

25 October

This week's Focus: 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time Matthew 22: 15-21

Sunday was the day designated by Pope Francis as MISSION DAY. A day we are called to examine our response to faith in action. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is reminding us that we have two main responsibilities. One is to love God and to try to live our lives the way God wants us to. The other responsibility is to care for each other and to make sure that everyone gets their fair share of the good things that God has given us.

How can we care for others at home around the world? How can we share what we have so that everyone has their fair share of what God has given us?

What will you do this week to show that you love God and are trying to live our life the way God wants? What will you do this week to show that you care for others, both here and around the world?

Patient and loving God, be with us as we try to care for one another, help one another, share with one another and work together to make the world a fairer place for everyone to live.

Amen.

Value Focus: Love of God, Self and Others – Week 2

Getting closer to God through prayer requires commitment. Part of the Year 6 Religious Education programme focuses on becoming a good 'pray-er' – developing those qualities which allow us to create a solid path for communicating with God. 4 qualities are listed: Perseverance- the ability to keep on praying even when times are tough; Availability – setting regular time aside for prayer; Trust – having faith that God is listening even if our prayers aren't always answered; Honesty – being honest in our communication with God, particularly in being sorry for our wrongdoings and asking for forgiveness. Paying attention to these qualities when praying sets us up for a closer relationship with God and more able to be the hands and face of Christ.

"The value of consistent prayer is not that He will hear us, but that we will hear Him." ~William McGill

"You may pray for an hour and still not pray. You may meet God for a moment and then be in touch with Him all day" Fredrik Wisloff

This week's Maori Language Phrase :*Whakamaua tō potae*

Put on your hat

Dear parents and friends of the school

Principal's Reflection:

"Be who God wants you to be and you will set the world on fire" Catherine of Sienna

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Marian Catholic School community on our successful Mission Day on Friday.

Our unconfirmed total raised is over \$5,500.00. I would like to thank our community, students, staff and parents for your wonderful support.

The money for the Missions raised will be divided into three ongoing projects we support: Hamilton Christian Food bank, Tuesday meals for the Hungry and the Sisters of the Mission.

I would like to make a special mention of the Year 7-8 students who prepared and ran the interesting stalls. Thank you to their teachers who provide the support for the students to carry out these independent leadership tasks at such a high level.

The atmosphere was fantastic as the whole school enjoyed Mission Day - the background music was great. As I walked through the playground I was so impressed I thought this is what being in a Catholic School is all about. Thank you all.

Term dates for 2018

Term One: Wednesday 31 January - Friday 13th April

TOD: Monday 5 February

TOD: Wednesday 4th April

Term Two: Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July

Term Three: Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September |

TOD 27 Aug

Term Four: Monday 15 October - Wednesday 19 December

Please note there are three Teacher Only Days scheduled within term time. Monday 5th February, Wednesday 4 April and Monday 27th August.

Learner Agency

Last week I shared some ways parents can help to promote a Growth Mindset approach in their children. Building on from a Growth Mindset is providing opportunities for our students to have agency over their learning. This is referred to as Learner Agency. Teachers are able to adapt their teaching and learning approach to facilitate a learning environment to enable our students to take an active role in their learning - this will look different at the different levels throughout the school. One example is allowing students to have choice in where they learn best - either on their own, with a buddy or in a small collaborative group. Classroom environments can be set up with a selection of furniture to allow the student to make these choices. The staff are working with an external educational consultant - Mrs Jo

Wilson from CORE education to upskill on collaborative teaching practices and learner agency. These staff meetings are very exciting and proving to be a real celebration of best practice across the school. We are starting to look at classroom furniture and will be purchasing classroom furniture to provide choice for students in where and how they learn best.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community, Angel Grace Thottungal (Rm5) and her family.

Important message for all Yr6 and Yr7

Parents: Camp notices have been given to all Year 6 and 7 students today. Please complete the health profile and permission slip included and return to the school office at your earliest convenience. If you are interested in attending camp as a parent helper please collect a pack from the school office, complete the necessary information and return to the office. Alternatively you can request an information pack online from KMartin@marian.school.nz

The closing day for the parent help request applications is Friday 17th November.

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

Out of School Music: Twilight Concert

Date: Thursday 2nd November 6.00pm

Venue: Gerry Sullivan Event Centre

On 2 November we are celebrating your children's success and involvement in the Out of Hours Music programme.

Children need to arrive at 5.30pm. All children need to be dressed in school uniform.

The evening should be over by 7pm. Please come along and support your children for this wonderful musical occasion. We look forward to seeing you all.

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.

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.

The Marian School PTFA have set up an email account marianptfa@gmail.com should you wish to contact this hardworking group of people

Round the Bridges: Just enter at home online and click on Marian Catholic School when asked to join a team.

This year's **Lugtons Round the Bridges** is on Sunday 19 November. Enter a school team now and be in the draw to win one of two \$500 Hart Sport vouchers!

The Grassroots Trust 2KM Kids Challenge, register online and download your training programme at www.roundthebridges.co.nz

The event also features a First Credit Union 6km and a 12km available for adults



Celebrating Success: Congratulations to the following who made the Waikato Representative Touch Teams;

- *Kele Cuthers*, Waikato under 12B boys
- *Antonia Cuthers*, Waikato under 10B girls

Congratulations also to our own teacher, **Josh McCabe** who played in the National Squash Superchamps in Auckland (a national club competition) during the holidays. Josh's team won the Waikato districts event, which gave them the right to be the Waikato Club Reps at Nationals. There were 10 men's teams competing from Northland down to Otago. Josh played for Hamilton and they won!

The following week Josh played in Tauranga for NZ Teacher Games (like the Olympics, but for NZ Teachers) and won a Silver Medal representing our school.

With Hearts Burning - Module 2 Release A Ministry of Presence Bishop Nicholas Hudson from Westminster, UK will be giving two presentations on Evangelisation.

Bishop Steve Lowe will be in attendance and open the discussion. Sunday November 5, in the Gerry Sullivan Events Centre 2.30pm

With Hearts Burning launch: Don't forget to go on the Diocesan website at the following page whb.cdh.nz to find out about the details of this spiritual and pastoral reflection. You can access the modules and some resources (for adults & children) and share your findings and reflections in the SHARING section See: <https://www.proudtobecatholic.org.nz/with-hearts-burning>

Vacancy: We are on the hunt for an admin superstar to work Mondays and Fridays (five hours per day) at a well-known architectural practice. Duties will include welcoming visitors and answering calls, minute taking, and data entry. Pay is \$18-20ph. For a full position description, or to apply, please email beth@everestpeople.co.nz

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

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

God Bless You
Debra A White
Principal

Flyers

- Sport
- First Credit Union