

28 February

Focus for the Week: The Transfiguration Mark 9:2-10 Second Sunday of Lent

"And he transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them."

What can we make of this? Seeing not just the material looks of a person, but what is really inside. God made us all in his image.

What do we do when we see a poor man on the street? His clothes are thread bare and he is unclean. What do we do when we see a disabled person trying to find their way?

Do we cross over to the other side of the street and ignore them or do we offer to help, do we smile, do we say something encouraging?

If we are made in the image of our God, what would Jesus do?

Value Focus: Honesty – Week 5

"It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built" Luke 6:48

As people of integrity, we should look to honesty as being one of those "solid rock" foundations on which we build our lives.

If, we are honest with ourselves: know what our beliefs are and who we are ourselves, this should translate from within into our thoughts and actions.

While this may mean telling the truth to others, and acting honestly towards them, there will be times when no one's watching where no one will know or care if we're being honest or not. It could be as simple as finding a lost possession and handing it in.

It is at these times when honesty in our actions matters most, because we can never hide the truth from ourselves.

"There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience." ~French Proverb

"Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it." ~David Star Jordan.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Reflection:**Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi**

With your basket and my basket the people will live

Referring to cooperation and working together to achieve our goals, makes this whakatauki particularly significant as the teachers and students work together to develop learning and social goals to share and discuss with parents during our upcoming Learning Discussions. We are looking forward to building strong learning partnerships with our students and families.

COMMUNITY POPPINS - Wednesdays 2.30-3.00pm

To connect with our parent community the Leadership Team and Martha would like to introduce weekly "Community Poppins". These informal sessions will be held in the staffroom at 2.30pm each Wednesday. The first session will be next Wednesday 7th March at 2.30pm. Come along for a coffee and a chat, meet the Leadership Team and discuss possible topics you are interested in.

STAFF FAREWELLS

This term we will be farewelling Mrs Eileen Pearson who has been a teacher aide in our school for the past 2½ years. We will also be farewelling Mrs Lisa Burgess who will be leaving at the end of this term. Mrs Burgess works in our school office on a Friday and is our Sports Co ordinator. We thank both Eileen and Lisa for their contribution to our school and wish them both all the very best in their future endeavours.

STUDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM LINC-ED is a Ministry of Education approved Student Management System which

allows seamless digital reporting of children's learning and administration both within the school and with parents.

LINC-ED has been developed by a New Zealand School Principal for our schools and our children. The teachers are using LINC-ED with great success across the school and we are looking to phase in the Reporting to Parents and Financial components of LINC-ED.

LEARNING DISCUSSIONS:

We are offering a number of Parent Information Sessions during the upcoming Learning Discussion on the Reporting to parents facilities within LINC-ED.

Information Sessions:

Tuesday 13th March: 3.30 - 4.00pm and 6.00-6.30pm

Wednesday 14th March: 4.00-4.30pm

These sessions will be held in the Green Room Gerry Sullivan Events Centre.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:

"Your child's learning at Marian Catholic School"

When: Wednesday 7th March 2018

Where: Gerry Sullivan Events Centre

Time: 6.15pm (coffee and tea on arrival)

Please come along for an information session on the changes in education today and how this is influencing what is happening in the classrooms at Marian Catholic School

SCHOOL LOGO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

All info will be emailed out to you with a survey link to be completed on-line.

GULLY WEEDING WANTED

Would you have a couple of hours to hand weed areas of the gully? Greg Jordan works hard to keep this area under control however with this lovely warm wet weather the weeds have gotten away on him. If you are able to help out please see Greg or leave your name and contact details at the school office.

JOB VACANCY – MARIAN SCHOOL SPORTS COORDINATOR

We are looking for someone who is passionate about promoting and facilitating our Out-of-School Sports program. The sports are: Cricket, Hockey, Netball, Touch, Basketball, Waterpolo and Flippaball. The successful applicant will need to be available to communicate with parents in a timely manner and ensure every child who wants to play sport gets every opportunity to play.

Remuneration is for 8 hours per week, per term. (You may need to work more or less depending on workload. It balances itself out over the year).

Please email your interest to Debra White on dwhite@marian.school.nz by 16th March 2018.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Marissa Jong (Rm19) and Elsie McKenzie (Rm 2).

LEARNING DISCUSSIONS

These Learning Discussions are a formal opportunity to enhance the three way partnership: student, teacher and parents, to form learning goals and set priority areas for development. I encourage you to make these discussions a priority and demonstrate their importance by your attendance.

Tuesday 13th 1.00pm - 7.00pm and Wednesday 14th March 1.00pm - 5.00pm

We will be using our online booking system:

Log onto: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Type in password code: **eac7n**

Select your teacher and times.

The Learning Discussions will run from 1.00pm each day.

Parents are encouraged to collect their children at 1.00pm. An alternative programme will run in the afternoon to supervise children remaining at school until 3.00pm.

Please book your Learning Discussion time 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.

Please mark these dates in your diaries now as **classes will finish at 12.25pm on both Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 March** so teachers can meet with parents and children.

Reminder: Easter break is before the end of term. School will be closed Good Friday (30 March), Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday (3 April). However, **Wednesday 4th April is a TEACHER ONLY**

DAY and school will be closed for instruction as teachers attend a course

Young Vinnies Notice: The Young Vinnies are selling baking goods to raise money this week on Thursday, Friday (Young Vinnies will come over to the junior block, St Marys block (year 3 & 4) and outside the atrium for Seniors). They will also be selling for the next 2 weeks (same days). The prices are from \$1 to \$3. Thank you.

Firth Street Cul-de-Sac: Could pedestrians please use the path and not walk over the road when taking their children to and from the junior classes. Adults are expected to set an example of safety for the children.

Lost

- A school tunic named Noemie Abela (size 5). Please return to Rm7.

This Week's Health Nugget

BREAKFAST IDEAS

EGGY BREAD

- 1 egg
- ¼ cup low fat milk
- ½ tsp. of vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. low fat spread
- 2 pieces of wholegrain bread

Beat egg, milk and vanilla in a bowl. Dunk bread into mixture until completely covered. In a pan over a low heat, melt spread. Cook bread on both sides until golden. Enjoy with slices of fruit and a dollop of yoghurt!

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Fireworks Extravaganza

When: Friday 2 March 2018, 8:30pm – 9:15pm

Where: [Hamilton Lake Domain](#), Ruakiwi Rd, Hamilton

Free Admission

For All Ages

Sir William and Lady Judi Gallagher present the Fireworks Extravaganza, their gift to the families of Hamilton.

Bring a picnic and a rug and come to Hamilton Lake to enjoy a wonderful fireworks display.

Fireworks at approximately 8:45pm.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

God Bless You

Debra A White
Principal

Flyers:

- Kete Korero
- Sport
- Solidarity Day