

28 July

**Focus For Week: Persevere and Pray Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Some people ask “why bother praying if God already knows my needs?” Think of your children. A relationship is built each time they come and see you as parents or caregivers; whether they are asking for advice about something or they want or need something from you.

Prayer becomes a relationship building encounter with God. Whether you are asking for advice about something or you want or need something from God. You may not always get what you want but you are building a relationship.

A child sitting on your lap and/or in your arms sharing all they go through is very much similar to a child praying and trusting in their God and becoming one with God. One is for physical growth and the other for spiritual growth. So remember next time you think about prayer and you ask yourself the question, ‘Why bother?’ think of the relationship you will build with your God.

*‘Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you’*

**Value Focus: Honesty – Week 2** To paraphrase the Bible, when building a house, you must build a foundation on rock rather than shifting sand to ensure it lasts over the years.

As people of integrity, we should look to honesty as being one of those foundations on which we build our lives.

If, we are honest with ourselves in what our beliefs are and who we are ourselves, this should translate from within into our thoughts and actions.

While this may mean telling the truth to others, and acting honestly towards them, there will be times when no one’s watching where no one will know or care if we’re being honest or not. It could be as simple as finding a lost possession and handing it in.

It is at these times when honesty in our actions matters most, because we can never hide the truth from ourselves.

*“Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it.” ~David Star Jordan,*

Dear Parents and friends of the School

**Principal’s Platform:** Kiaora and welcome to Maori language week.

Enrolments for 2011 close on 15 September. As with other years, it is estimated that there will be approximately 100 vacancies. Enrolment forms need to be in and completed to be considered against the approved priority rating.

There will be an information evening for the parents of students moving into Year 7 at Marian School in 2011 on Tuesday 24 August at 7 p.m. in the Marist Block Atrium. This will be a time when you can have your questions about intermediate education answered and have a good look around at the environment and hear about the curriculum at year 7.

On a personal note, recently I was elected for two years as President of the New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals’ Association; I have been on the executive of this group for 16 years. While my involvement with the

NZCPPA will take me out of school about three days a term, the networking and professional knowledge gained brings back great benefit to this school. When looking at other schools I am often reminded as to how well Marian School is resourced and am thankful for the support of the Board of Trustees and Diocese.

Our wonderful Family Worker, Martha is on leave for the next two weeks if any matter is urgent please see Marian at reception.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their parents; Etuale Fusitu’a (Rm4), Olivia Hampton (Rm5), and Tiegan Willis-Daniels (Rm19).

**Mass:** Mass will be celebrated with the students from Team 3 at 9:45am tomorrow in the Cathedral. All welcome.

**Bereavement:** We extend our deepest sympathies to Montel and Chelsea Williams, whose much loved grandmother passed away. May she rest in peace.

**The Scholastic Book Order** No 5 is due by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Please make out any cheques to Marian School and hand named orders to class teacher.

**We are looking for support:** We will shortly be having a new issue of our school's newsletters printed. The newsletters will be used throughout the year to keep our families and school community informed regarding school activities.

The newsletters are to be financed through the support of advertisers whose advertisements will appear on the newsletters for a year. This enables the school to receive the newsletters free of charge.

Should you, or anyone you know, like to place an advertisement on the back of our school's newsletter please contact Dennis or Jeanette Neeve of Newsletters Unlimited, ph (09) 817 3867, or email [newsletters@xtra.co.nz](mailto:newsletters@xtra.co.nz).

This is a great way to keep your business in front of the local community and also help our school.

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

**Hamilton Competitions Society:**

- Analita Singleton: gained 4<sup>th</sup> place and Highly Commended for her performance in Classical Ballet.
- Stella Kang: 1<sup>st</sup> flute (12 and Under), Cup for the most promising wood wind player under 14 yrs. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 4 Piano and 2<sup>nd</sup> Piano Sonatino Under 13yrs.
- Mariana Kang: 1<sup>st</sup> own selection 10yrs, 1<sup>st</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Century 10 yrs, 1<sup>st</sup> Baroque 10 yrs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chopin Open. Cups received to 10yrs highest mark and most promising pianist.
- **Victoria Chanwai** (Rm 15) came **First** in the Violin - 9 Years and under 10 class in the recent Hamilton Competitions. She was also awarded the Registered Music Teachers' Cup for the **Best Performance by a String player under 10**. Victoria was also a member of two trio groups who entered two classes - Chamber

Music 15 Yrs and Under, and Chamber Music 12 Yrs and Under, and although there were no other competitors, her trios worked hard and performed very well.

- Giselle Mason gained in her Speech and Drama, Very Highly Commended and 3<sup>rd</sup> for Reading at sight and 2<sup>nd</sup> for Impromptu Story.

**Tauranga Competitions:**

- Marianna Kang 1<sup>st</sup> Baroque 9 & 10 yrs, 1<sup>st</sup> Own selection 9 & 10 yrs, 1<sup>st</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> century 9 & 10 yrs, 1<sup>st</sup> Restricted 10 yrs, Cups/Trophies for Highest Marks. She also gained Young Achievers Trophie and highest scholarship mark.

**This Week's Health Nugget:**

**WINTER WARMERS**

**Brr... it's cold out there!**

Now that winter is upon us its really important that we keep eating healthy and stay active.

Winter tends to be a time when we eat more and hibernate inside.

This term you will get ideas about how to beat the winter blues and stay healthy.

**Tip:** Feeling cold? Do some star jumps to warm up!

**Lost:**

- A pair of size 2 soccer boots left in doorway by hall. Please return to Seth Notman Rm 7A or phone 027 384 7787

**CATHEDRAL BOOK FAIR**—will be held **4th & 5th September** at the Parish Centre. This is a major parish fundraiser. We would appreciate donations of books, magazines, DVDs and videos. Deliveries to the parish office please or pick-up can be arranged by phoning Mike Schollum 8525861 or the office

**Sacred Heart Girls College Presents:** 'The Costume Room'. Thursday 5 August and Fri 6 Aug. 7pm in the School Hall. Students \$5.00, Adults \$8.00

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday - \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You  
John Coulam  
Principal