

**Focus for the Week: Stand strong in the Lord** - Second Sunday in Lent

The gospel event of the transfiguration of Jesus is a promise to his followers. Through Jesus we are called to prayer and to a deeper relationship with God. During our reflection on the transfiguration of Jesus we are reminded to continue to be strong in the living of our faith. We are called to experience the process of transfiguration in our lives and to continue our conversion. We are further reminded of our Lenten resolve: to grow in holiness, to withstand the temptations of pride and selfishness and to become more like Jesus in our lives.

Through prayer our lives will become recognizably different – the spiritual energy and growth we experience will make our faith shine. The transfiguration will become real in our lives.

**Values Focus:** The time of Lent as the popular church hymn implores, is the time to "Turn back to God". How might we do this? Acknowledging ourselves as sinners and asking for forgiveness and guidance in keeping our lives as Jesus would want us to live them is the first step. This allows us to be open to God in our lives: setting aside times for prayer and worship; seeking where possible to assist others less fortunate than ourselves; living according to the Ten Commandments; accepting the crosses that go with choosing to follow Him. Such actions allow us to grow spiritually and renew our relationship and respect for God as our Lord and guide this Lent. "What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God." - Eleanor Powell

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Platform:**

By now many in the community will be aware that we are praying for our student **Paige Tuioti** who over the next six months is undergoing treatment for cancer. The PTFA are holding a grocery raffle to support the family with expenses or to simply give them a koha that they in turn can pass on to Ronald McDonald House. I ask that you support this raffle. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from the school office.

Nationally March 8-14 is **Child cancer week**. Teacher Mr Ian O'Malley from Room 13 is offering to have his hair shaved to support this charity. In return he needs sponsorship with all funds received going to the cancer society. Donations or sponsorship for this cause may be left at the school office. Friday 12 March will be a mufti day to support this cause. Student Sophie Preston is also shaving her head in support of this Charity.

It is with regret that the **resignation of Teacher Mrs Jane Barbour** has been accepted to take effect at the end of term one. An announcement will be made before the end of term as to who will be teaching in Room 20 (Year 7) next term.

The **Marist Junior Soccer Club registrations** are now open. If you were unable to attend the muster at school last Sunday then collect a registration form from the school office. Completed forms and payment can be left with Mrs Panettiere. Teams will be drafted over the next few weeks, so don't delay. Marist soccer shorts and socks can be purchased from the Soccer Shop in Kahikatea Drive.

**URGENT- Stopwork meeting for Primary School Teachers:**

that was set for March, has now been postponed until Term 2. Date to be advised.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community Mikko Espellarga (Rm 4).

**Mass:** No Mass this week.

**Thank You:** - Many thanks go the PTFA and to all of those who supplied plates for the opening of the library, it was lovely to be able to offer our guests such a quality afternoon tea following such an auspicious occasion!

**Parent Interviews:** These will be held on Tuesday 16 March and Wednesday 24 March. Please book your own interviews online. [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) Password U2MAD

**Relay for Life:** Sophie Preston Rm18 will be having her hair shaved off at the Relay for Life this weekend. If you are able to donate to this, we will be at the car park after school on Thursday and Friday collecting donations.

**LIBRARY SPOT** - Thank you to all who attended the wonderful occasion of the opening and blessing of Barbier Library. Parents are welcome to come in to view our new space before school from 8:30 and again at 2:30 any day. You may also like to be a parent member.

**NATIONAL STANDARDS INFORMATION:** You will have been aware that there has been significant attention in the media around National Standards. As a preface to our community consultation meetings around assessment and reporting we are going to run a 3 part series over the

next 3 newsletters about National Standards. Today we are addressing the issue:

**What are National Standards?**

From 2010, all schools with children in years 1-8 will be using National Standards in reading, writing and maths.

The standards are a description of what all New Zealand children are expected to be able to do in reading, writing and maths in years 1-8. They have been developed by the Ministry of Education.

**Why are they being introduced?**

The standards give teachers, your child and you a clear idea of where your child is at in reading, writing and maths, and what they have to do next in their learning.

Doing well in reading, writing and maths will give your child the skills and knowledge they need now. Working at or above the standards during years 1-8 means your child should be on track to finish secondary school with a worthwhile leaving qualification – NCEA level 2 or similar.

**The reading, writing and maths standards are used by teachers to:**

- plan and teach what your child needs to learn in reading, writing and maths.
- work out where your child is at
- work out your child's next learning steps and set goals for learning, together with you and your child
- report clearly at least twice a year to you about your child's progress and achievement in relation to the standards

**How will the teacher work out where your child is at?** The teacher will continue to use many different ways to find out where your child is at in reading, writing and maths. This includes:

- using a range of formal tests/assessments
- watching your child working in the classroom
- talking with them about their learning
- your child assessing their own and each other's work.

Some children will need more time and support to work towards the expected standard. The teacher will work together with you and your child to help them to achieve their next learning goals.

**Working together with your child's teacher**

You have an important role to play in your child's learning.

Having a good relationship with your child's teacher, clearly understanding where your child is at and working together to support your child's learning will help them do their best.

**Questions you could ask the teacher**

- How well is my child doing?
- What can they do well?
- What do they need help with?
- What are they going to learn next?
- What do you need to know about my child to help them in the classroom?
- How will the school support them?
- What can I do to help at home?
- What is the best way to keep in contact about how my child is doing?

This information is taken from the Ministry of Education Website:

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/Parents/YourChild/ProgressAndAchievement/NationalStandards/Introduction/HowWellsMyChildDoing.aspx> ?

**PTFA Chocolates being sent home today with eldest child.**

**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 24<sup>th</sup> March**. This meeting will be repeated for parents who are unable to make it during the day on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in the staffroom**.

Kay Petchell and Mike Sommerville

So that we know how many to arrange seating for, if you are planning to attend the community consultation on our assessment and reporting audit please return the slip below.

**SUNSCREEN FUNDRAISER**

Thankyou to all the families that supported the PTFA sunscreen fundraiser. The project managed to raise \$623.50 for our school. Apologies again for the late arrival of some products - apparently this is the first time in 11 years that the company has had this problem. We are looking to repeat the fundraiser in Term 3, 2010 but may order some products upfront this time - will keep you posted. Thanks once again for supporting this fundraiser and keeping safe in the sun!

Alice Cornforth and Jacqui Frazer (PTFA)

**Wanted:**

- to buy used computer and two boys bikes to suit 11 to 12 year olds. Ring Martha
- all items Bric-a-Brac, clothing etc for Paddy's market, 17 March - drop off at the office. Proceeds to Welfare Fund

**Sport Notices:**

**=Marian Netball Pre-Season Training Camp:** 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at Marian School.

This camp aims to strengthen our players' knowledge and skills at an age appropriate level. Registration forms available from the School Office or by emailing Kate (see below). Return your completed form with payment *in a sealed envelope* and place in the **green box** in school office, by 19<sup>th</sup> March. Enquiries to: Kate van der Hulst 021 311962 or [pete.hulst@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pete.hulst@xtra.co.nz)

= **Milo Kiwi Cricket** started at the University yesterday (1<sup>st</sup> March), and will run on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4pm to 530pm.

If you have registered and missed the first week we will run an extra session on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

We look forward to seeing you

The Milo Kiwi Cricket Team!

