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**Focus for the Week: Be Wise - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Being a disciple of Christ involves self-renunciation and we must be prepared to accept the cost. Discipleship is a serious calling. The goal Jesus sets before us is immensely worthwhile – the goal of an authentic way of life here and eternal life thereafter. There is no higher goal than that. That doesn't mean it is easy. No one can be a disciple without carrying the cross. Jesus knows our frailty. He lavishes his graces on those who strive sincerely to follow Him.

**Value Focus: Honesty**

We can all recollect stories of treasured items that have been lost either in the clutter of our lives or went missing at a certain time or place. Additional to this, we can also recount the myriad of feelings that went with it: regret, sadness, guilt etc. Luckily, there are fortunate times when those negative feelings are erased for us, when due to the kindness of another, those important items are returned to us. In recalling these times, the feelings of sometimes instant relief, joy and gratitude are palpable. The message for us should be that when we find something that isn't ours, we should endeavour to find the owner or hand it in to someone who can. This is not just because it's the right thing to do, but that we have a real chance to make somebody's life better by returning it.

*"Honesty is the best policy. If I lose mine honour, I lose myself."*

- [William Shakespeare](#)

Dear Parents and Friends of the School:

**Principal's Platform:** When I read and hear of the devastation caused by the Canterbury earthquake it is amazing that lives were not lost. There is physical damage effecting 100000 homes, businesses are destroyed and lives disrupted. The people of Canterbury continue to suffer aftershocks, some as much as 5.4 on the scale. As the nation rallies around to offer support, the people will discover God around them through acts of love and kindness. I ask that as a family you pray for the people of Canterbury, that they will find hope at this time when for some all seems lost.

Spare a thought for the community of St Pauls Catholic School and Parish in Dallington, Christchurch. Last week, their Parish Priest died suddenly and this week both their school and church have been condemned.

I suggest that you use this moment in history to educate your children about earthquakes and how to be prepared to survive one.

From a practical point of view Caritas New Zealand, our Catholic aid agency, is collecting money for the Earthquake appeal. In real church terms, **we will be having a 'collection' this Thursday in each of the classrooms with the money received going to Caritas. I encourage your children to donate a Gold coin to this appeal.**

**Marist Soccer Prize Giving:**

The football season has ended for our children and the Marist Junior Soccer Club has its prize giving **tonight starting at 6 p.m.** in the Sacred Heart hall. Players are to wear their uniforms **without** shin pads or boots and are to bring a change of shirt so that jerseys may be collected after the prize giving. Thank you to the coaches and managers who have freely given of their time over the season.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community Lucy Williams (Rm20)

**Bereavements:** We offer our deepest sympathies to the following families who have lost loved ones.

- Chantelle and Sophie Preston whose much loved Aunty Cecilia passed away on Friday.
- Sharn Rao, whose much loved grandmother passed away.
- Jemma McClymont, whose much loved grandmother also passed away.

May they rest in peace.

**Grandparents Day:** The day will start with Full School Mass at 9:45am. Followed by Morning Tea in the School Hall.

**Reminder: To bring a gold coin donation to help the Earthquake appeal in Christchurch.**

**Baking Required for Grandparents Day: –** scones, muffins, cakes and sandwiches. Please leave in Hall kitchen - Thanks

**DESTINATION BOOK FAIR!**

Last day for the Destination Book Fair is tomorrow, Thursday.

Books may be purchased preferably by eftpos or credit cards, but cash will be accepted.

It is a great opportunity to treat grandchildren or gift a book to our school. There is no obligation to buy but be sure to show your grandparents our lovely new library.

**Marian School Holiday Programme:** We are running a Holiday Programme for the second week of the school holidays from 4 – 8 October. 8am – 5pm. Bookings to Marian please or let Maree Coman know.

**ASC Fees:** Due to GST increase, can all fees be paid in full by the last day of term.

**Wearable Arts:** 22 September. Tickets on sale on Monday in the Atrium from 8:30am – 9:00pm. Tickets will also be available in the school office. Children \$2.00 and Adults and Secondary students \$5.00.

