

4 November

Focus for the Week: This past Sunday we celebrated the **Feast of All Saints**. To put it simply, a saint is someone who has given up their life, sometimes literally, in order to spread God's message of love.

The Gospel reading of the Beatitudes, taken from the Sermon on the Mount, list some of the ways that we are called to show God's love to one another. 'Blessed are those who show mercy'. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice'. 'Blessed are the peace makers'. These are all small, often simple, ways that we can try to follow in the footsteps of the saints. ***'It is not necessary to do great things. Do small things with great love', Mother Teresa.***

And our reward for thinking of others and putting God first in our lives? To one day take our place in heaven with all the saints, surrounded by God's love and peace for eternity.

Values Focus: Love of God, Self and Others – Week 4

Loyalty and faithfulness go hand in hand. For us to show loyalty we must be sure in what our beliefs and values are. Once these are established it allows us to remain truthful to who we really are and less likely to be swayed by whims, popular fashion and people who try to convince us to do things which run counter to our beliefs. Positively, it allows us to identify and strengthen the bonds with those who share our beliefs.

At Marian Catholic School a collective commitment to upholding our mission and striving to make real our vision and values allows us to demonstrate loyalty. Being faithful to our motto of "Bring Christ into the World" in our thoughts, words and actions acknowledges a living connection to the Catholic Church and the ideals proclaimed in the gospel.

"Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart" Proverbs 3:3

Maori Language:

Wk 4	<i>Kei te pehea koe i te ra nei?</i> 1. <i>Kei te pai ahau</i> 2. <i>Ka nui te ora</i>	How are you today? 1. I'm good 2. I'm great
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Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa

In history there have been many people who have stood up and spoken out against injustice, some are famous such as Nelson Mandela, while others who might not be quite so famous, have caused ripples in society, the work place or across a political landscape. It takes courage to stand up and to speak out against authority and injustice, for some to speak out it has cost their liberty, their job or the ultimate price, their life. One person I have great admiration for is Pope Francis who is challenging the Church to stop hiding behind rules and to be the loving and forgiving face of Christ to the world. It is clear that Pope Francis is not popular among the conservative elements within the church, but then it is not popularity that motivates him, it is justice. Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers, he was chosen as Pope for a reason, I am sure that at times he feels he would like the challenge to pass him by.

Work is moving along on the Events Centre. Within the next two weeks the concrete floor is to be laid and then the framing and new steel work should be up before Christmas. I am really excited about this project and the fundraising is coming along nicely. To date we have raised \$164 000 of the \$250 000 needed for the community to buy the existing building. All school activity fees received this term are going into this fund.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Ioane Tabokaai (Rm4) and Joseph Jino Mathews (Rm2).

Parents of Year 8 Boys: On Friday November 6th boys attending Hamilton Boys' High School in 2016, have their testing. They are required at HBHS from 8.30am-12.30pm, at which time they will walk back to Marian. On Tuesday November 10th, all those boys attending St Johns' College in 2016 have their enrolment day. They are required to attend St Johns from 8.45am-3.10pm. They will need to make their own travel arrangements to and from the school on that day.

All students need to provide their Marian teacher with a note to confirm that they are attending, as they will be marked on our roll that day. Boys need to wear full school uniform, be prompt and prepared.

Out of School Music Twilight Concert 6 pm
TOMORROW, Thursday 5th November

The annual Twilight performance to showcase the achievements our children have gained throughout their year of music lessons will be held in the School Hall. The performance will take approximately one hour and will be a real treat. Come along and enjoy!



Team 3 & 4 Athletics at Porritt Stadium on Thursday November 12th: Thank you to all parents who have offered to help on the day. Students travelling with parents to the venue need to be dropped off after 8.30am and before 9am. Collection will be from 2.30pm on the day. Students travelling by bus need to be at school no later than 8.30am, meet in the Atrium for roll call and we will depart at 8.45am sharp. They will be back at school by 3pm.

NB On the day all students wear PE uniform to school with sunhat and running shoes, bring food, water, sunscreen and warm clothing required.

UP AND COMING EVENT - WEEK 5
2015 SOLO-SINGING COMPETITION & 4GLEE PERFORMANCE GROUP

When? Thursday 12th November

Where? Marian school hall

Starts? at 6pm

Come along and support our wonderful singers in Team 4. - Miss Louella Pereira

Team 4 Camp 2016: Thank you to all parents who have requested the camp parent info pack. Please complete the required details and return to the school office at your earliest convenience. It is not too late to register your interest to attend camp as a helper, simply email KMartin@marian.school.nz All parents will be contacted by email, prior to the end of the year to confirm that we need your help.

Camp Notices: Initial information about the Ngaruawahia Senior School Camp, Feb 9th-12th, will be sent out this week. There is a health form and a permission slip to complete, then return to the school office. Payment options are included in the notice. All fees will need to be settled prior to the camp and part payments can be arranged.

Lockdown: We had a lockdown practice last week. A lockdown is signalled by 6 bells ringing and we tell the children to run to the nearest building. A lockdown can be held for a variety of reasons including swarming bees, gas leak, an

aggressive dog on site or threatening members of the public. Once a lockdown is called the reason for it is posted on our website under "Latest News" so that you know what it is for and when you are able to come in safely.

Mark your Calendar: The Team 3 and 4 Prize giving for 2016 will be held on Friday December 11th. The start time will be 9am in the Cathedral. This is a slightly earlier time than the one previously sent out in Team newsletters. Please mark your calendars.

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to the following;

- Kele Cuthers who has been selected to play for the Waikato Under 9 Touch Team.

Lost:

- A pair of black velcro school sandals, named Sergio on tag under the strap. Size 13, brand *Rugged Shark*. Please return to Rm6
- A polar fleece named Ava McDaid – return to Rm 6
- A hat named Harry MacLeman –return to Rm 5.

Strong Parents, Strong Daughters - talks for parents of tweens & teens. Katrina Alvir, teacher & mentor of schoolgirls, will be talking at Rimbrook Study Centre, 64 Hillcrest Rd. 7.30 - 8.30pm.

Nov 16: Understanding changes within the teen brain.

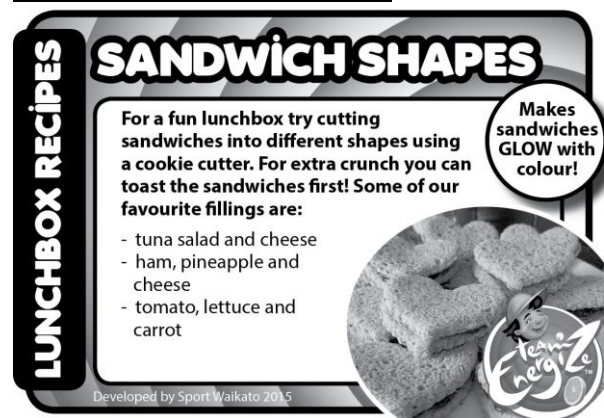
Nov 17: How to talk so teens listen & listen so teens talk.

\$20 (per couple) for both sessions or \$15 for one.

RSVP or more information: Diane Willcock

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This Week's Heath Nugget:



Urgently needed: A 2-bedroom unit or apartment, under \$350.00. Please contact Martha

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal