

7 June

**Focus for the Week:** John 20: 19–23 Pentecost Sunday

On the occasion of Pentecost the disciples were once again gathered together, perhaps afraid, certainly well aware of the danger that they were in, and the huge responsibility that Jesus had entrusted to them when he told them to continue his mission here on Earth. Afraid they might have been, but they also had faith in God and trusted Jesus to keep his word and send a helper to guide and strengthen them.

Imagine the excitement as they received the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Suddenly there was a noise like a powerful wind. Tongues of fire appeared and came to rest on each disciple and they were 'filled with the Spirit.' With peace and courage the disciples began to spread the Good News.

We too receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We know that the Spirit is present with us and, if we only trust in God, it will give us the strength to be 'good news' for others.

**This Week's Value Focus: Respect – Week 6**

A wise person once said – "One who doesn't make time for health and exercise now, must make time for illness later".

The message is simple and deep at the same time. The simple meaning promotes the well-being of the individual – a healthy body takes effort – regular exercise and a balanced diet requires us to pay attention to our well-being.

The deeper message is this – It is ok to take time for ourselves, to make sure we are as healthy as we can be. If we don't take the time to make ourselves right physically and mentally; to achieve the balance between our personal well-being and what we give to others, how can we offer ourselves and others our best ?

*"My own prescription for health is less paperwork and more running barefoot through the grass. ~Terri Guillemets*

**Maori Language Phrase:** Te te tākaro koe i ēnei rā whakatā? Are you playing sports this weekend?

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Reflection:**

**This is important:** to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good. Pope Francis

The Feast day of Marcellin Champagnat 6th June was celebrated in fine spirit by the St John's College school and community. I was privileged to attend a beautiful Mass with our Special Character Leaders and Student Councilors. The Mass was a wonderful celebration of everything St John's College stands for and believes. Reading from the St John's College website:

*The philosophy of St John's College is based on that of the Founder of the Marist Brothers of the Schools, Saint Marcellin Champagnat. Marcellin was born in 1789, the year of the Revolution in France. He saw how some children were failed by the education system of the day, and he set about remedying the situation as best he could. From him rose the Marist teaching order, which has spread throughout the world.*

*These five points (called the **pillars**) give a brief basis of his philosophy: Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work, and In the Way of Mary.*

*Each year the college focuses on one of the above pillars and tries to incorporate it into all facets of school life.*

*The aspect of the Marist Charism that we are focusing on for 2017 is **In the Way of Mary**.*

During Bishop Steve's homily, he held up the rock painted "In the Way of Mary" and spoke about the importance of Mary and her courage to follow her faith. Celebrating the Feast Day of Marcellin Champagnat with such a dynamic vibrant school community who really live their values and are true ambassadors to their charism on which their school was founded, is to be congratulated. Testament to this was the large number of St John's College students who were welcomed into the church and were Confirmed and received their First Holy Communion. I felt immense pride of being part of a Catholic School and knowing the faith we are nurturing in our students is continued into secondary school. Well done St John's College!

## Numeracy Afternoon and Evening

Yesterday we held two Parent Information sessions on Mathematics. We were absolutely delighted with the response we had – over 40 parents attended our afternoon session and well over 60 at the evening session. The session began with Mrs Jane Barbour giving an informative introduction which covered the numeracy stages and curriculum levels,

Curriculum Level 1		Curriculum Level 2		Curriculum Level 3		Curriculum Level 4		Curriculum Level 5			
Numeracy Strategy Stage 2-3	Numeracy Strategy Stage 4	Numeracy Strategy Stage 5	Numeracy Strategy Stage 6	Numeracy Strategy Stage 7	Numeracy Strategy Stage 8	Count from one	Advanced Counting	Early Additive Part Whole	Early Multiplicative	Advanced Multiplicative Early Proportional	Advanced Proportional

the teaching approach, and shared a word problem to illustrate the different ways we encourage the students to solve mathematical problems. The parents then selected workshops to attend. The teachers had planned practical workshops to inform parents and help them understand the way numeracy is taught. A key message from the evening was please encourage your child to keep trying and not give up because they think they are not good at maths! "It may be hard now but that is because you are still learning". This is a classic Growth Mindset approach.

A HUGE thank you to all the parents who attended the sessions and thank you to the teachers who had prepared such worthwhile practical sessions. What a wonderful school community - teachers and parents, all working together to best prepare our fantastic students.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community, Lily Billman, (Rm4) and Lucas Ryan (Rm9).

### **Marian After School Care Holiday Programme:**

Dates for these holidays will be 10-14 July, \$32.00 per day per child. Please register with Mrs Coman at After School Care in the Hall or email [mcoman@marian.school.nz](mailto:mcoman@marian.school.nz)

### **All Year 8 Students to attend Careers Expo at Claudelands**

With the onset of secondary schooling and with a view to the future, Team 4 Teachers would like to give all Year 8 students the opportunity to visit the Careers Expo on our backdoor. We will walk the students down and back, so require help. Please make direct contact with your child's class teacher if you are able to assist on Monday June 12th. Rooms 19 and 20 - leave at 9am back for morning tea. Rooms 21 and 22 - leave 11.15am and be back by lunch. Rooms 17 and 18 - leave just before the end of lunch and be back by 3pm.

**Marian School Results for EPro8:** Last week, two teams of four Year 7&8 students and two teams of Year 5 and 6 students took part in the EPro8 Science and Technology Challenge, hosted by Southwell School. Teams were given a technology brief and had to build a structure to fit a criteria and solve related problems. The challenge required engineering skills, science knowledge, comprehension skills and teamwork. One of the two teams in each age group will compete in the semi-finals, in Week 9 this term, after both placing third.

-Yeonsoo Kim

**Wanted a Homestay for 4 weeks term 3** Are you interested in Hosting a female Yr 8 Chinese student for the first four weeks of Term 3?

You will need to have been police vetted. Student will need to have their own bedroom and be transported to and from school. email [martha@marian.school.nz](mailto:martha@marian.school.nz)

**Celebrating Success:** Congratulations to the following for their recent successes;

- Isaac Bates and Mathew Dale have made the Waikato under 12 Futsal Team and will be representing Waikato in a National Tournament which will be held in Palmerston North in the July school holidays.

### **Lost:**

- A polar fleece named Jaya Johnston – please return to Rm7a
- A polar fleece named 'Isaac Bates' and a new P.E. shirt named 'Bates' - please return to Kristian Bates Room 11.

**Confirmation and First Holy Communion:** date is set for Sunday 26 November at 10:30am Mass.

The programme begins in Term 3. Enrolment forms will be available this week at the Parish Office.

Email [andrea@cathedral.cdh.nz](mailto:andrea@cathedral.cdh.nz)

### **This Week's Health Nugget**



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

God Bless You

Debra A White  
Principal

**Flyers** : Sport