

29 November

Focus for the Week: Feast of Christ the King

Matthew 25: 31- 46.

On Sunday (23rd Nov) we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus will come back at the end of time as Christ the King, to take all those who have lead good lives, to be with Him in heaven.

It is hard to be good all the time but we can make our loving words and actions outweigh our unloving words and actions. If we try to fill our lives with love and kindness, seeing Jesus in everyone we meet and always treating others with respect, then our goodness will not be forgotten. If we have lived our lives for Christ, then we will share in the joy of everlasting life and happiness with Him in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Congratulations to all those of our Marian community who celebrated their First Holy Communion on this special feast day, during the 10.30 Mass at the Cathedral.

This Week's Values Focus: Love of God, Self and Others – Week 7

All Black great Michael Jones once replied wryly, "It is better to give than to receive." This was to a query as to why he could be a devout Christian and yet tackle so hard?

Beyond the joke, Jones reasoned he had been given his great rugby playing gift from God and he was going to use it. Playing rugby well (and also being determined to come back from career threatening injury to do it again and again) was one of the ways he thanked God.

So it should be for us. While only a select few get to represent their country, we all have individual talents that God has given us and would want us to use. Indeed it is one of the missions of the Church – to teach and encourage people to use their God given gifts. The range is endless. We might be a good communicator, a talented cook, a superb builder of things... Let us realise our talents by using them and celebrating what we do well. In doing so, we thank and praise God.

"Now no one after lighting a lamp covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed; but he puts it on a lampstand, so that those who come in may see the light." Luke 8:16

"A winner is someone who recognizes his God-given talents, works his tail off to develop them into skills, and uses these skills to accomplish his goals." - Larry Bird

Maori Language Week: Aroha ana!

- Thank you!

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

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

On Sunday the above students were Confirmed and received their First Holy Communion. Bishop Steve celebrated the mass and spoke of the importance of using the gifts and talents we have been given. He threw a rugby ball to illustrate the importance of catching the ball and passing it on in order to keep the game going.

We can't play by ourselves. This was an excellent analogy for us in our daily lives illustrating the importance of each one of us using our gifts from God to reach out and help others. We need the interaction of others to pass on God's love for us.

The parish celebrated a beautiful mass with our First Communicants and their families.

All our prayers are with each student who was confirmed and received their first holy communion on Sunday. May you

always know the Love of God and feel the warmth and support from your families. God bless each one of you.

A prayer for first communion.....

May you always know the peace of Jesus
The light of His love,
And the joy of His life within you.

Congratulations - Solo Singing Competition

Faire Cup Solo Singing Year 8 boys winner: William Martin
Heathcote Cup Solo Singing Year 8 girls winner: Emma Wade

Congratulations to all the singers who sung in our Annual Year 8 Solo Singing Competition. We were treated to an entertaining evening on Monday. Thank you to Ethan Ferdinands for compering the evening. Each of the finalists sang a set song piece and a self-selected song. Precious Kintu, a Year 7 student performed along with the Marian Macapella group and Clarence Apolonario played the piano and violin. The evening finished with an item from the Rivertones.

Thank you to our adjudicators, Mr Taare Wilson and Mr George Jennings, our pianist Mrs Andrea Hall and Ms Louella Pereira for her tutoring, commitment to music and coordinating the evening. A thoroughly enjoyable evening showcasing our talented students.

Mass: This Thursday (tomorrow), we will be celebrating the Maori Mass. 9:10am in the Cathedral. All welcome.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community, Emma Ritchie Room 5.

Report Time: Reports and stationery lists will come home next Friday 8th Dec. Please keep your child's report safe as we are changing our student management system and cannot guarantee that we will be able to print off replacement copies in the future. Class lists for 2018 will be published on our school website "www.marian.school.nz" at 5pm on Friday the 8th of December. Go to the tab, Classroom Pages and it is nested in there.

ASC: School finishes at 12:30pm on **Friday 15 December. There will be no ASC that day.**

The Hits Toy Run: It is back and Marian Catholic School has been invited to be involved! Every year over 10,000 toys and Christmas gifts are collected for St Vincent De Paul from across the Waikato, and these gifts are distributed to families in need, with the end goal that every child in the Waikato receives a present on Christmas Day. The Hits Radio Station will be bringing the Toy Bus Run to Marian School at 10.30am on Friday 8th of Dec, and we encourage every child to donate a toy to this great cause! The students can bring a wrapped gift along any time between **now and Dec 8th**. Just remember to show the age and gender that the gift is suitable for. They are to be collected in their classrooms and on the day the gift givers will deliver them to the bus. Let's aim to fill that bus again!



Junior School Nativity Play:

Date: Friday 1 December
 Time: 2:00pm
 Venue: Gerry Sullivan Event Centre
 All welcome
 Don't miss this opportunity



MISSION DAY: Last month we had a very successful Mission Day. We made the wonderful total of \$ 6,134.00 that will be split between supporting the work of the Mission Sisters in their school, Euphrasie School in Myanmar, Feed the Hungry Programme at the Cathedral, the Hamilton Christian Food Bank and MissioNZ. Once again thanks to your wonderful support. We have made an application with the Mission Sisters to begin a partnership with Mission Sisters' School *Euphrasie School* in Myanmar. We will have more details of this partnership in 2018.

Team 2-3 Interschool Athletics this Friday 1st Dec at Hillcrest High from 9-2.45pm. Please see Facebook or Dojo for event times. The Bus will depart 8.45am. No postponement date- notification of cancellation will be on app, facebook on the day by 8.15am.

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to the following;

- Charlie Squire who has been selected to represent *Waikato in the U13 boys Softball* team. He has a tournament coming up on the 10 December and a couple over the Jan / Feb months. Well done!
- *Trinity College of London Drama results.*
 Merit: Ashleigh Varghese, Bella Conradie, Carys Foot, Charlotte Saunders, Sarah Streatfield, Rochelle Fernandes and Joie Lin.
 Distinction: Cora McCartan, Tanisha Reid, Hayley Farrell, Aimee Farrell, Olivia Hampton, Sophia Hall, Raphael Ferdinands and Clementine Frazer-Wilkins(past pupil.)
 Scores obtained were between 80-91%
 Theatre Cats drama students enjoyed presenting their dramatic pieces and marks obtained reflect good preparation and confidence.
 The level of support and encouragement for one another on the day of the exam made the experience a positive one for all. Thank you to parents who spent time at the venue and helped with costume and makeup.
- Well done Ineta Kaisa who won most Valuable Girls player for Flippa Ball this year.

This Week's Health Nugget:

Important Dates

30 Nov	Maori Mass - 9:10am
1 Dec	Interschool Athletics – Team 2 & 3 Junior Nativity Play – 2:00pm
4 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

Sausage Sizzle: This Friday - \$2.00

God Bless You
 Debra A White
 Principal