

28 July

**Focus for the Week:****Do Not Be Afraid**

Matthew 10: 26-33

In Sunday's Gospel reading Jesus encourages his disciples by telling them not to be afraid. He knew that he would soon be leaving them and that they would have a difficult mission ahead, spreading the word and continuing Jesus's work. They would face many challenges, ranging from indifference to verbal abuse, even physical threats, and would need the courage to stand by what they believed.

Jesus reassured them by saying that the Father loved them and that their reward would be great in heaven.

In today's world, we can face challenges with our faith too. We are often confronted by behaviour that we know is against the teachings of the Church, and it can be difficult to stand up for what we believe is right. It can take courage to stick to our principles and 'do the right thing'.

Just like the disciples though, we can be reassured that God sees our efforts and will reward us in heaven.

**This Week's Values Focus: Respect – Week 9**

Stemming from respect for others is respect for their property. When we work hard for something ourselves – we appreciate its value, not only in monetary terms, but how it makes our lives easier or more pleasurable as a result. Shouldn't it also follow then that if we borrow or use another's property that we should appreciate the value it has for them? Consider also the trust that person shows towards you in lending it to you in the first place and the expectation that you will treat what's theirs with care and respect.

How we treat property gives some clue as to how we treat others – because what belongs to others is ultimately an extension of them, both deserving of respect.

*"If you work for someone, ride for their brand, treat their cattle as if they were your own"* – Traditional cowboy saying

**Maori Language Phrase****Whakapainga te rūma.**

Tidy the room.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Reflection:****Celebrating Matariki**

Matariki is a celebration of people, culture, language, spirituality and history.

Matariki is the Maori name for a group of seven stars known as the Pleiades star cluster. Matariki appears in the eastern sky sometime around the shortest day of the year, and is thought to determine how successful the harvest crop will be in the coming season. The brighter the stars, the more productive the crop will be.

Traditionally Matariki was celebrated by gathering with whanau (family) and reflecting on the past. The festival's connection to the stars provided an opportunity for families to remember their whakapapa (genealogy) and those ancestors who had passed away to the heavens.

Nowadays, Matariki is seen as an important time to celebrate the earth, and show respect for the land on which we live.

Matariki is important for our students to learn about. Over their years at school, the students will be involved in many different activities to celebrate this significant event. The following are some of the activities our students have been involved in:



Room 16 went down to the gully and created a living natural Matariki star out of branches, fallen leaves and acorns. The students loved it.

Room 22 and 11 have been learning about Matariki in class and in their Buddy Reading time on Tuesday Afternoons. They have created a collaborative Matariki Star art piece which will be displayed in the library. Room 18, students were able to research any aspect of Matariki that interested them. We brainstormed together and they then had to come up with a question to help with their research. Some

researched how Matariki was celebrated in the past, while others looked at how it is celebrated today. Other students looked at the myths, star clusters, significance for food planting and harvesting. The students also had a choice of how they would report their findings - poster, booklet, model, etc. They particularly enjoyed the freedom to choose own research question and how they shared it with all. Room 2 and 3 have made stars, read stories and are making fruit kebabs on Friday. Room 15 began their Matariki learning with a visual response to the story *The Little Kiwi's Matariki*.



Room 9 have had a reading focus on Matariki- the history along with Maori myths. They learned three new songs and are preparing to present at team assembly on Friday. They



are currently doing art around the dawn sky and have made origami stars to place on the stars.

One group have prepared simple posters, while another have prepared a play. They had a Matariki feast with Whaea Donna who taught the class Te Reo phrases based on food.

Room 21 learned about the significance of Kites (Manu Tukutuku) to the Maori people. The students created their own kites using some recycled materials.

Charlie Moon, James Kibby, Charlie Squire and Reilly Benefield holding their manu tukutuku.



### **Congratulations to Emirates Team New Zealand**

I would like to add my congratulations to Emirates Team New Zealand on their outstanding win of the America's Cup. It is great to feel the excitement and pride when the innovation and courage of our team has so clearly paid off. We can draw many lessons from the two recent America's Cup experiences. Never give up on your dream, have courage to fail, be prepared to take a different direction from everyone else, don't bow to peer pressure, the importance of working hard as a team, and from yesterday, be a gracious loser and a humble winner.

This is quite timely as next week is **National Young Leaders Week**. This was inspired by Sir Peter Blake. Our Young Leaders have organised activities each lunch time for the whole school. A Young Leaders Award will be presented at our Gold Card Assembly next Thursday.

To end our week we will combine **National Red Socks Day** WITH **Mufti Mania Day** which is our Catholic children raising funds for those less fortunate.

We encourage children to wear Red Socks as part of the Mufti

**Mass:** Mass will be celebrated tomorrow (Thursday) with the students from Team 1 and Team 3.  
9:10am - All parents welcome.

**Please lock up your bikes:** Another bike was stolen on Friday morning. Unfortunately it was not padlocked. Please make sure all bikes and scooters are locked and secure.

**Cultural Assembly:** Our Cultural Assembly will be held in the Gerry Sullivan Events Centre tomorrow, Thursday 29th June at 1.30. Parents are very welcome to come along and see the children showcase their involvement in various cultural groups.

**Sports Photos:** These will be held Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. See the time table at the back of the Sports notice. Remember to bring your sports uniforms.

**PTFA Fundraiser:** Are you able to donate to our School Auction? We are holding our Fundraising night on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September. If you have any items that could be donated for this event, please email Carlene, charlenemutter@hotmail.com

**Sustainable Coastlines Mobile Phone Appeal:**  
Wanted - Old mobile phones. Please drop off any unused or broken mobiles to the school office. Thank you in advance.

**MM SPORTS - JULY SPORTS DAYS** – Last week to Register  
For: Years 4-8  
When: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
Who: Mr Mac senior (Primary School Principal) and Mr Mac junior (Secondary School A.P. / P.E. Teacher)  
Where: Marian School (Gerry Sullivan Event Centre if wet)  
Time: 9.00am-3.00pm  
Cost: \$30 per day

There will be a large variety of sports and challenges on the day: Soccer comps, Dodgeball, Rippa Rugby, Basketball, Netball, Benchball, Coney Island etc

Additional registration forms available in the school office.

**Confirmation /First Communion** - enrolments will close very soon. If your child is a baptised Catholic and is 8 years old or Year 4 and above they are eligible to join the Programme. Please register with Andrea by emailing [office@cathedral.cdh.nz](mailto:office@cathedral.cdh.nz). Or pick up an enrolment form from the Cathedral office.

### **Lost:**

- A pair of black school shoes with no name. They have 3 Velcro straps (one is broken). Please return to Jackson (Rm7)
- A pair of Gro-Shu shoes with removable liners. The name Tanisha Reid is under the liner. Also lost is her jersey and a fidget cube. Please return these items to Rm 15.
- A girls pair of black shoes size 2. Last seen outside Rm13. Please return to Joie Lim, Rm 13.

**Entertainment Book:** Buy now and get in quick before the holidays. \$65.00 each from the school office. Lots of vouchers with plenty of savings. Not just café and dining but also in Arts, Sports and Local Attractions. Check out the sample book in the office.

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



**Host Families Urgently needed:** Are you interested in hosting a Japanese student based at Fairfield College. From 18 – 26 August. Board is \$285.00 for 8 nights. For more information, please contact Stephanie Bormans on 027 928 2282 or 07-974 1200 or [stephmarcel@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:stephmarcel@slingshot.co.nz)

**Hilton Brown Swimming:** *Could your child dog paddle to safety if they fell into a pool? If the answer is no book your ONE MONTH FREE swimming lessons in July with Hilton Brown Swimming today!*

Hilton Brown Swimming are offering FREE beginner lessons are for children who are nervous of the water and not confident putting their faces under. Your child must be of primary school age and new to Hilton Brown Swimming. Spaces and times are limited and will be booked on a first in first served basis. Book online at [www.hiltonbrownswimming.co.nz](http://www.hiltonbrownswimming.co.nz) or call 855 8666.

Please feel free to call me on 09 582 0514 if you have any questions.

Many thanks - Penny

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

God Bless You  
Debra A White

Principal

**Flyers:**

- Sport