

16 June

Focus for the Week: Such Great Love

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Love is extravagant and open-handed. It grows calmer and deeper through the years but willing, unconditional giving is always a sign of real love.

In the Gospel Jesus tells the woman that all her sins are forgiven because of her great love. Do I love God like that, generously, unconditionally? I think I need to pray not only 'Lord increase my faith' but also 'Lord increase my love'.

This week show others the great love you have to offer. Accept one another as individuals and be there for them in times of need. Show your love.

Value Focus: Environment – Week 9

From the advent of the environmental movement a popular catch phrase has been: *"Think global; act local"*. The beauty of this advice is the inference that it is not just the big players such as large corporations which are responsible for the environment; we all are, no matter how small our circle of influence.

If we adopt this approach with minimising pollution, there are several simple questions we can ask ourselves on a personal and household front and in turn adjust our actions if necessary.

Do I minimise household waste by reducing the amount of non-recyclable materials I consume?

Do I maximise reusing and recycling opportunities?

Does the car I drive run as efficiently as it can?

Am I careful what I put down household and community drains?

Do I deal with organic waste appropriately?

How efficient is my household heating?

The list can go on and on, but one thing's for sure – there are heaps of things we as individuals can do to be kinder to our planet.

There are no passengers on Spaceship Earth. We are all crew. -Marshall McLuhan, 1964

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

This Thursday your child's **mid year report** will come home with their portfolio. With the introduction of New Zealand Curriculum standards this year, and the legal requirement to report against them in writing twice a year, this is the first time that Marian School has had a mid year report. It is important for you to realise that the Ministry standards are 'aspirational' that is, they state where the Ministry would like children to achieve at each year level. They are not aligned to where most children do achieve. So what does this mean? It means that if your child is achieving 'at' the standard, they are doing well at school, better than many children in New Zealand.

To help you get a better understanding of the reports a repeat parent meeting is being held in the new

classroom (old library) at 3.15 pm on Monday 21 June.

To gain a better understanding of the reports I suggest that you attend **a Parent teacher interviews** on either Tuesday 22 or 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**, already 151 families have. 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.

Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated tomorrow at 1:30pm with the students from Team 4. There will be no 9:45am Mass tomorrow.

Next PTFA meeting in the staffroom at 7.30 on Tuesday 29th June

Wanted: a good car for international family arriving in July. up to \$5000. Please see Martha.

ICAS Writing Exam

Please note that due to time clashes the ICAS Writing Examination will now be held on Wednesday 23 June. Time and venue to be sent out to examinees this week. Catch ups will be given to students unable to attend on the 23rd.

Lost:

- A polar fleece named H. Wilson Riches. Please return to Rm3
- A size 6 polar fleece from Rm 1 named C. Frazer-Wilkins. Please return to the classroom
- P E Shorts named Liam Burgess – please return to Rm3.
- A polar fleece named M Bean – please return to Rm7

This week's Health Nugget:

FOOD LABELS

Nutrition claims – “no added sugar”

This means there has been no sugar added to the product but is likely to contain natural sugars. Whether the sugar is natural or added it doesn't matter, sugar is sugar. Check the label if in doubt.

Remember: 4g sugar = 1tsp



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

- Michaela Greene (Rm2) who has been selected as one of this season's Mooloo Kids Dancers. She was chosen from a group of 100 children aged between 5 and 14 to be one of the 20 dancers who will perform with Mooloo prior to each Waikato NPC home game.
- To year 8 student Caedyn Lim who has been selected as a member of the Waikato Under 12 years football team to play in South Africa at the end of September in the Nations Cup.
- To Chelsea Lin who received Distinction in the Royal School of London Grade 2 Violin

Hillcrest Spinal Clinic: To celebrate our 40th anniversary, the Hillcrest Spinal centre is offering \$5.00 school bag and posture checks for your child during both weeks of the July school holidays. (All proceeds will go to Plunket). Phone 856 6442 to make an appointment and tell receptionist it is the \$5.00 check up.

Use this opportunity to see why your child complains of headaches or sore backs which could be caused by heavy school bags and poor posture.

Trenwith Family Fundraiser For Mission Trip To Africa

Hopefully you have all found the fliers that we put out in the last two newsletters for the raffle that we are running. There are some great prizes to be won and all proceeds go towards helping fund the Trenwith's trip in July. We are running the raffle for one more week - finishing on June 23. Every \$5 donation goes towards one ticket - there is an orange box in the office that you can deposit your tear-off slip and money donation. Get your tickets now to be in to win!!!

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

- **Bubbledome:** Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this July. Other courses in Science, Inventions & Technology and Afterschool Animation at selected venues. For students aged 6 to 16 years. Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438-282) or Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or Visit: www.bubbledome.co.nz
- **Tennis Holiday Programme:** Tennis and Multisport at the Hamilton Squash and tennis Club 5 – 9 July. Int/Adv Tennis Clinics from 12 – 16 July at St Peters Tennis Club. Balloon Tennis Free Trial Lesson 3-4 yr olds from 12 – 16 July. See school notice board for more details.
- **Waikato Tennis Centre:** 5 – 8 July at Waikato Tennis Centre, Dey St. For more details contact 856 8181 or email sportsforce@tenniswaikatobays.co.nz
- **Hamilton Junior Cricket:** held at the University Gate 3A for both girls and boys aged 9 – 15. \$95 for 3 days. Contact Hannah at hannahhica@xtra.co.nz before 28 June

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal