

17 February

Focus: The Lenten Season - Ash Wednesday

Today we begin a new season in the Church's liturgical year- the season of Lent.

As a school we gather together at Mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday, and to begin our journey through the forty days of Lent in preparation for Easter. We have been blessed with a cross of ash on our foreheads as a symbol of penance and to remind us that we, are just dust and ashes (Gen. 18:27) but for the intervention of God.

During the first reading from the Book of Joel we are asked to turn back to God through prayer and to let prayer be a part of our every day activities.

In the second reading Paul reminds us that we are ambassadors for Christ. He is saying that through our actions and words towards others, we are living examples of the living Christ.

In the gospel, Jesus tells us how to do this - through sacrifice and by charity towards others. He also reminds us that these acts of prayer, sacrifice and charity need to be done without looking to be rewarded. We are not to make a big noise about what we are doing, as we are doing it for the love of our Lord, not for the people around us to praise our efforts.

As part of our Lenten intentions, we as a school community will be praying each day for Paige Tuioti and her family.

Values Focus Value Focus: Respect – Week 3

"We are all something, but none of us are everything" Here Blaise Pascal points to recognising strengths in others. This quote's implicit humility encourages us to seek out, be respectful of and celebrate the strengths that others have. Indeed, none of us can know and do everything well. It is therefore up to us to respect others' talents and use them together to make our communities better. Respect comes through setting aside negative thoughts of jealousy and selfishness and embracing others abilities by celebrating their successes and understanding their differences from our own. This sets up a steady platform for co-operation, for sharing, for collective improvement of our families, our school, our society.

"When I approach a child, he inspires in me two sentiments; tenderness for what he is, and respect for what he may become." Louis Pasteur

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Principal's Platform:

The Board of Trustees are the Governors of the school, approving policy and setting direction based on the strategic plan. They have overall responsibility for the staff as employer, for curriculum development, the maintenance of the school, school finances and for health and safety in the work place. Our Board is made of 6 parent elected members, 4 Proprietor Appointees, a staff representative and the Principal as the Chief Executive officer.

I find the Board to be of immense value as they not only help temper my enthusiasm ensuring that enough consideration has gone into following policy and decision making but they are also an excellent support for me. The Board generally meet on ten evenings a year for about 1.5 hours. The sub committees of the board, Property, Finance, Pupil Welfare, and Policy meet on one evening a month, normally a week out from the Board meeting.

Nominations for the Board of Trustees open on 15 March. Consider standing or nominating another as an election is healthy for the school. At least three of the current Board are not standing again. The new Board will take office on 14 May and remain in place for three years.

An address update flyer is going home today. If any parent has a change of address, please fill in the form and return to Marian Panettiere by the end of next week.

Accounts will be going home in the first week of March for those stationery items and activities supplied directly by the school. If any school account creates undue stress or hardship please see Martha our school Family Worker. I note that last year approximately \$5500 remained unpaid by parents for costs incurred outside those that are funded by the state. To help wish cash flow in the home, arrangements can be made to settle accounts by instalments or regular automatic payments.

A reminder that there will be a **stop work meeting for teachers in Hamilton on Wednesday 10 March from 1.30 p.m. until 3 p.m.** While the school will remain open for instruction, the reality is that only a handful of teachers will be on site to supervise children. It would be helpful if as many children as possible could be picked up over the lunch break on Wednesday 10 March. The school buses will run at the normal times between 3 and 4 p.m. The After School Care programme will continue to operate on this day from 3 p.m.

The **Marist Junior Soccer** club Annual meeting is tonight Wednesday 17 February at 7.30 p.m. in the staffroom. The muster for players will be on Sunday 28 February from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Marian School.

Welcome: We warmly welcome the following students and their families into our school community; Linda Reina Manozca (Rm 21), Brayden savage (Rm5), Pokia Temai (Rm18) and Lexy McMurray (Rm5)

Bereavements: We extend our deepest sympathies to the following families who have lost loved ones this week.

