

10 May

**Focus for the Week: John 10: 1-10** Fourth Sunday of Easter

As followers of Jesus we believe we are guided, protected and nourished by Him. Jesus is our "Good Shepherd" and we are his flock. Jesus told this story to make us understand that He cares for us as much as the shepherd cares for his sheep. He watches over us at all times and knows each of us by name. We belong to Jesus. He takes care of all our needs, and we can trust in His goodness. It is impossible for Jesus the Good Shepherd to lose us, impossible for others to take us away from Him.

As we learn together about what Christ wants of us, we grow closer to him and to each other. We will not lose our way but will share in his gift of eternal life. Jesus the Good Shepherd will lead us on together.

**Values Focus : Respect – Week 2**

A major factor in our ability to show respect towards others is how we manage to foster self-respect in ourselves. Taking pride in our appearance, what we do, say and believe while remaining true to who we are, all form the framework of healthy self-respect. Engaging in reflection on who we want to be, realising our weaknesses and strengths and developing a personal style in these areas allows us to celebrate our uniqueness. With these in place we allow ourselves to be open to respecting the differences and making a difference to others.

*Better to write for yourself and have no public, than to write for the public and have no self. ~Cyril Connolly*

*Self-respect cannot be hunted. It cannot be purchased. It is never for sale. It cannot be fabricated out of public relations. It comes to us when we are alone, in quiet moments, in quiet places, when we suddenly realize that, knowing the good, we have done it; knowing the beautiful, we have served it; knowing the truth we have spoken it. ~Whitney Griswold*

**Maori Language Phrase:** He tino pai tō mahi. You've done a good job

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Reflection:**

"Each of us by our love and care leaves a mark on the life of others" - Pope Francis 2017

This quote by Pope Francis leads us beautifully into the Marian Value of RESPECT we are working on this term. Promoting how we can leave lots of "positive marks" on others and treat others with respect is led by our senior students each week during our prayer Assembly. These messages are reinforced daily in their classrooms and the playground. This system strengthens and promotes the wonderful positive culture we enjoy in our school. Talking about how you show RESPECT for yourself, for others and the environment, at work or in your homes, helps to consolidate the importance of this life long value in our children.

Our school vision is "**Empowered to learn, Inspired for Life**". Our vision guides the teaching and learning throughout the school. Our students work closely with their teachers to:

- Set their own learning goals
- plan how they will achieve their learning goals
- give and receive feedback on their learning
- interpret and use assessment information and feedback
- evaluate their progress.



The Learning Conversations held last term began this process for the students. Our teachers have an excellent understanding of the learning each student needs. Our teachers are working in partnership with the students to help the students understand what they need to learn and their next learning steps. This is an important step to empower our students in their learning. This term we are developing learning progressions in 'kids speak' that will help clarify the learning pathways for students. Research tells us that "*empowering students to become more self-directed learners and helping teachers and parents further develop these skills in their children can significantly increase students' motivation and achievement in school* (Cleary and Zimmerman, 2004). This is an outcome we are all working towards happy connected life long learners.

**Welcoming new families and building our school community**

Would you be interested in joining a WhatsApp; (free internet texting app) group with other families within our school? This initiative has been proposed by a new parent to our school to support informal communication between parents to build a stronger united community. The purpose would be to introduce parents who may not have a lot of contact with other parents. If you would be interested in using this form of communication to meet other school families please contact Marian in the school office. A parent has offered to coordinate the group and follow up with interested parents.

The school uses various forms of communication to communicate with the school community. Weekly newsletters, school website, school facebook, school APP, and some classes use Class DoJo. It is important to note that once you download our school APP you will need to select the notifications you wish to turn on in order to receive the school messages.

**Mass:** Full School Mass will be celebrated tomorrow at 9:10am. All welcome. We would appreciate children bringing a non-perishable food item for the foodbank

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community Xiyao Wu (Rm10) and her family.

**Please lock your bikes and scooters!!!**

Once again, opportunists have come and tried to steal a scooter and stole another bike . We found a bike also left on the ground. Please ensure that your children lock up their 'wheels' as the school holds no responsibility for them being stolen.

**Gwynne Shield Rugby trials for 2017**

**WASPs Team.** Our first trial is the 14th May at Swarbrick Park, Frankton- from 9.30-10.45am, weigh-in and registration. 11.00am kick-off and then the 21st May at Swarbrick Park, Frankton- 9.30-10.30am weigh-in and registration for players who did not attend the 1st trial. 10.45am kick-off. For all keen Year 7 and 8 rugby players, who are under 57kgs. Boys and girls welcome to trial.

**SAINT JOHNS COLLEGE INFORMATION**

**EVENING:** An information evening for all 2018 prospective students and their families will be held Tuesday 16 May 6.30pm in the school gymnasium. The evening will provide information on the enrolment process, opportunities to meet with and speak to teaching staff and a tour of the College grounds. For further information please contact the school office 07 856 7091 or email [principal@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz](mailto:principal@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz)

**Lost:**

- A school jersey named Angelica Benham – please return to Rm 21

**Found:**

- A man's wedding ring. Please see Marian at the school office.

**Scholastic Book Orders:** The next order of Scholastic Books is due 30 May. All orders should be through LOOP system. (See book club flyer). Money and orders do not come through the school.

**Nothing Naughty Bars:** We still have boxes of the yummy Nothing Naughty Protein Bars available at the school office. Many flavours to choose from. Boxes are \$20.00 each.

**Entertainment Book:** Books are available at the school office. Collect yours now as the coupons can be used until 1 June 2018. Books are \$65.00. We receive a good commission from selling these. Proceeds will go to the PTFA as part of their fundraising.

**Celebrating Success: - Children's Literature**

**Quiz:** Congratulations to the Marian School teams who were placed 1st and 5th in the recent CIS Waikato Literature Quiz. The teamwork they demonstrated was a credit to them.

Both teams will compete in the Waikato Children's Literature Quiz tonight at Southwell School, starting at 6.30pm. Please feel welcome to come along and support them.

**Supporting Success:** There is an active give-a-little page to support Brodie Thomas to represent New Zealand at the Karate Commonwealth Competition in South Africa in 2017. An amazing achievement we thought other Marian families may wish to support. The success of crowd fundraising relies on getting the word out and about so please mention the fundraiser to others who may have an interest. Wishing Brodie all the best. - Bayer/Barbour family.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/helpbrodiecompeteinsa>

**Marriage Enrichment Program:** 10 June, 8:30am at St Pius X School Hall, Melville. No cost This is a one-day recollection for couples. Talks are about the Christian marriage, home, communication and healing a marriage. The day is open to all married and engaged couples. Pre-registration is a must for catering purposes. Please contact Joel and Melissa Castillo 021 189 9900 or 022 097 3830 or email [joedrc@yahoo.com](mailto:joedrc@yahoo.com)

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

God Bless You

Debra A White  
Principal

**Flyers:**

- Sport