

9 August

**Focus for the Week:** Matthew 14: 13-21 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In Sunday's gospel Jesus feeds the crowd spiritually and physically. What he offers the people fills them with hope and joy. He meets their need for healing. He touches their emptiness. What they have been listening to was stronger than the gnawing in their stomachs.

But Jesus also makes his love concrete. By pooling the food that was available, Jesus feeds the people. The abundance of food provided, mirrors the feast spoken of in the first reading. Jesus meets our physical and spiritual needs daily. All we have to do is listen to the Word of the Lord during our lives and allow ourselves to be filled with His love.

**Value Focus: Environment – Week 3**

Those of us that watch either "Breakfast" or "First Line" on TV One or TV3 regularly, are often shown images of slow crawling or gridlocked cars on Wellington's or Auckland's motorways. Could an expanding Hamilton become as bad as this? Certainly most of us would admit to being "stuck in traffic" and the frustration that goes with it on occasion.

While it is inevitable that most of us out of necessity or convenience need to take cars, the question could be raised; do we need to take them as often as we do?

Is there an opportunity to walk or bike to where we're going once in a while or regularly?

Could shopping trips on weekends involve catching the bus? Could longer trips across the country take in the unfamiliar sights you get from travelling by rail? There are plenty of opportunities for leaving the car at home once in a while – let's not let convenience get in the way of new experiences once in a while. Ultimately the environment benefits.

**Maori Language Phrase:**

**He pātai pai tēnā.** That's a good question.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Reflection:**

"Help one another, that is what Jesus teaches us, this is what I do and I do it with my heart." Pope Francis

**Learning Discussions**

How wonderful it has been to see the number of parents who have come along with their children to the learning discussions. We have come such a long way from the old "Parent Interview" style and we are starting to see huge changes in the attitude of children to their learning once they realise that they are actually ultimately in charge of it. A big thank you to our teachers who have put in extra hours to ensure they have been able to meet with everyone. If this week didn't suit you, please do get in contact with your child's teacher to book a time that does suit you as your child is really disadvantaged in their learning if they have not had that discussion with their teacher and yourself.

**Mrs Kay Petchell - Digital Technologies Curriculum**

Last week I had the opportunity to go along to the launch of the new Digital Technologies Curriculum. I confess, that I went along with a curious mindset thinking that it was all going to be about devices but was prepared to be bored! I was so pleasantly surprised to find that much of what is suggested we do already - it is just that we need to think about it in a different way. For instance, we need to call 5+1 an algorithm and think of it as an instruction "Get 5 things

and add one more". I learned how to program without using a computer (a fall about laughing experience) and how barcodes work. The whole goal behind the curriculum is to turn us from being users of technology to being able to manipulate it to meet our purpose. I came away really excited about the curriculum, knowing that we don't have to provide any extra devices, and our children are going to really benefit from it without having to have any extra screen time.

While on the subject of screen time, please remember that your children are not old enough to be on line, communicating with others unsupervised. Doing so is like dropping them off in the middle of a city at night and hoping they will make their way back to you unscathed. Children need to have the emotional maturity to cope with the nastiness that can quickly occur in an online environment that is why most social media sites require a minimum age to join up.

**Bereavement:** We extend our deepest sympathy to the following families:

- Jayden and Jarryd Fernandes whose much loved grandmother passed away.
- Mariangela Njaliyath, whose much loved grandmother passed away.

May they rest in peace.

**Mass:** Team 2 and Team 4 will celebrate Mass tomorrow (Thursday 10/8/17) at 9:10am. All welcome.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Katherine Barr (Rm4), Michelle Bormans (Rm5), Diyon Hewage (Rm 5), Kirsten Guillermo (Rm5) and Mary Nguyen (Rm16).

**PTFA Spring Social**

Tickets on sale now!

Where: Gerry Sullivan Event Centre

When: Friday 1st September

Time: 7pm-midnight

Tickets (Adults only)

Gold Table \$280 (8 per table @ \$35 pp)

\$25 General Admission

It will be a great night! Come and support your school.

Awesome band (Sam Trenwith), Auction, platters, Drinks.

If you want to use internet banking to purchase tickets please email Char for details.

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**Sports Photos:** need to be completed by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August. Payments can be paid direct to PhotoLife Studios (see details on your envelope) or by cash or cheque to be enclosed in the envelope and returned to the office.

**Sacred Heart Girls' College** is accepting applications for enrolments for all year levels. Please contact the school on 07 8567874 or visit our website for an enrolment pack [shqcham.school.nz](http://shqcham.school.nz)

**Tackling Technology Information** session for parents Tuesday 19 September 5.45pm

Get the confidence and skills parents need to be proactive when tackling technology. Topics include text bullying, gadget addiction, online safety and electronic gaming. The evening is being run by The Parenting Place, hosted by Marian Catholic School, Hamilton East held in the Gerry Sullivan Events Centre We welcome all parents.

**"The Water Fight" book selling:**

In **WEEK 4** only we will be selling the book 'The Water Fight' by Mrs Tu'akoi. At the start of lunch time Team one may purchase the book for \$5 and have it signed by Mrs Tu'akoi outside St Mary's block on the courts. Those children who purchase the book may participate in a 30 second water fight using water pistols. This will be organised by the *Young Vinnies* group. Team two may purchase the book on Wednesday and Team three and four may do so on Thursday (the water fight will be after each book selling). The Young Vinnies will be receiving a portion of the book selling to donate to charity. The book is a great present for a young person (suitable for up to year 4).

**Free to a good home:** A large 4-drawer filing cabinet. Must pick up from Marian School. Please see Mr Jordan, or Mrs Louise Goodall.

**Important Dates for your Calendar**

| Today                             | Learning Discussions                |
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| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> August      | Feast of Assumption Mass            |
| <b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> August</b> | <b>Teacher Only Day – no school</b> |
| Tues 22 August                    | Yr 7 & 8 Open Day                   |
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept          | PTFA Spring Social                  |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept          | Speech Finals                       |
| <b>Thurs 14 Sept</b>              | <b>Grandparents Day</b>             |
| <b>Thurs 14 Sept</b>              | <b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>         |
| Tues 19 Sept                      | Tackling Technology Seminar         |

**NB: Please note that on Grandparents Day, the Scholastic Book Fair will also be on.** This will be on display in the Library for all grandparents to see and order.

**The Vision and Hearing Technician** will be visiting the school on 7 September to carry out checks on New Entrants, children who were absent on the last visit, Yr 7 student's vision only and any special requests from teachers or parents.

If you do not want your child to be tested or your child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, please let the school know in writing.

**Sickness at school:** Please keep an eye on your children. We have close to 10 children away with Chicken Pox and one down with Hand, Foot and Mouth disease. Please keep sick children at home.

**This Week's Health Nugget:**



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

God Bless You  
Debra White  
Principal

**Flyers:**

- Sport
- PTFA Spring Social