

16 February

**Focus for the Week: Turn the Other Cheek** Matthew 5: 38-48 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's gospel was perhaps one of the most famous of all - Jesus tells his disciples to turn the other cheek.

We are told to love as God loves; that is, all people, even those we do not like and who do not like us. It is easy to be kind to those who are kind to us but God wants us to help build his kingdom here on Earth by being kind, loving and forgiving to those who hurt us too.

In the Lord's Prayer we ask God to forgive us, as we forgive those who trespass against us. If we want forgiveness and understanding for our sins, we must first show that same forgiveness and understanding to others.

**Value Focus: Diversity – Week 4**

Accepting others ideas and world views often takes effort, perhaps because of our restricted understanding of where these beliefs stem or the cultures from which they arise. However, once we make the effort to be open to new perspectives so often our acceptance increases of others as simply being human too. We are indeed fortunate to be living in a digital age that allows us to experience other cultures and perspectives virtually.

Ultimately, being able "to walk in someone else's shoes" as the saying goes, allows us to see the "humanness" of a variety of thoughts and actions. Whatever the country or culture - no one set of values beliefs or viewpoints has got it perfect all of the time. Beyond knowing what is basically right from wrong, we are all susceptible to human frailty, impulses and emotion, timeframes and immediate needs. Knowing this should lead us to accept everyone.

*"For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" 1 Samuel 16:7*

**Maori Language Phrase:** *Week 4 - This is a lovely day*

**He rā tino ātaahua tenei**

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Reflection:**

Nā tō rourou nā taku rourou - ka ora ai te iwi.

*With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive*

This whakatauki is perfect this week as we are planning our Learning Discussions. For our students to thrive in their learning it is important that we work together, school and home sharing what each knows about the child and their learning. This is reinforced by *"Parents and whanau play a critical role in supporting their children's learning right from the start. Evidence shows that learning outcomes are enhanced when parental involvement in school is sustained and focused on learning activities."* (Ka Hikitia, p.28) Ka Hikitia is a well respected Ministry of Education New Zealand document.

The Learning Discussions are a formal opportunity to enhance the three way partnership: student, teacher and parents, to form learning goals and set priority areas for development.

I encourage you to make these discussions a priority and demonstrate their importance to your child by your attendance.

**LEARNING DISCUSSIONS**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm – 7.30pm and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1.30 -5.30pm**

We will be using our online booking system:

Log onto: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Type in password code: **ymbub**

Select your teacher and times.

The Learning discussions will run from 1.30 pm each day.

Supervision will be provided for all students until 3.00pm unless they have been signed out prior to this time.

Please book your Learning Discussion time now. If you do not have access to a computer either ring Marian at the school or call into the office and we can help you.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Junde Jing (Rm14), Finn Crowley (Rm4), Esther AnnaSaneesh (Rm5), Rishon Chand (Rm4) and Indigo Coley (Rm4).

**Bereavement:** We offer our deepest sympathies to Xavier Karam (Rm7a) and his family on the loss of his much loved Great-Grandmother.

**Testing:** As you are aware, the children are continuing to do standardised testing this week in Reading, Maths, Listening and Spelling. Junior children are having Running records and Records of Oral Language completed. New Entrants are having School Entry Assessments completed. The results of all this testing will be given to you and your child at the Learning Discussion afternoons/evenings on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of March. Also at these meetings you, your child. Then the teacher will set the next learning steps for your child and you will work with the teacher to negotiate how you can help your child achieve these goals, and your child will work out what they will have to do to achieve these goals. Please mark these dates in your diaries now as classes will finish on those days at 12.30 so that teachers can meet with parents and children. Further instructions for booking your Learning Discussion will follow.

**Out of School Music - Opportunity for Year 4 children:** We have 2 vacancies in the Trumpet class and in the Clarinet class and we are opening this to Year 4 children this year. If you would like your child to have this wonderful musical opportunity please contact the office tomorrow (Thursday) for details. Forms for Trumpet and Clarinet are at the office. 🎺🎷🎻

**Orchestra:** Will hold a meeting on Wednesday 1 March at morning tea time, in the GSEC Lounge. If you have indicated your interest in Orchestra, please be there.

**Out of School Music lessons will commence next week.**

Children should have received confirmation of their enrolment and a timetable yesterday.

If you have already enrolled and you did not receive this please contact the office.

**Senior School Swimming Lessons at Hamilton Boys' High**

**School:** Please note these were due to start tomorrow, however we need to delay the start of the swim programme and the first lessons will now be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, running for 5 consecutive weeks. A reminder that we expect all students to participate and

would love any parent support- please contact your child's class teacher if you are able to assist.

