

20 September

**Focus for the Week:** Be Forgiving - Matthew 18: 23-35      Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

We pray the 'Our Father' frequently, but do we realise what we are saying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'? We ask God to forgive us to the same extent and the same measure that we forgive others!

The scripture readings of Sunday tell us that our world and God's world are the same. God the Father throughout history and ultimately in the person of Jesus offers us forgiveness.

God forgives us that we might live life with the security and generosity that allows us to forgive each other and so respond in truth to the gift of God's love. As St Paul wrote, "Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

### **This Week's Value Focus - Environment – Week 9**

From the advent of the environmental movement a popular catch phrase has been: "*Think global; act local*". The beauty of this advice is the inference that it is not just the big players such as large corporations which are responsible for the environment; we all are, no matter how small our circle of influence.

If we adopt this approach with minimising pollution, there are several simple questions we can ask ourselves on a personal and household front and in turn adjust our actions if necessary.

Do I minimise household waste by reducing the amount of non-recyclable materials I consume?

Do I maximise reusing and recycling opportunities?

Does the car I drive run as efficiently as it can?

Am I careful what I put down household and community drains?

Do I deal with organic waste appropriately?

How efficient is my household heating?

The list can go on and on, but one thing's for sure – there are heaps of things we as individuals can do to be kinder to our planet.

*There are no passengers on Spaceship Earth. We are all crew.* ~Marshall McLuhan, 1964

**Maori Language Phrase:** *Kia kaha e hoa mā!*

Let's go team!

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

### **Deputy Principals Platform**

Here at Marian we are very blessed to have such a hard working staff who demonstrate regularly that they are prepared to go well beyond what is expected to provide our children with such a variety of rich learning experiences. Special mentions need to go to Mrs McKeown who took a group of children to the Waikato Spelling Bee on Saturday the 9th September, Mrs Paula White and Mrs MacPherson who attended the regional Speech Finals to support several of our children, Mr McCabe, Mrs Martin, Mrs Debra White, Mrs Dale and Mrs Higby who all attended the AIMS games in Tauranga for various periods of time last week, Mrs Botherway, Mrs Whyte, Mrs McLeod, Mrs Maarhuis and Mrs Grace who took children on camp last week. We are grateful too for all the parent support we have had with attendance at camp, Aims Games, Cross Country, Oral Communications and the great crew we had to prepare sandwiches for Grandparents Day. Thank you so much, we just couldn't offer what we do without your ongoing support!

Last Sunday at the 6pm Mass Bishop Steve introduced his "With Hearts Burning" initiative in which we are being asked to reflect on our own spiritual journey within that of the church. The first session seeks to understand why so many people are walking away from the Church or our parish, knowing that if we are able to identify our own journey we are more likely to be able to consider what we are doing or not doing to support others to remain in the Church or to come to the Church. An interesting leaflet has been produced which went home last week and the questions are indeed thought-provoking!

Last night we were informed and entertained by Lex from "The Parenting Place" ([www.parentingplace.com](http://www.parentingplace.com)) who spoke about tackling technology and keeping children safe on line. He likened the internet as being just like a big city, there are places you can go and have a great time, there are places you can go and learn a lot, there are places you can go where you need to keep your wits about you and there are places you should not go where danger lurks. There is a lot you can do and should do as a parent to keep your children safe on line. When talking to our Year 7 and 8 students yesterday afternoon, Lex asked the children how many of them were friends with someone on line they had never met and were unknown to their parents. Between 30 and 40 children raised their hands! We are being naive if we think our children don't need our guidance and wisdom when navigating the internet.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community, the following students and their families; Linara Gamage (Rm4), Ella Tan (Rm5), Willow Galo (Rm5) and Karen Jojo (Rm1).

**Gold Card Assembly:** This Thursday at 1:30pm in the Cathedral – all welcome.

**Library News:** A huge thank you to all those who visited the Book Fair on Grandparents' Day. We hope you are enjoying your purchases. The library benefits from your support and for that we are most grateful.



- Rose and Sharron

**KakpaHaka:** On Tuesday the Marian Kapa Haka performance group went and showcased their talents at Rototuna Junior High as part of the annual Kapa Haka festival. The students made Marian School proud and were fabulous advocates for our school. Thank you Whaea Donna for your hard work with Kapa Haka. Miss Pereira and the Team 4 Guitarists you were superb. Fabulous effort team.



