



Newsletter 9, Term 4 *Date 12 December 2018*

Focus for the Week

'Prepare the way for the Lord.'

Gospel Luke 3: 1-6 Second Sunday of Advent

In Sunday's gospel, we hear the voice of John the Baptist crying out to the people, "Prepare the way for the Lord. Fill in the valleys and level off all the mountains. Make the crooked roads straight and the rough places smooth."

John the Baptist didn't really want the people to work on the roads. No, what John wanted was for the people to get ready for the coming of the Messiah. He was asking people to get their hearts right and return to God's way. He reminded them that no matter how good people may think they are, there are always some crooked ways and rough places in their lives.

During this special season of the year, we need to make sure that we are ready for the coming of the Christ of Christmas. We need to look into our hearts and ask God to make our crooked ways straight and smooth out the rough places so that we can walk with Jesus each day of our life.

Values Focus

Love of God, Self and Others - Week 9

When we are communicating with others on line, we don't get to see their reaction, so we don't have to deal with that in the same way that we would if we were talking to them face to face. They also can't see what sort of mood we were in when we wrote it. Were we happy and joking, or angry and serious? We can also choose to be anonymous and vent our own feelings without thinking about how it might

affect the person we are communicating with. If we are true followers of Christ we need to remember that we are the hands, voice and face of Christ when we are on line, as well as when we are physically with each other.

"We must be careful not only what we communicate, but also how we do so. Souls can be strengthened or shattered by the message and the manner in which we communicate." L. Lionel Kendrick

"Sending a message on a mobile phone is not the most natural of ways to communicate. The keypad isn't linguistically sensible. David Crystal"

Principal's Reflection



Pope Francis reminds us to "prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus like we joyfully prepare our homes for a visit from a family member or friend during Advent". The

arrival of the Christ Child represents the coming of Jesus to all of God's people. Our mission is to shine as lights which lead others to experience the Lord's tender embrace as he reaches out to us from the manger.

Let us see the Birth of Jesus through the eyes of children: wonder, awe and a sense of being infinitely loved. May you all feel the love of God this Christmas surrounded by family and friends.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAMILIES

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A HUGE thank you to all our families for your support this year. We rely on parents for many of our school activities and events. Thank you for your help with transport and supervision for various events this year. We held two school camps earlier in the year which would not have been possible without parent help. To the parents who dedicate so much time to coach or manage a sports team - you are amazing - thank you. We are indeed blessed with our parent community and I thank you for your support in so many ways this year.

WELCOME TO NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

I am thrilled to announce the Board of Trustees have appointed our new Deputy Principal. Her name is Mrs Anita Asumadu. Anita is a trained New Zealand teacher who has spent the past 14 years in England. She is a mother, teacher and educational leader with more than twenty years' experience working in State and Catholic schools in New Zealand and abroad. She brings 6 years' experience as a Deputy Principal and the last 5 years as Principal. She is thrilled to be appointed and looking forward to working in a New Zealand school again. We will have two Deputy Principals Mrs Anita Asumadu and Mrs Toni Walters-freke.

I would like to wish all our Marian Catholic School students, parents and friends a safe happy and Holy Christmas holiday break. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of the staff, parents and students to the 2018 school year. I would like



to acknowledge the Board of Trustees and the PTFA who work so hard to provide a safe learning environment equipped with many extras our students enjoy.

Merry Christmas and God's Blessings on you all.

Ngā mihi nui
Debra White
PRINCIPAL

Christmas Mass Times

Cathedral

Christmas Eve - Monday 24 December:

- Children's Vigil Mass 6.00pm

- Carols 11.30pm
- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25 December

- 7.30am
- 10.30am

St Matthews

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25 December

- 8.30am

Christmas Reconciliations

18th-21st December (Tues-Fri)

11am-12pm Cathedral

7pm-8pm St Mary's Chapel Clyde St

End of Year Reporting

You should now have received emails informing you the LINCED comments have been published for your child's end of year reporting. Comments have been posted for Reading, Writing, Mathematics and a General Comment. Evidence of the student's learning is also included in the form of photos, videos and/or work samples.

If you are having trouble accessing your child's learning or you have any questions regarding the comments please contact your child's teacher or obtain the instruction leaflet from the school office.

Hams

Orders for Hams are now closed. Please remember to collect your ham tomorrow (Thursday), between 2pm and 4pm.

Final Mass (Foodbank – Christmas)

Christmas Items for Food Bank

Tomorrow, 13th December, we are celebrating our End of Year Mass at 9.10am. We are asking students to bring along a **Special Christmas Treat** item that can be given to the Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank. These items can then be added to Christmas food parcels which are given to people in need over the Christmas period. Items such as chocolates, sweets, biscuits, crackers, Christmas puddings etc.



Celebrating Success

- **Students who received the Sacrament of Initiation**

On Saturday night at 6pm Mass a group of seven students from our school joined a group of young people who received the Sacraments of Initiation. These students have been preparing with Andrea over the last few months.

Special congratulations to Josef Clark, Charlotte and William Macfie, Will Mawston Aman Lakhanpal and Callum Renata-Dobson who all received the three Sacraments of Initiation and to Aidan Dobson who has already been baptised and will receive the other Sacraments when he is older.

- **Solo Singing Competition**

A HUGE congratulations to all of our talented Solo Singers who competed last week in our annual **Marian Catholic School Solo Singing Competition 2018**.

Our judges Brooke Baker and Falstaff Dowling-Mitchell had the difficult task of selecting a winner.

All our singers stepped up with a great deal of courage and skill to deliver an evening of great singing and music.

Special thanks to our accompanists Malcom Barr, Sam Trenwith and Reid Benseman. Your musical skills are astounding!



Congratulations to **Leejay Trenwith** and **Luiza Lussac**, our Year 8 and Year 7 winners. **Fantastic work guys!**

It was wonderful also to have our Year 4-6 Choir performing on the night. These are our solo singing hopefuls for the future I think!

May your Christmas Season be Merry and full of song.

Judi Clark - Yr7/8 Teacher & Choir 2018

Celebrating Sporting Success

- **Lacrosse:**

Saints United Lacrosse had a great finals day last Saturday. Our Marian team very narrowly game 2nd place in the A grade final. At 10 all at fulltime they lost by 1 goal in overtime. The girls did amazing and didn't give up to the last whistle. A big thanks to our coach and manager. Our St Columbas team came 1st in the B grade final. Well done to both teams.

Please contact me ASAP if your daughter would like to try Lacrosse in term 1. (year 7 & 8 only)

- **Cricket:**

Our Saints United 1st IX cricket team will be playing in the 1st division semi-final this Saturday vs Berkley at Berkley School. Best of luck boys...hopefully you will be into the final on Sunday!

Please contact me ASAP if your son would like to play cricket in term 1. (year 7 & 8 only)

- **Saints United basketball finalist**

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Saints United Red Basketball Team. This team is a



combination of both St Pius and Marian Catholic School. Last night they played in the finals and came away winners of the 2018 Waikato Basketball Primary-Intermediate Schools for their grade. Well done team! You have all played so well all year and definitely deserved to win.

Marian School Holiday Programme

Holiday programmes at Marian School.

2018 - 20th and 21st December.

We will only be operating these days if we have sufficient numbers, please get your child's name registered with Mrs Coman.

2019 - 21st - 25th January
29th January - 1 February (four days only as Monday 28th is a public holiday).

Cost: \$32.00 per day per child

Time: 8am to 5pm

Venue: Marian School Hall

Register with Maree Coman

Email: mcoman@marian.school.nz

Uniform Shop

The shop has now shifted into the back room of the Whare. (building by the car park)

Please remember to bring in your outgrown uniforms as there are quite a number of new students coming to Marian Catholic School next year.

The shop will be open in the holidays on Thursday 31 January from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

All articles a \$2.00. **Please re-name.**

Dates to Remember

Thurs 13	Final School Mass Community Morning Tea Team 4 Fun Day Ham Pick up from 2pm to 4pm
Mon 17 Dec	Team 3 Fun Day
Tues 18 Dec	House Events Carol Service/Leavers farewell
Wed 19 Dec	Last day of school at 12noon
Turs 19 Jan	Uniform shop open 11am - 1pm
Mon 4 Feb 2019	First day of Term 1

Ballet Lessons at Marian School

Sandy, an experienced Royal Academy of Dance trained teacher will be offering ballet lessons again next year.

Lessons for 2019 will be held in Te Whare on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

If you are interested, please email davey_sandy@yahoo.com or phone 0210 244 2259

Hamilton City Libraries

Join the Summer Reading Programme for 5-12 year olds. Register from Monday 17 December for your passport to Summer Fun!

www.hamiltonlibraries.co.nz

Sausage Sizzle

This Friday - \$2.00 each

Sport Notices

See below





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Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 12th December 2018

CRICKET

Saturday 15th December – Semi Final
Saints United 1st IX vs Berkley

@ 10.00am @ Berkley Middle School



Please do not forget to register now for sports being played in Term 1 2019! Registrations and expressions of interest close next

Tuesday 18th December. Sports available and details are below...

FUTSAL Y7 & Y8 - 2019

We are looking for expressions of interest for any Year 7 or 8 children keen to play Futsal in 2019. Games are played on a Friday night.



Depending on numbers, trials will be held to get a competitive team who will play throughout the year and also represent Marian Catholic School at AIMS. This team will have a maximum of eight players. (If required, trials will be held early in week 1).

A second team will be created if we have the numbers, but only if we get a parent to Coach/Manage the team. Without a Coach/Manager, no new team can be created.

Please register your interest to me at sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz by Tuesday 18th December 2018.

TOUCH - TERM 1 2019

Venue: Steele Park
Start date: Monday 18th February
Last game: Monday 25th March
Grades Available: Year 3&4, Year 5&6, Year 7&8 (all mixed)



Venue: Swarbrick Park
Start date: Thursday 21st February
Last game: Thursday 28th March



Grade: Year 1&2 (mixed)

Cost: to be confirmed (but looking at \$25 per player) I will confirm cost and send payment reminder first week back at school.

Registrations close Tuesday 18th December.

If late, there is no guarantee your registration will be considered.

Registration forms are in the office, or email me and I will send you one.

No team will be registered to play without an adult to coach or manage the team. An umpire is also required, otherwise the team cannot play.

CRICKET – TERM 1 2019



Friday Night Cricket - Years 1-4 – 8 a side game

Start date: Friday 15th February

Finish date: Friday 29th March

Games start at 5.30pm

\$30 per player (to be paid next year)

Saturday Morning Cricket – Hardball Year 5&6 - 8 a side game

Start date: Saturday 16th February

Finish date: Saturday 30th March

Games start at 9.00am

\$40 per player (to be paid next year)

Wednesday Year 7&8 Girls Junior NPL – 8 a side game

Start date: Wednesday 13th February

Finish date: Wednesday 27th March

Games start at 4.00pm

\$20 per player (to be paid next year)

I will send a payment reminder first week back at school. Please do not pay anything now.

Registrations close Tuesday 18th December

If late, there is no guarantee your registration will be considered. Forms are in the office, or email me and I will send you one.

No team will be registered to play without an adult to coach or manage the team.

FLIPPABALL – TERM 1 2019



We are looking for year 5 & 6 students (or tall Year 4's) to get a Flippaball team together. This team will also require a coach to take the them, so if you are keen to help, please let me know. All students must know how to swim. Dates and costs to be confirmed.

Please register your interest to me at sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz by Tuesday 18th December.

WATERPOLO – TERM 1 2019



We are looking for year 7 & 8 students wanting to play Waterpolo in term 1. Games are played at Waterworld Te Rapa on Sunday afternoons. All students must know how to swim and costs to be confirmed.

Please register your interest to me at sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz by Tuesday 18th December





MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our children who played sports this year, and especially our parents, who made it possible for our children to play by coaching or managing teams.

I hope everybody has a nice and relaxing summer holiday, and I look forward to helping to get our kids playing sport again next year.



DATE - Morning of Sunday, 17 February 2019

LOCATION - University Fields, Hamilton East, Waikato

ENTRY AGE - Entry is open to all 7 to 15 year olds. (Based on age on event day)

ENTRY OPTIONS - Individual / Junior Team 7 – 10 years / Senior Team 11- 15 years

NB: Both team members must meet age requirements. Teams can be mixed gender (i.e boy / girl)

EVENT DISTANCES

Individual

7 Years: Swim 50m; Cycle 4km; Run 1.5km

8-10 Years: Swim 100m; Cycle 4km; Run 1.5km

11-15 Years: Swim 200m; Cycle 8km; Run 1.5km

Teams

Junior Teams of Two (7 Years): Swim 50m; Cycle 4km; Run 1.5km

Junior Teams of Two (8-10 Years): Swim 100m; Cycle 4km; Run 1.5km

Senior Teams of Two (11-15 Years): Swim 200m; Cycle 8km; Run 1.5km

NB: One team member completes the swim, one team member completes the cycle and both complete the run.

Click the link below to register under our Marian School Group

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=31839&G=68060>

Melissa Nelson
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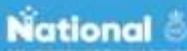
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