

Focus for the Week: A Grain of Wheat John 12: 20-33

Fifth Sunday of

Lent
In Sunday's gospel reading Jesus used the image of the grain of wheat to try and explain what would happen to Him. He wanted us to understand that like a seed, his death was necessary for there to be new life for everyone. Jesus gave up his life by dying on the cross so that he could have everlasting life. At our death, we too, are invited to share everlasting life with Him.

Value Focus: Honesty – Week 8

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

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom" - Thomas Jefferson

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Reflection:

Lenten Prayer...

Lord Jesus, you willingly gave up your life so that you could share your everlasting life with all mankind. Thank you for your courage and love and for dying to save us all, Amen.

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Mrs Toni Walters-freke has been appointed Acting Deputy Principal. Mrs Walters will carry out Principal duties in my absence. I encourage you to see Mrs Walters if required in my absence.

TEACHER PAID UNION MEETINGS - SCHOOL REMAINS OPEN

Under law, Teachers are able to meet to discuss Union matters twice a year for two hours. The New Zealand Education Institute (NZEI) has called their first meeting for Teachers in the Hamilton area on either Thursday 22nd or Tuesday 27th March. Our Teachers have been very helpful in pairing up with another class and rostering themselves on different meeting times so that there will be one teacher for two classes during the meeting times. On these days you may notice different programmes in place to help cater for the children.

NEW TOTE TRAYS

New tote trays have arrived for Rooms 6 and 7. These provide each child with an individual tray to store personal belongings. Each child will be decorating a named label for their own tote tray.

**EASTER HOLIDAY**

School will close at 3.00pm next Thursday 29 March - Holy Thursday for the Easter Holiday break. The school will reopen on Thursday 5 April. Please note Easter Tuesday 3 April is a school holiday and Wednesday 4 April is a Teacher Only Day. All staff will be involved in the launch of our Waikato Catholic Kahui Ako - Community of Learning. Our Community of Learning is made up of our twelve local Catholic schools working together to promote the highest quality education to our Catholic communities.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Masses are at the usual Sunday times**Easter timetable**

Mass of Christ: Tuesday 27 March 6pm (Cathedral)

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Thursday 29 March 7pm (Cathedral)

Stations of the Cross Good Friday: 30 March 9am (Cathedral)

Passion of the Lord Good Friday: 3pm (Cathedral and St Matthews)

Easter Vigil Saturday: 31 March 8pm (Cathedral)

Easter Vigil (Syro Malabar Rite): Saturday 31 March 7.30pm (St Matthews)

Easter Sunday: 7.30am, 10.30am, 6pm (Cathedral); 8.30am (St Matthews)

SOLIDARITY DAY

Last Thursday we hosted Solidarity Day, with students from six Catholic Schools joining us for the celebration. During this season of Lent, we have been learning about ways we can be like Jesus and help others.

Solidarity Day was an opportunity for the students to deepen their understanding and appreciation of what life is like for people who are less fortunate than us. We are very grateful to Mike Pritchard from Montana Catering for providing and cooking the rice for our meal. It was a generous donation and very much appreciated by all.

All of the cans collected on the day have been given to the Hamilton food bank and we collected \$542.40 from donations, which is being sent direct to Caritas. Caritas is a Catholic organisation that works with partners around the world, giving help to people in need.

Many thanks for a wonderful learning experience for us all. A special thank you to all the parents who lent us their chilly bins.



Solidarity Day Writing samples by Rm 7a

On Thursday, it was Solidarity Day. My favourite part of it was the purple balloons. I liked it when it went up in the sky and I loved the delicious rice. But my tummy was growling. - By Se'epa W

I enjoyed watching the purple balloons take off. And the rice was so well cooked and I could barely eat enough and I enjoyed sitting the a big circle as a family! - By Jahziel

On Thursday it was Solidarity Day. My favourite part was watching the balloons take off. While I was eating my rice, it reminds me of all the people that have a bowl of rice each day, so they go to bed hungry. - By Maeve

Volunteer Literacy Tutors

We are looking for anyone who may be able to volunteer time to work with some of our Year 7 and 8 tamariki to improve their literacy skills. All training will be given. We are wanting people who love to read and enjoy working with our wonderful young people. You will need to commit to a time once a week. If you are interested please email esawyer@marian.school.nz for more information.

PTFA: Mamas Donuts

Don't forget to get your orders into your class teacher

by THIS Friday. Spare order forms in the office. Donuts will be sent home next Thursday 29 March after school.

Reminder: Wed April 4 is a Teacher Only Day. School will be closed.

Marist Football: Reminder that registrations are now open. Login at http://mycometoceania.analyticom.de/en_NZ/login If you have not received your login information email info@waibop.co.nz and give your child's name. **Registrations close 2 April.** For further assistance email hamilton.marist.soccer@gmail.com

Young Vinnies: On Thursday and Friday of week 9, the Young Vinnies will be selling Easter Basket raffles outside the Junior Block, St Mary's Block and the Atrium during Morning Tea. The cost is \$1.00 per ticket or \$3.00 for 5 tickets.



Lost:

A plastic 'Farmers' bag containing swimming togs, t-shirt, Spiderman towel, blue with green and orange goggles. Articles inside are named. Return to Alvis Maliakkal Rm9

This Week's Health Nugget

A recipe card for Frittata Muffins. The card is titled 'FRITTATA MUFFINS' and is part of a 'BREAKFAST IDEAS' series. It lists ingredients: 5 large eggs, 1/2 cup cheese - grated, 1/2 cup ham - chopped, 1/2 onion - finely chopped, and a pinch of salt and pepper. The instructions are: Mix eggs in a bowl with salt and pepper. Add ham, onion and cheese to the bowl and mix through gently. Divide mixture in to muffin tray and bake at 200°C for 15-18 minutes. It serves approximately 12. The card is developed by Sport Waikato 2017. There is an image of the finished frittata muffins on the right side of the card.

Hamilton Lego Fan Expo – 2018:

Presents creations and collections from members of Hamlug and Friends.

Date: 7th & 8th April

Time: 9am – 5pm

Venue: Wintec Atrium

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$2.00 each

God Bless You

Debra A White
Principal

Flyers: Sport