

18 October

Focus for the Week: Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary TimeMatthew 22: 1-14 **The Wedding Party**

In this week's gospel we hear how the King sent his servants out to invite anyone and everyone to come to his son's wedding because the originally invited guests made excuses not to come.

In the same way, God invites all of us into the kingdom of heaven. If we accept God's invitation, we must make the effort to do what is right and follow God's way. If we don't make the effort then we will be like the man who didn't dress for the occasion and was asked to leave.

By making the effort to do the right thing and follow God's way, we will become part of the final celebration at the end of time.

Welcome back Marian community to the final term for 2017.

Value Focus: Love of God, Self and Others – Week 1

Gaining that "feel good" feeling from a Christian perspective often comes from doing things for others. The satisfaction from knowing that our actions have made someone's life that little bit easier, not only reflects a Christ-like attitude in ourselves but also strengthens relationships.

Practicing random acts of kindness to brighten the day for others often cost nothing, but leaves a lasting impression on the recipient and little by little builds our faith in humanity.

If we ourselves are the recipient, while it is not obligatory, we may consider being kind in return or to someone else in need. Paying it back or forward, either way, makes the world a better place.

Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles, and kindnesses, and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort – Humphrey Davy

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."~Leo Buscaglia

"Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end."~Scott Adams

Maori Language Phrase: Kia tere! Be quick!

Dear Parents and Friends of the Community

Welcome back to Term Four.

I was sent an excellent resource from Mrs MacPherson in the holidays with ideas for parents to help their children develop a growth mindset. Please see flyer with the newsletter.

Developing a Growth Mindset in Your Child Starts with You!

As parents, you play a huge role in influencing the mindset of your children, so it's important for you to model a growth mindset for your children. Showing your children that you are excited by challenges, see mistakes as learning opportunities, and understand the value of practice and trying different strategies will go a long way in cultivating their growth mindsets!

Understanding Mindsets A growth mindset is the underlying belief that abilities can be developed through effort and practice. Children with a growth mindset persist in the face of challenges because they understand that effort and hard work can change ability and intelligence. A fixed mindset is the belief that intelligence is static, and cannot be changed. When children have a fixed mindset, they tend to give up easily when they encounter obstacles, because they believe that they don't have what it takes to learn hard things.

Congratulations to Mrs Sarah Hill on the arrival of dear wee Leah. All our prayers and best wishes are with you and your family at this special time. Mrs Hill is on maternity leave and will return to work at the beginning of Term Three 2018.

Enrolments for 2018 Can I please ask if you know if your child WILL NOT be returning to Marian Catholic School next year can you let the school office know: mpanettiere@marian.school.nz

Have we got your pre-schooler who you are planning to start school next year in our system? Please ensure we have so we can confirm a 2018 placement for your child.

Class Organisation for 2018 -We work through a thorough process which involves considering social, behavioural and academic information on each child which is provided by class teachers and team leaders. The class teachers and team leaders work closely with our DP to put together classes for 2018. If there is pertinent information concerning your child that would help us in this process, please email Team Leaders by Thursday 2nd November.

Team 1 & Team 3: twalters-freke@marian.school.nz

Team 2: cchadwick@marian.school.nz

Team 4: kmartin@marian.school.nz

This year we have identified a strong need to promote more consistency across the school. To support this we are looking at a slight change to the current organisation. We will have two Assistant Principals each leading two teams. Mrs Toni Walters-Freke will lead the Teams 1 & 2 and the new appointment will lead the Teams 3 & 4. We will be encouraging collaboration between teams and looking to extend collaboration across the school. Teachers have been given the opportunity to move to a different teaching level next year and we will have approximately a third of the teachers changing teaching levels as a result. Once these changes have been confirmed you will be notified via the newsletter. Therefore, there will be no benefit in parents requesting a specific teacher for 2018.

Resignation of Mrs Kerrie Martin As of the end of this year Mrs Kerrie Martin will be resigning from her position of Assistant Principal leading the Year 7-8 team. Mrs Martin has successfully led Team Four with passion, vision and huge commitment over the past 7 years. While we are saddened to farewell Mrs Martin from this position she will be taking up a Creative Release Teacher position which will have her working on 'Arts' with all the classes across the school.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Jack Tarry (Rm14), Jesvin John (Rm10), Braydon Salomon (Rm5), Inigo Floresca (Rm5), Vino Hilario (Rm5), HoSen ShiHo (Rm5) and Heidi Ng (Rm8).

Bereavement: The whānau of Karen, Peter and Poukupenga laid to rest their dearly loved Lewis Moeau during the school holidays. Much loved father to Peter and koro to Poukupenga.
E koro e moe! E moe! E moe! Haere ki ōu rahi ki Rongowhakaata!

Mission Day 2018-

Whole School Mass- This Thursday 9.10am. All welcome. Please provide a can of food for the offertory.