- To the Rose family and Shepperd family who's much loved father, father-in-law and grandfather of Gemma and Taylor, passed away.
- To Sarah Krystman and her family on the death of her much loved Nana who passed away on Friday.
- To Lauren and Nicole Baranski and family on the death of their much loved grandfather.

May they Rest in Peace.

Mufti day at school this Friday 19th Feb, Gold Coin donation. All money received will be for the victims of the Haiti disaster. Thank you .

Important Parent Information Meetings: Following on from the implementation of the Revised Curriculum and the introduction of the National Standards we are doing an audit of our assessment and reporting practices at Marian School. We would like to hear what parents want in the way of reporting. Therefore we are holding a meeting to give you the opportunity to hear what we are doing and to tell us what you would like. The same meeting will be run twice in order to give more opportunities to attend if they wish. There will be a meeting held in the Whare from 9-10.00 on Wednesday 24th March. This meeting will be repeated for parents who are unable to make it during the day on Thursday 25th March at 6.30pm in the staffroom. Thanks – Kay Petchell

Library News:

- We extend an invitation to our School Community to attend the official Opening and Blessing of our new Library, 'Barbier Library' by Bishop Denis Browne on Thursday 25 February at 2pm.
- Classes will be able to issue books from Week 5 so start thinking about Library Bags – all pupils require one. Recycle bags (not plastic) work well.

**PTFA NOTICES:**

PTFA AGM Meeting to be held Tues 23 February in the Staffroom. The following positions are available; Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

We would love to have new members so please come along and support your school community.

New Parents Afternoon Tea: The PTFA extend a warm welcome to all new families to Marian School by providing an afternoon tea for parents on Wednesday March 3rd at 2pm in the staffroom. This is a great way to meet other parents. All welcome.

Baking required – Thursday 25 February for the opening of the new Barbier Library. If you can assist – please phone Corry 021 449 9872

Out of School Music Enrolments

We still have vacancies in Trumpet, Flute and Saxophone. Hire instruments are available from school. Start time for classes will be delayed until these are filled.

You will receive a letter detailing class times and commencement date in due course.

Please contact Colin Smith, Out of School Music Co-ordinator, with any queries. 849-0028

Marian Catholic School Swimwear.

Marian school has a swimwear uniform available to purchase for water polo.

These are also available, as well as long leg swimmers for boys in black to be purchased (not for water polo) for children playing flippa ball, and any swimmers that would like them.

They are not compulsory for flippa ball and students that are swimmers. The swimwear is chlorine resistant and double layered. If you are interested in purchasing swimwear pick up an order form from the Marian School office. **Orders close 26 February**

Any queries please contact Sandra Petrin on 0272325217 or spetrin@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

SPORT NOTICES

Cricket Draw

Friday night 5:30pm start

Blockers vs Tamahere Jets @ Marian School

Stumpers vs Southwell Black Caps @ Southwell School 2

Saturday 9am start

Strikers vs Morrinsville Blue @ Morrinsville Intermediate

Force vs Old Boys Chargers @ Marian School

Thunderbolts vs Woodstock Wolverines @ Discovery Park 1

All Stars vs Old Boys Vipers @ Steele Park 1

Urgent notice we are 3 players short for our year 7/8 strikers cricket team. If you are in Yr 7/8 and would like to play cricket please contact me urgently. The forms are in the school office. I need a response by Thursday lunchtime!

All students will have come home with the cricket team lists.

SOFTBALL If you want to play and haven't got your form or money to me, it needs to be at the office at lunchtime on Thursday.

Flippa Ball – Due to swim competitions there will be no Flippa Ball this Sunday.

Netball and Soccer Muster: Sunday 28 February 11am – 1pm at at St Theresa block.

Good Luck to all teams that are playing this weekend!

