

31 May

**Focus for the Week: Feast of the Ascension** Matthew 28: 16-20

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus returned to His father in heaven. The disciples were feeling very sad because they knew they wouldn't see Jesus again in this world. Jesus knew how sad and scared the disciples felt. He said to them that He would be with them always through the power of the Holy Spirit, and through the sharing of the bread and wine at the Eucharistic meal.

Jesus asked the disciples to "Go out into the world and share God's love and teachings with everyone." An invitation to all to become Christ's followers.

Today we are asked to share our faith and God's Word with others. We all have the Holy Spirit living within us and God's goodness working through us. May we be examples to others bringing "Christ into the World" through our words and actions.

**This Week's Values Focus: Respect – Week 5**

The time of Lent as the popular church hymn implores, is the time to "Turn back to God". How might we do this? Acknowledging ourselves as sinners and asking for forgiveness and guidance in keeping our lives as Jesus would want us to live them is the first step. This allows us to be open to God in our lives: setting aside times for prayer and worship; seeking where possible to assist others less fortunate than ourselves; living according to the Ten Commandments; accepting the crosses that go with choosing to follow Him. Such actions allow us to grow spiritually and renew our relationship and respect for God as our Lord and guide this Lent.

*"What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God."* - Eleanor Powell

**Maori Language Phrase:** *Kātahi nā te tamaiti mōhio, ko koe.* What a clever child you are.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Reflection**

As I watch the America's Cup races I am in awe of the innovation and creativity of the design team behind our Emirates Team New Zealand catamaran. I applaud the team for being courageous and implementing the "number 8 wire mentality" to use cycle power over the tradition grinding approach. As Tim Meldrum, the mechanical designer at Emirates Team New Zealand who has led the cycling project says, "It really goes against the tradition of an America's Cup and grand prix sailing culture that has been strong in grinding for 30 years.

Thankfully we took a rational scientific approach that let the numbers speak for themselves." Watching the America's Cup I see the absolute value of creativity, science and technology, and team work, in our schools.

New Zealand Education is faced with a paradoxical dilemma of having to meet the unrealistically high expectations of 85% of all children meeting National Standards in reading, writing and mathematics on one hand, and delivering our innovative New Zealand curriculum that promotes the key competencies to develop lifelong connected learners that have the potential to lead the world.

Our challenge is to maintain our focus on providing a sound literacy and numeracy foundation while providing learning programmes that will nurture and promote creativity, develop curious minds, and provide our

students opportunities to take risks and come up with solutions, review and redesign.

**Chaos at the School Gate**

This is an ongoing Health and Safety issue for many schools. Firstly I would like to acknowledge and thank our parents who are able to make our carpark work for them. We rely on parents being courteous and following accepted driving rules to keep everyone safe.

To help streamline Health and Safety at our School Gate:

- Use existing carparks
- Leave the pedestrian crossing free
- Organise with your child to wait at the Drop Off Zone immediately inside the Church Carpark

We have contacted the Hamilton City Council and Police for advice. I intend to review the current carpark plan to research options to streamline Drop offs and Picks Up and optimise the Drop off Zone.

While we look into options I ask for your support to keep all our students safe.

**Autumn and Winter use of the Field**

We encourage all our students to be active and use our fields during Terms Two and Three.

However, dependent on the weather we need to protect our field. To do this we operate a flag system where by a Red Flag on the field means that no one is allowed on the field. Yellow flags mean that children may go on the field provided they are wearing in old clothes. Please support the school and provide old clothes for your children to play on the field.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community, the following students and their families; Nicole Sullivan (Rm5) and Zach Clarke (Rm5).

**Music Fees Term 1 and 2**

These are now due. This year they have been included on the activities invoice.

**Last chance - 40 volunteers still required for Fieldays - 14th - 17th June**

Wooho, thanks to everyone who has come forward to fill shifts - we have got until Friday 3rd June to fill over 40 shifts for Fieldays 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](mailto:cindy@emote.co.nz) or phone 0274 433 905.

Shifts	Wed 14th June	Thurs 15th June	Fri 16th June	Sat 17th June
5.30 – 8.30am	3 people	4 people	1 people	6 people
7.30 – 11.30am	9 people	10 people	3 people	2 people
11.00 – 2.00pm	0 people	2 people	0 people	6 people

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

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Friday 1st September**

**Marian Schools big fundraising event for the year!!!**

It will be a fun evening with dancing, drinks, auction and an awesome band!

Look out for more details to follow in the school newsletters.

Tickets will be on sale in Term 3.



**PTFA – Auction Items** We are looking for items to auction for our big fundraising event in September. If you have any items that you would like to donate for the auction can you please email Charlene at [charlenemutter@hotmail.com](mailto:charlenemutter@hotmail.com).

All proceeds will go directly to the PTFA which in turn provides funding towards improving our childrens future and facilicites at the school.

Thank you – Charlene

**Maths Information Night:** On the 6th of June we are having a Parent Maths Information Night. We are running 2 sessions: 3.20 - 4.30 and repeated again 6.30 - 7.30. Both sessions will held in the Marist Block with everyone meeting in the Atrium to start. This is for parents of children in all Teams and will start with an introductory session followed by breaking into 8 workshops which will be repeated after 20 minutes

**Tractor Pull:** Congratulations to the following Team 3 students who competed in the Fieldays Schools Tractor Pull competition on Thursday 25th May. These students had to show some grunt in pulling a 5 Tonne Tractor over 50 metres on our School Field. It was a tough ask considering the

heavy mud they were attempting to pull the Tractor through. We hope you enjoyed the experience and will see if we progress to the Final at Mystery Creek.

Rm 12- , Liam, Ioana, Caitlin, Toby, Isaac, Maddi

Rm 13- Tannika, Blake, Te Huinga

Rm 14- Caleb, Jaxon, Nyasha

Rm 15- Helen, Charlie, Byron, Caleb L, Aleena, Samantha, Luka

Rm 16- Anne

**PCT Challenge 2017** On Tuesday the 23rd of May, two Year 7 and 8 Teams attended the 2017 PCT Challenge run by the NZ Police, hosted by Fairfield Intermediate.

Throughout the day, we had a variety of challenges which included identifying fingerprints, the PCT (Police Competency Test) obstacle course, pushing a car and more. Both teams competed very well and were placed 11th and 5th out of 30. Thank you very much to parent helpers, Mrs Higby, and most of all, NZ Police for making this event possible. We had an amazing time and are all very grateful for the opportunity.

- Charlie Moon

**Celebrating Success:** Tamzyn McNamara - Won 8 yr girl's 'Morine Trophy' for Hillcrest Amateur Swimming Club Champs. Well done!

**Lions' Tour Art Panels:** The senior students involved in Art Attack, a lunchtime art group, entered a competition to create an artwork celebrating the countries visiting for the Lion's Tour. Two of our entries were selected and will be placed on both walking routes around the CBD. The winning entries and map can be viewed on our facebook page. Congratulations to all the students who participated and submitted entries – the artwork we received was outstanding!

**Kind donation of sheets and bed linen received –GOING FOR FREE;**

Winter is here and it's time to rug up. Pop into the Reflection Room on Thursday 2pm – 3pm if you are interested. - Martha

**Lost**

- A woollen school jersey named Allen Jung – please return to Rm8

**This Week's Health Nugget:**



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

God Bless You

Debra A White  
Principal