

3 May

This Week's Focus: Luke 24: 13-35

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus's disciples were very disappointed and depressed about his death. They were feeling lost and alone. They did not understand the things that Jesus had said about 'rising from the dead.' They were quite sure that people did not come back to life.

When two of the disciples met with Jesus, whilst walking the road to Emmaus, they did not recognise him. Even though Jesus spent the journey talking with them as they walked, and explained all of the scriptures where the prophets had foretold his coming, they still could not truly see him. When they finally reached Emmaus it was almost evening and Jesus was invited to stay and eat with the two disciples.

When he blessed and broke the bread, the disciples realised that Jesus was with them. Through God's word, and the breaking of bread, the disciples' eyes were opened and they could see clearly at last.

Why Jesus chose not to reveal himself to the disciples immediately is worth thinking about. Perhaps it was an opportunity?

The challenge for us is this: can we see Jesus present in those around us? Do we look for him in the people we meet?

Value Focus: Respect – Week 1

The acronym TEAM – "together everybody achieves more" is particularly pertinent at the beginning of the school year. Within our personal strengths, likes and dislikes, opinions and preferences, we need to think and behave so that everyone benefits. That way everyone has the same chance of achieving and in turn we are setting ourselves up for success.

Thinking about how our actions and words affect our colleagues and classmates means we are open to recognising others' needs and more likely to succeed in co-operative situations.

How can we do this? Listen to understand. Appreciate and celebrate differences. Be positive and open to possibilities. From these comes respect.

"In the end we are all separate: our stories, no matter how similar, come to a fork and diverge. We are drawn to each other because of our similarities, but it is our differences we must learn to respect."

"To be one, to be united is a great thing. But to respect the right to be different is maybe even greater."

Bono

Maori Language Phrase: Hello everyone, welcome back Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Reflection:

Welcome back to Term Two

With the term ending in a cyclone with dreadful stormy weather forecasted it was a delight we had such glorious autumn weather during the holiday break. The staff have returned feeling refreshed and looking forward to the term ahead.

Staff Changes

Our thoughts are with both Mr Grant Stuart as he takes up his first principalship at St Peters Catholic Cambridge and Mrs Liz Summerville as she begins her retirement.

As a result we welcome new staff and have made a couple of internal staff changes.

Mrs Toni Walters-Freke will be Team leader for both Team One and Team Three.

Mrs Shannon Dons will be teaching each Monday in Room 16 and each Thursday and Friday in Room 13.

We welcome a number of new staff.

Mrs Vania McKeown will be teaching in Room 17. Mrs McKeown is a secondary teacher and has retrained as a primary teacher.

Working with Mrs McKeown is Mrs Judy Clarke who will work one day a week in Room 17.

Mrs Chloe James will be releasing Mrs Chadwick one day a week in Room 8 and releasing our Directors of Religious Education Ms Luke in Room 11 and Mrs Whyte in Room 12, one day each alternate week.

Mrs Christine des Forges will be working each Tuesday in Room 5.

Welcome to these new staff members and I know you will enjoy teaching in our wonderful school.

**Three lessons from Pope Francis' TED talk**

I was so inspired by Pope Francis' first TED talk. His message was simple, people are important. In this busy technological world, the speed of life challenges us to prioritise the way we notice, interact and care for others. Pope Francis shared three messages that emphasised the importance of people, how we treat each other and how we need to ensure we use the technological and scientific advances to reach out to others.

First message: The future is achievable if we stick together. Pope Francis said "Life is not time merely passing by, life is about interactions."

Second message: Don't let technological innovation blind us to others suffering – he spoke about the same effort used to discover far away planets be used to notice the needs of the people we meet.

Third message: The revolution of tenderness – to use our hands and our hearts to comfort others and care for those in need.

What wonderful messages to start a new term. Pope Francis' message emphasizes the importance of how to treat others and our value focus for this term is Respect.

Each Monday morning at prayer assembly the students will share thoughts and possible actions to carry out during the week related to Respect. I look forward to an excellent term ahead.

Lock down On the last day of Term One we had a lock down at 3pm. The lock down was called due to a violent abusive man

approaching parents at our Clyde Street entrance as they arrived to collect their children just before 3pm. We needed to keep the children and parents away from the Clyde Street entrance. The police were called and the matter dealt with. I would like to thank the parents for their support as the school went into lockdown at this extremely inconvenient time and appalling weather conditions. We take our responsibility for the Health and Safety of our children seriously and student and staff safety is paramount.

