

4 February

Focus for the Week: The Power of Jesus Mark 1: 21-27 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A big welcome to the new families, and old friends of Marian Catholic School Community for 2015. We look forward to an exciting and faith lived year. Sometimes we hurt ourselves by lying, cheating and stealing. We say to ourselves, "If no one knows, then no one gets hurt. I only needed that one answer. Everyone else is doing it. I just wanted it." We know that what we are doing is wrong and through these actions, we turn away from the person God calls us to be. If Jesus visited our school, home or place of work, how would we explain these actions to him?

We live in an instant world. We confuse needs with wants. We think people won't be hurt because we don't think about or see the consequences of our actions. Jesus reminds us that we must work for the things we want, respect what belongs to others, and be fair towards everyone.

Jesus came to earth to show us God's love. By following Jesus' example and God's law we will become more loving and helpful towards others rather than hurting them. We will become the person God wants us to be.

Value Focus: Diversity – Week 1

Looking at this picture, what differences can we see? What similarities? If we were to expand the photo to include more faces, what again would be the variances? The likenesses? From these thoughts one thing is for sure, there are differences. We embrace our physical, intellectual, cultural and even ideological differences of those in the picture there is a level of unity. It is a celebration even of difference, to allow them to embrace a common goal. Within Marian Catholic School diversity abounds, and beyond the diversity we all share one common goal, our desire to become closer. Now that's worth celebrating...

"Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. Celebrate it every day." Anon

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

Principal's Platform

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa

A very special welcome back to the school year, in particular welcome to the new students who have started and to the new families who have joined our school community. It is so nice to have the pupils back relaxed and ready to learn.

I welcome Mrs Toni Walters-Freke to the teaching staff as Assistant Principal in the Junior School. Mrs Walters-Freke will be team teaching with Mrs Anderson in Room 6 during Term 1 and will also be seen throughout the Junior School supporting teachers and students. Welcome back to teachers Mrs Kim MacPherson (Rm 13) and Mrs Paula McLeod (Rm 19 and Rm 12) who will be team teaching in their respective classrooms.

Congratulations to teacher Anna Wood (Rm 16) who married during the holidays and is to be now known as Mrs Cornille.

Some Safety Reminders

- The school grounds are open from 8 a.m., please do not drop children off earlier as their safety cannot be guaranteed.
- The safest vehicle entry point into the school is by using the Beale St entrance and car park, please encourage your children to use the footpaths provided.
- All children are to be collected by 3.30 p.m. unless enrolled in the After School Care programme.
- The school sun hat is to be worn by children wishing to play in the sun this term.
- Bicycles are to be *walked in and out* of the grounds.
- Pupil absences are to be phoned in by 9 a.m. Messages may be left on the answer phone. The Ministry of education requires us to record the reason for the absence so please be specific.

Beginning of year School Mass: Our first School Mass for the year is **this Thursday, 5 February** at 9.45 a.m, parents welcome. There will be a Diocesan Academic Mass for the staff and parent groups of our Catholic schools on Wednesday 11 February at 6 p.m. in the Cathedral, this will be led by Bishop elect Steven. All parents are welcome to attend; students attending are to wear school uniform.

The PTFA (Parent Teacher and Friends Association) Annual meeting is to be held on Tuesday 10 February at 7.30 p.m. in the staff room. The PTFA meet 7 times a year to plan events that help build community. The PTFA needs willing workers who are happy to work for the good of the whole school community. If you would like to know more about the PTFA, come to the meeting.

Relay For life

This year I will be joining a number of staff in the Cancer Society Relay for life. TeamMAC (Marian Against Cancer) is proud to be working as a school team to support the Cancer Society in our region. Our community has suffered the impacts of cancer, with staff members, family members, parents, grandparents and children fighting battles each year. You can support of team by lodging a pledge on line by following this link, <https://relayforlifehamilton.everydayhero.com/nz/team-mac> or drop a donation into the school office marked Relay for Life. Alternatively type TEAMMAC – EverydayHero into your browser and it should take you to our fundraising page.

