

30 August

**Focus for the Week: Who Am I?** - Matthew 16: 13-18

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In Sunday's Gospel reading, we are told that many people were confused about who Jesus was. Some thought that he was John the Baptist, others that he was a returned Old Testament prophet.

When Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say I am?", only Peter had the courage of his convictions to answer, "Master, you are the son of God."

In today's world many people still struggle to believe in Jesus. It seems easier to believe that He was simply a good and kind man who helped others. Perhaps He was even a prophet sent by God?

We understand that true faith and understanding are gifts from God. It is impossible to convince ourselves, using reasoning alone, of something that seems so impossible or fantastical as God choosing to take on human form and live amongst us. We know the truth because God has revealed it in our hearts.

As Jesus tells Peter, "My heavenly father has helped you to understand this."

**This Week's Values Focus: Environment – Week 6**

Most arguments about preserving our natural environment centre on the survival of species of animals and plant life. With this the idea of biodiversity – that in many ways, our survival and that of other species is interconnected – comes into play.

Beyond this vital understanding – just enjoying our natural environment and paying consideration to the fact that future generations deserve to enjoy our planet's natural resources in all its abundance and diversity is also important.

The message? Take only what you need. Think about how your consumption requirements will impact on other species enjoying our planet. Leave enough for the next person, indeed the next generation.

"Modern society will find no solution to the ecological problem unless it takes a serious look at its lifestyle."

*Pope John Paul II*

"The world has enough for everyone's need, but not everyone's greed"

*Environmental Slogan*

**Maori Language Phrase:***Kei hea ngā pānui mō tēnei ahiahi?*

Where are the notices for this afternoon?

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Reflection:**

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini

My success is not mine alone, as it is not the work of one, but the work of the collective.

**Fun Friends** - *Friends for Life Social Life skills programmes*

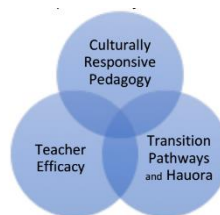
I was delighted to be involved to the final session of Room 12 and 14's Friends for Life programme. The culmination of the programme was shared pizza and a card competition. The purpose of the cards was to summarise the programme. Martha ran the programme in Terms 2 and 3 for eight weeks. Each class had a weekly session. FRIENDS is used as an acronym for the children to develop the skills for life's challenges. F- Friends, family, faith and feelings; R - relax; I - I can do this; E - explore options; N- Now just do it; D- don't forget to reward yourself; S - smile, stay happy.

Drawing on Growth Mindset, the children are worked through various activities that help them identify challenges and how to cope. A key message that life can be tough and that is perfectly normal is promoted and different strategies can be used to grow through the challenges and develop healthy strong sense of self. The children are taught about red and green thinking - if you are a parent of Room 12 or 14 ask your children about this. Red is a frown it will bring you down, Green is a go it will help you grow.

Fun Friends is a junior version of the programme and Martha uses puppets to help get these powerful messages across to the children. Martha ran this programme in Room 6 last term. The teachers are very supportive and see huge benefits in the programme. We are so fortunate to have Martha - our Family

Worker, with these specialist skills to deliver these powerful programmes that build resilience and develop life skills.

"The Waikato Catholic Kāhui Ako embraces its distinctive Catholic nature; our culture of learning is supported through



strong connections with staff, who are collaborative, reflective and strategic practitioners. Our confident, effective ākonga will continue to learn and thrive in an environment that is strengthened by our core values of Justice and Equity".

On Thursday our Waikato Catholic Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) held a meeting for all interested teachers in the Across and Within school positions.

Within our Waikato Catholic Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning), we have 12 Catholic Schools and 2 Catholic Early Childhood centres. Our Kahui Ako generates five Across School teachers who will work as a team within our Kahui Ako to work with each of the Catholic Schools. Once these teachers are appointed they will be released from their schools for two days each week. The principle behind this is to share best practices across our community for the benefit of all. Currently as a Catholic Community, we at times share personnel and resources. This government initiative of forming Community of Learning formalises a lot of what we are already doing and provides resourcing for it to happen. We are at a very exciting stage within our Kahui Ako and the Principals were delighted and heartened by the overwhelming interest and response from our teachers in these positions.