A lock down is signalled by six short bells. All students and staff are to stay inside or if they are outside move into the nearest building. Staff are kept informed through emails. Once the area is safe three short bells will be rung. We will use our School APP and website to provide information and instructions.

For your diary - Volunteers required for Fielddays - 14th - 17th June. We are once again lucky enough to be partnering with Fielddays to provide volunteers for the gates. This has been a major fundraiser for the PTFA for many years. We have over 100 shifts to fill over 4 days at the following times :

0530 - 0830 - 10 volunteers

0730 - 1130 - 12 volunteers

1100 - 1400 - 6 volunteers

with a 1.5 hour meeting at Mystery Creek on the 11th June.

I will send out a form in next weeks newsletter or you can email preferred times and dates to cindy@emote.co.nz. This will be on a first come first served basis. After you have completed your shift you are welcome to look around Fielddays for free - you also get GREAT carparking right at the top of the hill. Call 0274 433 905 for more information.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Harrison Clarke (Rm16), Hudson Clarke (Rm8), Spencer Clarke (Rm5), Shreya Dius (Rm6), Catherine Dius (Rm7a), Adam Lewis (Rm19), Danielle Lewis (Rm15), Emily Lewis (Rm9), Charlotte Lewis (Rm7), Oliver Sole (Rm5), Lizabel Thomas (Rm4), Alesha Varghese (Rm6), Aria Varghese (Rm5), Emma Wood (Rm5), and Mina Hu (Rm8),

Bereavement: We offer our deepest sympathy to Jhy, Lyrik, Jayda and Armay Johnson and their family and also to Ciara Roberts and her family on the death of their much loved grandmother. May she rest in peace.

Our Lady of Fatima Celebration

On **Saturday 13th May** we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's first appearance to the blessed children Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, at Fatima in Portugal.

Here at the cathedral, we will celebrate by gathering together as community for a children's afternoon followed by a pizza and movie event.

The schedule is as follows:

4.30pm – Children's afternoon tea – Parish Centre

5.00pm - Children's Fatima movie – Parish Centre

5.30 – Children's Fatima movie ends

6.00pm - Mass

7.15pm – Adult Fatima movie (1st ½) - Cathedral

8.00pm - Intermission – Pizzas served - Cathedral kitchen area

8.15pm - Adult Fatima movie (2nd ½) - Cathedral

9.00pm - Adult Fatima movie ends

There is no charge. Please come along and join in the celebrations!

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to; **Lola Hennessey** who competed at the *Australasian Karate competition*, getting Bronze in the 12-13 yr girls Kumite and Silver in the Australian Open 12-13 yr girls Kumite.

Brodie Thomas has been selected for the NZ Karate Team for the Karate Commonwealth Competition in Durban, South Africa later this year.

Anzac Day Wreath Laying

As Student Councillors, Olivia and I had the honour of representing Marian School at the Anzac Day service. The ceremony showed the importance of honouring the past to make the future a better place for all of us. We felt very privileged to be a part of the ceremony, and to be able to lay a wreath in remembrance of those who died. Thank you to Mrs Goodall for making the wreath.
– Clara McPhillips



Year 7 Immunisations

Thank you to all parents who returned consent / non-consent forms for their child's year 7 Boostrix vaccination. This year the Public Health Nursing team will be immunising the consented year 7 students in Term 2. If your child has already had their 11 year old vaccination (Boostrix) at the GP in the meantime please email or phone me to let me know.

Thank you

*Sara-Jane Murison
Public Health Nurse*

Enviro School Tip of the Week: Make sure you bring reusable containers instead of packets and glad wrap, to prevent litter around our school

PTFA Meeting: Our next meeting will be held Tuesday 9 May at 7:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Saturday morning music classes

Enrolments are now open for Term Two 2017 at the Hamilton Community Centre of Music. The first session is on **Saturday 6th May**. The centre caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels, offering group-format music tuition in a range of instruments. Fees range from \$35 to \$95 per term (8 lessons) depending on age and instrument. **The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in as many of our ensembles as you wish, at no additional charge.**

Class times are between 8am and 1:00pm on Saturday mornings during primary school terms. The centre is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest.

Contact us via our website <http://www.hccm.ac.nz/> or on 07 838 4611

Want to learn to play the GUITAR or UKULELE?

Here at Marian School you can, with the help of **MusiqHub**.

Just contact **Carl** for more info...

toezee@gmail.com

027 388 9558

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

God Bless You
Debra A White
Principal

Flyers:

- Sport
- Flowchart for queries and problems