Welcome: We warmly welcome the 58 new students and their families into our school community. These students are in all areas of the school from Yr 1 to Yr 8.

Allergy awareness: In the junior school we have a child who has life threatening allergies to sesame. Please remember this when you are packing your child's lunchbox, we would greatly appreciate no products containing sesame coming to school. This includes muesli bars with sesame seeds, buns with sesame seeds on the top and hummus as well as a number of other products. Many thanks

Full School Mass This will be held on Thursday 5 February at 9:45 in the Cathedral. All welcome.

We ask each family to provide a non-perishable food item for the food-bank. These will be taken up in class lots at offertory during the Mass.

Sun Sense: Please support us in our sun sense policy by ensuring your child has a Marian School sunhat. These can be purchased from the Warehouse at Hillcrest or from New Zealand Uniforms.

Uniforms: We also do our best to help children keep track of their uniform items as we know it is expensive. We find that the best way to do this is to get children to go home in full uniform, including shoes/sandals. Please support us in this too and tell your child they need to have their shoes/socks/sandals on before leaving. We find it is amazing how many children believe uniform items are in their bag, but then when they check they remember they left them elsewhere! **Make sure all items are clearly named!**

Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open this Thursday from 2:30 – 3:00pm. All items are \$2.00 each. Please re-name all clothing.

Team 4 Camp Parent Helpers Meeting – This afternoon, Wednesday 4th February, 5.30pm in the atrium.

Camp Team 4- Reminder for all students to be at school before 8.30am on Wednesday 11th February. Go to classes with your gear when you get to school. Parents we will return to school no later than 3pm on Friday 13th February.

All parents NB On both of these days the Beale St car park will be used to load and unload buses and you may prefer to arrange an alternative drop off or pick up point.

Team 4 Immunisation Programme Meeting: Information meeting February 17th, 1.30pm, Atrium- parents are welcome. Students will bring home information.

Calling all creative students. Do you love nature and designing things? The Pukorokoro Miranda Naturalists' Trust have called for entries for their 2015 Godwit Poster Competition. For years 1-8, all you need to do is design an A3 poster celebrating the life of the Godwit, using any medium. For facts about the bird and more information about the competition, go to the school website and click on 'The Arts'. Closing date March 31st, 2015.

Kind regards,
Kerrie Martin

Tamahere 2363 Bus Just updating you on temporary changes with the express-way.

From a meeting with HEB today, at this stage from the 16th of Feb, they hope to have North and South vehicles switched onto the new express-way. The only exits from the express-way are at Airport Rd (North) and Hookers Rd (South). This means there is no access the Tamahere Dr, Pickering Rd Pencarrow Rd, Duncan Rd.

This is temporary, until they create a short road to join up Tamahere Dr with Pencarrow Rd, and a side road to Pickering.

In the meantime Tamahere (2363) will carry on past Duncan Rd where it's turning onto at present and turn in Hookers Rd. If there are any students on the old state highway 1 or Tamahere Dr they will need to get to Hookers Rd or Tamahere School. If they live between Hookers and the old State Highway on Pencarrow, they will need to get to the corner of Hookers/Pencarrow, (Remembering this is only temporary).

The Tamahere overload will now go as far as Tamahere Primary. We will inform those affected well in advance (However being residents they should have a fair idea). As we don't know numbers on the buses until two or three days into the school year, things may yet change.

