

9 June

Focus for the Week: The Caring Nature of Christ

On Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi or the Body and Blood of Christ. One of the names for the Church is the Body of Christ. We, as part of the church, become the Body of Christ when we act in the ways of Jesus, by being present to the hungry and the broken. For example, sitting with a sick friend, listening to someone who is troubled, feeding a child, preparing a family dinner, and sharing a meal with a stranger. These are life giving acts. We are bringing the presence of Jesus into our everyday lives when we are presented with these opportunities and embrace them. We thank God for these gifts of life.

Value Focus: Environment – Week 8

A current, popular Toyota television ad sees a father and daughter share different opinions on the uprooting by a storm of an apple tree from their front yard. The father sees it as a chance to finally have his harbour views unimpeded and has it removed; the daughter's view is that it bears fruit, is a living thing and provides a home for various animal species. She is clearly saddened by the loss.

As a way to ease her pain she plants an apple seed in the vacant hole. The "feel good factor" comes where the father sees his daughter's distress and overnight, plants a new apple tree, creating the illusion that one has sprung up while the family slept. The look on the girl's face is priceless.

The message? Learn not to fully control nature, but co-exist. Think how our actions will affect other species of plants and animals that keep our environment and its biodiversity in balance. What we do shouldn't threaten their existence.

There is nothing in which the birds differ more from people than the way in which they can build and yet leave a landscape as it was before. ~Robert Lynd, The Blue Lion and Other Essays

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform: Parent teacher interviews are to be held on Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 June. You are able to book your own interview by logging onto www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Type in the password **VW8AG** and there are three easy steps to follow. **Book your interview now.** If you do not have access to a computer either ring Marian at the school office or call into the office and we can help you. No pieces of paper will be sent home this year advising interview times, these are e-mailed to you once you book on line. The benefits of using an electronic booking system are great, particularly for the hard working Marian in the school office.

Next week there will be written reports sent home in envelopes for all students. These are in a new format and where applicable will report your child's progress against the National Standards for Written language, Reading and Mathematics. A guide to reading the report will be sent home at the same time. I recommend that you bring the report to the parent teacher interviews so that you have a clear understanding what the next steps in learning for your child are.

Thank you to the many volunteers, who are supporting the PTFA by working on the Fieldday gates, your support of the school, is appreciated.

A reminder that the Marist Soccer Club has team photos tonight, Wednesday 9 June in the Marian School hall, if you are unsure of your child's time for their team photo then contact the coach or manager right away.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community Sarah Johnstone (Rm5)

Mass: Mass will be celebrated with the students from Team 2 tomorrow at 9:45am. All welcome.

New Entrant Vision and Hearing checks:

The Technician will be in the school on Friday 11 June to carry out Vision and Hearing checks on New Entrant students. If your child is already under a specialist or you do not wish your child to be tested, please notify the class teacher in writing before Friday.

Fieldays Training Day:
Sunday 13th June 5.30pm

All volunteers are expected to attend. The school benefits for every volunteer that signs in for the training session. Whether you have been doing this for years or it's your first time it is certainly worth while to attend. Instructions are given and reminds you what is expected of us as a volunteer for Fieldays.



For those who are interested in car pooling or require transport please arrive in Marian car park before 4.55pm Sunday 13th June. The training is via gate 2, to the Mystery Creek H.Q building at 5.30pm on Sunday June 13th.

A roster for fieldays and a copy Training Day information will be sent home Friday if you don't receive a copy please contact Leann Johnson: 8566291, Mobile 0274495290 or leannj@ihug.co.nz

Cathedral Confirmation, First Eucharist and Reconciliation Programme 2010:

Enrolment forms are now available from the parish office and on the newsletter table in the Cathedral foyer at Sunday Masses or can be requested by email (andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz). Children who are aged 8 years or over and who are baptised are eligible to join the programme.

Meetings will begin in Term 3. A full list of dates will be given at the First Parent Input session on **25 July at 7.15pm**. The date of the ceremony will be **21 November at 10.30 am**, in the Cathedral.

Enrolments must be at the parish office by **16 June**. Enquiries please email or phone Andrea 8566486.

RCIC is a Sacramental programme for school aged children who wish to be baptised and receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Next week at the **6pm Mass on Sunday** there will be a **Rite of Election** for the young people who have enrolled and are meeting each Wednesday. In a few weeks time they will be baptised and then they will join the parish Confirmation and First Eucharist programme. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. Programmes to prepare school age children for Baptism are run frequently through the year. Any enquiries please contact Andrea at the Parish Office or email andrea@cathedralbvm.org.nz

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements.

- Analita Singleton (Rm11) for having completed at the Taupo Society of Ballet and Dance and received a Highly Commended award.
- Ben Taylor and Lewis Ruffley competed in the U12 Waterpolo Team, Regional Tournament at Mountfort Park this weekend. The team was placed third.

This Week's Health Nugget

FOOD LABELS

Nutrition claims – “baked not fried”

Fried foods are occasional foods as they are very high in fat.
Baked foods can have just as much fat as fried foods as they add the fat when making it, making them not necessarily a healthier choice.
Check the ingredient list and nutrition information panel first!

Lost:

- A school jersey named John Molina, return to Rm 15
- Two polar fleece's named Mason Tupaea – please return to Room 9

Wanted to buy or Borrow: A lockable box/chest (toolbox, hope chest, storage box etc). Prefer something that can be kept inside, but anything considered as long as it is strong, secure and not too big. Cosmetic appearance is not important.
Please see Martha if you can assist.

Marian School After School Care Holiday Programme: Marian School are running another Holiday Programme from 12 – 16 July 8:00am to 5:00pm daily. Cost is \$30.00 per day per child. Be quick as booking are filling fast!
Please see Maree or Louann in the school hall after 3pm for bookings.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal