

24 May

Focus for the Week: I Will Not Leave You On Your Own John 14: 16-20

In Sunday's Gospel reading Jesus reassures his disciples by telling them that, although he would be leaving them soon, they would not be left alone. God would send the Holy Spirit to strengthen, help and guide them in their mission. Jesus explained that many in the world would fail to recognise the Holy Spirit, as he could not be seen, only felt. The Latin word 'spiritus' means breath or wind and is a very good description of the Holy Spirit. Although we cannot see the wind we can certainly see and feel its effects. The Holy Spirit moving through our lives should be just the same. Others should be able to see that the Holy Spirit lives in us through our actions. 'Spiritus' also means inspiration and confidence. This is something that the disciples would need lots of in the days following Jesus's ascension. We, too, can trust that, if we listen, the Holy Spirit will guide us and give us the confidence and strength to do God's will in our daily lives.

Values Focus: Respect – Week 4

If we analyse the popular saying "Clothes maketh the person" in terms of respect we can readily identify 2 dimensions. Firstly – that how we present ourselves is an indicator of how we view ourselves and want the world to see us – our self-respect. The second dimension is how we identify with those groups we belong to. If we belong to a team or group this often means the pride and respect we show in the uniform we wear, or how we speak or act when we are representing that group. As members of Marian School, to give our best effort when representing our school physically, academically, and spiritually is to show respect. American President Woodrow Wilson once said: "You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand." Lofty aims for humanity certainly, but transferred to a smaller sphere, the simple message is that we are privileged to belong to the community that is Marian Catholic School. To truly belong, we must appreciate that our actions and words represent so many more than ourselves now and into the future. Therein lies a collective respect. "Some of us have great runways already built for us. If you have one, take off! But if you don't have one, realize it is your responsibility to grab a shovel and build one for yourself and for those who will follow after you" - Amelia Earhart

Maori Language Phrase Kei te makariri te ra – It is cold today

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Reflection:

Whaia te iti kahurangi,
Ki te tuohu koe me mauna teitei

Pursue that which is precious and do not be deterred by anything less than a lofty mountain. This whakatauki encourages us to strive, to set goals, to persevere by setting our sights high and to not give up on them for anything.

This whakatauki perfectly captures what our teachers are teaching our students. Using Growth Mindset to "Empower our Learners" is an approach we are using to support and develop our learners. Growth Mindset is a term developed by Dr Carol Dweck after studying the behaviour of thousands of children. This term used with "fixed mindset", describes the underlying beliefs people have about learning and intelligence. As we work to

empower our students as learners, teaching about Growth Mindset is proving invaluable.



This diagram highlights the importance of students believing they are capable and with support can learn. Using a Growth mindset approach helps to build resiliency and the understanding that learning requires dedication and hard work. Teachers use our ACTS kids: Thinker, Communicator, Self-manager, and Active

Participator to help our learners develop the learning attributes they will need to become lifelong learners. Please help us by supporting your child to believe they are capable beings and help them to see the importance of hard work and dedication.

Mass: Team 2 and Team 4 will celebrate Mass tomorrow at 9:10am. All welcome.

School Photos: A reminder that class and individual photos will be taken this Friday (26 May). Envelopes with payments are due tomorrow.



School App: Have you heard of our Marian School App and would like to get it but don't know how? Please come and see Kay Petchell and she will help you get it on your phone. The App gives your information about school events and will give you information of what to do in case of an emergency.

Maths Evening Please mark the 6th of June in your calendars - we are having a maths evening here at Marian. The teachers are running workshops for you on aspects of maths and how you can help your children with maths at home in simple fun ways that you will all enjoy. The sessions will be run twice - immediately after school and again at 6:30pm. Further details to follow.

Volunteers required for Fielddays - 14th - 17th June



We still need to fill over 70 shifts for Fielddays volunteers for the gates. Please ask friends, family, work colleagues. You can find more information on the Marian School website under Quicklinks or email cindy@emote.co.nz or phone 0274 433 905.

Shifts	Wed 14 th June	Thurs 15 th June	Fri 16 th June	Sat 17 th June
5.30 – 8.30am	4 people	5 people	7 people	6 people
7.30 – 11.30am	10 people	11 people	5 people	8 people
11.00 – 2.00pm	2 people	4 people	4 people	6 people

There is also a 1.5 hour meeting at Mystery Creek on the 11th June.

This Week's Health Nugget:



St Mary's Scout Group: A new Kea group has started this term.

KEA'S
(AGE 6 TO 8 YEARS)
TERM TWO
Wednesday's
5PM TO 6PM

Leanne 0211893921 or group leader David Cannell ph 07 856 7243

Both Boys & Girls most welcome.
Come along for a few weeks for free, have some fun.



Vacancies also available for both Cubs (8 – 10 years of age) & Scouts 10 – 14.5 years of age.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$2.00

God Bless You

Debra White
Principal

Flyers:

- Sport

