

8 March

Focus for the Week: Jesus is Tempted in the Desert Matthew 4: 1-11 First Sunday in Lent

In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus, proclaimed Son of God at his baptism, is subjected to a triple temptation. Obedience to the Father is a characteristic of being a true son, and so the devil does his best to get Jesus to rebel against God. Each refusal of Jesus is expressed in language taken from the Book of Deuteronomy ([Dt 8:3](#); [6:13](#), [16](#)). The temptations of Jesus echo those of Israel during the wandering in the desert and later in Canaan. The victory of Jesus, the true Israel and the true Son, is in contrast to the failure of the ancient and disobedient "son," the old Israel. During this season of Lent, we are called to take an honest look at our lives. What tempts us away from God? What is stopping us from completely trusting in his path for us and surrendering our lives to his will?

Value Focus: Diversity – Week 6

Accepting and celebrating difference, naturally means we acknowledge our own and others' strengths and needs. These do not need to be fixed for life, because of our ability to practice the skills for and have the desire to advance in areas we want to improve upon. However, that said, there will always be things which we struggle with, which come easily to others.

This need not be a source of frustration for us. Could it not be the opportunity to co-operate, to discuss, to learn from others? In times of instant communication and the "global village" drawing on others' strengths to enhance ourselves or the greater community, this need not even be limited to national borders. All it takes is the willingness to want to improve and the courage to reach out to others. For it is togetherness that we can achieve greatness.

"If you can find collaborators whose strengths compliment your own, the result can be more than the sum of its authors." - Walter John Williams

Maori Language Phrase: Week 6 - Very good/ Very well done **Tino pai**

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal' Reflection:*He aha te mea nui o te ao**He tangata, he tangata, he tangata**What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.*

I would like to share some special highlights I have had over the past week. Last Thursday parents from our Pasifika community held a welcome for me. This was a very special experience - I felt honoured and completely humble as two senior boys spoke on behalf of their families about their aspirations for their children's learning and how much they valued being part of Marian Catholic School Community.

Being part of our wider Catholic community is a very special part of our school. I am thrilled that senior students from St John's College attend our school masses. These students take active roles as Eucharistic Ministers, readers and Prayers of the Faithful alongside our students. These fine young men provide excellent role models for our students. I believe we also have students from Sacred Heart attend some of our school masses during the year. I look forward to meeting and thanking them.

Today I was speaking to some Sacred Heart students and they told me they had volunteered to be homework

mentors for our After School Care programme. One day each week a group of approx. 6-8 Sacred Heart students come over and work with any of our students who would like help with their homework.

We look forward to continuing these special links with our extended Catholic School family.

Education Review Office

Next week we will have two ERO reviewers onsite reviewing our school as part of their three yearly process. We will be welcoming the two reviewers on Monday 13 March at 9.15am after our regular Prayer Assembly in our church. Any interested parents are most welcome to attend our prayer assembly and welcome.

During the week the reviewers will be visiting each classroom, meeting with staff, parents, leadership team, and our BOT. As we have recently had a community survey November 2016, we will not be holding a general parent meeting. However if any parent would like to share any comments about our school's performance you may do so via email to the lead reviewer Ann Roberts: ann.roberts@ero.govt.nz these emails would need to be received by Tuesday 14 March 2017.

Learning Discussions

“Empowered to learn, inspired for life”

Empowering our students to learn is our priority. To help achieve this we use learning discussions. Learning discussions provide the opportunity for each student (supported by their teacher) to articulate their learning and identify their next learning steps.

A HUGE thank you to all the parents who braved the miserable weather to attend the Learning Discussions. I heard many teachers speak positively about how well the children were able to articulate their learning goals and talk about their learning with their teacher and parents. These discussions provide an excellent platform for parents to continue support and engagement with their child's learning. Please do not hesitate to make contact with your child's teacher if you wish any clarification on your child's learning or if you have any social or behavioural queries. Thank you for your continued support of our teachers and school.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community, Arnay Johnson (Rm5)

Wanted Please: Donated Easter Eggs

The young Vinnies would like donated wrapped Easter Eggs sent to the office for our Easter raffle and to share with the elderly at Wilson Carlisle Home. The four Team raffles will be sold before school in your team area in weeks 8 and 9.

Thank you – The Young Vinnies

Out of School Music Notices

We are well into the second week of Out of Hours Music Classes. There has been a great response and the children seem really excited to start on their musical journey. If you have enrolled your child in classes and they have not attended in the first 3 weeks they will be removed from the roll so that another child can have the opportunity to learn. Please let us know at the office if you have changed your mind or if you have any questions about your enrolment.

Care of Hire Instruments: We are very fortunate to have a good supply of quality instruments available to hire at Marian School. They are issued on the understanding that they will be treated with the utmost care and respect. Repairs are very expensive, as are the instruments themselves. Please do not let other siblings or visitors play with the instrument. . Thankyou for your continued support. - *Alison Hepburn*

Lost:

- A bucket hat named Hannah Parsons – please return to Rm 19

Marist Soccer

If you missed the Muster last weekend and still need to register, please do so via internet

Web <http://tinyurl.com/gndyt4v>

The cost is \$60.00 payable with submission.

Please consider coaching or managing a team.

This Week's Health Nugget



School Lunches:

Order your child's lunch online anywhere Monday to Friday deliveries.

Go to www.lunchorder.co.nz and check out their menu.

Lunches must be ordered before by 8:30am.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

God Bless You

Debra A White

Principal

Flyers:

- Sport

2017 Term Dates:

Term 1 finishes Thursday 13 Apr

Term 2: Mon 1 May – Fri 7 Jul

Term 3: Mon 24 Jul – Fri 29 Sept

Term 4: Mon 16 Oct – Fri 15 Dec

Hostel Demolition: For Health and Safety reasons as deconstruction work and heavy trucks will now be operating on the old hostel site, all students, parents and parishioners are to walk through the main entrances, or park at the main carpark