

10 February

**Focus for the Week:** Face to Face with Jesus - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How would we behave if we suddenly found ourselves in the Divine Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Sunday's Gospel reading, Peter our first Pope said to Jesus "I am not worthy of you." He thought he wasn't good enough. Like us he was weak and he made mistakes. What was most important of all was that he had a sincere heart and he overcame his weaknesses by placing his complete trust in the Lord God.

The main point in today's Gospel reading is that Jesus does not make junk.

He made us all with talents and we are part of Him. So how would we behave if we suddenly found ourselves in the Divine Presence of the Lord Jesus?

Jesus is physically present in the Holy Eucharist and in the Holy Tabernacle and of course the Holy Spirit is always with us. Without necessarily realising it, we are always in the Divine Presence of our Lord.

**Value Focus: Respect – Week 2**

A major factor in our ability to show respect towards others is how we manage to foster self-respect in ourselves. Taking pride in our appearance, what we do, say and believe while remaining true to who we are, all form the framework of healthy self-respect.

Engaging in reflection on who we want to be, realising our weaknesses and strengths and developing a personal style in these areas allows us to celebrate our uniqueness. With these in place we allow ourselves to be open to respecting the differences and making a difference to others.

*"If one is estranged from oneself, then one is estranged from others too. If one is out of touch with oneself, then one cannot touch others."* – Anne Morrow Lindburgh.

Dear Parents and Friends

**Principal's Platform:**

It has been a great start to the term with happy children and a hard working and happy staff. I ask that you continue your prayers for Paige Tuioti (Year 4) and her family. Paige has six months of treatment ahead of her to make her well and her family would really appreciate regular prayers for their daughter. All classes will be invited to say a decade of the Rosary at 12.35 p.m. daily for Paige.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the day that marks the beginning of Lent in the Christian churches. Lent is a time of turning back to God, a time of prayer and a time of sacrifice. When I was a boy I remember Lent as a time of giving up lollies, saving for the poor and fish and chips on Fridays. No doubt there will be some parents with similar memories. It is common today for children to not only give something up, a sacrifice, but to take on an act of charity. This might be another task at home or daily prayer for an intention such as praying for Paige.

Within the rules of the Catholic Church adults are asked not to eat meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, these are the only two days of fasting and abstinence in the church year. The Church also teaches that adults should go to reconciliation at least once a year and preferably during the Lenten period.

Our year 7 and 8 students are attending a four day camp at Finlay Park in Cambridge this week, a week of adventure and team building. While you are spending time in prayer, pray also that they return safely to us.

There will be a **stop work meeting for teachers in Hamilton on Wednesday 10 March from 1.30 p.m. until 3 p.m.** While the school will remain open for instruction, the reality is that only a handful of teachers will be on site to supervise children. It would be helpful if as many children as possible could be

picked up over the lunch break on Wednesday 10 March. The school buses will run at the normal times between 3 and 4 p.m. The After School Care programme will continue to operate on this day from 3 p.m.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community John Baunton Brown (Rm5), Emma Wade (Rm2), and Angelica Kaisa (Rm4) and their families.

**Need help with providing your children Lunch?**

St Vincent de Paul agency have a Loaves and Fishes programme where children will be given a sandwich and fruit. Please contact Marian at the office if you require this. Thanks – Martha

**Tuesday Lunch helper still required.** If you have a spare half hour from 8:30am – 9am on a Tuesday morning taking lunch orders, please notify the school office.

**PTFA Sunscreen:** Unfortunately, there has been another delay with the tubes of sunscreen. The suppliers have said they will be here in another 2 weeks and your order will be delivered to you as soon as they arrive. If you no longer want the sunscreen, please email your cancellation to [JACQUI.F@xtra.co.nz](mailto:JACQUI.F@xtra.co.nz). The PTFA are very sorry for this unanticipated delay. Jacqui Frazer /Alice Cornforth

**Wanted:**

- second hand uniforms especially Yr 1 – Yr 4. Please hand in to the school office.
- Old pieces of junk jewellery for student workshop

Thanks - Martha

**Buttons Wanted:** Desperately needed for art in Rm 2. If you have any spare – please drop them off to Room 2 or the office.

