

7 February

This Week's Focus: 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee. Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In Sunday's Gospel, we also notice the importance of [prayer](#) in Jesus' daily life. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Principal's Reflection:

Me tītiro whakamuri kia anga whakamua

We must look to the past to strive for the future

This whakataukī highlights that relationships and partnerships are essential when working with others.

Our students achieve better when they know they are respected and cared about, and so too, we work better with our colleagues when we are all treated equally and our thoughts, ideas and beliefs are respected.

Congratulations to all our students and their families on the excellent positive start we are having to our new school year. The students are keen to get stuck into their learning and all have been set up for success with their uniforms and stationery. Thank you to our families for their positive support. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting the classrooms and seeing the teachers seeking to establish their learning cultures and expectations for the students. Our ACTS this term is Self Manager which is being highlighted in every classroom. Our value is honesty and teachers are using class discussions, team assemblies and certificates to promote and celebrate examples of honesty in our school.

Updated school logo

Last year as part of our ongoing self review the Board of Trustees reviewed our school logo. We wish to have consistency in the Marian Catholic School identity. The current logo has several variations, in part due to the embroidery technology available when the school was formed. The name was originally Marian School, however, our integration agreement was later updated to the full current name of Marian Catholic School.

As part of our consultation we would like to invite feedback from our parent community. We will have a display in our Office Foyer and a notebook for feedback. You may use my email to provide feedback:

principal@marian.school.nz. We will need any feedback by Friday 2nd March 2018.

Team Four Camp

Our Year 7-8 students, teachers and parents set off this morning for three days at Ngaruawahia Christian Camp for their Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) camp experience. The purpose of this EOTC camp is team building and helps develop a strong positive team culture among our Year 7-8 students and teachers. Our prayers and thoughts are with our campers for a safe and successful camp. We look forward to hearing all about your camp and seeing you all on Friday when you return.

Classroom Environments - Fostering Learner Agency

This year you will notice some changes in some of our classroom environments. We want to optimise learning opportunities for our students and research show us that our students need to have opportunities to have choice in what they learn, how they learn, and where they learn. This is part of what we call "Learner Agency". The classroom environment can really support flexibility and collaboration. We are endeavouring to develop our classroom environments to maximise student choice in their learning. We have approximately a third of our classrooms trialling new furniture. Over the next two - three years all our classrooms will be modernised with flexible collaborative furniture.

Welcome: We warmly welcome into our school community, Peone Nubono (Rm13) and her family.

Second Hand Uniform Shop: The shop is open on Fridays from 2pm to 2:45pm. All articles are \$2.00. Please rename all clothing.

Out of School Music: please fill in your forms and return to the office as soon as possible if you are interested in learning a musical instrument. Forms were sent home last week. Please pick one up from the school office if you have misplaced yours.

Celebrating Success: Congratulations to the following for their recent successes.

- **Kele Cuthers'** Waikato Touch Under 12 Development team won gold at the Touch NZ Northern Region inter-provincial series beating North Harbour in the grand final. Kele's team went through the tournament unbeaten.
- Kele's sister, **Antonia Cuthers'** Waikato Touch Under 10 Development team were awarded silver at the Touch NZ Northern Region inter-provincial series losing to Bay of Plenty in the grand final.

Marriage and Family Life Annual Celebration.

Valentine's Eve Day Mass to celebrate Marriages and family. A Diocese wide celebration of marriage and family life.

Venue: Hamilton Catholic Cathedral. Time 6pm.

Date, Tuesday 13th February.

Celebrant, Bishop Steve.

All the life that marriage brings to couples, families and the whole community.

Please all come as couples, as a person now on your own and as people who value family life.

There will be a light refreshment afterwards in the cathedral foyer. All welcome.

This Week's Health Nugget:

BREAKFAST IDEAS

EASY OMELETTE

Ingredients:

- 2 large eggs
- 2 Tbsp. water
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 1 Tbsp. low fat spread
- ½ cup filling – eg cheese, tomato, capsicum or your favourite vegetables

Method:

In a bowl mix eggs, water, salt and pepper well. Melt spread on medium heat in a medium sized pan. Pour in egg mix covering whole pan. Using a spatula, pull in cooked egg from the outside. Tilt the pan so uncooked egg can fill gaps until the bottom is set and egg looks slightly wet on top. Add fillings on one half of omelette and then gently fold other half on top. Slip on to a plate and enjoy!

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Want to learn to play the GUITAR or UKULELE?

Here at Marian you can, with the help of **MusiqHub**.

Just contact **Carl** for more info...
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027 388 9558



Hamilton Marist Junior Rugby Club Competition Grades 2018 Teams

****Pre-season Skills & Fitness Training****

Calling all 11th – 13th Grade Rugby players Sunday Sessions 10am – 12pm at Marist Clubrooms March 11th, 18th, and 25th

Please be there as from these sessions we will be developing the competition grades for the 2018 season. The 25th March sessions will be simulated games to create the teams.

Also if you are keen to coach or manage a competition team grade team please contact us.

Steve Burgess 027 335 8866 or

Email Hamilton.marist.junior.rugby@gmail.com

Please remember to bring a drink bottle, boots or sneakers and a great attitude!!

SAINTS UNITED NOTICE

Saints United Sports for year 7 & 8's

Some spaces left in **Lacrosse** and **Cricket** for term 1.

Please contact me on: jmcintyre@marian.school.nz ASAP if your child wants to play!

Winter **Netball** and **Hockey** registration forms will be in the Atrium next week. Please fill out and return to the school office. Trial dates will be on the information sheet.

Youth Athlete Development Programme

Run by Sacred Heart and St John's Colleges. Monday's and Wednesday's 5.00-6.00. Cost is \$200 per term for 2 sessions a week for the term. Please look on the school notice board for more information or email Andrew (apichardo@stjohns-Hamilton.school.nz) or Lesley (lsommerfield@shqcham.school.nz).

No Sausage Sizzles this week. (The sizzles will start in week 3).

God Bless You

Debra A White
Principal