

27 September

Focus for the Week: Workers in the Vineyard - Matthew 20: 1-15 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard, and how the owner of the vineyard paid all of the workers the agreed upon wages for the day, regardless of how many hours they had labored for him.

This was not well received by the workers who had toiled all day in the hot sun. Why should those men who had only worked for a couple of hours receive the same reward for only a fraction of the effort?

The owner of the vineyard is clear. Everyone agreed to the terms of work and he treated everyone fairly. Nobody should complain because he chose to be generous.

Sometimes it can seem as though we work so hard for what we have, whilst others seem to have everything so easy. It can be tempting to feel resentful of other people's good fortune. But how much do we really know about what goes on in other people's lives? It is important to remember that only God can see inside our hearts and only God knows what is really best for us.

Through Jesus, God has promised us all the same reward, everlasting life with Him in heaven. Some of us, fortunate enough to have been raised as Christians, will spend our whole lives striving to follow Jesus. Others, may only come to know Jesus later in life. Should we resent them being given the gift of eternal life like us? Or do we count ourselves fortunate to lead lives secure in the knowledge of God's love and rejoice for those who, however late, come to know that comfort and joy themselves?

Values Focus: Environment – Week 10

A few years ago the term "goos paper" was coined at Marian School. Goos? You might ask. Good On One Side ☺.

The catch phrase caught on, with students and staff encouraged to examine their paper consumption habits. Was paper, which had one good side, going into a scrap paper pile for reuse? Was paper, which had been used on both sides, going into the paper recycling box? Was all clean, definitely recyclable paper being kept out of the general rubbish? Did we really need to print that?

It is safe to say that our schools and homes have the access to systems and facilities which reduce paper waste, but the question needs to be raised every now and then – "are we using them to full effect?"

"They kill good trees to put out bad newspapers." ~James G. Watt, quoted in *Newsweek*, 8 March 1982

Maori Language Phrase

He aha tēnei?	What's this?
He _____ tēnā	This is a _____

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Reflection:

He aha te mea nui o te ao, He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, it is the people, it is the people

A HUGE THANK YOU

As we come to the end of Term Three I would like to acknowledge the people who make Marian Catholic School the special school we enjoy. Thank you to our teachers, support staff and parents. As the teachers strive to plan and deliver a huge range of learning opportunities we are so grateful to our parents whose support makes many of these learning opportunities possible. Our dedicated and committed support staff deserve special mention for their efforts that go above and beyond as they carry out their duties. This term has been filled with a variety of learning to ensure our students are motivated, engaged and challenged in their learning.

Sports Teams

I would like to acknowledge all the parents who have coached or managed a sports team this year. We have had a number of sports prizegiving to celebrate netball, soccer and hockey seasons. Our children are so fortunate to have such a number of caring supportive parents who value sports and see the opportunity to play in a team sport as an important experience for their children. Thank you to all the parents who have contributed to our successful sporting season this winter. Thank you to Mrs Jardine McIntyre for coordinating our Saints United

for our Year 7-8 and our Marian Catholic School sports teams. Mrs McIntyre does an outstanding job juggling the many demands involved in coordinating multiple sports teams. This term, Mrs McIntyre has taken up extra hours in our school office and Mrs Lisa Burgess will be taking on the coordinator's role for the Marian Catholic School sports teams.

This year we had a number of our Year 7-8 students compete in AIMS Games - I would like to congratulate these students on their efforts and results. Thank you to the parents who made this competition possible for these students.

Camps

This term, Team Three had a successful camp at Tui Ridge in Rotorua. The teachers were ably supported by a fantastic group of parents. A HUGE thank you to both the teachers and parents for their organisation, supervision and care of our children.

We have much to be grateful for here at Marian Catholic School and our parent community is a real treasure. Thank you for your ongoing support of all we do and the care and love you show your children. We feel privileged to teach your children and work in partnership with you.

Farewell - Mrs Andrea Hall

It is with HUGE sadness I inform you that Mrs Andrea Hall has resigned from her position as pianist in our school. Mrs Andrea Hall has had a long association with our school as a parent, parishioner, PTFA member and a talented pianist. Mrs Hall is taking up a full time administration role at St Columba's School,

Frankton. On behalf of the thousands of children and their families thank you Andrea for sharing your talents with us for many years. You leave us with a sound musical and singing foundation which will be a legacy to you in the years to come.

