

21 October

Focus for the Week: Give Generously to Others on Mission Day**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This week in the Gospel James and John want the top places in Jesus' kingdom. Obviously they thought that his kingdom would be modelled on worldly kingdoms, where those in high places enjoy honour, power, and glory. However Jesus tells them that his disciples are not to imitate the Gentiles, whose rulers lord it over people. In his kingdom service is what makes one great. Jesus set the example himself. He came not to be served but to serve. This week was Mission Sunday and this Friday we will celebrate Mission day at Marian. Please serve others by giving generously.

Value Focus: Love of God, Self and Others – Week 2

Getting closer to God through prayer requires commitment. Part of the Year 6 Religious Education programme focuses on becoming a good 'pray-er' – developing those qualities which allow us to create a solid path for communicating with God

4 qualities are listed: Perseverance- the ability to keep on praying even when times are tough; Availability – setting regular time aside for prayer; Trust – having faith that God is listening even if our prayers aren't always answered; Honesty – being honest in our communication with God, particularly in being sorry for our wrongdoings and asking for forgiveness. Paying attention to these qualities when praying sets us up for a closer relationship with God and more able to be the hands and face of Christ.

"The value of consistent prayer is not that He will hear us, but that we will hear Him." ~William McGill

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

At this time of year many children are making the switch to a summer uniform and a reminder is needed around what is acceptable footwear. Sandals must be black, either buckled or Velcro, and have a back ankle strap. Sandals such as 'slave' sandals that wrap around the leg are not acceptable in terms of the policy. Please note that only clear finger nail and toe nail polish is acceptable. As parents, I ask you to support the school policy which you agreed to abide by when enrolling your children. The wearing of the school uniform is a big responsibility as the uniform represents those who have gone before us, those here now and those who are to come in the future. The uniform represents Marian School and is to be worn with pride.

Although the weather isn't quite behaving, it is time for the children to be wearing the school sun hat while playing outside in direct sunlight. If a child is not wearing the hat at interval then they are choosing to play in a shaded area. As from next week I will ask teachers to reinforce this policy while on duty. Please check that your child has a named uniformed blue sun hat.

An important **Community Meeting** is being held at 7.30 p.m. this evening, Wednesday 21 October in the School Hall to discuss the long term future of **Aquatics Education (swimming)** as part of our school programme. I urge you to attend and be informed, be prepared to have a say. The meeting will conclude at 8.30 p.m. and will be very important for helping the Board of Trustees plan for the future.

Welcome: Carmella Espellarga (Rm11), Angel Medina Cubillos (Rm4), Yaein (Lilly) Kim (Rm18), Yaeon (Billy) Kim (Rm9), Taylor Sheppard (Rm22), and Arvin Varghese (Rm7).

Farewell Bronagh Crook: A morning tea will be held for Bronagh on Friday at 11am. All welcome.

Mission Day – Friday 23: A reminder to keep bringing in toys, books, games etc. It will also be a **MUFTI -DAY** for a gold coin donation. For this to be a successful day we rely on your generosity.

If you are making sweets, there are approximately 400 paper bags at the office that you may use to put them into.

Full School Mission Mass: Tomorrow at 9:45am.

Please bring an item for the Food-Bank.

Monday 26 October - Labour Day: No school on Monday as this is a Public Holiday. See you all back on Tuesday 27 ready for class photos.

School Photos: Reminder that envelopes and payment is due **TOMORROW**. Photos will be taken on Tuesday.

URGENT – Homestays Wanted in Teams 3 and 4:

Just a reminder that if you are interested in hosting Korean Students for 4 weeks in Feb/March and again in August then please let me **know urgently**. Either email me at Martha@marian.school.nz or let Marian know at the school office. We need **20-30 families** to make it work.

Thanks – Martha

Scholastic Book Club: Orders for Issue 6 close on Thursday 29 October. Please make cheques payable to Marian School. All payments must be in a named envelope and handed to the class teacher.

Sport Notices:

All sports teams have now been organised and your child should bring home a team list today.

Touch

Year 3/4 - a team will not be entered due to the lack of numbers
Year 5/6 will be a boys only team

Softball / T-ball

Year 3/4 team still require a couple of players
Year 5/6 team still require a couple of players
Year 7/8 team will not be entered due to the lack of numbers.
A refund of fees will be sent home next week.

Team 4 CFLE - Parent Meeting

An information evening will be held on Thursday 29 October at 7.00pm in Rm 22 - Marist Block

Altrusa Award

Today Georgie Foot will attend a Civic Ceremony along with her family and teacher to receive her award.

