



14 March

Focus for the Week: Let there be Light John 3:14-21 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

When you go to bed tonight, turn off the lights. Become aware of the darkness. Strike a match and light a candle. Pray to Jesus to be the light in your life, to be your strength and guiding light. Pray for gratitude for what you have and who you are. Pray that you have the courage to be a light to the world, not doom and darkness.

This Week's Value Focus: Honesty – Week 7

Stemming from being honest with ourselves is the ability to admit mistakes. Undeniably, this is sometimes hard to do. But have we ever really thought about what it means if we don't?

When you don't admit a mistake you must assume one of three things: First that no one noticed and the issue will just go away. Not very likely. Second that it was someone else's fault. In this case you must wait for that person to confess, and if it really was your mistake. I doubt if the confession will ever happen. The third is that you know it was your mistake but you don't want the embarrassment of admitting it. In each of these explanations you are left in a box. If the same circumstances come up, the chances are that you will do the same thing again.

While difficult, admitting mistakes gives us a great opportunity to grow within ourselves and in our relationships with others. For honesty and openness with ourselves and others breeds trust – the foundation of all great relationships.

No persons are more frequently wrong, than those who will not admit they are wrong."

- François de la Rochefoucauld

"Mistakes are a great educator when one is honest enough to admit them and willing to learn from them" – Anon.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Reflection

Learning Discussions

The school was abuzz with Learning Conversations yesterday and these will be completed today. I wish to thank you parents for your support as we work with your children and their learning. During these conversations many of you will see a facet of Learner Agency in action as the children use Learning Pathways or Progressions to identify their next learning steps.

These conversations are very much focussed on your child's learning, if you wish to discuss any other aspect of your child's growth and development please make an appointment to follow up with your child's teacher.

I spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with the Team Four students who remained at school until 3.00pm.

These students were outstanding and you can feel very proud of them. Thank you to the parents who are able to pick their children up at 12.30pm it is very much appreciated.

Reporting to Parents

With the recent changes to National Standards we will be utilising our updated Student Management System LINC-ED. LINC-ED is a Ministry of Education approved system.

No more National Standards - what does this mean for parents/caregivers?

"Parents will still receive reports at least twice a year on their child's progress and achievement in maths, reading and writing as well as across the curriculum areas. But this reporting will focus on children's progress, rather than measuring them against arbitrary National Standards.

"The reports, written in plain English, will relate to where their child is at, at a given point, and the progress shift that has occurred, rather than being judged against others."

Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education (Beehive Release 12 December 2017)

We held two information sessions last night and have another session is planned for 4.00pm today in the Gerry Sullivan Events Centre. Please join us.

Field of Dreams - Swimming Coaches

Through the John Walker Find your Field of Dreams Foundation, we have had three excellent swimming coaches working with our students over the last four weeks for swimming. This is a wonderful resource we have been able to access to benefit both our students and staff. Today we farewell our swimming coaches and they complete their time in our school, confident that every student has benefited in confidence and swimming ability. Thank you to each of the coaches for their work with our children.

Solidarity Day Thursday 15 March

We are hosting six local Catholic Schools: St Joseph's Fairfield, St Columba's Frankton, St Pius Melville, St Patrick's Te Awamutu, Sacred Heart and St John's Colleges. The day will begin at 10.15am with our visitors welcomed into the Cathedral. Fr Richard will celebrate mass. At the end of Mass, Father will process out of the church onto the field with 2 Special Character leaders carrying the Peace Balloons. The Senior Students will be followed by our visitors and all other students. This will be in silence. Everyone will be standing in a large circle around the field.

A representative from each Team and from the different schools will be asked to release a Peace Balloon (Purple Helium Balloons) as a symbol of our action, while we pray the Lord's prayer together. Father will then lead us in Grace and the rice will then be distributed to the students.

The children have been asked to bring a donation for Caritas, a bowl and fork or spoon to eat their rice. A HUGE thank you to Montana Catering who have donated all the rice and are cooking it for us.

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.

SOLIDARITY DAY Tomorrow, Thursday 15th March we are hosting **Solidarity Day**. We have representatives from six other Catholic schools be joining us. Some of the Junior students will attend a liturgy led by two Sacred Heart students. The rest of the school will have Mass at 10:30am. We will then join together for the rice meal on the school field.

What to bring:

- a named bowl /lunchbox to the rice
- named fork /spoon if needed
- grocery tin for the local food bank
- donation for Caritas (brought to the classroom for collection)

Letter from the Board:

Please see the letter from the Board of Trustees (green) enclosed with this newsletter.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

Marist Soccer Muster:

THIS Sunday 18 March 11.30am-1.00pm in the Marian School Library. Attending the muster would be ideal. If not, new players needing to register go to:

http://mycomet-oceania.analyticom.de/en_NZ/login

Current players would have received an email from NZ football to re-register.

Registrations close **2nd April**. For further information please email:

hamilton.marist.soccer@gmail.com



Health & Safety: Please keep access ways clear for emergency vehicles at all times. Vehicles will be removed if blocking access. Be aware of people walking, and of the surroundings as you enter and leave the car park. Do not park in people's drive-ways for dropping off and picking-up children.

Advance Notice: Enrolments for Confirmation and First Holy Communion will begin in Term 2. The ceremony will take place on Sunday 25 November at the 10.30am Mass. The programme will run over terms 3 & 4.

Fieldays 13-16 June 2018: The Marian School PTFA are looking for volunteers to fill a shift manning the entry gates. Once your shift is finished you can see the fieldays for free. You also go in the draw to win a Jumpflex trampoline. For more information email melita_iremonger@hotmail.com More flyers available at the school office.

Reminder: The Vision and Hearing Technician will be at school this Friday 16th March carrying out checks on New Entrants, and Year 7's vision. If you do not wish your child to be tested, please send a written note to your child's teacher.

Health Tip for the Week:

BREAKFAST IDEAS

There are lots of different nutritional claims on packaging but it's best to check for yourself by reading the label. Remember to always use the 100g column

TIP: Fibre helps us feel full for longer and keeps our digestive system healthy.

	PER SERVE	PER 100g
Aim for less than 10g SUGAR per 100g		
Carbohydrate, Total (g)	20.1	67.0
Sugars (g)	0.8	2.8
Aim for less than 10g TOTAL FAT per 100g		
Fat, Total (g)	0.4	1.4
Saturated Fat (g)	0.1	0.3
Aim for more than 5g FIBRE per 100g		
Dietary Fibre (g)	3.0	10.1
Sodium (mg)	81	270

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017

Lost: A purple "squiggles" squirty drink bottle – please return to Nica Rm6

Scottish Dancing - a wonderful family activity. Come along to the YMCA Hall on the 23rd March, 7-10pm. Cost \$10 includes a light supper. Family concession available on request. Contact Rosemary rosien@kinect.co.nz for enquiries.

God Bless You

Debra White
Principal