

29 March

**Focus for the Week: Help Us To See** John 9: 1-41 Fourth Sunday in Lent

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus cured a blind man. The blind man knew that Jesus had done a wonderful thing and was not an ordinary man. Jesus told His disciples that He was the "light of the world." He explained to the disciples that He had cured the blind man so that the man could 'see' that Jesus was the son of God.

We can make sure that we too are filled with God's light by praying every day. Through prayer we talk to God and get to know him better. By praying daily, God will help us to see the way we should live our lives.

**Value Focus: Diversity –**

Different actions, different appearances, different cultures... similar feelings. The last phrase cues us into realising that while the world's human diversity is vast, we all display a full range of similar emotions. In fact the things which trigger these emotions are also similar. The joy at seeing our favourite sports team win, the anger we display towards an injustice, the sadness on hearing the death of a relative, the love shown towards a new-born child. What does all this mean for us? If certain events and actions trigger certain feelings for us, then we should be mindful that others will have similar reactions. It follows also that our actions and words can affect others, whether face to face or on-line. An awareness of how we can impact those who we interact with physically as well as virtually especially with the broadening cross-cultural interactions in the world today, has never been more important.

*They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel."*

Karl Buechner

**Maori Language Phrase**

- Good Morning

Kia ora, Ata mārie, Mōrena

Dear Friends and Parents of the School

**Principal's Reflection****Congratulations to our school community**

"The school is going well" and "We think this is a pretty good school"

Congratulations to our Board of trustees, Teachers and Support staff on a successful external review. Over the last two weeks we have had two Education Review Officers in our school. On the completion of their time with us they presented a draft report to our Board of Trustees. The review has a narrow focus. The reviewers' role is to answer

**How well are we accelerating the progress of our at-risk learners?**

A common theme within our discussions were consistency and alignment across the school. The report will include recommendations to develop a whole school approach to curriculum delivery so when students move through the school the systems are similar. Writing will be an area we can extend existing good practices school wide.

The reports are now in a shorter more concise format with the focus on student acceleration. Celebrating our unique context and successes is no longer part of the ERO report and therefore important for us to be continually informing and celebrating our successes with our school community. The report will be available to share with our community early next term. Both reviewers made special mention of the warm relationships within the school and spoke highly of our dedicated teachers and support staff.

**Congratulations to our OXFAM Teams**

What outstanding role models we have within our school community. We had two teams made up of teachers and parents, who walked 50km, through tough terrain with a super gutsy effort by all. Our two teams: **Walk it Forward** made up of; Maria Maarhuis, Nicole Higby, Nic Moon (Marian School Mum) and Rachel Allen (Marian School Mum). **Keen Beans** (all Marian School Mums - the sister-in-law Char Casson, Katy Roach (and Katy's sister-in-law) and Belinda Kane.

**Walk it Forward** finished 2nd team across the line.

This event would not be possible without Support Crews. A special mention to the Support crew made up of: Becki Botherway, Kat Dale and Kerrie Martin. A huge amount of fundraising done for OXFAM. Well done to you!

**Congratulations to Year 5-6 Waterpolo Team**

I wanted to share this lovely feedback the school received from Waikato Waterpolo Association:

The Waikato Waterpolo Under 12 Coordinator ( Sarah Hoskins) watched our Year 5-6 waterpolo team last Sunday. Sarah commented on how amazing our team is.

" All the passing, so well behaved for coaches and such great character and teamwork."

She made special mention about was how awesome that we have Rita Kaisa and Angelica Kaisa coaching, such inspirations to our young players.

I went down to watch this team on Sunday and I could most definitely see why they had attracted the attention from the coordinator. Congratulations to the players, their parents and the coaches for this wonderful display of team work, fairplay, and what Marian Catholic School stands for and promotes. I am very proud of you all.

Thank you for being fine ambassadors of our school.

**Urgent – Solidarity Day Notice:** The organisation who was to cook our rice for Solidarity Day has discovered they are not able to do so. Therefore, **send your children with a packed lunch** as per usual. We will still have **Mass at 10am** and a big thank you to all those who donated rice - it will be donated to the food bank and money sent in will still be donated to Caritas.

**Welcome:** We warmly welcome into our school community, Micaelah Tyrell (Rm4) and her family.

**Mark your Calendar:** Gold Card Assembly will be held on Thursday 13 April at 1:30pm

**Diversity Day:** Friday April 7th, is Marian School Diversity Day and we invite all students to come to school dressed in clothes that represent their cultural heritage. There is no charge for this as it is not a mufti day. We have such a range of cultures in our school and want to celebrate them all. Throughout that week senior students in the school will lead fun lunchtime cultural activities.

### **Marian Pasifika Cultural Groups - 2017**

(Y1 - 5) Junior Boys & Girls Pasifika - Every Wednesday at Morning tea - School Hall

(Y6 - 8) Boys Pasifika - Every Thursday at Morning tea - Atrium

(Y6 - 8) Girls Pasifika - Every Friday at Lunch time - School Hall

Thank you for your support - Louella Pereira

**Sacred Heart Girl's College School Visits:** For all Yr8 girls wishing to know more about Sacred Heart College, there will be a 'Meet the Principal' on the following dates and times;

- 5 April at 10am
- 10 May at 9am
- 17 May at 10am
- 31 May at 12noon
- 14 June at 1pm

Visit the school website to register your interest. [shgcham.school.nz](http://shgcham.school.nz) or email [hearts@shgcham.school.nz](mailto:hearts@shgcham.school.nz). For more information phone 856 7874

**Holiday Programme Cancelled** Due to the demolition of our neighbouring, Euphrasie House, our Holiday Programme will not be operating these holidays. Our apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

**Hot Cross Buns fundraiser:** We would like to offer Marian School the opportunity to take part in our Hot Cross buns fundraiser for 2017.

Please find attached the order form to collect orders from your students, advising parents of what they need to do to take advantage of the hot cross bun fundraiser.

Our 6- pack of hot cross buns **\$9.00** and we donate \$3.00 from every 6-pack directly back to your school.

Orders with **cash** need to be placed in the **PTFA box by 6 April**. The order will be delivered on the 12th of April 2017.

### **Entertainment Books**

Over \$20 000 worth of offers for just \$65. Pre order your book or digital copy now visiting [www.entbook.co.nz/1540g39](http://www.entbook.co.nz/1540g39).

Books are being launched later this week and will be available to purchase from the office from Next Monday. Thanks to those who have already pre-ordered.

Any queries please text Jane 0275474499

### **Future Transport Competition**

NZ Transport Agency is running a competition for students in Years 1-6 and 7-10 where children work in groups of 3 or more to investigate transport challenges in New Zealand. They create solutions or explore possibilities for the future and share their ideas as a playable game or narrative. Competition entries can be in many formats to reflect the learning. The deadline is Friday 30 June and more information can be found

at [education.nzta.govt.nz/competition](http://education.nzta.govt.nz/competition)

### **Lost:**

- A school jersey and a school hat named Keilana Lee – please return to Rm 9

### **Attendance Dues Officer**

The Catholic Integrated Schools' Office is responsible for the collection and management of attendance dues for all schools attached to the Hamilton Diocese. There are currently 32 schools. An opportunity has arisen for a full-time position within the Schools' Office.

We would like to hear from you if

- You enjoy working as part of a team
- Have excellent communication skills and a pleasant telephone manner
- Computer literacy skills
- Have the ability to prioritise work and effective time management skills

Full training for the successful candidate will be available.

**For an application form and job description please contact:**

**Sharyn Mudgway on (07) 856-6989 or email**

**[sharynm@cdh.org.nz](mailto:sharynm@cdh.org.nz)**

**Catholic Integrated Schools' Office**

**PO Box 4353**

**Hamilton**

Applications close on: 7 April 2017



### **This Week's Health Nugget:**

The graphic features a background image of a child's face. On the left, a vertical banner reads 'COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER'. The main title is 'A TASTE FOR SWEET'. Below it, a text box contains the message: 'Giving children sweet drinks when they are thirsty develops a taste and habit of wanting sweet drinks all the time. Swap sugary drinks with: • Naturally flavoured water • Smoothies • Milk'. At the bottom right, there is a circular logo for 'Team Energy' and a small text credit: 'Developed by Sport Waikato 2016'.

### **Football Boots For Sale**

ADIDAS Predator US13kids \$20 excellent condition

ADIDAS Predator US4 \$20 excellent condition

ACTIVE Intent size 3 very good condition \$15

Plus 1 pair Marist Football Socks to first buyer, suit 5-7yr old

Contact Craig 0274 22 22 90

**Sausage Sizzle:** This Friday \$2.00 per sausage.

God Bless You

Debra A White

Principal

### **Flyers:**

- Hot Cross Buns – order form
- Sport