



7 March

**Focus for the Week: Anger in the Temple** John 2: 13-25 Third Sunday of Lent

In Sunday's gospel reading Jesus was angry because His Father's house had become a market place, filled with people buying and selling, instead of being a place of prayer and respect.

Jesus told the people that he could destroy and then rebuild the temple in three days. The people thought Jesus meant the actual temple building but Jesus meant the temple of His own body which would be destroyed by death on the cross but raised to life again after three days.

As we think about Jesus cleansing the temple, we should also think about some other cleaning that we may need to do. The season of Lent is a time to look inside ourselves and see if there is anything in us that needs to be changed. Ask yourself are there some areas of your life where you need Jesus' help to do some 'spring cleaning'?

**Values Focus for the Week: Value Focus: Honesty – Week 6**

From our earliest days in sport, we are given and in turn give out fair play messages. These may take the form of sticking within the rules, not "getting ugly", or coaches or side-line supporters not putting undue pressure on players or volunteer officials.

What is the deeper meaning given in these messages?

Perhaps it lies in the realisation that no matter how high the stakes, ultimately our reasons for playing games and sport should be for enjoyment, to interact positively with others and to develop ourselves as people physically, mentally and emotionally within a participatory or competitive environment. These are the pure ideals of being involved in sports.

In the age of professionalism, there seems to be a lot more at stake. In recent NRL and earlier Super Rugby matches there were incidents by some players which ran counter to fair play, in an attempt to give their side an unfair advantage: questionable tackling, cries of foul play where none were committed. The concern is that young players will see these incidents and may view them as a normal part of the game. Is this desirable? Definitely not. While we cannot prevent our young sportspeople from following the top echelon of their chosen sport, we can guide them as to what fair play in sport looks like, sounds like and feels like. It is a responsibility we should take seriously.

*"Let common sense and common honesty have fair play, and they will soon set things right."* Thomas Jefferson

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

**Principal's Reflection:**

In this third week of Lent Pope Francis reflects on the Gospel reading which narrates the episode in which Jesus drives the merchants and the money changers from the temple of Jerusalem. Pope Francis said the message contained in the reading is an invitation to all of us to not live our lives in search of personal profit, but for the glory of God, which is love.

Mrs Higby shared her reflection on the Gospel at our Prayer Assembly on Monday and shared this prayer with us:

*Father,*

*Thank you for an example of Jesus' moral outrage and cleansing of the temple. Help us to stand strong against wrongs, even when it is hard to do. And, Lord, cleanse the temples of our hearts, no matter how much we might be offended and upset. Help our hearts be holy places that welcome you in, especially during this time of Lent.*

**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

**JUMP JAM**

We had the pleasure of hosting Brett Fairweather the Jump Jam creator today. Brett took LC3 through a new routine as part of a promotion for the upcoming Jump Jam Competitions in Hamilton next term.



**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](http://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.

*Info sessions:* 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.

## SCHOOL LOGO CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Thank you to the families who have completed the GoogleForm . We have had 174 responses which is approximately 41% of families. PLEASE if you received an email could you fill out the feedback form - if you didn't receive an email please call into the office and collect a paper copy survey and give Marian your email address. ( We had approximately 50 emails bounce back). Many thanks for your support with this.

## LINC-ED

Please read the accompanying letter on launching our new reporting system LINC-ED.

**AIMS GAMES 2018** Sunday 9th September to Friday 14th September 2018.

AIMS Games is an international sporting tournament for our elite competitive sports students in Years 7-8. This tournament gives the students an opportunity to compete at a high level. I am including this information for parents of Year 7-8 students who feel their child is at an elite level and interested in competing. There are 23 sporting codes. Check out the website for information

<https://www.facebook.com/ANCHORAIMSGAMES/>

We have clear school procedures we follow and a timeline to guide our planning and organisation. These are available in our school office for parents.

## 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](mailto:dwhite@marian.school.nz) by 16th March 2018.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community the following children and their families; John M Gonzales (Rm5), Skyla Heta (Rm5), Charisse Lee (Rm 4), Jasmine Toumia (Rm4) and Zachary Christiansen (Rm2).

**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.

**Drop of and Pick up zone:** Parents are not to drop off or pick up their children in the Firth Street Cul-de-Sac. Please use the Beale Street car park.

**Before and After School:** Children are not supervised before school. We have noticed a large number of children being dropped off at 7:30am if not earlier. Sometimes staff do not arrive until almost 8am. It is not safe to leave your child at the school grounds without Adult supervision as they cannot enter buildings until 8:15am. We ask that you drop your children off after 8am. Students must be picked up by 3:30pm unless they are playing sport or are in After School Care.

**Marist Soccer Muster:** Will be held next Sunday 18 March 11:30am – 1:00pm in the Marian School Library. Online registration information will be available in next week's newsletter.

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday - \$2.00

God Bless You

Debra A White

**Principal**

## Flyers

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