Sport

Art Auction and Donations: Thank you to everyone who has already purchased the art your child made and to those who supported the Art Auction held at school last Friday. Building a creative culture is important to us here at Marian School and because of your support we will now be able to build a sound scape playground. Donations for individual art work can be made to the classroom teacher up until the end of the term.

Art Auction from a Parents Perspective:

I attended the art auction on Friday the 11th of September at the school. The teachers and staff had obviously put in many hours of hard work to organise and host this event, so as you can imagine I was somewhat disappointed to see only about 20 other parents there, out of a school of 600 pupils. I know there were some expensive art works up for auction, but there were more affordable donation items up for sale too, and there was really no obligation to buy. It was a chance for folks to support their school and raise some money for the new playground, even if you only ended up purchasing a \$5 glass of wine, every little bit would've helped. I appreciate everyone is busy, I also recognise that many parents and families support the school in other ways, nonetheless it would have been nice to have seen more people turn up to what was a fun night. I would also like to say that the teachers and staff did a fantastic job of organising this event, special thanks to Mrs Kerrie Martin and Mrs Paula White.
-Disappointed parent

BOOK WEEK: Dress up as your favourite book character on Friday 25 September. We will be selling book cookies at morning tea for 50 cents each outside the Atrium, The Library and Team 1 Shelter Shed. Teachers will have a list of activities for you to do during class in week 10. Lunch time activities: Making bookmarks, Mini Quizzes on Thursday, Visiting Author on Tuesday.



Bereavements: We offer our deepest sympathy to the following families;

- Halle and Jackson Scurrah and their family on the loss of their beloved grandmother.