

10 March

Focus for the Week: Repent and be Thankful for what we have - Third Sunday of Lent

What a pack of moaners we are. Yes we are so quick to moan about things in our lives. Whether it be about the weather, it's too hot or too cold or it rains too much. How often we complain that we are not feeling well or we may be a bit low. Perhaps we complain when something hasn't gone our way.

God gives us all challenges in life to make us grow and become better people. No one said it was going to be easy but if we do the right thing and accept our challenges in life and be strong we will grow as people. God permits evil only so he can draw good from it, permits us to hurt or cause hurt only so by our faithful acceptance, or repentance, we turn temporal loss to eternal gain.

So next time you grizzle think about what you have and how lucky you are to be alive and that you have God at your side. Spend time repenting or asking forgiveness for your wrongdoings or what you don't feel good about. Move on and think about what is good in your life and how you can make it even better.

Value Focus: Respect – Week 6

A wise person once said – "One who doesn't make time for health and exercise now, must make time for illness later". The message is simple and deep at the same time. The simple meaning promotes the well-being of the individual – a healthy body takes effort – regular exercise and a balanced diet require us to pay attention to our well-being.

The deeper message is this – that it is ok to take time for ourselves, to make sure we are as healthy as we can be. If we don't take the time to make ourselves right physically and mentally; to achieve the balance between our personal well-being and what we give to others, how can we offer ourselves and others our best?

"He who lives in harmony with himself lives in harmony with the universe" – Marcus Aurelius

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Platform:

Thank you to the families that are currently supporting the PTFA initiative to raise funds for improved school facilities for our students. While I appreciate that attending a monthly PTFA meeting is not everyone's preference, those that do require your support. Do not be dissuaded by those who say that chocolate should not be sold nor eaten during Lent. There is no church teaching around the eating of chocolate. The Church does teach Almsgiving as a "corporal work of mercy" and this may include giving money to the poor or disadvantaged which otherwise might have been spent on chocolates, or other treats. Likewise eating chocolate occasionally as a treat will not cause obesity, heart disease or necessarily be unhealthy. Moderation is what is required.

This Friday there will be a chance for Almsgiving as this school holds a mufti day to support child cancer. Thank you to the many who are supporting the PTFA raffle for Paige Tuioti, tickets can be bought for a dollar at the school office.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community Ethan Ferdinands (Rm5) and his family.

Mass: There will be an Anointing of the Sick Mass, tomorrow at 1:30pm hosted by Team 2.

Board of Trustee Elections: Nominations are being called for six vacancies to the Board. A nomination form and notice will be posted out to all parents at the end of the week. **Nominations close 12 noon on 23 April 2010** and may be accompanied by a candidate's statement. A voting roll will be open for inspection next week at the school office and can be viewed during normal school hours.

A list of candidate's names will be on the notice board for inspection as the come to hand.

The poll closes at 12noon on 7 May 2010.

Parent Interviews: Bookings are made on line. Visit

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Enter the code **U2MAD** (Any problems, please see Marian in the office). Interviews will be held next Tuesday 16 March and Wednesday 24 March.

The bell will go at 2:20pm on both these days.

New Entrant Parent Meeting: Tuesday 16 March 2010 in Te Whare Taonga (by the carpark) at 1:30pm. This is a New Entrant (Yr1) information meeting for parents whose children have or are starting Marian School in Terms 1 and 2.

School Leave Pass: If your child needs to leave the school during school hours, please obtain a sign out card from the class teacher and hand into the office. This is important as rolls are taken twice daily.

Australasian Schools Competition:

Entry Forms close this **Friday 12 March**. See below if you have not filled in your entry form and return immediately to your class teacher.

Scholastic Book Order No. 2 – Orders close Wed 24 March. Please make cheques payable to Marian School. Payments must be in a named envelope and handed to the class teacher.

National Standards Information Part 2 - NZEI's Viewpoint: Will National Standards put Student Achievement at Risk?

- The Government has claimed that teachers don't want its controversial National Standards policy because they don't want to be accountable. This is not the case, and the NZ Educational Institute (NZEI) would like to explain to parents why the teaching profession feels so strongly that the Standards put children's learning at risk.
- NZEI is concerned that National Standards are the first step in New Zealand education towards a system introduced in other countries where "high stakes" national testing is held whereby all children sit the same test and the same time and a child's success or failure is based on a pass/fail mark
- Tests that result in children as young as 5 being labelled 'failures'
- Reducing the complex way and rate at which individual children learn – a child's progress becomes focussed on ranking rather than their own individual learning progress
- The publication of school "league tables" that could result from central collation in Wellington of data from each school. League tables create incorrect and unfair perception of "good" and 'bad' schools based on average student results rather than value added to learning.
- NZEI wants the standards trialled in some schools so that the effects on student progress and achievement can be assessed before imposing them on children nationwide.

NZEI absolutely supports parents' rights to know about their child's progress and the next steps for their learning. This is an essential part of education. But the bottom line for principals and teachers is that any new education initiative must benefit children's learning, not damage it.

- NZEI supports assessment which helps teachers, parents and the children themselves identify progress and the child's next learning steps and goals and the right of parents to know how their child is progressing, and to have this explained clearly.
- schools being accountable to their Board of Trustees and local community.

This information has been taken off the NZEI website:

<http://www.nzei.org.nz/nationalstandards.html>

Marian School Family Fun day: This Sunday 12noon. Bring a picnic and something to sit on. Lots of games and good old-fashioned family fun. Sausage Sizzle available. Performances by Pasiifika and Kapa Haka

Paddy's Day Jumble Sale: This will be held at the Family Fun Day \$2.00 an item. Please have your donations of clothing, books, white elephant dropped off at the school by Friday please. Thank you – Martha

Tinned Food for School Lunches: We ask that you do not send your child to school with cans for their lunches. Several children have had serious cuts to their fingers. A better option is for you to transfer the food to a plastic container.

Sport Notices:**BASKETBALL**

Could all team members please meet Mr Burborough on Thursday 11 March, on the outside court at 3.30pm to meet the coaches and collect your uniform, this will take approximately 45 minutes.

CRICKET - FRIDAY NIGHT 5.30pm START

Marian Blockers vs Camridge Cavaliers @ Seddon Park 5
Marian Stumpers vs Hillcrest Stumpies @ University 4

SATURDAY MORNING 9.00am START

Marian Strikers vs Old Boys Colts @ Marian School
Marian Force vs Ngahinapouri @ Ngahinapouri
Marian Thunderbolts vs Cambridge Aces @ Steele Park 2
Marian All Stars vs Suburbs @ Discovery Park

SOFTBALL SATURDAY

Marian Allstars vs Southwell Dodgers diamond 8 @ 10.30am

FLIPPA BALL SUNDAY

Marian Sharks vs St Joes 2 @ 2.30pm
Marian Dolphins vs SPC1 @ 3.50pm
Marian Seals vs Te Totara @ 2.50pm
Marian Sharks vs St Joes 1 @ 4.10pm
Marian Seals vs St Joes 2 @ 4.30pm

WATERPOLO SUNDAY

Marian Blue vs Berkley Yellow at 7pm

NETBALL

Netball committee meeting in staffroom on Wednesday 10

March at 6.30pm. All Welcome.

Good Luck to all teams

Lisa Burgess

Sports Co-ordinator

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Celebrating Success:

- **Relay For Life – Thank You:** A big thank you to everyone who supported Sophie's Hair Shaving. She raised over \$1,500.00. What a grand effort Sophie!!!
- Brenna Leong was placed second in the 60m sprints for 7yr girls at the Waikato-BOP children's Athletic Camps winning a silver medal.

This Week's Health Nugget

Banana Freezies

Summer Recipe 1

Try these **Banana Freezies** to keep you cool over summer!

Ingredients:

- 4 bananas
- Fruit yoghurt
- 4 Popsicle sticks

Method:

1. Peel bananas
2. Pour some yoghurt into a bowl.
Place popsicle sticks into bananas
3. Dip bananas into yoghurt
4. Place on a try lined with greaseproof paper
5. Put in freezer till frozen, then enjoy!!





Art Display: Go along to Rocket Café in Hamilton East and see the fabulous art work completed by Room 4 students. ... Well done, it looks great!

Art Auction Articles Wanted: everything from picket fences to wire, mirrors, shells, costume jewellery and frames. Please drop off at the school office.

Hamilton Marist Junior Rugby -2010 Weigh-in days

Wednesday 17th March

Wednesday 24th March

Wednesday 31st March

At Hamilton Old Boys Club Rooms, Willoughby St - From 6.00pm

We welcome returning and new junior players to our community.

Muster day 28th March 2010 at the Marist Clubrooms – 10am start

Phone Pete on 021 822145

or Chris on 027 4487815 for more details

www.hamiltonmarist.co.nz

For Sale:

- Adidas shoes – good condition. Worn 1 season. UK 4.5 USA 5 EU 37.5 \$20 phone 027 676 2381
- Lotto Shoes – great condition. Worn twice but too small. Missing 1 spring. UK 5 USA 6 EU 38 phone 027 676 2381
- Soccer boots size 2 worn one season. \$20 Phone Sharon 853 5359 or 021 74 9966

St Patrick's Day Irish Ceilidh – Irish dances, singing and piping. Solo Irish Dancing by Jessica. Held at the Trinity Reformed Baptist Church Hall, cnr Matai and Miro St, Maeroa from 7 – 9pm on Wed 17 March. \$5.00 per person.

School age children free. Bring a plate for supper. Ph David McLaughlin 829 8440 A/H for more information

Marian School Irish dance students involved in MishMash TV.

Local Hamilton East Irish Dance school was filmed as part of the Irish Week celebrations. This can be viewed on MishMash TV screening Thursday 18 March 7.30am, 9.30am and 4pm. www.mishmashstv.co.nz (tuning details)

EQUIPPING WOMEN IN PRAYER MINISTRY

Date: Saturday 20th March 2010

Start : 10am - 3:00pm Cost : \$20

Venue: Matamata Catholic Church

What To Bring: Plate for shared lunch , your Bible and your friends

Hosted by Hamilton DOVE Catholic Fellowship for Women

www.dove.org.nz

PASSOVER MEAL

Date: Thursday 25th March

Time: 7.30 – 9.00pm

Venue: St Joseph's Parish Centre, Fairfield

Bring A Friend Bring Your Bibles Come And Enjoy

Fonterra Science Roadshow: Thursday 11 March, Peachgrove Intermediate, 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Fonterra families are invited to celebrate a fun filled evening of scintillating science and sauces at the Fonterra Science Roadshow. It encourages students to step outside the classroom and experience science by doing hands on exhibits combined with live shows. For more information email: science.roadshow@fonterra.com before 8th March.

WSA Art Holiday Programme. For Children aged 8 – 13 years. 6 – 8 April, or 13 – 15 April. Both classes run from 9am – 12noon. \$75.00 Phone 839 4481 to enrol.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday \$1.00 per sausage.

God Bless You

John Coulam

Principal

Lunch List

Filled Rolls and Wholegrain sandwiches	- \$3.00
Pizza Breads	2.00
Hot rice Meals	3.50
Sushi 4pk - 5.00	or 6 pack - 7.00
Muffins	1.50
Cookie	1.00
Zing fruit drink	1.70
CalcYum Milk	1.50
Popcorn	.50
Fruit	.50

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AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS – Reply Slip

Please return with **payment to CLASS TEACHER**

Child's Name _____

Rm _____ Year Level _____

Computer Skills	YES / NO	7.50
Science	YES / NO	7.50
Spelling	YES / NO	9.50
Writing	YES / NO	17.50
English	YES / NO	7.50
Mathematics	YES / NO	7.50

TOTAL =====

Signature _____
(Parent / Caregiver)

Ph No. _____

Entries close FRIDAY 12 MARCH