

13 May 2009

**Focus for the Week:** "Apply you heart to instruction and your ears to words of Knowledge."

PROVERBS 23:12

*Today, Lord, and every day, I will set my heart in your direction, taking time to be still before you, to go deeper into your Word, to listen carefully for your voice of truth and guidance.*

B J Hoff

**Value Focus: RESILIENCE – Week 3**

Resilience is shown by those who learn from their mistakes. Being able to be honest with ourselves and evaluate our efforts often sees the way clear to identify where we went wrong. It may mean seeking help to help yourself. That's ok! It gives us the opportunity to set in motion a plan to get it right in the future. This coupled with sheer determination is a powerful force. "I've missed 9000 shots in my career ... lost almost 300 games ... 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot ... and missed. I've failed over and over again... That is why I succeed."

Michael Jordan

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform** For as long as the Field Days have operated, Marian School and formally St Mary's School, has been involved in the Field Days at Mystery Creek. Once again this is an important fundraiser for the community. Please consider donating your time to assist, it is a lot of fun. This is one fundraiser where we don't ask you for money, just the donation of your time. Consider an early shift and then gain free access to the day to the event to look around. This year the PTFA are looking at providing funds to assist with additional shelter and seating for at the St Teresa's block.

The feedback received by the Board of Trustees last week from the Education Review Office was extremely positive, the best I have had in twenty three years as a principal. The confirmed report should be public by the end of this term and available for viewing on our school website.

I am away for the remainder of the week attending a conference for Catholic School Principals and Directors of Religious Studies. In my absence please direct all enquiries to either of my Deputy Principals, Mrs Wilson or Mrs Petchell.

**LONG WEEKEND:** Advance Notice. There will be **no school for Marian School** students on **Friday 29 May**. We have opted for a 4-day Queens birthday weekend (Monday 1 June).

**Friday's usual flute class will be held on Thursday 28 May.**

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community the following children and their families: Daniel Kibby (Rm5), Tanyaradzwa Zhou (Rm4) and Katherine Bastion (Rm5)

**Bereavement:** we offer our deepest sympathies to

- The Vosper family on the sudden death of their much loved nephew and cousin, Sean.
- Gershom (Rm2) and Akishitha (Rm5) Anton-Uthayaraj, whose much loved grandmother passed away.
- Halle (Rm1) and Jake (Rm10) Scurrah and family whose much loved grandfather passed away in Australia. 'We love you always Grandpa – rest in peace'.
- Zach (Rm3) and Marc (Rm10) Thurston, whose much loved Uncle passed away.

May they rest in peace.

**Mass** will be celebrated tomorrow at 9:45am with the students from Team 4. All welcome.

**After School Care Program**

Our After School Care Program has recently been reviewed and considerable changes have been made. We are now offering an after school activities programme with an emphasis on children choosing between a variety of art and craft activities, outdoor organised games, indoor construction or games, homework corner or outdoor free play. Our afternoon tea menu has also been upgraded to provide a variety of nutritious after school snacks for children. We currently have spaces available for children on most nights. For more information or enquiries please contact [mcoman@marian.school.nz](mailto:mcoman@marian.school.nz) or pop in after school and see our happy environment for yourself!

**NITS:** Please check your children's hair constantly. Many students are being re-infected with headlice and this requires diligent routine checks within the family.

**Scholastic Book Club:** Orders must be in by tomorrow, THURSDAY 14 May. Please make out Cheques to Marian School. All payments must be in a named envelope and handed to the class teacher.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### LIT QUIZ TONIGHT!

St Paul's Collegiate, Hukanui Rd  
6:15 - 9:30 in the Chapel, just follow the signs.

Come and support our **enthusiastic** Teams!!

Quin Leong	Huon Cameron-Fraser
Alina Rajan	Emily Williams
Cameron Stevens	Olive Wilson
James Bai	Kate Slater
Kyle Tuioti	Jamie Keane

**ALL WELCOME**

**\$2.00 Op-Shop:** Our Op-Shop was a great success. We made over \$400.00, so a very big thank-you to all. We have great ideas for different ways to help our community. A lot of parents were asking for winter children's clothes so our next \$2.00 shop will be called a 'Children's Winter Wonderland'. If you have any clothing for children aged 5 – 12, please support our shop. I will let you know when our next op-shop day will be. A very special thanks to the Op-Shop team for all their hard work!

Martha

### **Teens Parenting – “Discussion Group”** -

Thank you for your response, we have decided to run two groups.

When: Thursday 21 May

Day After School Care Lounge, 9am-12noon

Evening: Staffroom, 7pm-9pm

I am hoping that this suits most people. You don't have to register. Just turn up on the day or night. One thing you need to bring – a sense of humour!

See you there, Martha

### **International Visa/Permits follow-up meeting.**

For anyone who has concerns regarding Immigration papers. Further to our discussion last year it is important for us to highlight your concerns. Please come to the discussion tomorrow (Thursday) 2pm – 3pm with Martha.

### **Mid Year Stationery Crisis?**

As customers of Warehouse stationery, Marian School has won a voucher for stationery supplies. An evening is being held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May at Chartwell Stationery Warehouse from 6 – 9pm for schools and the parent community to purchase stationery at reduced prices. On this evening only as parents of Marian School you will get 15% off technology and 25% off everything else which is not already on special. This is a great opportunity to stock up on supplies for the second half of the year.

**Celebrating success:** we congratulate the following;

- These students have been selected to Represent the Waikato Under 11 Soccer team; Liam Fellows, Caedyn Lim and the following have been selected to Represent the Waikato Under 12s; Logan Stewart, and Fergus Jones. Well done boys!
- Results from the National Goju Ryu Karate Tournament in the weekend held in Taupo. These boys did really well and we are very proud of their huge efforts – Binh Nguyen and Kim Southcombe-Nguyen
  - Chase Hennessey 1<sup>st</sup> Kata 6-8 years  
1<sup>st</sup> Kumite 6-8 years
  - Jed Looker 3<sup>rd</sup> Kata 6-8 years  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kumite 6-8 years
  - Xavier Staheli 3<sup>rd</sup> Kata 6-8 years  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kumite 6-8 years
  - Jonty Southcombe-Nguyen 2<sup>nd</sup> Kata Mixed grade 9-11 years and  
1<sup>st</sup> Kumite Mixed grade 9-11 years

### **Basketball League:** Practice times-

- Marian Swifts years 5 & 6 Monday lunch time. Coach Jamie Barnett  
- Marian Titans years 7 & 8 Wednesday lunch time. Coach Ray Cameron  
Games  
Mondays Titans St John's at 4pm  
Mondays Swifts Sacred Heart 5pm  
Please ensure you are at the game 15 minutes prior.  
All inquiries call Paul Burborough 021 566 555 or paul@winger.co.nz

### **Lost:**

- A black umbrella (fold-up) with a silver and black rubber handle. Please return to Sarah Kanaan Rm18
- A school jersey named M Bean – please return to Rm 9
- A pair of black school shoes – no name. Please return to Octavia Rm17
- A new polar fleece named Daniel Steffert – please return to Rm4
- A polar fleece named Adam Halley – please return to Rm22.

**For Sale:** Baby lop eared rabbits. \$30.00. Ready in two weeks. Brown and white and very cute. Phone Sarndra 855 7323 or 027 232 5217

**Netball Referee Wanted – can you help?** The Marian Rebel team is new this year and desperately needs some volunteers to act as referees for their games on Thursday afternoons held at 4:20pm. We can help with transport to and from the venue. If you can help, please phone Lorna 829 5452 or 027 426 1444.

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday \$1.00 each.

God Bless you  
**John Coulam**