

1 February

Focus for the Week: Matthew 5: 1-12

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A big welcome to new families, and old friends of Marian Catholic School Community for 2017. In this Sunday's Gospel Matthew presents Jesus as teacher. Jesus goes up on a mountainside and begins preaching to those gathered around him. Today we know the message he spoke of as the Beatitudes. The eight sayings he spoke of announce a new order in which God's love and justice triumph over evil. These sayings proclaim where the Kingdom of God is moving to and point Jesus' followers in that direction. Understood in this way, we could rephrase the Beatitudes as, "God show mercy to those who are merciful." This perspective allows us to capture Jesus' emphasis on God's action and to go "where the action is." Let us today consider our own personal lives and how we can live the Beatitudes to benefit our community.

We all look forward to an exciting and positive 2017.

This Weeks Values Focus:



Looking at this picture, what differences can we see? What similarities? If we were to expand the photo to include faces, what again would be the variances? The likenesses? From these thoughts one thing is for sure: Beyond the physical, intellectual, cultural and even ideological differences of those in the picture there is a level of acceptance, a celebration even of difference, to allow them to embrace a common goal. Within Marian Catholic School, amazing diversity abounds, and beyond the diversity we all share one common goal, our desire to become closer to Christ. Now that's worth celebrating...
"Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. Celebrate it every day." Anon

Maori Language Phrase: *Week 1 –*

Hello everyone, welcome back!

Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Principal's Reflection

He aha te mea nui o te ao

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

This whakatauki is especially significant as we begin our new 2017 school year.

Welcome to all our returning students and their families, and an especially warm welcome to our new students and their families. Welcome to Mrs Nicki Whyte who joins our staff as DRS and teacher in Room 12 also welcome back to Mrs Kim MacPherson and Mrs Anna Cornille who will be working part time in Rooms 21 and Room 22.

I am sincerely thankful for all the people who have made my introduction to Marian Catholic School so welcoming. A special thanks to the students, staff, BOT and parents who were able to attend the powhiri yesterday. This was a very special welcome which demonstrates the special school community you are.

I am really excited by the journey that lies ahead for me at Marian Catholic School and I'm very glad to have started. I have spent the last couple of weeks getting to know about the 'Marian Catholic School way' and I'm certainly enjoying

taking it all in as I learn more each day about how things work here.

The students are settling well and are ready to embrace another year of learning. The school calendar is full of engaging, purposeful learning that will ensure our students thrive and strive to meet their potential.

I look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks.

Nga mihi nui
Debra White

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community, all the new students (approx. 60 students) and their families.

Mass: There will be a Full School Mass, tomorrow in the Cathedral at 9:10am. All welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank.

Out of School Music Lessons:

Enrolment forms and information regarding the 32 week programme is included with today's newsletter. More forms are available at the office. This is a tremendous opportunity for your child. Please give this your consideration and return your form promptly as classes fill up very quickly. Please discuss this with your child as the expectation is one year's commitment (32 weeks). Classes will commence in week 5,

beginning 27 February. Please return your form to the school office by Friday 10 February so that we can collate classes and notify everyone of time and day of their lesson. Please indicate a second choice of instrument for Guitar as those classes fill up very quickly and numbers are limited. Any queries please contact the office or the Out of School Music Co-ordinator, Alison Hepburn

ahepburn@marian.school.nz

Please Note: These are NOT the Private lessons which are advertised separately and for which you must contact the tutors directly.

Urgent – Homestay needed: For one year by a Year 8 Chinese Boy. \$250.00 per week plus additional expenses to be discussed.

Please email Martha urgently if interested;

martha@marian.school.nz

Second Hand Shop: Our Uniform shop will be open on Fridays from 2pm to 2:45pm. All articles are \$2.00.

Before School Care Urgently needed : Could you help? Please phone or text Kylie 0211342 6654

Ballet lessons.

Sandy, an experienced Royal Academy of Dance trained ballet teacher will be offering classes again this year for Teams 1, 2 and 3 and children aged 3 to 5 years old. To enrol email: davey_sandy@yahoo.com or 02102442259

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

Saturday morning music classes Enrolments are now open for Term One 2017 at the Hamilton Community Centre of Music. The first session is on Saturday 18th February. The centre caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels, offering group-format music tuition in a range of instruments. Fees range from \$35 to \$95 per term (8 lessons) depending on age and instrument. The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in an ensemble.

A music appreciation/readiness programme (*Music Makers*) is available from age 3. *Young Voices* children's choir caters for those ages 9+. We now offer Tabla classes and can source an instrument if needed.

Class times are between 8am and 1:00pm on Saturday mornings during primary school terms. The centre is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest.

Contact us via our website <http://www.hccm.ac.nz/> or on 07 838 4611.

Our Oxfam Team Needs You! Join us for a fun movie night at Hoyts Metro, Thursday 9th of March, 6.30pm to see "A Street Cat Named Bob". It's a lovely movie, based on a best selling book (true story) about a young down and out man making something of his life with a bit of help from a stray cat.

Over half of your ticket price (\$20) will go towards our Oxfam Fundraiser. Our \$2,500 raised will help over 66 families living in poverty.

Email or see Maria (R16) mmaarhuis@marian.school.nz or Nicole (R20) nhighby@marian.school.nz for your tickets now!

If you can't make it to the movie but want to support us, you can go online and donate any amount you wish at this link www.oxfamtrailwalker.org.nz/otw17/teams/walk-it-forward Thank you!

Hospice Waikato Run for Life

Saturday 4th March, 2017!

Join together with your family, friends and colleagues to exercise, celebrate life and to make the very most of another beautiful day!

10km Run/Walk \$15 entry fee

Starts at 8am sharp at the Rhododendron Garden, Hamilton Gardens. Ends back at the Rhododendron Lawn.

5km Run/Walk \$10 entry fee

Starts from the Rhododendron Lawn immediately after the 10km event. Ends back at the Rhododendron Lawn.

Everyone is welcome, rain or shine - corporate groups, school groups or community groups, as well as individuals and their dogs!

<https://donate.hospicewaikato.org.nz/event-registrations/hospice-waikato-run-walk-for-life-2017>

Children under 9 years of age are free if accompanied by a paying adult. Online registrations close Thursday 2 March. Sign in opens from 7:00 am to 7:45 am.

No refund will be issued if you choose to withdraw your entry; your entry fee will be treated as a donation to Hospice Waikato.

Hamilton Operatic Society proudly presents the musical '**My Son Pinocchio**': Fri 17 Feb 6pm, Sat 18 Feb 10am and Sun 19 Feb. 10am

At Jade Dragon Theatre, Gate 2, Hamilton Gardens.

www.hgaf.co.nz

One of our students Hunter Wilson-Riches plays the part of Pinocchio.

There will be no sausage sizzle this week.

God Bless You

Debra White

Principal