

22 November

Focus for the Week: 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using our gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus is telling us that it is important to use the gifts that God has given us. We are all good at different things. Whatever your talent is, Jesus is saying that it is important not to hide our talents from others – keeping them to ourselves as the servant did who buried his talent.

It is by going out into the world, and sharing our talents and using our skills to help others that we serve God.

We need first to discover what our gifts or talents are, then work at making them better. They are a gift from GOD, who doesn't want us to waste our gift.

Value Focus: Love of God, Self and Others – Week 6

The earlier we create secure good habits the better. In thinking of good habits to future proof our lives we can't really go past the tried and true mantra of "eat healthy, exercise regularly, think positively" These three messages go hand in hand – a healthy body contributes to a healthy mind, while a healthy mind allows us to reason what's good for our bodies.

The benefits of remembering and acting upon these set up the basis for keeping our own lives in balance. It relates to an earlier reflection – if we want to help others, we must first help ourselves. Giving attention to healthy eating, exercise and our own pursuits to promote a positive attitude allows us to give the best version of ourselves to those that matter.

"Fear less, hope more; eat less, chew more; whine less, breathe more; talk less, say more; love more, and all good things will be yours" Swedish Proverb

"The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible." Anon.

Maori Language Phrase:

Hororia ō ringaringa

Wash your hands.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Principal's Reflection:

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

Looking forward to 2018 I would like to share the school and class organisation with you.

Next year we will have three areas: Junior Area; Year 1-4 and will be led by our Assistant Principal Mrs Toni Walters –Freke.

Middle Area Years 5-6 and Senior Area Years 7-8 which will be led by the newly appointed Assistant Principal Mrs Erin Sawyer .

Class Structure for 2018

Room 1	Anna Ellmers	Year 1/2
Room 2	Yvonne Vosper	NE/Year 1
Room 3	Linda Tiffany	Year 1
Room 4	Feana Tu'akoi	New Entrants/Year 1
Room 5	Barb Lockett (Terms 1 & 2) and Sarah Hill (Terms 2 & 3)	New Entrants/Year 1
Room 6	Suzanne De Cruz	Year 2
Room 7	Antonia Fong / Christine des Forges	Year 2
Room 7a	Roxy Grace	Year 2 and 3
Room 8	Nicki Whyte	Year 3 and 4
Room 9	Cathy Chadwick	Year 3 and 4
Room 10	Debbie Anderson	Year 3 and 4
Room 11	Dael Cullingworth	Year 3 and 4
Room 12	Amanda Luke	Year 5-6

Room 13	Anna Gerritson	Year 5
Room 14	Maria Maarhuis	Year 5-6
Room 15	Paula White	Year 5-6
Room 16	Shannon Dons	Year 5-6
Room 17	Raewyn Casey	Year 7 and 8
Room 18	Josh McCabe	Year 7 and 8
Room 19	Vania McKeown	Year 7 and 8
Room 20	Nicole Higby	Year 7 and 8
Room 21	Ryan Jordan	Year 7 and 8
Room 22	Katarina Dale/Louella Pereira	Year 7 and 8

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Jane Barbour who has been granted a year's leave of absence for 2018 to take up a role of Support Teacher of Learning and Behaviour at Nga Taiātea Wharekura. We wish Mrs Barbour all the very best as she takes up this interesting position and look forward to her return in 2019.

Solo Singing Competition - Music Appreciation Evening

When: Monday 27th November 2017

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Where: GSEC

Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the wonderful singers compete and perform live. We hope to see you all there.

- Louella Pereira and Andrea Hall

Important Dates

23 Nov	Teams 1 & 2 Discos
27 Nov	Solo Singing Competition - Team 4
29 Nov	W.F.P Athletics – Team 4
30 Nov	Maori Mass - 9:10am
1 Dec	Interschool Athletics – Team 2 & 3 Junior Nativity Play – 2:00pm
5 Dec	Advent Liturgy
6 Dec	Op Shop Ball – Team 4
7 Dec	Gold Card Assembly - 1:30pm Drama Performance – in the hall
8 Dec	Prizegiving -Teams 3 & 4 @ 9:15am in the Cathedral Ham Orders Close
11/12 Dec	Yr 7 and 8 retreat/fun days
12 Dec	Hams delivered
14 Dec	Full School Mass - 9:45am Community Morning Tea - 11am Carol Service – 5.30pm
15 Dec	Last day of term – 12:30pm close

Round the Bridges: Congratulations to all the students, teachers and parents who competed in this event last Sunday. A thank you to all those who supported our runners. Please see the sport notice for the results.

Interschool Athletics for Teams 2 & 3: This will be held at Hillcrest High on December 1. Notices will be sent to individual students who have qualified to compete. (See sport notice for more details)

Team 4 Information:

Hillcrest High Open Day- the students attending are to wear the full Marian School uniform with pride on Thursday. Parents if your child is attending, please inform the classroom teacher via email.

Student Senior Leaders- It is time to recall all the Leaders' Badges from the leaders of 2017. Should a badge have been misplaced please make payment of \$15 in a named envelope to cover the replacement.

Camp 2018- Thank you for all applications from parents who are offering to help. You will be contacted at the beginning of December to confirm that we do need you to attend. Keep the \$160 student payments, health forms and permission slips coming in please.

Ham Orders: Please remember to order your Christmas Hams. \$50.00 ea. Orders close 8 December

A Big Thank You: Last Monday, the Catholic Intermediate Schools ran a very successful Athletics Day at Porritt Stadium. A huge thank you to Mrs Nicole

Higby and Mr Josh McCabe for their professional organisation of this event!

Marian School After School Care Holiday

Programme:

End of Term Holiday Programme will run as follows;

Mon 18 Dec to Thurs 21 Dec, 2017

Cost: \$32.00 per day per child.

Bring your own wheels and lunch daily.

January Holiday Programme

Mon 15 Jan to Fri 19 Jan

Mon 22 Jan to Fri 26 Jan

Cost: \$32.00 per day per child

Please bring wheels and lunch daily.

Bookings are essential. Contact Maree Coman

mcoman@marian.school.nz, 027 3081 84007 or see Maree at the Hall after school.

This Week's Health Nugget:



Christmas Cards for Sale: Check out Carrise Enderwick Christmas cards in the Marian School face book page.

Proceeds from the sales will go to the Food Bank.

Limited amount email Martha@marian.school.nz.

Limelight Dance Academy presents

'Season-Sational' Friday 1 December 7pm,
Saturday 2 December 11am and 5pm. Book through Ticketek.

Musikmakers present 'Aladdin Jr'

Riverlea Theatre, January 16—20. Bookings through www.iticket.co.nz

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00 each

God Bless You

Debra White
Principal

Flyers:

- Sport