

21 July

Focus for the Week: Focus for the Week: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The story of Mary and Martha is very well known. There is more to the story than two women, one of whom was very busy trying to be hospitable while the other sat at Jesus' feet and listened to him, and with whom Jesus appears to side. We can feel for Martha. Jesus arrives, possibly with his disciples as well and Martha is busy preparing everything so that the mob could be fed. Little wonder that she gets annoyed with her sister who apparently is doing nothing to help serve the guests but instead sits at Jesus' feet and listens to him.

While Martha is anxious and worried, Jesus points out to Martha that Mary has chosen the better part, to welcome the Lord, to be present with the Lord, to keep one's life focused on the Lord, to come to know the presence of God in all parts of her life. Being in tune with God – 'listening to Jesus' – is the key to a fruitful life.

Value Focus: Honesty – Week 1 Any reflection on honesty should start with being truthful to ourselves. Being aware and in turn, honest about what we believe, our strengths and weaknesses allows us to create a true self identity. Honesty is vital to making effective changes and identifying who we really are and what we really want. When we lie about who you are or what you really believe, we reinforce the idea that we need to pretend to be someone else or that we are not fundamentally "good enough". To get the most out of life we must identify our authentic self and set our goals for improvement and achievement from there. They are impossible to achieve if we deny or deceive ourselves. Admitting the truth of who we are and what we really want, gives us clarity in life and the focus and direction to achieve our dreams.

"Better to fail with honesty than succeed by fraud" - Sophocles

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform: By now you have probably heard if not read about the misfortune of the Tuioti family, whose house was ransacked by burglars last week while they were with Paige for her treatment in Auckland. It is so sad that we have in our society people who have disregard for the law and the rights of others. This gives us every reason to be teaching our children about making decisions that impact in a positive way on others.

I have spoken this week with Mr Vince Tuioti, Paige's dad and he wishes the community to know that they are okay and coping. Insurance will cover their losses but only time will heal the hurt of having their privacy invaded. Mr Tuioti is thankful for the support given by this community in the past and asks that you continue praying for Paige and the family. They are not asking us nor expect us to do anymore at this time. Should you feel the desire to give financially, Mr Tuioti respectfully asks that all donations of money are given to the Starship Foundation. Donations may be left at the school office, preferably in an envelope clearly marked 'Starship Donation'.

Mass: There will be a Full School Mass tomorrow (Thursday) at 9:45 am. All welcome.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Hannah Conradie (Rm15), Lily Conradie (Rm 22), Pramika Chocklalingam-Balaji (Rm12), Jenny Sohn (Rm12) and Annie Sohn (Rm7).

Bereavements: We extend our deepest sympathies to the following students and their families;

- Chelsea and Jack Fursdon whose much loved grandfather has passed away.
- Sophie Keane on the loss of her beloved grandmother
- Nathan, Renee, Georgia and Kristin Hancock on the death of their much loved great-grandmother.

May they rest in peace.

The Scholastic Book Order No 5 is due by Thursday 5th August.

Please make out any cheques to Marian School and hand named orders to class teacher.

Vinnies Report: Welcome to the new term at Marian School. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. This week in Vinnies, we discussed the Teddy bears picnic that will be held later this term. From face painting to cookie icing, it's going to be a very fun time. We also will be having a lolly hunt for the older kids and a lolly scramble for the little ones to raise money for the toilet bags we are putting together for the homeless in our community.

Cheers – Anna Westerbeke (Vinnies Reporter)

Good Neighbourhood Project: Marian Catholic School is introducing this project. As part of that project we can provide school lunches for students whose families need support. Please give me a call at school. We are here to help. Thank you – Martha

Salsa: Classes are starting again this week. Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the School Hall. \$3.00 per person. All welcome.

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

Speech and Drama: Amelia Joshy (Rm 22) won the first place in Poetry, Prepared Speech, Sight Reading and Prose Reading in the 12-14 year old category. She also bagged the Poetry Cup and the Prepared Speech Cup across all age groups.

Andrea Joshy (Rm 8) was placed first in Prose Reading and Prepared Speech. She also received the Under 8 Challenge Cup.

HAMILTON COMPETITION SOCIETY

Advanced Violin Group gained First Place in the Strings section – Well done to Clarissa Tan, Chelsea Lin, Lisa Oh, Callum Cameron-Fraser, Eric Tang and Cecilia Park.