**Student Leaders:** Congratulations to the 2017 Student Leaders as elected at Team 4 Camp.

HOUSE	CAPTAIN	DEPUTY CAPTAIN
EUPHRASIE Blue	Abcin Thomas Rm 20 Lily Borrie Rm 20	Paige Hayward Rm 17 Cam Bennett Rm 21
ST PETER CHANEL Green	ClaraMcPhillips Rm 19 Matthew Dale Rm 20	Olivia Calder Rm 19 William Martin Rm 20
GAINES Purple House	Tanya Zhou Rm 22 Sophie Brown Rm 19	Ethan Fernandes Rm 21 Ryan Hall Rm 21
ST THOMAS AQUINAS Red House	Scarlett Hallifax Rm 20 Jack O'Brien Rm 20	Katherine Bastion Rm 22 Jack Hallifax Rm 22
ST THERESE Yellow House	Aliesha Taylor Rm 18 Kamho Teerite Rm 18	Angelica Kaisa Rm 19 Alfie Goldfinch Rm 22
<b>SECONDMENT TO COUNCILS:</b> Hugo Barbour Rm 22, Kahn Sweetman Rm 20, Kevin Zheng Rm 20, Theresa Norman Rm 20, John Baunton-Browne Rm 17		

**Cultural, Environment and Special Character Leaders** can be found on this link:

[http://www.marian.school.nz/files/60dc554bac595ada/file\\_set\\_file/000/2352/Leaders\\_2017\\_-\\_Google\\_Docs.pdf](http://www.marian.school.nz/files/60dc554bac595ada/file_set_file/000/2352/Leaders_2017_-_Google_Docs.pdf)

**Sun Glasses for New Entrants:** Flyers have been sent home with students in Rooms 4 and 5. The offer of free sunglasses is from Visique to help protect young eyes from UV. Fill out the form and return it to your local Visique practice. (Our local branch is situated in Grey St).

#### **LIBRARY NEWS:**

The library is an inviting area, central to information gathering and love of literature. Thank you to all those individuals and families who have donated good quality, high interest books to enhance our collection. We warmly welcome anyone who would like to become a borrower. Call in and it can be organised.

#### **LIBRARY HOURS**

**8:30 - 2:55 Monday to Thursday**

**8:30 - 12:30 Friday**

All students are required to use a library bag. The loan period is 2 weeks. Students are issued with reminder notices for outstanding books and are asked to reimburse our library for any lost or damaged books.

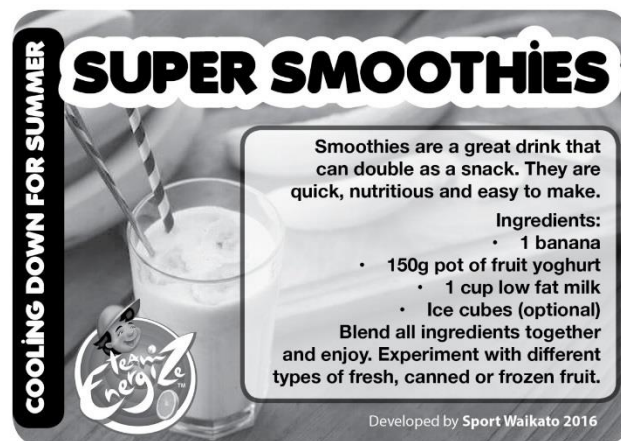
We invite you to peruse the Library Blog on the Marian School Website. This incorporates library news and introduces many new books.

Happy reading,  
Rose and Sharron

#### **Lost:**

- A school jersey named Amelia Sharp – Return to Rm13

#### **This Week's Health Nugget:**



**Caritas Reflection Programme:** The Parish Pastoral Leadership Team of the Cathedral are offering people the opportunity to reflect on the Sunday Gospels of Lent through the **Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme**, meeting (for an hour or so) once a week, for 6 weeks. A great way to prepare for Holy Week. There will be mostly evening sessions offered, but also a Friday morning one at 10.30 am at the Cathedral, and if there is interest maybe an afternoon session, say around 1.30pm for those who would like to participate before picking up children from school. If you are able to be a facilitator for the pre-pick-up session, please contact Andrea at the Parish centre (email: [andrea@cathedrabvm.org.nz](mailto:andrea@cathedrabvm.org.nz)). You may also register your interest at the school office. See Marian.

#### **Join us for a fun movie night!!**

Where: Hoyts Metro

When: Thursday 9th of March, 6.30pm

What: A Street Cat Named Bob

It's a lovely movie, based on a true story and best selling book about a young down and out man making something of his life with a bit of help from a stray cat.

Over half of your ticket price (\$20) will go towards our Oxfam Fundraiser. Our \$2,500 raised will help over 66 families living in poverty.

#### **Theatre Cats Speech and Drama**

**Girls: Years 6 + 7**

Join us in the Whare on Thursday afternoons from 3.15-4.15 pm and express yourself in a creative drama class.

Contact Sandra Timlin 8590377 Or [lynn18@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lynn18@xtra.co.nz)

**Mathematics and English Tuition:** English tutoring up to year 11 (NCEA level 1) and Mathematics tutoring up to Year 10 by a current NCEA level 2 & 3 English and Mathematics student. I have done 7 years of ICAS Mathematics and English examinations, 4 years of Otago Problem Solving Competitions and have represented my school for the WaiMaths, Kids Literacy Quiz, Spelling Bee and Chanel Shield competitions. My tuition rate is \$30.00 per hour. Contact Nikita in the evenings at 846 4474 or 022 0969 110

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday - \$2.00 each

God Bless You

Debra White (Mrs)  
Principal

**Flyers:** Sport