

15 February

Focus for the Week: Rules for Life

Matthew 5: 17-37

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Sunday's gospel Jesus calls us to be holy through choosing to keep the commandments. Why are the commandments important? They are there for us to keep us from harm and to encourage us to do the right thing. Jesus encourages us to be pro-active at making peace with those who have hurt us, and to remove the causes of temptations in our lives.

Rules aren't always easy to obey but God has given us the commandments to guide us and to help us to show our love for Him and each other. Following the commandments will lead us closer to God our Father in heaven.

Value Focus: Diversity – Week 3

A famous Telecom ad in the 90's depicted 2 boys, Stefan and Ivan, from warring Eastern European countries tentatively eyeing each other across a couch. Clearly with the battles their nations are currently fighting, their historical differences are palpable. However as the scene plays out, the 2 boys begin to talk, share toys, play, laugh and enjoy each other's company. They are children who have the same interests and needs – they are not so different after all.

How did they find this out? They talked and listened. Whether talking in the real world or "talking" in the virtual world and whatever our backgrounds, beliefs, occupations, religions, communicating with people often reveals more similarities than differences. Ultimately, we are all human.

"Basically we are all the same human beings with the same potential to be a good human being or a bad human being ... The important thing is to realize the positive side and try to increase that; realize the negative side and try to reduce. That's the way." Dalai Lama

Telecom – Where do the Children play?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJn2bweZ9gk>

Maori Language Week 3 - Thank you

Tēnā rāwā atu koe

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

This whakatauki highlights the importance of sharing resources for the common good of all. Our core business is to provide the best possible learning opportunities for all our students within a Christ centred environment. In order to achieve our core purpose we rely on the sharing of expertise, time and goodwill of our school community. We are indeed blessed here at Marian Catholic School with our wonderfully diverse community made up of our parish, staff, students and their families. Each group has much to offer.

An example of this was last week's Lake Karapiro camp for our Year 7-8 students. The success of this camp was due to the excellent planning and organisation by Mrs Martin and her team of teachers, who worked closely with an outstanding group of parents, and a large group of positive, respectful students who made the most of all opportunities. I would like to congratulate Team Four teachers and students on a successful camp which will facilitate a positive, friendly, supportive working culture for 2017. A HUGE thank you to the teachers and parents who made this camp possible. Last night I attended my first Board of Trustees meeting. What a delight for me to see the interest and

commitment to our students and their learning from the trustees. I look forward to working closely with this team to achieve the goals and targets for our students. This week the staff will be attending our annual Commissioning Mass for all Catholic School communities. You are most welcome to join us Wednesday 15 February at 6pm in the Cathedral.

On Thursday 16 February at 5.30pm in the Gerry Sullivan Events Centre we are having a parent information session on our COOL SCHOOL'S PROGRAMME. This session will be delivered by one of the regional presenters. Cool School's supports schools to teach conflict resolution in a proactive manner. By teaching the students to work through strategies we are empowering them to deal with conflict positively. Come along to hear more about this school wide programme. Next Tuesday 21 February at 7.30pm the PTFA are holding their AGM. This group is absolutely crucial to our school community – building community and raising much needed funds for key projects around the school. Please consider offering your time to join this group.

We have a wonderful, dynamic school fully supported by our community. I see my role as working with each group to maximise their positive contributions to ensure

our students are fully supported in their learning and development.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community, the following students and their families; Maximus Corsan (Rm5), Summer Patnugot (Rm5), Jacina Marino-Murphy (Rm13) and Chenyu Chang (Rm11)

Cool Schools Parent Information Session:



This Thursday 16th of February we have Lisa Gibson from the Peace Foundation coming to talk to parents about Cool Schools, the peer mediation programme that we are running in school to help

our students develop the skills to sort out conflict in the playground. All parents are welcome to come along to find out about the programme and how you can use it in your homes to help children learn peaceful conflict resolution. Each person has their own style of managing conflict. Come along and find out what your style is! This meeting will be held in the Gerry Sullivan Events Centre at 5.30.

Reminder - PTFA AGM and first meeting for 2017 - 21st February, 7.30pm in the staff room.

All parents are very welcome to attend a short AGM. The AGM includes a review of the previous year as well as elections on the night for the positions of Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary - if you would like to put yourself forward for any of these positions then please contact Cindy on 0274 433 905.

The AGM will be followed by a meeting where we will meet the new principal, Mrs Debra White and discuss planning of events for 2017.

OUT OF SCHOOL MUSIC LESSONS 2017 – Vacancies in Sax, Clarinet, Flute and Brass



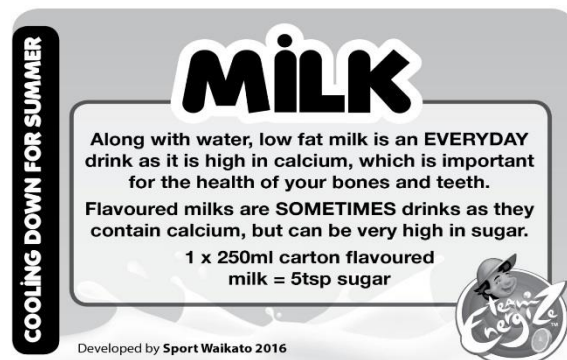
We still have some spaces in these instruments. \$80 per year tuition and \$80 per year instrument hire if needed.

This makes these lessons very affordable - \$2.50 per lesson tuition and \$2.50 per lesson instrument hire. Forms are available at the office. This is a tremendous opportunity for your child. Classes will commence in week 5, beginning 27 February. Please return your form to the school office by **Friday 17 February** so that we can collate classes and notify everyone of the time and day of their lesson. Any queries please contact the office or the Out of School Music Co-ordinator, Alison Hepburn ahepburn@marian.school.nz

For those who have already submitted their enrolment – thank you! Please be patient. Classes **will** start Week 5 and you will be notified early next week of your day and time of lesson. We are just waiting for the last few spaces to be filled and we can make a start on collating.

Orchestra: Will hold a meeting on Wednesday 1 March at morning tea time, in the GSEC Lounge. If you have indicated your interest in Orchestra, please be there.

This Week's Health Nugget:



Gymnastics: Spaces still available, be in quick. Classes started on Monday in the GSEC @ 4:30pm. Come along to register or email turnandgymnasticcircle@gmail.com

Theatre Cats Speech and Drama.

Play Production Class. Thursdays 3.15-4.30pm in Te Whare. This year's production is The Plotters of Cabbage Patch Corner by David Wood. This brilliantly written play offers a variety of interesting, vibrant characters, a creative script and lots of fun for the audience too. This play combines drama and dance with a modern twist. The message of the play is about overcoming differences and working together to ensure the future of the garden. Sandy (dance teacher) and I will be directing this production which will be performed at the end of the year. If you in year 6-8 please contact Sandra Timlin. Email: lynn18@xtra.co.nz or 8590377 for details.

Want to learn the UKULELE?

Here at Marian School you can, with the help of MusiqHub. Just contact Carl for more info... E: toezee@gmail.com MOB: 027 388 9558



"Used Guitars Wanted"

If you have any guitars or other instruments that you are no longer needing that you would like to sell or donate to new homes please contact me. John Maydon Guitar/ Bass tutor at Marian School at 0272053685 or johnymaydon@gmail.com

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

God Bless You
Debra White (Mrs)

Principal

Flyers: Sport