## Grandparents Day 14th September

We will be celebrating Grandparents Day on the 14th of September. As in the past, our school community is asked to provide morning tea for our treasured grandparents. On the morning of the 14th of September please bring any plates of food over to the Gerry Sullivan Events Centre Kitchen. We find that club sandwiches are very popular and we have a working bee to make them on the morning of the 14th. If you are able to help with this (all ingredients are provided) please email Kay Petchell [kpetchell@marian.school.nz](mailto:kpetchell@marian.school.nz)

**Pancakes:** The Aims Games participants are taking pre-orders of the Pancakes to be sold on Friday 1st September. \$3 for 2 pancakes.

## PTFA BIG FUNDRAISER FOR THE YEAR!

☞  ONE NIGHT ONLY  ☞

Come and support your school!

Don't miss out!

**\$25 tickets only available at the school office**

Friday 1st September @ 7pm

**NO STILLETOS please**

**Hamilton City Taxi's** will be offering a discount on Friday 1st Sept Spring Social night for all taxi fares. Details available on the night. They have also donated 2 awesome spot prizes!!!



## Entertainment books.

Last chance to purchase 2017/2018 book. Buy yours before the end of August and receive 2 Event cinema e-vouchers. While stocks last. (Only 5 left at the school office)

Order online at [www.entbook.co.nz/1540g39](http://www.entbook.co.nz/1540g39) Great idea for Father's Day.

## Important Dates for your Calendar

<b>THIS Fri 1st Sept</b>	<b>PTFA Spring Social</b>
Wed 6th 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

## Celebrating Success:

- Congratulations to the Team 3 Children who represented Marian at the Melville Tournament on Friday 25th August. Netball Team- Shae, Georgia, Tanisha, Jayda, Theresa, Caleb M, Nyasha, Ioana and Ineta. Rugby 7's Team- Sifuiva, Toby, Jayden, Noah, Liam, Caleb L, Blake H, Vuli and Gus. The players all played great games and were highly competitive. The Sevens Team placed 3rd and Netballers placed 5th. To my Sevens Team, I was proud of your hard work and never die attitudes, some truly skilful Rugby was played and I'm super proud of you. A big shout out to the fabulous parents and helpers who gave up their time to provide transport and support, you are appreciated beyond words.
  - Mrs Botherway

- Just letting you know that it was the end of the cheesecake festival today at Smith and McKenzie. They sold just over 1100 pieces of cheesecake in 4 weeks. There were 10 entries with St Joseph's taking out the prize by selling 209 pieces. Marian sold 146 pieces, which is awesome for our first year in the competition. So today we received a cheque for \$146.00 dollars. Thanks to everyone that went along and supported our school.
  - Cheers Kylie

## Lost:

Samsung phone missing from Room 19. In a blue plastic case with the name "Heath" on the back of it. Please return to Room 19 if you have this - reward offered.

## This Week's Health Nugget:

**HEALTHY HOME BAKING**

### NO BAKE MUESLI BAR

Ingredients:

- 1 cup pitted dates – soak in water for 10min then drain
- 3 Tbsp. honey
- 3 Tbsp. peanut butter
- 1 cup natural nuts – loosely chopped
- 1 ½ cup rolled oats

the oat mixture. Stir through to mix all ingredients. Transfer to a dish lined with plastic wrap or baking paper. Press down until flat then refrigerate until firm. Remove and chop into bars.

Whizz up dates in a food processor and then add to oats and nuts in a separate bowl. Melt honey and peanut butter in a pot or microwave then add to

Makes approx. 15 bars

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017

**Girl Guide biscuits** are on sale again. If anyone would like to order some please text Jane Rollitt on 0275474499. \$3.50 a packet or \$10 for 3 packets.

They will also be sold at New World Hillcrest this weekend.

**Swim Lessons:** Come along for a **FREE trial lesson\*** at Hilton Brown Swimming and soon you'll be swimming like a fish!

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- Over 45 years' experience successfully teaching swimming

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\*One free trial lesson for new customers

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

God Bless You

Debra A White  
Principal

**Flyer:**

- Sport
- Sport Energise Tip sheets