

15 September

Focus for the Week: Gospel Luke 15: 1-32 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Gospel contains three parables that speak to us of God's love and mercy. These stories remind us that no matter how far off the chosen path we may stray, God will be waiting to welcome us back. Like the son who returned to his loving father, we too can celebrate with God. But like the son we must acknowledge our sin, our turning away from his love, in order to return to God. We need not doubt the unlimited mercy of God, nor deny the need to have his help in getting 'back on track'. We walk our closest walk with him when we acknowledge our helplessness and dependency on God, our Father.

The Church offers us Christ's welcoming arms through the sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation. Through celebrating these sacraments we encounter our loving Father as he welcomes us, calling us back into his family of believers.

Value Focus: Honesty – Week 9

A political commentator recently observed that our current Prime Minister, John Key was the "most comfortable in their own skin" that he had met. Put simply, he has found comfort with who he is and is happy with the "fit" of John Key, Prime Minister and John, Key, person. What does being comfortable in our own skin mean for us? Perhaps it comes back to being honest with ourselves, identifying our values, describing to ourselves who we are and who we would like to be.

It means acknowledging our strengths and weaknesses and, being comfortable with the blend that makes us who we are. It's about defining ourselves from what we believe, not the possessions we have, the friends we keep or the job we do. Get this right and we can enjoy being happy in our own skin.

"No legacy is so rich as honesty"

William Shakespeare

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform: Over the last week few weeks I have been reminded of how strong Music is at Marian. The combined team 3 and 4 choirs of over 80 children sang for a Mishmash television competition last week and they were outstanding. In addition to our school orchestra this year the school has started three bands and the quality is already evident. I acknowledge the hard work and enthusiasm of staff members Mrs Dinnan, Mrs Kedian, Mrs Juwono and Mrs Hall for their work with our choirs and bands.

On the National Standards front the Minister of Education announced last Friday that she will convene a Working Party which will enable sector representatives to share experiences and contribute advice on:

- The implementation of the National Standards
- Ways to support schools to achieve the best learning outcomes for students
- Ways to ensure parents, families and whānau groups are being supported
- The benefit of using assessment to increase understanding of learning pathways
- The tools and skills that teachers, principals and Boards of Trustees will need to effectively use assessment information to inform their practice.

If your child is not attending school on any given day please telephone the school by 9.30 a.m. on 856 7515 and leave a message giving the child's name, room number and reason

for absence. Alternatively you may e-mail the school secretary at secretary@marian.school.nz

We do try to contact the parents of unexplained absence. This is however difficult to do without up to date telephone contact information. Parents, it is your responsibility to ensure that the school holds current home, business and emergency contact details. If you have changed address or your child has a changed medical condition or allergy from that notified at the time of enrolment, then we need to know.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community Emma O'Donoghue (Rm4)

Mass: There will be no school Mass tomorrow (Thursday)

Full School Assembly: Will be held in the Cathedral tomorrow (Thursday) at 1:30pm. All welcome

From the Locket-Turton Family

- My family and I would like to thank everyone for thinking of me while I've been in hospital and having treatment. It's nice to know there are people keeping me in their thoughts and prayers. I'd like to wish everyone a good rest of the year. Also, it was great to go through this with Paige.
Cheers – Noah
- On behalf of our family, we would like to sincerely thank all the teachers, parents and children of eh amazing Marina School Community who have supported Noah and our family over the last few months. We have felt so blessed to have so much love, support and prayers sent to us and would like you all to know how much it has meant.
God Bless you all – Barb, Dennis, Sam and Noah.

Marian School Hockey

Marian Hockey would like to sincerely thank **Lisa McLennan from Cene** and **OS Harrington from Harringtons Men's Wear** in Chartwell for their continued support towards our hockey uniforms.

We look smart because of you!

Christchurch Earthquake Fund: Silky-Bantam cross chooks \$20.00 a pair, 12 weeks old. (Roosters free to good home). Funds to Christchurch appeal (at school counter). Phone Nicolette 021 0275 4203.
PS – Donations are still accepted at the school counter if you wish to contribute.

Wearable Arts Evening: Next Stop Paris! Milan! Who Knows? Year 7 & 8
Wearable Arts Fashion Night is next
Wednesday 22 September in the Sacred Heart Hall at 7.00pm.

Tickets \$5.00 Secondary Students and Adult and \$2.00 Primary School Children are on sale in the Atrium before school and at the office after school.

This will be a fun night showcasing the talent of the students' in Team 4



LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you thank you thank you for the amazing success of our Destination Book Fair! For all the students, parents and grandparents who supported with personal sales and for those who have generously gifted books to us, will be identified by a presentation slip in the front each book and you will be the first to read.
To all who assisted; grandparents, parents and our amazing staff. You have helped us earn generous commission which will enable an increase of our own collection for all to enjoy. Did you know that Geronimo Stilton popped in? Be sure to look at the creative Destination Round the World postcards displayed in our Library.

Musical Appreciation Evening

Mark in your calendars now, our annual Musical Appreciation Evening will be held on Thursday October the 28th. An evening where our musically inclined students showcase their talents!

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to the following;

- **Eric Tang**, who received a merit in his Grade 2 Violin exam.

Grandparents Day - PTFA Thank You: A big thank you to the lovely parents who provided baking for the Grandparents day and also to the PTFA Team for their help in making the day a successful one.

Salsa Classes: There will be no Wednesday Salsa classes for the rest of this term. Notification will be in next term's newsletter if Salsa classes continue.

Sophie Gray – Destitute Gourmet: A fun and entertaining evening was had by all last Thursday. A big thank you to Pip Sullivan for her organisation and to the PTFA Team for their help on the night.

Marian School ASC 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.

Term 4 Fees will increase to:

\$10.00 per day for the first child and \$6.00 per day for second and subsequent children if they stay until 5pm. If they stay until 4:15pm, the first child rate will increase to \$7.00 per child per day and second and subsequent children to \$5.00 per day.

Vinnies Report: This week in Vinnies we made our toilet bags for the homeless. Inside we put a flannel, soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste plus more. We also put a card inside sending our best wishes. We hope that our toilet bag will help make a difference in their lives
Anna Westerbeke – Vinnies Reporter

Host Families needed: for Japanese students from 19 October to 1 November. If you are interested, contact; julie@youngsinternational.co.nz or phone 858 3238 or 021 0253 7223

Hillcrest Amateur Swim Club based at Hillcrest Normal School Pool in McCracken Ave Hillcrest, would like to invite interested swimmers for Term 4 to attend assessments (unless you attended winter training), for squads on the following evenings
6-8pm Wednesday 15th September at St Peters Collegiate pool
6-8pm Thursday 16th September at Gallagher Aquatic Centre (Standard Gallaghers Entry fee required to be paid at door)
Swimmers who have been attending winter training at the Club in Term 3 **are not** required to attend an assessment session.
The summer training session will be posted on our web site by **Monday 20th September 2010.**
Hillcrest Swimming Club Website on www.sportsground.co.nz

Learn to Swim & Junior Programme: Registration Day. Sun 10 Oct 10am – 2pm. Bring Membership Form, Togs and Towel Forms available from web www.fairfieldswimclub.zo.nz or email bulman@aaroncourt.co.nz - No Eftpos.

Holiday Programmes

- **Grant Bradburn Cricket Coaching:** Monday 27, Tuesday 28, and Wednesday 29 September. Held at Inzone Sports, Sunshine Ave, phone 838 0912

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

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