Flute - Amelia Joshy and Katie Pigou placed First in 12-14yr Duet

- Rebekah Baird – 2nd in Solo Flute 12yrs and under
- Nicholas Fitzgerald – 1st Grade 1 Piano, 1st

Restricted 10yr Class and won the Grade 1 Trophy
Thank you to Catherine Wallace, Flute Tutor and Alison Hepburn, Violin Tutor who prepared the children for the Competitions so well.

Results from National Karate Championships – Porirua:

Jake Scurrah 8-9yr boys – 1st (Kumite) and 3rd= (Kata)

Halle Scurrah 6-7yr Girls – 1st (kata)

Chase Hennessey 8-9yr boys – 3rd= (kata)

Jed Looker 8-9yr boys 4th (kumite)

Also congratulations to Chase Hennessey, Jake Scurrah and William Parker (Hukanui Primary) who were placed 1st for the Under 10yr boys in Team Kumite for Waikato. A great team effort!

Other competitors who gave an awesome effort were Lizzy grace and Xavier Staheli. Well done team!

North Island Kyokushin Championships, Hastings

Hannah Smith 2nd in 11 – 13 year old girls Full Contact

St. Peter's Cambridge Netball Tournament:

Well done to the six Marian teams who competed .
Congratulations to the Year 4 Magic who came FIRST, and the Year 6 team who came "Runners' Up".

A special "thank you" to all the friends and family who supported our teams on such a cold, foggy day!

FOUND: At St. Peter's Tournament amongst Marian belongings: Hinged silver charm. Please claim from school office.

LADIES LADIES LADIES LADIES Hamilton Dove

Catholic Women's fellowship invites you to a Presentation evening on:

"REDEEMED THROUGH THE POWER OF WORSHIP"

SPEAKER: Helen Funnell (DOVE National President)

DATE: Thursday 5th August

TIME : 7.30 – 9.30pm

VENUE: St Joseph's Parish Centre, Clarkin Road,
BRING A FRIEND BRING YOUR BIBLES For transport or further enquiries contact Wilma Ph 829 8616

'Pianos on Brookfield' Music School Piano Tuition at Reasonable Rates A few vacancies available for children aged 7 years and above. Phone or txt Robyn on 027 354 7598 Or e-mail at robysmith@slingshot.co.nz

Lost: A school skirt size 14 named Matilda McVicar – please return to Rm20.

CONFIRMATION, FIRST EUCHARIST AND RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME 2010:

All enrolments should now be in. If you have enrolled in the programme please keep an eye on your emails. This is the main form of communication for the programme. **The First Parent Input meeting will be next Sunday 25 July at 7.15pm in the Cathedral** after the 6pm Mass. The date of the ceremony will be **21 November at 10.30am**. Enquiries please email or phone Andrea 8566486

Call to Mission – The Story of the Mission Sisters of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Samoa. An opportunity offered by the Mission Sisters to learn about the history of and success stories of our Sisters in New Zealand.

Venue: Sacred Heart Girls College Library

When: Thursday 22 July (Tomorrow)

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Please phone Sr Raewyn if you wish to attend.

WYMA Proudly presents Waikato Youth Music Association's

ANNUAL CONCERT Gallagher Concert Chamber WEL ENERGY TRUST Academy of Performing Arts

The University of Waikato 7pm, Friday 30th July 2010 .

Entry by donation at door

Featuring:

WOVEN Choral Collective

Waikato Schools Symphonic Band

Waikato Youth Symphonic Band

with guest band **St John's and Sacred Heart Schools**

Ninja Kids Programme - (Children self-defence)

- Fun filled program while learning to keep themselves safe and aware of surroundings.
- Suitable from total beginners through to children who are looking to change martial arts.
- Small class sizes. 6 to 9 year olds and 10 to 13 year olds .
- Builds self-esteem, fitness and confidence.
- Japan trained instructor (4th degree black belt). The true 'Ninja Kids' Program has never been taught in NZ by a qualified instructor of Ninjutsu until now.

Beginners classes start this term.

021 934-537 Jo-Anne for more details. www.ninjakids.co.nz

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday: \$1.00 per sausage.

God Bless You

John Coulam

Principal