**Interschool Cross Country:** A reminder that the Year 4-6 Cross Country Interschools are on this Friday at Porritt Stadium. The bus leaves School at 10.15 returning at 1.30pm. Races commence at 11am starting with Year 4's. Prize giving at 1pm. If it is cancelled due to poor weather it will be on Facebook and the school app by 9am. Any queries contact Mrs Botherway.

**SAVE THE DATE! - Markets @ Marian!**

Wed 8th November 6-8pm

A fun evening for the whole school community! More info shortly.....

If you are interested in reserving a table to sell your craft/treats etc please send your enquires to [charlenemutter@hotmail.com](mailto:charlenemutter@hotmail.com)

**Op Shop Collection:** The Young Vinnies would like to inform you that all Op Shop donations will be going towards Mission Day in Term 4. Your child can take their donations to their classroom and the Young Vinnies will collect the donations every Wednesday.

**Celebrating Success:**

Marian School had great success at the *Regional Speeches* at Puketaha School last Wednesday evening. **Ethan Ferdinands** won the Year 8 Boys, with his speech on Superstition and **Tanya Zhou** came third with her speech on Green Tea. Ethan will go on to represent Marian School at the grand final at Ohaupo School, in Week 9. We wish him all the best.

**Mission Day**

Mission Day is on Friday Week 1 of Term 4. the purpose of Mission Day is to raise money for the Missions. It is a day run by Team 4 children for children. Children wear mufti for a gold coin donation and bring along coins and spend them at stalls from 12.00 - 2.00.

Please make sure that your child wears sun smart clothing and has sunscreen. We have had children who have been sunburnt due to wearing scanty tops and no hats on this day in previous years.

One of the stalls run is a second hand toys and book stall. You might like to get your children to use part of their holidays to go through their cupboards and sort out toys, games and books that they have outgrown. These can be bought in anytime from now on.

**Lost:**

- A polar fleece named Asher T. Please return to Rm8.

**Have you experienced someone coming back to the Church after being away for a period of time?**



Each one of us is on a spiritual journey, the road of discipleship. Both knowledge and experience are fundamental elements to the spiritual life and the formation of disciples. To this end, I introduce 'With Hearts Burning': A spiritual reflection process for clergy, religious, parishioners, and schools. 'With Hearts Burning' focuses on understanding the Emmaus mystery [Lk 24:13-35] to interpret our present reality. Over the next twelve months, I will be releasing one reflection module every two months in order to facilitate discussion and increase understanding of the Emmaus mystery. In regards to experience, I have commissioned Michael Pervan to write a tryptic (three fold) icon of the Emmaus mystery. It is my vision that the icon will visit each parish church and school during the following twelve months. Accompanied by prayer and teaching resources, the visit of the icon will be an opportunity to experience the Emmaus mystery. I hope the Icon becomes a highlight in your community.

**NZ Catholic Bishops Conference. Day of Celebration for Mother Aubert**

The Sisters of Compassion and the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference have announced the first Sunday of October as a day of celebration in New Zealand for the Venerable Suzanne Aubert, the founder of the Sisters of Compassion. For more information go to <https://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/day-of-celebration-for-mother-aubert/>.

**This Week's Health Nugget:**

**HEALTHY HOME BAKING**

**BANANA OAT COOKIES**

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe bananas – mashed
- 1 ¾ cup rolled oats
- ½ cup of either cranberries, raisins, nuts or seeds

Pre-heat oven to 180 degrees. Mash the bananas and combine with the other ingredients, mixing well.

Place tablespoons of the mixture onto a lined baking tray and bake in the oven for 15-20mins.

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**Hamilton Community Gospel Choir** presenting *I am not Forgotten*.

Saturday 30 September at 7:00 pm - Entry by Donation  
Special Guests; Auckland Gospel Choir  
Held Central Baptist Church, Charlemont St  
\$5.00 supper to follow supporting the Salvation Army Youth fundraiser.

**Children's Spring Art School at WSA**

Waikato Society of Arts School, 120 Victoria Street  
2 October to 6 October, 9am to 12pm, 5 to 12 years, \$30 per session or \$125 Monday to Friday  
Our Spring Holiday programme for October is open for bookings now!  
Our classes are suitable for 5-12 year old children and run from 9am to 12pm. The fees are \$30 per session or \$125 Monday to Friday. See our website [wsa.org.nz/school](http://wsa.org.nz/school) for details or email [artschool@wsa.org.nz](mailto:artschool@wsa.org.nz) for bookings.

**Sausage Sizzle** – This Friday \$2.00 each

God bless You  
Debra A White  
Principal