

16 August

**Focus for the Week: Have Faith** - Matthew 14: 22-33

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In Sunday's Gospel reading, we are told the story of Jesus walking on the stormy waters of Lake Galilee and how Peter tried to do the same.

At first, Peter's eyes were focused only on Jesus and he was able to walk on the water towards the Lord. When Peter's focus drifted, however, and he became more aware of his surroundings, he started to lose faith and began to sink beneath the waves. When he called out to Jesus, Peter was saved.

How often, in our own lives, do we set out with the very best of intentions, determined to do the right thing and to follow the teachings of Jesus, only to become distracted by worldly concerns and find ourselves floundering?

We know that it can take great resolve to live as Christians and that it is all too easy to lose focus but, although our faith may be weak, we should never stop trying to follow Christ.

Like Peter, we can have confidence that all we need to do is call out for Jesus and we know that He will save us.

**The Week's Value Focus: Environment – Week 4**

Second-hand trading sites such as [www.trademe.co.nz](http://www.trademe.co.nz) and [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com) have popularised the saying "one person's trash is another person's treasure". Through the benefit of the web, we have access to so many more "big brothers and sisters" that can pass on their stuff when it no longer fits or is wanted. (Those of us who were privy to having stuff handed down will remember the secret excitement when siblings got something really cool new, you knew that one day it'd be yours!)

The advent of these sites also has meant that 'second hand is cool'. We are ensuring the genuine reuse of stuff that is still good – a plus for the planet, and we are getting value for money.

With the growth of 'second hand is cool', people are also handing stuff on to charitable organisations and other families for reuse and recycling more readily. And the Saturday garage sale is back in vogue ☺

What can we do?

Clean out regularly. Ask, what could I give away that I no longer want or need? Who would benefit from having this? Because without us it'd all be trash.

*Every day is Earth Day.* ~Author Unknown

**Maori Phrase:**

**Āe,** kei te whakaae ahau.      **Yes,** I agree.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Reflection:****Teacher Only Day**

On MONDAY 21st AUGUST the **school will be closed** due to a Teacher Only Day. This day assists teachers in their professional development to keep up to date with the new changes in education.

**2018** We are beginning to plan for 2018. To assist us in our planning can I ask parents to let us know if your child may not be returning in 2018. We will have places available in year groups across the school and in our Year 7-8 area. If you know of any parents who are considering our school for their child's intermediate years please let them know to contact our school office: [mpanettiere@marian.school.nz](mailto:mpanettiere@marian.school.nz) or 856 7515 or email me: [principal@marian.school.nz](mailto:principal@marian.school.nz)

**Invitation to prospective parents of Year 7-8 students in 2018**

Open morning for Year 7-8 area of the school

We are holding an information open morning on TUESDAY 22nd AUGUST 2017 @ 10.15am. Come along and see our senior school in action, have a tour of the school and have morning tea with the senior school staff.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to **Mr Josh McCabe** for making the "Super Champs" Waikato Representative Squash Nationals Team. This competition will be held in Auckland 27-29th September.



Well done Mr McCabe - all your hard work and training has paid off.

Congratulations to **Mrs Nicole Higby** for successfully winning a \$2000.00 scholarship to complete a Post Graduate Certificate in Applied Practice (Digital and Collaborative Learning). This is a 32 week blended learning programme run by The Mind Lab Unitec. This is a very exciting qualification Mrs Higby is working on and will be able to share with her colleagues.

What fine role models these teachers are for our students proving that developing our ACTS qualities will help them to be lifelong learners.

**Outstanding Literacy results**

I would like to congratulate and commend the Team One teachers for their outstanding literacy programmes. What an excellent start our students are given in our school. Mrs Toni Walters-Freke has recently analysed all the Six Year Net data from 2016 with pleasing results.

Every student who turns six works with Mrs Toni Walters-Freke on a number of literacy assessments. These assessments cover; word reading, alphabet knowledge, writing, book knowledge and reading. Our pleasing results are the result of excellent teaching, positive partnership with parents, and outstanding parent support.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Alice Tomati (Rm4), Addison Cook (Rm5)

**Bereavement:** We extend our deepest sympathies to Geoff and Lisa Burgess and their family; Joshua and Cameron, whose much loved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother passed away during the week. May she rest in peace.

**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. **See flyer for Auction Items and Supporters.**

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

[charlenemutter@hotmail.com](mailto:charlenemutter@hotmail.com)



**BANDSLAM - 'Battle of the Bands'**

I just wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate all our band members

for their outstanding effort at BANDSLAM, they all sounded amazing and

represented our school with great pride. Well done to both bands -

AMP'D UP and BROKEN BEATS.

Thank you to all the parents and helpers for coming along and supporting us too.

A special shout out goes out to Sam Trenwith and MUSIC HOUSE for a well

organised and entertaining night. BANDSLAM ROCKS!

Both bands will be performing again this coming Friday, so come along if you can.

**BANDQUEST - 'Battle of the Bands'**

**When:** Friday 18th August 2017

**Where:** Clarence Street Theatre, Hamilton

**Time:** 7pm - 9.30pm

Louella Pereira [lpereira@marian.school.nz](mailto:lpereira@marian.school.nz)

**Important Dates for your Calendar**

<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day – no school</b>
Tues 22 August	Yr 7 & 8 Open Day
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	<b>PTFA Spring Social</b>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Speech Finals
Thurs 7 Sept	Vision & Hearing Technician
<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.** Books will be displayed in the Library for all grandparents or parents to browse and purchase.

**Hot Chocolate:** this is the last week for hot chocolate sales. Dairy free option available too at 50C extra cost.

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

- Aditya Abhishek and Ethan Clark, who were selected for the Northern Districts under 14 indoor cricket squad. They will compete in Wellington in October.

**MARIST 200 Celebration** – Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>. St John's College and the St John's College Old Boys Network invite all parents, Old Boys and associates of the school to a celebration event marking 200 years of Marist education. This will be a wonderful chance to connect with friends in the St John's community. The celebration starts at 7.30pm at St John's College – please RSVP at <https://marist200.eventbrite.co.nz> or contact the school office to register on 07 856 7091.

**Fundraiser:** David Galbraith is well worth a listen to for any students/parents who wish to excel in reaching their dreams - talks about performance anxiety, goals, overcoming fear, what drives motivation, and positive thought processes to support performing with courage. His book is fantastic and well worth a read that can be applied to any part of our school/work/sports life. He will be talking this Thursday 7 pm at St John's as a fundraiser for two of our past students (Chase Hennessey and Liam Singer) heading to the Junior Worlds in Spain. Tickets on 'Eventbrite' - link on our school website. See link for the talk and to purchase tickets.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/inspiration-for-your-journey-to-unleashing-greatness-tickets-36537731338>

**This Week's Health Nugget:**



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

God Bless You

Debra White  
Principal

**Flyers**

- Sport
- PTFA Auction Items and Supporters