

24 February

Focus for the Week: - Lead us not into Temptation First Sunday of Lent

Last Sunday was the First Sunday of lent and what better way to start it off by focusing on not being led into temptation.

The devil tried to tempt Jesus three times in this week's Gospel reading. He was saying to Jesus that he could have exactly what he wanted. The Devil asked; "Why shouldn't you have what you want – you deserve it – why should you think about others – let them sort themselves out – you have all this power from God why don't you use it."

Jesus replied that there is only one God and master – the devil was trying to tempt Jesus into following him and only thinking of his own needs. Jesus was strong .

Have you ever been tempted into something you knew was wrong but you did it anyway? At some stage we all have thought only of ourselves.

Lord - Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil.

Values Focus: Respect Week 4

If we analyse the popular saying "*Clothes maketh the person*" in terms of respect we can readily identify 2 dimensions. Firstly – that how we present ourselves is an indicator of how we view ourselves and want the world to see us – our self respect.

The second dimension is how we identify with those groups we belong to. If we belong to a team or group this often means the pride and respect we show in the uniform we wear, or how we speak or act when we are representing that group. As members of Marian School, to give our best effort when representing our school physically, academically, and spiritually is to show respect.

A popular All Blacks advertisement once stated "*This is not a jersey, this is a portal through which men pass...this is a country unified ... this is a reminder to all who have worn it before... This is a jersey fitted for 4 million people.*"

While we should take care not to be caught up in the hype which surrounds this ad, the simple message we can transfer is that we are privileged to belong to the community that is Marian Catholic School. To truly belong, we must appreciate that our actions, and words represent so many more than ourselves. Therein lies a collective respect.

"Individual commitment to a group effort -- that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." - Vince Lombardi

Dear Parents and Friends of the school

Principal's Platform:

Library Opening: Bishop Denis Browne will officially open and bless our new library at 2 p.m. this Thursday 25 February. You are very welcome to attend and view the library.

Parent teacher interviews are to be held on Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 24 March. Following a successful trial last year you will once again be able to **book your own interview by logging onto www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.**

Type in the password **U2MAD** and there are three easy steps to follow. (Sorry, we don't choose the password)

Book your interview now. If you do not have access to a computer either ring Marian at the school office or call into the office and we can help you.

No pieces of paper will be sent home this year advising interview times, these are e-mailed to you once you book on line. **N.B.** Mrs Steens from Room 15 (Year 5/6) is not available on 24 March and will arrange alternative times to meet with the parents of her class who are unable to be accommodated on the 16 March. Please contact Mrs Steens directly if this applies to you. The benefits of using an electronic booking system are great, particularly for our hard working Marian in the school office.

Password
U2MAD

Hamilton Marist Soccer Muster: This Sunday February 28 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Junior deck. Registration fee is \$50 per player. Registration forms will be available on the day. Registration forms are also available from the Marian foyer. Completed forms can be left with payment at the Marian School office.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Soyeun (Kelly) Lee (R21), Lushomo Thebe (R15), Chipego Thebe (Rm4) and Silica Thebe (Rm4).

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 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.**

Kay Petchell and Mike Sommerville

Parent Invitation – Reporting on Asian Student Achievement. I will be reporting to our Asian Community on Literacy and Numeracy Assessment tasks from November 2009. data will show the progress made by students from march to November. The meeting will be held in the **WHARE on TUESDAY 9 March 9:00am – 10:00am**. Invitations will be given to families next week. Thank you – Delia Wilson

Free Parenting Course: "The Incredible Years" aimed for parents of 5 – 10yr old children. Held at the Ministry of Education, Ken Browne Dr, Te Rapa. The Course starts Monday 1 March from 9:30 – 11:45am. See flyer at counter to register or phone Philip Elliotson 850 8928

PTA Baking Request: Baking is required for tomorrow's catering for the Library Opening. If you can assist, please bring to office in the morning. Thank you.

'Pasifika Cultural Group' will be starting this week and that we welcome all old and new members to come along this **Thursday lunchtime to sign up for 2010.**
Cheers – Louella Dinnan and the Pasifika Team

Out of School Music: All classes starting next week. Notices sent home today to those registered.

Paddy's Day – Flea Market 17 March: Items wanted. Check your cupboards for donations of clothing, white elephant, kitchen etc. Proceeds to the Welfare Fund.
Thank you– Martha

Sport Notices:

Winter Hockey Registration 2010 - Thursday 11 March 3.30pm in Room 11.

For new and existing players. Come and sign up. All Ages able to play! This will be a time to answer any questions and register players.

6aside: Year 1-3 (Saturday morning game)

8aside: Year 4-5 (Saturday morning game)

11aside Year 6-8 (Friday night game)

Games start early Term 2.

Any queries to baddison@marian.school.nz

If your child is keen to play but you are unable to make the meeting please email me with your details including child's name and Room number.

CRICKET Draw:

Friday Night: - 5:30pm start

Blockers vs Woodstock Yellow Caps @ Seddon Park 4

Stumpers vs Hamilton West Knights @ Marian School

Saturday Morning: 9am start

Strikers vs Peachgrove Hurricanes @ Peachgrove School

Force vs Te Kowhai @ Marian School

Thunderbolts vs St Peter Chanel @ Swarbrick Park

All Stars vs Tamahere Aces @ Tamahere School

SOFTBALL: Saturday - 10am start

Allstars vs Melville Stingers @ Resthills Park, Diamond 12

TOUCH: - There has been an interest shown for a mixed Year 7/8 touch team. We required 10 players for this team, 5 girls and 5 boys. Competition starts the 25 February and finishes on the 1 April. Games will be played at Swarbrick Park. The cost per player is \$10.00. Forms are available from the office. For further enquires please contact Kushla Roberts on 0274 998064 or 843 2414.

BASKETBALL: - We have the opportunity to enter a Year 7/8 and 5/6 Basketball team. The Year 7/8 team will play on Tuesday nights and the Year 5/6 team will play on Friday nights at the YMCA. The competition is to be played during Term 1 and Term 2. Your child needs to commit for two terms if they wish to play. Training for both teams would be on Monday 3.30pm at a venue to be advised. The first game subject to numbers, would start on the 8 March. The forms can be collected from the office and need to be returned in an envelope marked attention to Lisa Burgess.

NETBALL: -Netball muster is on Sunday 28 February from 11 am to 1pm at the St Theresa Block on staffroom deck.

Lisa Burgess - Sports Co-ordinator

lbjurgess@marian.school.nz

PE Tops – Unfortunately, the price has increased to \$35.00.

Could the parent who came to the counter regarding the making of these, please come and see me. Thanks - Marian

Waterpolo - Waterpolo starts this Sunday night at Waterworld Te Rapa. Team lists were given to the players yesterday.

Games for this week

Marian Red vs Marian Blue 5.30

Marian White vs Fairfield 2 6.30

Please be at the pool 30 minutes before the start of your game.

Marian School Swim Wear order forms are available at the school office. We would like to encourage the water polo players to wear them as it represents the school in the competition.

Any questions please ring Sandra on 0272 325217 or email spetrin@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

Marian School Salsa Classes: Hot – Hot – Hot - Thursday nights from 7pm – 8pm in the School Hall. \$3.00 per session. Run by one of our own parents. All welcome.

This Weeks Health Nugget: also see flyer

Team Energize Hints!

Keep your lunchbox safe!

Hot summer days can make lunchboxes a dangerous place as it's the perfect growing conditions for bacteria and other nasty bugs.

Keeping your lunchbox cool, especially if it has perishable items in it, will help to reduce the risk of these bugs growing.

Try these tips to reduce your risk:

- Keep your lunchbox out of the sun and in the **shade**
- **Freeze drink bottles** and use it as an ice-pack to keep foods cold then enjoy a cold drink at lunch time
- **Freeze small yoghurt pottles** overnight so it will help to keep foods cold but also be a yummy snack at school.



Lost:

- A pair of pink swimming goggles. Please return to Madeleine Bean Rm11
- A tunic named Amra – please return to Rm 12

For Sale: An English upright piano (Stroud) approx 40 years old with good sound and in good condition. Free delivery (in Hamilton area only and no steps). Phone Jane 855 0123 or 021 0277 2809

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

Waikato Museum Presents 'Children's Day 2010'

Sunday 7 March. Balloons and face painting, storytelling, bands and dancers, craft activities, children's adventure trails and heaps more! 1 Grantham St, Hamilton ph 838 6606.

Family Fun Day – Porse Child Care. Claudelands Showground. Sunday 7 March 10:30 – 1:30

Feet 2 the Beat Dance Studio: Offer jazz, Hip Hop, Latin, Pre-School, Mothers groups and Latin fitness classes. Come have a look at 38 Grasslands Place and your first class is free. Call Tash 848 2122 for more info or visit www.feet2thebeat.co.nz

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 each

God Bless You

John Coulam
Principal

Flyer:

- Australasian Competitions
- 'My Cool Lunchbox'