

19 May

Focus for the Week: Have Joy in your Hearts - The Ascension - Year C

The Ascension of Jesus is his liberation of all restrictions of time and space. He is not removed from earth but his constant presence is always with us. Physical presence is not everything. Seeing and touching is not always the way for closeness. We can be physically close to someone but have a distant relationship. We can be close to others even if we are separated by miles. Jesus' ascension was not a journey into outer space but a journey home. He has reunited with his father and is present wherever God is present and that means he is with us at all times. He now relies on us to witness his presence in the world.

Value Focus: Environment – Week 5

The common saying "Out of sight, out of mind" from an environmental perspective was never more clearly illustrated than an news story a few years ago. A ship transporting garbage had spent 3 years travelling the globe under the charge of various crews, while nobody took responsibility for its cargo and safe disposal. Did the original company who sent the ship off from its original port, envisage this? Probably not. When we use things, do we pay attention to the choices we will then make with its eventual disposal? Does this in turn lead us to think about alternative products that lend themselves to lasting longer, reducing waste, reuse and recycling or have minimum environmental impact in their manufacture?

When we dispose of things, are we making the best choice we can to ensure we are minimising the effect on the environment? In a throwaway, instant society, out of sight, out of mind is no longer an acceptable solution.

"Waste is a tax on the whole people". -Albert W. Atwood

Dear Parents and Friends of the school

Principal's Platform: Today is Catholic Schools' day nationally and with over 220 catholic schools in New Zealand we have much to celebrate. Our schools are generally recognised as places of excellence and are a great place to be. I just love coming to work at Marian each day, the children and staff are a great example of a Christian community.

Congratulations to those who have been elected to serve on the Board of Trustees for the next three years. The first meeting of the new Board of Trustees is tonight at 7.30 p.m. in the staffroom.

Members of the PTFA and teaching staff have worked extremely hard for the last few months preparing for this week's Art auction. If you have an interest in art and are looking for a great night out come along to the Marian School Hall from 6.30 p.m.

It is pleasing to see that two former Marian pupils are on stage at the Musikmakers performance of 'Oliver'. Congratulations to Mark Swarbrick, who plays Oliver and to Tara Fernandez-Ritchie, who is in the Chorus. Both of these students performed well at Marian in the solo singing competitions of their year and while they have the talent, as a school we gave them a clear message that it is okay to sing. I am so pleased that these children are now using their God given talents to bring joy to others.

Last Sunday I visited a very brave Noah Lockett-Turton in Starship. With another major operation planned for yesterday to remove more of the brain tumour, Noah told me that he could feel the love of the Marian and Saint John's School community and that he appreciated the cards and letters of support. He asked that people continue to pray for him. Please also pray for our pupil Paige Tuioti as she too faces her illness and treatment with bravery and great hope.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Jerome Hilary Nath (Rm5) and Chay Allen (Rm4)

Mass: Tomorrow, we will celebrate mass with the students from Team 1 at 9:45am. All welcome.

Bereavments: We offer our deepest sympathies to:

- Sasa Kosasih Rm 12 and her family on the death of their much loved Uncle.
- Bobby Brodnax Rm 14, whose much loved great-grandmother passed away.

May they rest in peace.

Board of Trustee Declaration of parent and Staff

Election Results: These are the results as published in the Waikato Times -

Parent Representative votes:

Abraham, Dean	76
Bastion, David	121
Foot, Hayden	122
Frazer, Jacqui	128
Grace, Freda	202
Hilton, Baden	193
Nihotte, Chris	98
Riches, Brett	50
Tierney, Drew	141
Vosper, David	141
Winthrop, Marise	161
Invalid Votes	9



I hereby declare the following duly elected.

Jacqui Frazer
Freda Grace
Baden Hilton
Drew Tierney
David Vosper
Marise Winthrop

Staff Representatives (one nomination received)

Luke, Amanda

I hereby declare Amanda Luke duly elected

Signed
Marian Panettiere
Returning Officer

HAMILTON MARIST SOCCER – NO SOCCER THIS WEEKEND! Some of you will have spotted this and it was pointed out to me on Saturday but there are **ONLY** knock out games this weekend **BEING** Saturday May 22. The first preliminary games start on Saturday May 29th. And then there are no games at Queen's birthday weekend. Thanks - Mark Willcock/ Lisa Burgess

ART AUCTION TOMORROW NIGHT

Hope you have booked your babysitters???? We are looking forward to seeing many of the Marian School community at the hall tomorrow night from 6:30pm. We have advertised far and wide to entice businesses and the wider community to support this fundraiser. For a sneak peek of what is to be auctioned there are colour catalogues in the office for your viewing or alternatively go onto the school website and have a look.. On the night there will be cheque, eftpos and cash accepted. The classroom pieces to be auctioned have no reserve and we hope for some competitive bidding!

We have a temporary liquor licence approved for you to enjoy a glass of wine from the cash bar and we have provided nibbles (money donation only).

Remember the individual children's pieces hopefully will sell to parents and family for a donation only. You need to approach your classroom teachers before Thursday to arrange this.

Would be great to see a good turn out tomorrow night - look forward to enjoying the night with you.

Wanted: A guitar for a young girl. Please phone Martha

Lit Quiz: Our teams competed well and were in the top 5 at halftime. The next categories (especially Occupations! Do you know what a buffer girl is from Granny was a Buffer Girl by Berlie Doherty, or what Burglar Bill stole that made him decide to never steal again?) were tricky. Nevertheless they finished 12th equal & 19th of the 55 Teams so we are very proud of them. Next year Bay of Plenty will have their own heat. Thanks to all who came - the support was awesome!

LIBRARY NEWS

Shoobox Parcels: We are bidding farewell to a family shortly who are heading overseas to do mission work with children in need in undeveloped countries. The PTFA are supporting an initiative whereby each classroom will have a shoebox to fill with items which the children in these poorer areas would enjoy. The idea is that children from the class will bring small items such as erasers, pencils, balloons etc. These items will be packed into a shoebox and the PTFA will pay the postage to the place where our Marian family is going to be stationed. Your support will be appreciated." Thanks – Kay

THE MAY MAKEOVER CENE NIGHT

Sincere thanks to all those ladies that attended our fundraiser at Lisa McLennan's fantastic dress shop CENE on May 5. A total of \$1300 was raised for PTFA! The Cene team enjoyed everyone's company out that night and really appreciate the support. Thanks to our sponsors for the spot prizes and provision of drinks namely: The Riv, Ruby Rouge, The Cypress Tree, Cene and Skin and Tonic beauty lounge.

It's On Again – The Op Shop: Sunday 30 May in the Atrium and grounds of the Senior block at Marian School at 11:30am. Everything \$2.00. All proceeds towards go towards the Welfare Fund.

Any items of children's winter clothing and bric-a-brac are very welcome. Just drop them off the Marian School Office. Many thanks – Martha (Pastoral Care Worker)

PTFA Meeting: next Tuesday 25 May at 7:30pm in the staffroom.

Reminder Notice: Wednesday 26 at 5:30 – Parent Meeting on Maori Achievement held in the staffroom.

Lost:

- A black Panasonic digit camera in a hard case. Phone Ross Hemi 0274 721 883. May possibly have been lost at a cricket game.
- MISSING: one child's hammer. This hammer was kindly brought in for Rm 12's Team 3 assembly on Friday, it went missing afterwards. This hammer is of sentimental value as it is very old. Please deliver to the office as soon as possible.

This Week's Health Tip:

FOOD LABELS

What makes a good product ?



Use these **guidelines** to help you choose a healthy and nutritious product. These can be applied to most packaged products. If the product meets all three criteria, then it's an excellent choice.

- Less than 15g sugar/100g
- Less than 10g total fat/100g
- More than 5g fibre/100g
- Lowest salt/sodium content possible

MARIAN SCHOOL TOGS FOR SALE

Speedo type boys togs - used for waterpolo/flipper ball or swimming: navy, maroon & white with school name on back. Size 10 or 60cm waist. Would fit age 10-12 medium build boy. Brand new (still have tag on them) \$40.00. Please call Caroline ph: 858 3655

Sausage Sizzle:

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

Flyers:

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