Second hand Uniform Shop: We urgently need skirts and tunics. Can you help?

Marian School Holiday Programme Update.

Due to popular demand of our recent holiday programme, we have decided to continue the service to Marian children. As you will be aware, school closes on Wednesday the 16th December. We are running the School Holiday programme on **Thursday 16 and Friday 17 December**; plus the **last two weeks of the January holidays 18 - 29 January 2010**. The cost is \$30 per child per day. We will be requiring a \$20 non-refundable deposit per child, per day to secure placements. Our exciting programme is limited to only 25 children! Bookings are open please ring Maree or Louanne 027 4830857 or call into the school hall after 3.30pm.

ENVIRO AGENTS NEWS

Worm Juice (an amazing garden fertiliser) made in our very own worm farms will be sold tomorrow and every Thursday morning this term outside Room 15 from 8.30-9am. 1 litre bottles cost \$2.

Thank you for supporting us,
Marian Enviro Agents.

"Transport Desperately Needed"

Transport needed for a 9 year old girl from Room 12, to and from Marian School. Pickup and drop off at Garnett Avenue, Te Rapa Straight or nearby.

Petrol costs covered.

Any help would be gratefully appreciated, even if you can only do one way.

Please contact: Kersti Mead-Johnstone 021 910 978 or 027 218 1538.

Marian Pasifika

Kia orana! Malo e lelei! Bula vinaka! Kona mauri! Hello!

Aloha! Fakaalofa lahi atu! Talofa lava!
Warm Pacific greetings to all.
The holidays have been and gone..... We are ready for term 4.
Pasifika will be starting up again this week. (tomorrow)

When: 22 October

Where: School Hall

Time: 12.50pm (lunchtime)

Mark you calendars for November the 12th.

Our Pasifika Group has been invited to participate in a Pacific Island Cultural Festival called "Pepe Pasifika 2009".

Where: Frankton Primary School

More details to come.

Thank you/fa'afetai lava - L.Dinnan + the Pasifika Team.



Celebrating Success: Congratulations to the following;

- Matthew Clarkin who has been selected as Goalie for the New Zealand Under 12 Central Regional Inline Hockey Team.

Lost: A polar fleece named Leticia Mason and a Camelbac drink bottle – please return to Rm6

Hay Needed

Room 9 requires a bail of Hay to use to make a couple of Scarecrow's in week 3.

If you can help please contact Miss Addison in Room 9.
brookeaddison@marian.school.nz Thank you

Confirmation, First Eucharist and Reconciliation Programme

Candidates will now be working on the final cycle of work. The rehearsal will be on **Thursday 5 November at 3.15 pm**. The big day is fast approaching! The Confirmation, First Eucharist ceremony is **Sunday 8 November at 10.30am**, in the Cathedral.

RCIA group: Are you, or any adults you know, interested in becoming Catholic or exploring our Catholic faith tradition. I am looking for expressions of interest, with a view to starting a group in the near future. For more information please contact Andrea 8566486 or email: andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz

This Week's Health Nugget:

Lunchbox Remix!

swap:

**Big Time Cookie \$1.00 or \$1.50 +
Fruit drink 50c = Total cost \$1.50 or \$2.00**

- Costs more
- Less goodness for growth and activity
- Full of fat and sugar



for:

**Marmite and cheese sandwich 55c +
Banana 60c = Total cost \$1.15**

- Costs less
- Great fuel for school!
- Made in under 2 minutes



Public Notices:

- **Workplace Support NZ** is hosting a 6-week workshop on **Self Esteem /Growth**. Facilitator is Mary Har Barry. 490 Grey St, Hamilton East on Wed 21 October – 25 Nov from 7 – 9pm. Cost \$75. Phone Heather 856 8638 or email h.donaldson@workplacesupport.co.nz by 16 Oct to register
- **3-bedroom home to rent:** Nawton area. Approx 6 months period although may extend. Fully furnished if desired. Open plan living with new kitchen. Lawns included \$300.00 per week. Contact Lucy in Rm 23 or ph 849 9177 or 022 620 9849.
- **Margaret Fairhead School of Dance present: 'A Dance in Time'** There is a number of our Marian School pupils performing in 'Coppelia', 'A Dance in Time', 'Viva la Fiesta'. Founders Theatre, Hamilton from 6 Nov 7pm and Sat 7 Nov 2:30pm. Book at TicketDirect. Counter Sales at Hamilton City Libraries. ph 0800 224 224. www.ticketdirect.co.nz.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 each.

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal