

26 July

Focus for the Week: Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Matthew 13:24-43 The Wheat & the Weeds.

In this week's Gospel reading, we learn how God allows good and bad people to live side by side. Goodness and love are strong and God wants those people that make poor choices to have a chance to change their ways before the end of time.

Jesus promised that, at the end of time, those people that had made poor choices throughout their time on earth would never be with God. But those who had chosen to live good lives on earth will live forever with God in heaven.

This Week's Values Focus: Environment – Week 1

The 21st Century has thrown up several "care for the environment" messages. Whatever the current slant is at the time e.g. the energy crisis, global warming, two messages remain constant – those of reducing litter and recycling sensibly.

If these habits remain constant in our lives, the benefits to our immediate environment and the wider world are seen, in an aesthetic sense, and also in terms of sustainability.

Most importantly, we must model and pass these habits on to our children – do we use both sides of paper sheets? Sort our waste properly? Pick up litter just because it not only makes places look better but is ecologically sensible? Use organic waste for compost? These are just a few ideas to reduce our impact on our environment. Consideration of school lunch packaging is one way of showing concern for the environment we will leave for future generations.

"The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard."

— Gaylord Nelson

Maori Language Phrase: Kei te aha koe? What are you doing?**Principal's Reflection:**

"That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God." Pope Francis prayer intention 2015

Welcome back to Term Three.

Caring for our Environment

We have hit the ground running as we have re-established school and class routines and settled quickly into a new term's work. This term our Marian Catholic School value is "Caring for our Environment". The teachers have integrated this value into their curriculum planning. We are proud to be an Enviroschools and we will be extending our commitment to caring for our environment across the school. All classes will be involved in some learning around zero waste and how we can make our school litter free.

Last term finished on an extremely high note with our Cultural Assembly in Week 9, where all our cultures and arts were celebrated. In our last week we had a beautiful end of Term Mass and our Gold Card Assembly. Once again I was so impressed with the calibre of learning shared by the classes and the outstanding personal qualities that were acknowledged and celebrated by our Gold Card recipients. Congratulations to each of the Gold Card Award recipients.

The last week of Term two was National Leadership Week. The school was treated to an assortment of activities run by our Young Leaders. I would like to acknowledge and thank our Year 8 students who rose to the occasion and performed consistently throughout the week. At our Gold Card Assembly the Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award was awarded to Olivia McDonald. I would like to congratulate

Olivia for winning this prestigious Young Leader Award. Congratulations.

We are indeed blessed with the fine young role models we have here at Marian Catholic School.

Congratulations to Room 23 who participated in the Hamilton Junior Competitions and won the Pam Holden Cup for the second year. The students sang "How far I'll go" from Moana, absolutely beautifully. Room 24 finished second in their competition.

We have much to be proud of and an exciting term ahead.

Learning Discussions

We will be holding Learning Discussions on Tuesday 8th August 1.30 - 7.30pm and Wednesday 9th August 1.30 - 5.30pm.

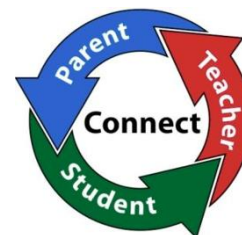
These discussions are an opportunity to review existing learning goals and re set new goals for the remainder of the year.

In order for us to offer appointments from 1.30pm there will be no regular class programmes in the afternoon. We ask parents to collect their children at lunchtime. If you are unable to collect your child, we will be providing limited supervision until 3.00pm.

To book your appointment please log on to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Enter the event code:

r4ab5. Select your child's teacher and select your preferred time. If you have any problems please see your child's class teacher.

See notice at the end of this newsletter.



Teacher Only Day

Monday 21 August 2017

We will be having a Teachers Only Day on Monday 21 August 2017. The school will be closed. There will be NO school on Monday 21 August 2017.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community, the following students and their families; Maddison Ferguson (Rm4), Charles Caris (Rm4), Jace De Ramas (Rm4), Pietro Eldhose Poovathumveetil (Rm4), Keith Wade (Rm4), Andrew Lee (Rm8), Kiki Lee (Rm7a), and Neve McGregor (Rm20).

Full School Mass: This Pasifika Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 3 August at 9:10am. All welcome. Please provide a non-perishable item for the foodbank.

Team 4 Parents: The Team 4 newsletter, informing you of what is happening in Term Three, will be sent out electronically today. Should you have changed your email address recently, or if you do not receive it, please inform your child's teacher. You can also access it via the school website, under Classrooms/Team 4/ Newsletters. This is a move to reduce paper consumption and printing costs.

Science Fair Board Display: All parents and caregivers are invited to come along to the GSEC on Thursday 3rd August afternoon, from 3-4.30pm, to view the display of the senior students' Science Fair Projects. You will be amazed at the range of topics and standard of work.

PTFA Meeting: This Tuesday, 1 August at 6:30 in the staffroom – All welcome.

PTFA Fundraiser Night: Tickets for this event will go on sale next Wednesday. More details to come.

Important Dates for your Calendar

1 st August	PTFA Meeting
8 th & 9 th August	Learning Discussions
Tues 15 th August	Feast of Assumption Mass
Mon 21 st August	Teacher Only Day
Fri 1 st Sept	PTFA Fundraiser Night
Wed 6 th Sept	Speech Finals
Thurs 19 Sept	Grandparents Day

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

- **Isabella Petrin** (Rm18), received a Gold Medal for her cupcake entry in the *Culinary Fare* Competition. She got 91/100. Well done!
- **Harry Ward-Crook, Sef Connelly, Ollie McGahey and James Kibby** received 3rd place in Division 4 of the *Waikato Table Tennis Teams Event*, Interschool's Competition. Well done boys!
- **William Hernandez** (Rm14), competed in the *Hamilton Piano Competitions* at the University of Waikato's Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts and won the following cups/awards: He won the O W Rowe Cup for best performance in the 10 years age category, the Rhee Family Cup for best performance of a piano duet, and the Junior Souz

Award for best performance of a piece by a New Zealand composer.

FIRST COMMUNION enrolments should all be in. If you have missed out please contact Andrea very urgently andrea@cathedral.cdh.nz. The first parent input meeting is on Sunday 6 August.

RCIC: This is a course for school age children who wish to be Baptised, in the Catholic church. It will be run in the Cathedral parish and begins on Monday 7 August. Please contact Andrea at the Cathedral office.

This Week's Health Nugget



Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Hamilton - Become a

Mentor: We welcome enquiries from men and women to be mentors. We have a real need at the moment for good men to be role models for young boys. If you know of any men that are keen to help out a young person, be a good role model, and fun adult friend, we would love to hear from them. One hour, once a week can make all the difference for one person. Contact 856 1355 or email admin@taiohitoa.org.nz Or check the website www.bigbrothersbigsisters.org.nz

WSA Art School 2017: Enrolments for Term 3 are now open. Contact Sybille on artschool@wsa.org.nz or for more information see wsa.org.nz

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

God Bless You
Debra White
Principal



Learning Discussions are being held on the Tuesday 8th August and Wednesday 9th August from 1.30 pm. Children can be picked up from school at 12.40pm. If you are not coming into the school grounds to pick up your children they will need to have the form below signed and the teacher will give your child a leave pass.

- My child _____ in Room _____ will be leaving the school grounds without an adult on Tuesday 8th August.
- My child _____ in Room _____ will be leaving the school grounds without an adult on Wednesday 9th August

Signed _____

(Parent)