Is there a parent in the community who is willing to play the piano at our school masses? If so, please contact the school office.

Health and Safety - Notifying the School Office if your child is absent

Please can we remind parents to contact the school to inform us if your child is absent or late. Accounting for every child every day is a priority for our school office staff.

In order for us to account for over 600 students we have this procedure in place: The teacher calls the roll. Any student who is missing at that time is marked '?'. The office staff check all the Apps, emails and answer phone. If there is no notification found then a ENS notification will be sent out to parent's cell phones. If a child happens to come late and misses the roll, they must sign in on the tablet at the office.

We thank parents for your support as we work together for the safety of your child.

Full School Mass: We will celebrate Mass tomorrow at 9:10am in the Cathedral. All welcome. Please bring a non-perishable item for the food bank.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Jayden Arakadavil (Rm5) and Cecelia Karalus (Rm5).

Mufti Day Friday We are finishing this term with a mufti day to raise money for childhood diabetes. Children are welcome to wear mufti and to bring a **gold coin donation**. All children who have tech arts that morning will need to wear covered in shoes and although the children do not have to wear mufti the usual rules about chewing gum and sweets apply.

Mission Day: Our annual Mission Day Mass is Thursday 19 October and Mission Fun Day will be Friday 20 October. Please read the flyer attached.

OUT OF SCHOOL MUSIC - Twilight Concert

Date: Thursday 2nd November

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Gerry Sullivan Event Centre

On 2 November we are celebrating your children's success and involvement in the Out of Hours Music programme.

Children need to arrive at 5.30pm. All children need to be dressed in school uniform.

The evening should be over by 7pm. Please come along and support your children for this wonderful musical occasion. We look forward to seeing you all.

Team 4 News-

Hangi: This Friday Team 4 celebrate the end of a wonderful term of learning with a hangi. This is a reminder to all Team 4 students to provide a koha (donation) to their class teacher by Thursday and to bring a plastic plate, knife and fork on the day.

Mission Day Preparations- All Team 4 students are working in groups to come up with wonderful stall ideas for Mission Day on Friday of Week One, Term 4. As a school we have asked them to

consider the environment in their planning, as that has been our whole school focus this Term.

Cake Decorating Competition for Team 4 Students: Team 4 students are invited to enter this on the day- prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Bring your decorated cakes into Room 22 on the morning of Mission Day.

Baking for Sale- All parents of Marian School are invited to contribute baking and homemade sweet treats, to the baking stall on Friday 20th October also, where they will be sold from Room 22. Drop off before school on the day please.

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to the following; **Saints United Gold** who won top competition last night. Well done to Olivia MacDonald and Cam Bennet.

AIMS GAMES 2017 Success Thanks for your support of the 20 students who attended AIMS games this year.

They worked hard, played with true spirit and represented Marian so well.

The newly formed Futsal team narrowly missed the semi-finals and after super close games placed an amazing 8th out of 25 teams.

Congratulations to: Andrew Lamb, Matthew Dale, Declan Schagen, Alfie Goldfinch, Ryan Hall, Christian Pearson, Enzo Zozaya, Andrei Vanzuela and Narayan Kandel as well as Jordan Mead-Johnstone our non travelling reserve.

Mixed hockey had some good wins and some narrow losses gaining 21st place out of 40 teams.

Congratulations to: Lily Borrie, Aimee Drury, Lola Hennessey, Brianna McIntyre, Clara McPhillips, Hugo Barbour, Alex Middleton, Angel Medina Cubillos and Tinu Joseph.

Carys Foot played Squash and Shion Hwang played Badminton against highly seeded opponents and represented Marian with skill and pride.

AIMS GAMES 2017 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - A huge thank you to: Wayne Bates for his help with futsal selections and coaching as well as donating brand new, smart, futsal uniforms to the school!

PR CONSTRUCTION, Cambridge for their generous donation towards futsal gear and Brayden Lissington - WaiBop Futsal for his coaching sessions.

Greg Middleton (hockey coach) and Cindy Borrie (hockey manager) who took a week off work and lead the hockey team beautifully.

Mrs Kerrie Martin for her guidance and practical support since initial planning stages to the tournament end.

All parents involved, it was a pleasure working with you to provide this opportunity and a rewarding, memorable experience for all! Thanks, Mrs Dale.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

God Bless You and have a lovely and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 4.

Debra A White
Principal

Flyers

- Mission Day
- Sport