Lisa Burgess -Sports Co-ordinator

lburgess@marian.school.nz - 027 278 7031

Art work on Display: Marian School artworks are on display at The Cook. The art was produced by Year 7's (on a day I was relieving) and will be exhibited for 6 weeks. Well done to the students involved.

With thanks - **Kerrie Martin**

Arts Education Advisor

Arts Waikato

Lost:

- A school tunic missing since end of year performance. No name – near new. Please return to Neysa Kosasih – Rm 12.
- A very faded greyish looking bucket hat, with Bernard written across it. It has survived over 7 years, if you find it please return to Bernard in Room 18 so it can complete its' 8 years at Marian

Celebrating Success:


- At the recent **North Island Colgate Athletics Games** held in Auckland, Jake Scurrah (Room 15) took out 1st place in all his events: Shot-Put, Long jump, 60m and 100m sprints. Champion effort Jake! Love from your family.

This Week's Health Nugget

Keep cool with water!

Wonderful Water Facts!

- The human body is about **75% water**
- Your **brain** is approximately 85% water and your **bones** are around 33% water.
- When water warms up it turns into a gas called **water vapour**
- The water that we drink has circled around the world for years and years! So long in fact that the water we drink now was around when the **dinosaurs** were on earth!
- Humans drink an average of **75,000 litres** of water throughout their life.
- Water regulates the **temperature** of the human body and helps to **filter waste** from the body.



St Johns and Sacred Heart Combined Concert Band are fundraising for a trip to Australia in July and are organising a 'Food and Music trail' through Key Travel on Sunday 7 March. Come and enjoy a great day out! Tickets are \$65.00 and bookings can be made at 0800 022 852. Any queries, phone Annemarie 856 6471. The bus will pick up in Hamilton and Te Awamutu and visit three rural venues for refreshments and BBQ lunch. The students provide musical entertainment.

Speech and Drama: Would you like your child to gain confidence and improve their communication skills? Private Speech and Drama lessons available. Fun interactive group lessons. Exam and competition work covered. Ages 8 - 14. Contact Laura Watson 8563303 0274124204 laurawatson@xtra.co.nz

Dove Fellowship for Women:

DATE: Thursday 4th March

TIME : 7.30 – 9.00pm

VENUE: St Joseph's Parish Centre, Clarkin Road, Fairfield

THEME : "MY REDEEMER LIVES"

SPEAKER: Ruth Clarke from Tauranga

BRING A FRIEND BRING YOUR BIBLES COME AND ENJOY

For transport or further enquiries contact Wilma Ph 829 8616

(Catholic Women's Fellowship) www.dove.org.nz

St Patrick's College Wellington - 125th Jubilee 2010

The College will be celebrating this significant Jubilee Queen's Birthday weekend 4-6th June 2010 and all Old Boys and families are warmly invited. Please visit the Jubilee website for Registrations and information www.stpats125.org.nz or contact the Development Manager at P O Box 14022, Wellington 6022, development@stpats.school.nz, ph 04 939 5416

St. Joseph's School, Dannevirke Centennial

We are celebrating our Centennial this year and invite you to join us on Saturday 20 March 2010. A one day event held at the School, Church and Town Hall from 9 am until late. To register your interest email dvkestjo100@windowslive.com, written enquiry to c/- St. Joseph's School, McPhee Street, Dannevirke 4930 or go to our school website <http://www.schoolground.co.nz/stjoesdannevirke> and click on Centennial Celebrations.

Hilton Brown Swimming centre – Hamilton:

Book now at the Sue Mayo Swim School, 12 Queenwood Ave. Phone 855 8666. Teach 7 days per week. Indoor heated pool. Accept all levels. www.hiltonbrownswimming.co.nz for more information.

Planet Dance: See notice board for more details. Salsa, Ballroom, Latin, Tango, Rock, Hop Hop etc.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam

Principal

Flyer: Parent/Caregiver address update