**=Cricket Draw:**

Friday 5:30 start

Marian Blockers vs Old Boys Hawks @ University

Marian Stumpers vs Cambridge Kings @ Marian School

Saturday 9am start

Marian Strikers vs Morrinsville Gold @ Marian School

Marian Force vs St Columba's @ Dominion Park

Marian Thunderbolts vs Te Kowhai @ Swarbrick Park 2

Marian All Stars vs Old Boys Pythons @ Steele Park 2

= **SOFTBALL SATURDAY 6 MARCH**

Marian Allstars v Uptempo Tigers diamond 10 @ 10.30am

= **FLIPPER BALL SUNDAY 7 MARCH**

Marian Dolphins vs St Josephs 1 @ 3.10pm

Marian Sharks vs Marian Seals @ 3.30pm

Marian Dolphins vs St Josephs 2 @ 4.50pm

= **WATERPOLO SUNDAY 7 MARCH**

Marian Red vs St Joseph Blue @ 6.00pm

Marian White vs Peachgrove Maroon @ 6.30pm

= **NETBALL**

Thank you for all those who came to muster on Sunday. If you wish to play netball this year and did not make the Muster on Sunday, please collect a form from the office, return it in an envelope together with you fee in a envelope, to the attention of Lisa Burgess. **Registration for netball closed Friday 5 March 2010.**

= **GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS**

Lisa Burgess

[lburgess@marian.school.nz](mailto:lburgess@marian.school.nz)

**Waterpolo - Sunday Draw**

6.00 pm - Marian Red vs St Josephs Blue

6.30 pm - Marian White vs Peachgrove Maroon

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

**Swimming sports - Team 4**

On Monday 1 March, Team 4 held their swimming sports. The day was a great success with students competing as individuals while representing their various

houses. The day could not have been such a success without the help of the parents, who put themselves forward to undertake the various jobs, that contributed to the smooth running of the day.

Selected students will be representing the school at the CIS swimming sports on 17 March - a notice will be sent home later this week.

Individual Results will be published in the newsletter next week.

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

This will be a time to answers 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](mailto: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.

**House Leaders.** - Congratulations to the following Year 8 students who have selected as House Leaders

House	Leader	Deputies
Gaines	Logan Stewart	Tom Vosper & Emily Sopers
Thomas Aquinas	Kate Evetts	Katie Pigou & Kelly Kernighan
Euphrasie	Toakahu Pere	Liam Keating & Frances Mc Cabe
St Theresa	Renee Thumma	James Bai & Peta Were
St Peter Chanel	Shaye Nobilo	Morgan Watt & Lizzy Grace

**This Week's Health Nugget:**

Team Energize Hints!

## Clean, cook, cover, chill!

Over the hot summer months its really important to make sure that your food is prepared, cooked and stored safely to prevent harmful bugs growing in the food and making you sick.

**Clean** - make sure your hands and bench spaces are clean before you start.

**Cook** - defrost foods thoroughly before cooking and ensure foods are cooked right through - especially chicken, pork and processed meats.

**Cover and Chill** - once cooked make sure foods are covered so no juices leak and store in the fridge at 2-4-C.

For more info see [www.nzfsa.govt.nz](http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz)

**Found:** A Parking Infringement has been found in the Library. Dated 24 February and belongs to a Toyota Station Wagon, parked in Alma St. Please collect from the school office.

**SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE, HAMILTON -New Trustees Information Evening for Board of Trustees Elections**

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> March 5.30-7pm - In College Staff Room

Entrance off Firth Street, Hamilton East

**Salsa Dancing:** Thursday 7pm - 8pm School Hall. \$3.00

**Part Time Office Manager** - Cater Plus Services are looking to hire a part time Office Manager, approx 20 hours per week flexible hours, experience in MYOB Payroll, Premier and Microsoft Office preferable. Paul 07 8537422 021 48 047

**Babysitter available** - Nursing student, very reliable and great with children. References available. Please phone Sara on 021 130 3204 or email [sara.Hablous@hotmail.com](mailto:sara.Hablous@hotmail.com)

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday. \$1.00 per sausage

God Bless You

John Coulam

Principal

**Parent Info Evening: Reply Slip**

W/ I am going to attend the community consultation meeting in the morning/evening.

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(Names of those attending)