Mission day this Friday: For those of you who are not familiar with this day, it is a wonderful day of children putting on events and stalls children and raising money for the Missions. Children will also need **small change** for the stalls.

Mufti Day- Children to wear sun-smart mufti. Please bring a **gold coin** for this and your child will need some money to spend at the fun activity and food stalls the Team 4 students have prepared.

Cakes and baking- Team 4 students who have a cake competition entry need to deliver cakes to Room 22 before school. All other parents who would like to contribute any homemade sweets, muffins, biscuits, slices can deliver them to Room 22 also.

Second hand Books, Clothes and Toys- If you had a chance to clean out the cupboards in the holidays and have some goods to donate, please bring them to the office.

Remember to pack a sunhat and pray we need it.

Also, please wear 'sun-smart mufti'

Can you help the Environment this Mission Day?

Send your child along with a re-useable bag for their shopping on Friday to avoid using plastic bags.

Together let's make that our Marian Mission!

Uniform With the warmer weather approaching

students may be changing from their winter uniform to summer uniform. Remember the uniform policy states students either wear all winter or all summer uniform. School uniform has to be worn to and from school including footwear. Students will need to have their PE uniform for PE as they will be doing athletics this term. They will also need their **school hats** after Labour weekend.



Team 1 and 2 Disco:

Keep the date....The two teams will hold their discos on Thursday 23 November.

Team 1 – 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Team 2 – 5:30pm – 7:00pm

More details to follow closer to the time.

Help is required. Please phone Morag 021 0221 7384 if you can lend a hand.

Year 8 HPV immunisations – round two

The public health nursing team will be at school on Monday 30th October for the second dose of the HPV immunisation programme. If you have any queries or concerns please call our public health nurse Sara-Jane Murison on 021 247 8972 or email:

Sara-jane.murison@waikatodhb.health.nz

Markets at Marian Bring the whole family to a fun evening!

The PTFA will be selling hotdogs and burgers for dinner. Gold coin donation to enter the market. A huge range of market products for sale!

Date: Wed 8 November

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Venue: Gerry Sullivan Centre

Please email morag@placegroup.co.nz if you are interested in being a stallholder. There are limited tables left.

'WATER FIGHT' BOOKS FOR SALE Mrs Tu'akoi is selling her wonderful book "The Water Fight" next Tuesday (for Team 1), Wednesday (for Team 2) and Thursday (Team 3 & 4) at Lunch

time on the courts outside the St Mary's Block. She will be available to sign the book for the students and those buying the book will be able to participate in a 30 second water fight organised by the Young Vinnies group who will receive a portion of the sales. The book is \$5 and well worth it. A great Christmas present for young children to enjoy!

Marist Soccer Photos: These can be collected from the School Library, Thursday and Friday between 2:30 and 3:15pm.

Sore Throats: If your child complains of a sore throat, please don't ignore, take them to a doctor or nurse straight away to get it checked. Sore throats can lead to rheumatic fever if left untreated. Call Healthline on 0800 611 116 to find out more.

Mark your Calendar

19 Oct	Full School Mass – 9:10am
20 Oct	Mission Fun Day - MUFTI
23 Oct	Labour Day – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
25 Oct	Amazing Race for selected students
31 Oct	Team 4 – Regeneration Retreat (Rotorua)
8 Nov	Markets at Marian 6pm-8pm

Lugton Round the Bridges: A school team has been created for the Lugton Round the Bridges run on Sunday, 19th of November, 2017. Our team name is **Marian Catholic School** and anyone from our community who wishes to run with us is most welcome.

Students can enter and pay online from home, and just click on our team name to join us. Mrs Botherway, Maarhuis and Higby will be running with the 6km team. Students may also enter the 2km or 12km if that is what they would like to do. If your child has already registered, they are more than welcome to join our team on the day.

Lost

- School jersey named Biladi. Please return to Rm15.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion: Cycle three begins with the next parent input meeting is Sunday 29 October 7.15pm in the Cathedral.

Hillcrest Swimming Club – Learn to Swim: Spaces are available for children at various levels and ages. The club operates from McCracken Ave and Hamilton Boys High. Contact 022 156 4796 or email recorder@hillcrestasc.co.nz

Term Dates 2018:

Term 1	school starts Wed 31 January (Tues 30 Jan-Teacher only day) (Mon 5 Feb – Teacher Only day) (Wed 4 April – Teacher Only Day)	Term ends Fri 13 April
Term 2	Mon 30 April	Fri 6 July
Term 3	Mon 23 July	Fri 28 Sept
Term 4	Mon 15 Oct	Wed 19 Dec

Sport Notice: There will be no sport this weekend or Monday due to Labour Weekend.

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each. All orders today will go towards Mission Day.

God Bless You
Debra A White
Principal

