

23 September

Focus for the Week: Mark 9:33-35

The disciples were arguing. Jesus had told them that He would be leaving them soon and they were arguing over who would take charge and be the greatest amongst them.

Sometimes we judge greatness by wealth, by power, or by sporting or academic achievements. But how did Jesus describe a truly great person? He or she is not the one who draws attention to themselves or stands out in the crowd. They put the needs of others before their own, thinking of themselves last, and for this reason, we are told, they will come first in the Kingdom of God.

God is not impressed by our power or wealth. What is important to God is how we live out our care and concern for others.

Values Focus: Who might we look to for excellence? One shining example of how to live our lives as caring, giving, forgiving and compassionate citizens is embodied in Jesus Christ. How often do we hear the question, "What would Jesus do?" How many times can we give the answer? How many times do we do differently next time? If the difference between the two rates knowing rather than doing higher, how do we bridge the gap?

While we can never hope to be the perfect example Jesus is, what we are capable of doing is taking some of His qualities and trying to improve ourselves against them. Be it trying to be more patient, caring, forgiving, helpful, less judging, whatever we choose to become in Christ's likeness, surely must put us on the path to excellence.

"No one can follow Christ and go astray". ~William H.P. Faunce

Maori Language Phrase for the Week: Put the books away *Whakahokia ngā pukapuka.*

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa

Last week we received good news, the Diocesan Schools' Council has approved the start of work on stage one of what we currently call the Arts Centre. Work is expected to start over the holiday break and we will be without this facility for up to six months. Once recommissioned, the building will be known as 'The Gerry Sullivan Events Centre'. Gerry Sullivan was the founding principal of Marian School when it opened in 1989 following the amalgamation of St Mary's School and the Marist Brothers School. He held this position for ten years and was instrumental in blending the two school cultures into one and setting up Marian School under the tomorrow schools' model that came in at the same time that he started here. Every family donation received over the remainder of the year will be going towards the purchase of this building. We currently have \$90,000 to raise over the next five years.

For Health and Safety reasons, children will not be allowed access through Notre Dame Court as there will be a lot of building vehicles travelling in and out of the area.

This week is Book Week and the children are welcome to come to school on Friday dressed as a book character.

If you are not already doing so, take the opportunity to read a story to your children this week.

Full School Mass: This Thursday, 9:45am. All welcome. Please bring along a non-perishable item for the food bank.

Bereavement: We offer our deepest sympathy to the following families on their recent bereavements;

- Jack Caris (Rm2) and his family whose much loved grandmother has passed away.
- Charlotte and Michael Chatwin whose much loved grandmother passed away.

May they rest in peace.

Mufti Day Reminder: This Friday dress up as your **favourite book character** for a bit of fun. There is no cost for this. Thanks to the Books Alive Group and the student council for organising a wonderful week of book activities and events... remember- KEEP READING over the holidays.

House Event this Thursday (TOMORROW)-

Students come to school in uniform, as we have a school Mass in the morning. Then over interval they can dress up in their house colours for the House Event. To help celebrate Book Week the activities will all be based around books and are sure to be a lot of fun.

Mission Day Friday 16th October. This is a special day on the school calendar when we raise funds to support the work of the Mission Sisters overseas, the Feed the Hungry Programme at the Cathedral and the Hamilton Christian Food Bank.

Team 4 students are working hard to come up with a range of fun activities and items to sell to all other students on the day. Please collect together unwanted toys, books and clothes over the holidays, for the White Elephant stall. These items can be dropped into the school office from now on.

Mission Day Mufti

The sun is at its most damaging in September, October and November. This is when the ozone hole is at its largest. Please make sure your children bring their hats to Mission Day and wear sun safe clothing such as t-shirts or other clothing that covers the arms. No strappy tops or dresses please

Art Auction Update- Thank you once again for your generous donations for your child's art work and the art that was purchased at the auction.

Approximately \$6500 has been raised for the sound-scape playground. This will be a wonderful addition to the school.

After School Care Holiday Programme:

This will be held in the first week of the holidays, from 28 September to 2 October.

Hours are 8am to 5pm.

Cost = \$32.00 per day per child

Please see Mrs Maree Coman after school in the Hall or email mcoman@marian.school.nz if you wish to book.

Hats: Term 4 will see the return of hats around the school. There are two styles to choose from; the Aussie wide brim or the bucket. (Both in navy). This is compulsory for Terms 4 and 1 as part of our Sun Sense policy. Please make sure you purchase a hat for your child in the holidays if they do not have one.

PTFA fundraising calendars: The PTFA will be sending out artwork calendar order forms the first week into Term 4. These calendars are a great way to showcase the kids art or photo and very useful with all the important dates etc for the school year. They can be great Christmas presents as well. Look out for the order form in the first week of next term please.

Alice Cornforth

Marian School PTFA

School Office: Over the two week period the office will be closed and re-opens on Thursday 8 October from 9am to 3pm only.

Out of School Music – Twilight Concert:

Keep Thursday 5 November free and mark on your calendars. The concert will start at 6pm and run for approx. an hour.

Lost:

- A school jersey named Josephine Chong – please return to Room 1.
- A school jersey named Ryan Hall, please return to Sophia Rm11

Old Mobile Phones: Donate your old mobile phone and the school will receive amazing rewards. Simply place your old phone in the labelled box provided in the office foyer.

This Week's Nugget



HAVE YOU ENTERED ROUND THE BRIDGES?
roundthebridges.co.nz

Download your training programme and the 2km Kids Challenge will be a breeze! There is also the 6km and 12km run or walk for adults.

ROUND THE BRIDGES 2015
SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

EVERYONE'S DOING IT!

sportwaikato
out there and active

To Rent: Attractive 3 bedroom (+ office) house to rent in Hamilton East. Also a 1 bedroom unit to rent. Both Brookfield St, quiet cul-de-sac near the river. Ph Richard 027 474 1172

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

God Bless You,
Have a safe and happy holiday.

John Coulam
Principal

Flyers:

- Sport