Powhiri to Welcome Bishop Steve Lowe A powhiri to welcome Bishop Steve will be held at Hui Te Rangiora Marae, Clarence Street, Hamilton, **on 12 February starting at 11.00 am**. Representatives (*all those interested in welcoming Bishop Steve*) from parishes and schools, dignitaries and iwi will be welcomed at 11.00 am so they are on site ready to welcome Bishop Steve around 2.00 pm. For more information please contact Richard Te Ao - teaowhanau@xtra.co.nz; Joyce Williams 027 476 8690; Cynthia Piper: 07 856 6989 ext 839

VOLUNTEER PARKING MARSHALS NEEDED - Are you able to help during Ordination celebrations for our new Bishop Steve Lowe on **Friday 13th February** 4pm – 8pm or **Saturday 14th February** 9.30am – noon? If so please contact Parish Office on 856 6486

OUT OF SCHOOL MUSIC LESSONS 2015:

Enrolment Forms and information regarding our Out of School Music programme have been included with today's newsletter. This is a

tremendous opportunity for your child, please give it your consideration and return your form promptly as classes fill up very quickly. Please discuss with your child as the expectation is one year's commitment. (32 weeks)

Classes are scheduled to commence week 4, beginning 24 February. Please have your return slip to the office by Friday 13 February so that we can collate classes and notify everyone of time and day of lesson. **Please indicate a second choice of instrument for Guitar** as those classes fill very quickly. If you have any queries re these classes please contact the office or the Out of School Music Co-ordinator, Alison Hepburn, by email ahepburn@marian.school.nz



PRIVATE MUSIC/SPEECH AND DRAMA LESSONS:

Private Guitar, Drum, Piano, Violin and Speech and Drama lessons are also offered at the school but are NOT part of the Out of Hours, MOE subsidised programme. The private lessons are promoted by the tutors and advertised periodically in the newsletter or contact the tutors below of details of availability and pricing.

Contacts for information regarding private tuition:

Guitar : John Maydon johnnymaydon@gmail.com

Guitar/Ukelele: Dave Murray 0272484827 dave.murray@musiqhub.co.nz

Violin: Alison Hepburn: ahepburn@marian.school.nz

Speech/Drama: Sandra Timlin lynn18@xtra.co.nz 859-0377

Piano: Robyn Smith rsjeansmith4@gmail.com 856-1404 or 0273547598

Drum: Sam Trenwith samandkimtrenwith@gmail.com

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to the following students

- Results of the *Trinity Speech and Drama NZ examinations in November 2014*; **Cara Bennett** gained honours in Grade 3 and was commended for her sight reading. **Anastasia Saint Dass** gained distinction for Grade 2 Speech and Drama. Well done girls!

CATHEDRAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The choir is currently seeking more members. All welcome, no auditions necessary! Prefer ages 7 upwards. **FIRST REHEARSAL 11th Feb, NO REGISTRATION day this year.**

Rehearsals Wednesdays 3.20-4.30 at the Cathedral plus a Sunday morning once a month.

Please contact Kristin for more information: **853 6008**

bluebellmusik@gmail.com

Theatre Cats Speech and Drama at Marian School.

Our main production this year is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. This play is full of interesting characters and will be tremendous fun transforming this well loved story from page to stage. Join Charlie Bucket and the other not-so-sweet children in Willy Wonka's amazing chocolate factory. There are fabulous parts for boys and girls in yrs.6-8. Rehearsals are on Thursday afternoons in The Whare from 3.15-4.30pm. Cost per term (8 sessions) is \$145.00 This production will be performed to the school in Term 4.

I have a few places left for creative Speech and Drama girls in yrs.4 and 5 on Wednesday afternoons in The Whare from 3.15-4.15pm. Students prepare for the Trinity College of London grade exams and will also be Oompa Loompas in our main production at the end of the year as well. Senior Acting class: Friday afternoons in The whare from 3.15-4.15pm. This class focuses on acting skills, creative drama, acting from scripts, using costume to create characters and voice technique. This group will perform in the end of year Showcase for family and friends.

Plse. contact Sandra Timlin: lynn18@xtra.co.nz or 07 8590377 for details.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$2.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam

Principal

Flyers: School Lunches, Sport, Cubs/Scouts

Bikes, scooters and skate-boards: These are **not to be ridden** in the school grounds. Walk them in and ensure they are all locked up.