### **Has your School got talent 2010!!**

I have entered three groups from Marian Catholic School into the **Mish Mash TV competition** and all groups will be aired on National TV. There will be an opportunity for the community to have a public vote. We hope you will support us and go online when they say and vote for our school.

The groups are:

1. Team 4 Boys Band – Band Name: **PRIOR KNOWLEDGE**
2. Team 4 Girls Band – Band Name: **THE UNKOWN**
3. Combined Choir (Team 3 and 4 choir members)

The following viewing dates and times are for the interviews and to follow the performances.

(Air Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September) 3x Interviews

(Air – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October) – 3x Performances

Viewing Times are 7:30am, 9:30am, and 4:00pm.

If anyone has trouble tuning in please log on to their website [www.mishmashstv.co.nz](http://www.mishmashstv.co.nz) for tuning details. On normal TV tune into channel 5. If you have sky then check out the website.

This has been a great opportunity for so many students at our school and we hope you will support us and tune in and view the amazing talent we have right here at Marian Catholic School. They have all been practising so hard and it has definitely paid off. I am so proud of them all and I know after you view them on TV, I know you will agree with me. They have represented their school with great pride. If you miss it, don't worry as I will have a copy on DVD on sale starting from week 1 Term 4.

A special thank you goes out to the following people for supporting me along the way.

Veronica Mackenzie (Band Manager) Andrea Hall and Shirley Kedian (Choir Groups), Marian PTFA (Sponsoring T-shirts), Mr Martel – (Music Teacher at Sacred Heart Girls College)

I also couldn't have done this without the support of all the Staff and Parents at Marian School.

Thank you so much. - Louella Dinnan

**Orientation Day for year 8 students** enrolled at St John's College for 2011 will be held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

**Celebrating Success: Congratulations to all this week's achievers;** (Please see ICAS sheet attached as well).

- Congratulations to Marist 13th Grade Rugby Team (**Daniel Trust, Morgan Watts and Jackson Heggie**) who won the Hamilton Central 13th Grade Championship. They also placed 2nd in the

Waikato Championship.

Awesome Work Guys.

- Hamilton Marist 11th Grade Green won the Waikato Central Junior Rugby 11th Grade Championship this season defeating Te Awamutu Wasps 28-7 in the final.

**Tom Martin, Quinn Tupaea, Damien Sklenars, Daniel Honiss, Nikora Mabibi, Esira Tulagi, & Nicholas Farrell** were all members of this team. Well done boys on a fantastic result!

- **Jenna Foot** (Rm8) achieved High Honours in her Jazz exam – well done Jenna!

### **Lost:**

- A polar fleece jumper size 10, named Q Leong, was taken from the choir recording on Monday. Please return to Tabitha in Rm 18.
- A polar fleece and a blue cap with white daisies – named Madeleine Bean. Please return to Rm 7.

**Lost Property:** Please check all lost property boxes, 1 in the juniors outside Rm1, 1 by Rm 6 and another outside Rm11. Also check the cleaner cupboard of the Marist Block. There are mountains of un-named articles. What is not claimed by the end of the term will be placed in the second hand uniform shop.

### **Rosa Mystica – Catholic Book Shop**

For gifts for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and other Sacraments, for Statues, Bibles, Crucifixes, Rosary beads and Holy cards visit us in the foyer of the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the above address. Open: 8-4pm Thursday and Friday, and after Masses on the first Sunday of the month

**For Loan:** Two First Communion dresses. See Martha

### **Holiday Programmes:**

- Magical Garden Holiday Programme "Oscar Funded" Full time/part time/casual bookings available. Visit our web site [www.magicalgarden.co.nz](http://www.magicalgarden.co.nz) or ph: 8566146
- Lynne Sinclair Taylor Art: Children's art workshop for ages 8 – 12 yrs on Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Oct and Chalk Pastel Art workshop on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> October for students over 12 yrs. Contact Lynne to register at 854 7402 or 021 121 9864 or email [LynneSTaylor@gmail.com](mailto:LynneSTaylor@gmail.com)

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday - \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam  
Principal

### **Flyers:**

- ICAS Results
- Sports Notice
- National Standards Leaflet