

31 January

Focus for the Week: The Power of Jesus Mark 1: 21-27 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A big welcome to the new families, and old friends of Marian Catholic School Community for 2018. We look forward to an exciting and faith lived year.

Sometimes we hurt ourselves by lying, cheating and stealing. We say to ourselves, "If no one knows, then no one gets hurt. I only needed that one answer. Everyone else is doing it. I just wanted it." We know that what we are doing is wrong and through these actions, we turn away from the person God calls us to be. If Jesus visited our school, home or place of work, how would we explain these actions to him?

We live in an instant world. We confuse needs with wants. We think people won't be hurt because we don't think about or see the consequences of our actions. Jesus reminds us that we must work for the things we want, respect what belongs to others, and be fair towards everyone.

Jesus came to earth to show us God's love. By following Jesus' example and God's law we will become more loving and helpful towards others rather than hurting them. We will become the person God wants us to be.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Reflection:

"The Holy Spirit transforms and renews us, creates harmony and unity, and gives us courage and joy for mission." [Pope Francis](#)

Welcome back to 2018 school year.

It is with great enthusiasm I welcome you to 2018 school year. I trust you have had a lovely restful holiday break, enjoying this amazing weather. I believe we have had the hottest January on record. We are so fortunate to have our swimming pool and lovely air conditioned classrooms for a potentially HOT February. Students will be encouraged to drink throughout the school day - please ensure they have a water bottle, and wear their school shirts and shorts during the day, and very importantly a hat!

Please note the school will be **closed on MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY and TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY (Waitangi Day)**.

This morning we have a lovely Mihi Whakatau to welcome new staff and students to Marian Catholic School. I wish each one of you a successful time here and one that will be filled with lots of learning, fun and friendship.

We welcome Mrs Erin Sawyer - Assistant Principal leading the Year 5-8 area of our school, Ms Anna Gerritsen teaching Year 5-6 in Room 13, Miss Suzanne D'Cruz teaching Year 2 in Room 6, Mr Ryan Jordan teaching Year 7-8 in Room 21 and Miss Raewyn Casey teaching Year 7-8 in Room 17.

Kahui Ako Community of Learning

It is with pleasure I announce we are officially a member of the "Waikato Catholic Kahui Ako". The Waikato Catholic Kahui Ako is a community of learning

which is part of the Ministry of Education initiative to raise student achievement through spreading 'best educational practices' across groups of schools. There are 12 Catholic schools in our Kahui Ako plus Jubilee ECC. The principal leader of the group is Catherine Gunn, the principal of Sacred Heart Girls College. The group generate five across school teacher positions who will work with teachers across the group. Each school will have within school teachers who will support the teachers. Using a collaborative network approach teachers will be sharing their expertise with other teachers for the benefit of all our students. We are very proud of our Mrs Nicole Higby who has been selected as one of the five across school positions. Mrs Higby will continue to teach in Room 18 for three days along with another teacher who will teach two days per week. Congratulations Mrs Higby.

A particular focus of our Kahui Ako is raising the achievement in writing for our students.

Condolences

It is with sadness we ask for prayers for our staff members who have recently lost a parent.

- Mrs Feana Tu'akoi's dad passed away on 20 January.
- Mrs Debbie Andersen's mum passed away on 22 January.
- Mrs Martha Enderwick's dad passed away on 26 January in Ireland.
- Mrs Katarina Dale's mum, Mrs Marijanka Brdanovic, passed away Tuesday 30 January (Grandmother to Mathew, Luca and Niko Dale)

May we offer prayers of comfort and support to any of our Marian School families who have lost a loved one during this holiday break.

Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank A HUGE

Thank you from the Hamilton Combined Christian Food bank to our staff, students and families for your generous contributions to the food bank. From July to September the food bank provided 1,087 emergency food parcels - an increase of 238 from the previous year of 849. They are very grateful for our generosity and the difference we make to their service. I was very proud to read their letter of thanks and respond we are a Catholic School that is what we do. Thank you all.

Welcome: We warmly welcome the 60 new students and their families into the Marian Catholic School community. We hope you will settle into your new classrooms and school routines quickly.

Mass: There will be a Full School Mass tomorrow, Thursday 1 February at 9:10am. All parents are warmly invited.

School Uniforms: The full school uniform must be **worn to and from school daily**. (That includes shoes). Children may stay in PE gear during the hottest months but must change back into their uniforms before going home.

Correct uniform is compulsory as is **hats during Terms 1 and 4**. Make sure all uniforms are clearly named.

Second Hand Uniform Shop: Our second hand shop is open on Fridays from 2pm to 2:45pm. All articles are \$2.00 each. Please remember to re-name all second-hand clothing

Out of School Music Lessons: Flyers offering a range of music lessons before school will be out with this newsletter. Please read carefully.

Yrs 7 & 8 Camp (7th February): Please ensure that your children have all the gear for camp as there is no school on Monday and Tuesday due to Teacher Only Day and Waitangi Day. Camp is on Wednesday. Please pay your camp fees as soon as possible if you have not yet done so.

Term Dates for 2018

Term One: Wednesday 31 January - Friday 13th April

TOD: Monday 5 February

TOD: Wednesday 4th April

Term Two: Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July

Term Three: Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September
TOD 27 Aug

Term Four: Monday 15 October - Wednesday 19 December
Please note there are three Teacher Only Days scheduled within term time. Monday 5th February, Wednesday 4 April and Monday 27th August.

Ballet Lessons at School.

Sandy, an experienced Royal Academy of Dance trained teacher will be offering ballet lessons again this year. Classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday afternoons in the Whare starting on the 12th Feb. To register please contact Sandy at davey_sandy@yahoo.com or 02102442259.

Yr2 and Yr 3: Monday 3.15 to 4pm

Yr 4, 5, & 6: Monday 4 to 4.45/5pm

Yr 1 Tuesday 3.15 to 4pm

Yr 7 & 8 to adult: Tuesday 4.00 to 5.00

Saturday Music Classes: If you are interested, please contact Waikato Community Centre of Music for a variety of classes. These are held at the University of Waikato. Phone 838 4611 or email enrolment@hccm.org.nz or visit website www.hcmm.ac.nz

PRIVATE MUSIC/SPEECH, DANCE AND DRAMA LESSONS at Marian School

Private Guitar, Drum, Piano, Violin and Speech and Drama lessons are also offered at the school but are NOT part of the Out of Hours, MOE subsidised programme. The private lessons are promoted by the tutors and advertised periodically in the newsletter or contact the tutors below for details of availability and pricing. All communication for these lessons (day, time, pricing etc) are between the Tutor and the parent directly.

Contacts for information regarding **Private tuition:**

Guitar : John Maydon johnnymaydon@gmail.com or 823 6017

Guitar/Ukelele: Carl from Musiqhub toezee@gmail.com
Mike Orum mike.orum@musiqhub.co.nz or 021768638

Violin: Alison Hepburn: ahepburn@marian.school.nz

Speech/Drama: Sandra Timlin lynn18@xtra.co.nz 859-0377

Ballet: Sandra Davey davey_sandy@yahoo.com, 02102442259

Piano: Lauren Grout laurengrout@hotmail.com
Lauren 0273037685

Drums /Guitar/Keyboard: Sam Trenwith
sam@musichouse.co.nz
www.musichouse.co.nz

Sausage Sizzle: Due to the two short weeks, Sausage Sizzles will start in **Week 3**.

Lunch Orders: For school lunches, visit www.lunchorders.co.nz and order on-line **prior to 8:30am**. Lunches are delivered to school at approximately 12:30pm. (Orders after 8:30 are not always seen).

God Bless You

Debra A White
Principal