

19 August

Focus for the Week: Hail Mary Full of Grace Luke 1:39-56 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 God chose Mary to be the Mother of His son Jesus. Mary was born pure in body and soul. She was ready to do whatever God asked of her and to live her life full of love and goodness.
 Because Mary was special, she was taken up body and soul to heaven to be with Jesus. Because of her sinless life and her great love for God, Mary was named Queen of Heaven.
 Just as Mary the mother was always there for Jesus when he needed her, Mary Our Mother is always there for us to pray to God on our behalf.

Value Focus: Excellence – Week 5

The embodiment of excellence in New Zealand often focuses on sporting excellence. Our motivation for aiming for excellence in sport and games may be driven by a desire for personal improvement, team success, or to follow our hopes and dreams of one day being able to demonstrate the skills of those who represent our province or nation. Whatever drives us, one thing is for sure – we must plan for excellence. Goal setting and evaluation is all important. We need to ask the questions: What do we need to improve on? How can I put this into action? How will I stick to it? What will my improvement look like? Who can help me? The answers provide us the tools for being the best we can be.
 “*Citius, Altius, Fortius*” (Faster, Higher, Stronger) – Olympic Motto.
 “*I’ve always felt it was not up to anyone else to make me give my best.*” Akeem Olajuwon

Maori Language: Are you (all) ready? *Kua reri koutou (katoa)?*

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal’s Platform:

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa

Last week I read in the media the comments from principal colleagues around the country regarding families holidaying during term time. For once I wasn’t asked for an opinion, but mine would have been different. Yes the school is open for a set number of days of instruction in a year and in the ideal world we would like 100% attendance every day, but this is not possible.

If we are preparing the children of today for life in a global society than what better way to learn than to travel and with the child’s first teachers, their parents. Yes, travel in term time is inconvenient to the school programme, but my view is that a trip away can be turned into a rich learning experience that no text book, lesson or even Google can replicate.

What is important to the school is that you teach your children a good work ethic and have them here on time for lessons. I believe that the families that crib 10 or 20 minutes a day are doing more harm to their child’s education and work ethic than the family that has an exciting and educational holiday in term time. My experience tells me that there is a lot more to be concerned about for the child who has regular unexplained absences or is often late to school.

Welcome: We warmly welcome Alexander Chong-Linwood (Rm5) into our school community

Sexuality Education (CFLE) Parent Meetings; 2pm & 6pm Tuesday 25th August - Marian School Staffroom. These are parent/community consultation meetings regarding a proposed addition to the current Team 3 (Year 6) programme.

Meetings will include an explanation of the proposed additional lesson, **which will be taught to girls only**, and a review of the teaching resources to be used. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions or voice any concerns regarding this change.

Team 4 - Life Education Lessons Parent Meeting There will be a parent meeting held at school next Tuesday, 25th August, at 5.00pm in Room 22, to go over the lessons that will be taught on Pubertal Change in the Life education Caravan early next month. We invite all parents to come along.

Year 7 & 8 Open Day: On 25th August at 10am we are having an open morning for Team 4 - the Intermediate Department of Marian School. If you are the parent or caregiver of a Year 6 child and would like to hear about the philosophy and programme of learning undertaken during Years 7 and 8 at Marian School, please come along to the Atrium in the Marist Block .

We will be presenting to the Year 6 children the day before so there is no need to bring your Marian child with you.

NIWA Science Fair- Congratulations to the 29 students who have their work on display in the Hamilton Gardens Pavilion, at the Niwa Science Fair. The display is open to the public on Saturday until 1pm and it will be very worthwhile viewing if you are interested.

Oral Communications Evening: Mark your calendars for our annual Oral Communications Evening to be held in the Hall on Wednesday 26 August at 6pm. Join us for a night of entertainment as the finalists of each year group from Years 4-8 present their speeches

Books Alive: The 'Books Alive' Inspiration Station has organised a Book Week with lots of fun, reading related activities for all ages. Book Week will be the last week of Term 3. Have fun and be inspired!

Second Hand Jackets available: Many thanks to the parent who donated the lovely warm winter coats, ☺ they come in sizes 6 - 12👧. Please contact Martha but you better be quick.

Art Auction: Friday September 11th. Thank you to the people who have dropped in unwanted artworks to the office. We are still accepting all donations.

Grandparents Day: Thursday 10 September. All grandparents welcome. The day will start with a Full School Mass. More details later.

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to the following students for their success:-

- **Capri Mawston, Simone Peers, and Hunter Wilson-Richie** successfully auditioned and gained parts in the Hamilton Operatic Society's upcoming production of EVITA. The children are currently rehearsing with the show due to run at Clarence Street Theatre from 19th September 2015 to 3rd October 2015.
- **Michael O'Brien, Jack Iremonger and Temaka Tabokaai** along with the Marist 13th Grade team who won the Waikato 13th Grade club rugby competition last week.
- **Michael O'Brien** who has been selected for the New Zealand Marist 13th North Island team to play against the South Island team.

Asthma Awareness Week is from 31 Aug - 6 Sep

How many kids in our school have asthma? It's probably more than you think. Here are some interesting facts:

- 1 in 7 children in New Zealand take asthma medication
- It causes 550,000 lost school days every year
- It was responsible for 3,700 hospital admissions for children in 2013

This week's Health Nugget

Did you know there can be at least 10tsp of sugar in a can of fizzy drink and 4tsp in small glass of cordial?

Instead try flavouring water with fruit like oranges, lemons, limes

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

St John and Sacred Heart Music Trip

Honey Fundraiser: Simone Peers in Room 19 is fundraising for her school music trip next year and is selling delicious local freshly produced, 100% pure honey at fantastic prices. All honey has been processed and bottled in a registered kitchen. She is selling light honey, dark honey and creamed honey.

500g	\$7.50
400g	\$6.00
250g	\$4.00

For orders, please contact Simone at school or Daphne on 0220 205 789, or email daphnepeers@gmail.com

Order online anytime, anywhere! Visit www.lunchorders.co.nz
Delicious, nutritious meals, delivered to school every day

Wanted: a place to rent in Matangi, Tamahere, Eureka or surrounding areas, ex refs. ph [027741978](tel:027741978)

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

A thought for today: "Give without remembering and take without forgetting" - Anon

God Bless You

John Coulam,
Principal