

29 July

Focus for the Week: This week's Gospel tells us of one of the most well-known events of Jesus's ministry – how He fed five thousand hungry followers with only five loaves and two fish.

Can anything on this earth truly satisfy the deepest longing and hunger we experience? A great multitude had gathered to hear Jesus, no doubt because they were hungry for the word of life. Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away at the end of the day because they did not have the resources to feed them. Jesus, the Bread of Life, took the little they had -- five loaves and two fish -- and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, gave to all until their hunger was satisfied. The feeding of the five thousand shows the generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others.

"Lord, you satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts and you feed us with the finest of wheat (Ps 81:16). Fill me with gratitude and give me a generous heart that I may freely share with others what you have given to me."

Value Focus: Excellence – Week 2 People who consistently give their best efforts are examples of excellence. The key word here is "consistently". When related to goals we set, giving our best means aiming to do the little things well every time so we can constantly improve and set new heights for ourselves. Common examples are seen in top sports teams perfecting the basic skills and using their mastery of these as a springboard to create more complex moves which they can confidently carry out. Even the All Blacks practice catching and passing! It is only through giving our best and having a positive attitude at every level that we can develop further.

"God makes three requests of his children: Do the best you can, where you are, with what you have" (African-American proverb)

Maori Phrase for the Week: Have a nice day

Kia pai tō rā

Principal's Platform:

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa

This week is **Maori language week**, a week where we remember and celebrate the heritage of this country through its first language. Each week throughout the year the students have a Maori language phrase that they learn in class, this week's phrase is 'Have a nice day', *Kia pai tō rā*

Condolences to our school pianist, Andrea Hall and family on the death of her father Trevor Simeon last week. May he rest in peace.

Technology updates

Check out our new look website on www.marian.school.nz
We also now have a school app that can be downloaded free, if you have a smart phone, go to the play store and download Marian school, you will recognise our app by our logo.

Chinese students

A reminder that we have 16 Chinese students and three Chinese teachers in the school as from yesterday for the next few weeks.

Teacher only days (Long weekend for families)

A reminder that there will be no school on Friday 14 August and Monday 17 August. The school holiday programme will run on both of these days.

Marist soccer club photos: These are next Wednesday 5 August in the in the senior school atrium, please check with your coach for the time of the photo for your child's team All teams are to wear their Marist Soccer Uniform N.B. Soccer Boots and Shin Guards not required
Photos will commence at 6.00 pm SHARP!

(Coaches/Managers please ensure that your team is on time and present at least 5 minutes before your allocated time. Children are not to run around or throw/bounce/roll/kick balls in the Atrium)

6 th Magic	6.00 p.m
6 th Titans	6.05 p.m
7 th Gunners	6.10 p.m
7 th Midgets	6.15 p.m
7 th Phoenix	6.20 p.m
8 th Shooters	6.25 p.m
8 th Tigers	6.30 p.m
9 th Eagles	6.35 p.m
9 th Scorpions	6.40 p.m
10 th Stars	6.45 p.m
10 th Vikings	6.50 p.m
11 th Falcons	6.55 p.m
Open Galaxy	7.05 p.m
Open Vipers	7.10 p.m
Open Wasps	7.15 p.m

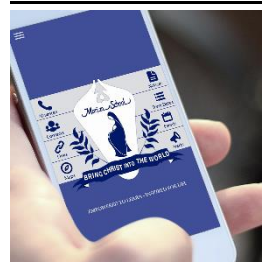
N.B Coaches/Managers check the spelling of player names.

Bereavements: We offer our deepest sympathy to

- Defrozier Feterika and her family on the death of her very much loved grandfather.
- To Andrea Hall and family on the death of her much loved father.

May they rest in peace.

Check out the New Marian School App!



Marian School now have a Mobile App for notices, events and other important School messages. To download the app for free on iPhone or Android click this link. <http://is.gd/cQFEgF>

Produce Needed:

Marian School has a team of Year 3 and 4 students who make up our EnviroSchools group. We are wanting to share excess produce from within our community to those people who are in need.

If you have any excess vegetables or fruit from your garden, feel free to drop this produce off into the school office on Mondays and Tuesdays. Our group will bag the produce up one Wednesday and make sure it goes to a family in need.

Thank you for your support
Marian EnviroSchool Group

Mural: You may have noticed a new mural on the wall of Te Whare. The senior enviroschools group created it. Our mural represents the Maori culture in our school. The waves were inspired by the famous quote "you don't learn to sail on calm waters". The 7 stars represent the 7 stars of Matariki. The writing in the five koru translates to "Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with you". Our inspiration came from the other mural outside room 19 and we thought that we would make a Maori version of this. Our mural was made to inspire people to keep trying even when things seem impossible, because life isn't easy, but if you take the right path, it's all worth it.

By Michael Chatwin

The Fundraising Art Auction

is drawing nearer. September 11th, from 6.30pm in the school hall. Students and teachers are presently creating wonderful work in their classes, local and national artists have been invited to sell their work at the auction and we will sell any donated work on the night. If you have a painting or print at home that you have grown tired of looking at, we would gratefully accept it and sell it on the night. With all proceeds going to the new sound playground. Please drop the artwork into the office.

Doodle for Google Entries Congratulations to the students who had their work selected for the Competition. Your teachers will have told you who you are. A display of all work entered and the selected pieces will be put up in the library. Well done everyone for "giving it a go".

Science Fair: Congratulations to the Senior Students who had their work judged and selected to represent Marian School at the Niwa Science Fair 2015. The public are invited to attend the Science Fair on Saturday 22nd August, at the Hamilton Gardens Pavilion.

Regeneration Retreat for Year 7 and 8: Friday August 7th. Cost \$5 and a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer with students of the same age, from across the region. Held in Tauranga- bus provided. Please contact KMartin@marian.school.nz for your last chance to secure a seat.

PTFA Reminder: 'School Quiz and Auction Night' – 8 August at The Cook. Tickets \$20.00 available at the office. Get your groups of 8 and book a table or let the PTFA put you in a team. Email marianptfa@marian.school.nz
Doors open at 6:30, quiz starts at 7:00pm and finishes at 10:00 for those who wish to stay and watch the first Bledisloe Cup match!!

Lost:

- A school polar fleece jersey named Zade Spriggs – please return to Rm1
- A pair of black Velcro winter shoes named Sam Wilkes, please return to Rm19
- A pair of black and white with light green 'Lotto' soccer boots and green socks not named, please return to Taiyo in Rm7
- A book of Southern African Bird Names explained. Please return to Lucy Ranstead Rm21

This Week's Health Nugget



Men's Breakfast – Saturday 29th August 7.00 am, St Columba's School Hall



Men of all ages within Hamilton City are invited to this inaugural **Blockes Breakfast with the Bishop**. Come along for some delicious food followed by an address from Bishop Steve. Tickets \$15 per head. For details, go to:

www.bishopsbreakfast.com

Tickets available on-line or by contacting: Mike Baird (856 4336) or Rosa Mystica Catholic Bookshop.



Hillcrest Childcare: Special Deal for 2 Year Olds - Limited Spaces Available 20 Hours Free for 2 year olds booked for 20 hours or more each week. Plus availability for 3 and 4 year olds requiring 20 hours ECE. Educational programmes are provided by qualified teachers in spacious, well equipped surroundings for children from 3 months to 5 years. Call in and see us in Carrington Avenue, Hillcrest, email: hhcentre@xtra.co.nz, contact us on 856-8707 or 027-756-8707.

Wanted a place to rent in Matangi, Tamahere, Eureka or surrounding areas, ex refs. ph [0277419781](tel:0277419781)

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday. \$2.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

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