

5 August

**Focus for the Week: The Bread of Life - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Gospel this week talks about our food for eternal life – Jesus gives himself to us in Eucharist. This is our spiritual food that nourishes us. Christ wants us to be the Eucharist to others through our words and actions. This means he wants us to be *The Face of Christ to the world*. St Francis of Assisi said it all, "Speak the Gospel and if you have to, use words." Just having a smile and being a witness to the Gospel values is where it starts. We are always drawn to happy bubbly people; they are positive and uplifting. So be the Face of *Christ to the World* not only in word but in action.

**Value Focus: Excellence – Week 3**

Recognising that excellence lies in forming lasting quality habits is our key to success. Aiming to do our best each time even in areas we know we need to really improve on means little by little our best is just that bit better. There is much to be learned by converting the word "best" into the acronym "Best Every Single Time".

For it is in thinking of excellence as a habit and not an act that we set our heights higher every time, not necessarily expecting perfection, but aiming to extend our standards of what we are capable of.

"Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better." Pat Riley

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:**

At last week's Catholic Schools' Convention, the messages were strong about Catholic School reaching out to the poor and living the faith. Our school motto tells us to 'Bring Christ into the World', we were urged to do so with a smile and to be part of a happy and welcoming Church.

I have come back from the Convention with enthusiasm renewed and my commitment to Catholic education strengthened knowing the difference as Catholics we can make in the lives of children and society.

I was honoured to be one of four recipients of a Laureate Award for my contributions to Catholic education and acknowledge the Board of Trustees for their nomination.

There was more good news this week with the Minister of Education, Anne Tolley, writing a personalised letter to the Board of Trustees congratulating them on our recent ERO report. A direct link to the review report can be found on the school website.

Keep an eye out for next week's newsletter which will contain a special newsletter from the Board of Trustees.

**Reminder Notice:** There will be no school for students attending Marian School on 24 August, as this is a 3-day weekend.

**Anointing of the Sick:** will be celebrated tomorrow at 1:45pm. Team 4 will be in charge of catering.

**Bereavements:** We offer our deepest sympathy to Braxton Dinnan and family on the death of her much loved great-aunt. May she rest in peace.

**From the Marian BOT:**

Last Thursday at the Catholic Education Convention in Wellington the Principal of Marian School, John Coulam received a Laureate Award for an outstanding contribution to Catholic Education in New Zealand. There were 4 recipients in the country.

**Congratulations John** - it is very well deserved. John's entire teaching career has been in the Catholic sector but his contribution to Education in general has been huge. Acknowledgement also needs to go to John's wife Angela and to his sons, Steven, Nicholas and Justin, whose support enables him to be so involved.

**Change of Date:** Please note change of date for the Australasian Maths Competitions. This has changed from 19 August to **Monday 17 August** due to Team 3 going on camp.

**A reminder of the Home School Partnership in Literacy Evening** to be held this evening at 7pm in the Marist Block Atrium. Feel free to come along and learn with us!

**H1N1 Virus:** Concern has been expressed in the parent community that we have had a child with diagnosed H1N1. This is indeed true, the child concerned became ill and was absent on the last day of term and tested positively to the virus over the holidays. The school was notified well after the child had recovered and was no longer contagious. Since the H1N1 virus is prevalent in the community, most cases are going undiagnosed. Should your child have flu like symptoms please keep them home. Encourage your child to wash their hands frequently, and always before eating, and to cover coughs and sneezes.

**Skin Infections:** Due to health issues surrounding skin infections, please **cover** all open wounds, abrasions and cuts during **school hours**. Remind children to keep diligent hygiene practises.

### Library Corner

#### BAGS FOR LIBRARY BOOKS

Every pupil needs a bag for their library books. There are many recyclable bags that are suitable so check out what is at home - you could personalize one.

Help your class to be the first to all have bags by Week 5. Be in for prizes!!



**Scholastic Book Club:** Orders for Issue 5 close on WEDNESDAY 12 August. Please make cheques payable to Marian School. All payments must be in a named envelope and handed into class teacher.

### SPORTS PHOTOS

Thank you very much to the parents who gave up hours of their time to help coordinate the sports photos last Friday. Thanks also to the year 8 girls who assisted. The photos wouldn't have proceeded without your help.  
Caroline Blair

### NETBALL PRIZE GIVING

Date: 17th September 2009

Time: 6.00-7.30pm

Venue: School Hall

Further information for parents to come in following newsletters. Coaches will be emailed details relating to awards shortly

**PTFA Notice:** The PTFA take pleasure in informing our school community that it has undertaken to donate \$1000 each year toward sporting equipment for our students.

This year the money is to be equally shared between the four teams to replenish supplies of frequently used equipment.

Thank you to all the parents and friends of Marian School for your continued support of PTFA events. Without your ongoing support and generosity additional opportunities to help our children would be limited.

**Celebrating Success:** Congratulations to the following on their achievements

- Congratulations to the following children who competed in the National Karate Championships - held Wellington middle weekend of holidays ;  
**Jake Scurrah** - 3rd in his age group for Kumite (fighting) **Quinn Tupaea** - 1st in his age group for kumite (fighting) **Lizzy Grace** - 3rd in her age group for Kata

All competed in an exemplary manner and represented their Club (Hamilton Wado Kai) with pride!

### Health Nugget

## Watch that fat!

Sometimes we think we are having a snack - it's actually a treat. Look how much fat is in some of these treats:

- \* Chips (45g) = 3 teaspoons
- \* Pie (170g) = 5 teaspoons
- \* Cookie Time = 5 teaspoons

(1 teaspoon = 5 grams of fat)

#### **Better choices:**

- ✓ Mandarins
- ✓ Cereal and milk
- ✓ Toast
- ✓ Homemade muffin



### Lost Property:

- A pink umbrella with polka dots and frilly edge. Please return to Neysa Kosasih Rm14
- A polar fleece named Angelique Singh. Please return to Rm15.

**Wanted:** size 7-10 year old girls clothing in good condition. Please drop off at the office. Phone Sally 027 259 1075

**Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club** (a Conservation for Science Club for young people aged 8 – 17 years). 7 August – **What is a Radio Telescope?** Presented by Stewart Finlay. 7pm, Hort Centre, Hamilton Gardens Gate 2.

**Jubilee Early Childhood Centre:** are accepting enrolments for 3 and 4 year olds for Term 4. Please contact Lisa 856 4072

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

God Bless You

John Coulam  
Principal