## **SPORTS NOTICES Wednesday 10/02/10**

Welcome to Marian Sports,  
My name is Lisa Burgess, I have been appointed as the Out of School Sports Coordinator. If you have any queries and wish to contact me in relation to school sports you can do so through my email [lburgess@marian.school.nz](mailto:lburgess@marian.school.nz) on 027 278 7031 or leave a message at the office.

### **Softball/Teeball**

There has been an interest from families for our school to enter teams in Softball/Teeball competition. All students interested can collect forms from the school office. The forms and money need to be BACK at school BY FRIDAY 12 February as the competition starts on Saturday 13 February. We will only be able to field team that we have a healthy response from parents to help as coaches and managers!

**All cricket, Waterpolo and Flippa Ball** registrations are now closed, and team lists will be issued next week.

If anyone has cricket whites which they are no longer require could you please donate them to Martha's Second hand Uniform shop. Thank you – Lisa Burgess

**Netball Committee Meeting:** The First Netball Committee meeting will be held Tuesday 16th February at 6pm

**Marist Junior Soccer Muster:** Sunday 28 February 11 a.m. – 1p.m. at Marian School

**Marian Netball Registration Day** – Sunday 28 February

**Hamilton Junior Cricket** will be running net identification sessions on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of February at Waikato University for year 5 and 6 boys and girls. These sessions are designed to identify NEW year 5 and 6 players. Please email [elainejhca@xtra.co.nz](mailto:elainejhca@xtra.co.nz) or fax 078566014 your registration before the 15<sup>th</sup> of February.  
Venue: Waikato University Gate 3A or 3B Silverdale Road  
Date: 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Time: 3.15pm - 5pm  
Equipment: If you have your own cricket kit please bring it along

**Winter Hockey Registration 2010** For new and existing players. Come and sign up. All Ages able to play! This will be a time to answers any questions and register players.  
6aside: Year 1-3 (Saturday morning game)  
8aside: Year 4-5 (Saturday morning game)  
11aside Year 6-8 (Friday night game)  
Mark your calendars. Thursday 11 March 3.30pm in Room 11. Games start early Term 2.  
Any queries to [baddison@marian.school.nz](mailto:baddison@marian.school.nz)  
If your child is keen to play but you are unable to make the meeting please email me with your details including child's name and Room number  
Thank you - Brooke Addison Rm 11.

**Kelly Sport Reminder:** Term 1 enrolments due now for Netball clinic, Soccer clinic and Ripp rugby. Forms went home last Thursday. Return Box is on office counter.

## **Health Nugget No. 2**

Keep cool with water!

### **DIY flavoured water:**

Flavoured waters from the shops can be packed full of sugar – some have 7tsp of sugar per bottle!

While these drinks can taste nice, too much sugar isn't good for our bodies so try flavouring the water naturally to avoid all that extra sugar.

Try using some of these to flavour your own water:



Mint  
Strawberries  
Orange  
Lemon



**Toolbox Course:** Parents Inc. are starting a new Toolbox course for parents of 6 to 12 year olds in Hamilton, starting on Monday 22 February at 7.15pm. The Toolbox groups offer a unique approach to parent education, offering practical skills and strategies that you can immediately incorporate into your family. This is a six week course, two hours per week. Cost \$67.50 per person or \$90 a couple (which includes a comprehensive manual and a year's subscription to the Parenting magazine). For more information contact Fiona on 855-1241 or [hamiltontbx@parentsinc.org.nz](mailto:hamiltontbx@parentsinc.org.nz).

**Hillcrest Swimming Club Learn to swim programme** is filling fast. There are a few places left. If you interested in joining our club please ring 8566318 to book an assessment

### **For Sale:**

- A Honda Oddessey 1999 7-seater, 110,000 km. W.O.F. 12-04-2010. Cambelt and other 3 belts changed. Front tyres changed. \$7,000 ono. Text 021 029 44129.
- A Sacred Heart Girls College blazer (\$100.00) and a Jersey \$50.00. Phone 846 5016

**Starmakers Performing Arts School.** Enrol Now! Phone 838 2372. Show to be confirmed.

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Week - \$1.00 per sausage.

God Bless You

John Coulam  
Principal

**Flyers:** Board of Trustees newsletter