



Newsletter 8, Term 4 *Date 5 December 2018*

Focus for the Week

First Sunday of Advent (Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36)

Last Sunday we began the season of Advent, a time that we prepare ourselves for Christmas. Everyone is very busy getting ready to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. What else must be ready for? Jesus is living in our world today, and we know that he will return in glory at the end of time. We must be ready to welcome him into our hearts and our lives.

How should we do this? Jesus came to share his love, forgiveness, peace and happiness with the world. If we share these gifts of his love with people we meet every day by small acts of kindness or



goodness, then we will be ready to fully enjoy the celebrations which take place at Christmas and at the end of time.

Values Focus

Love of God, Self and Others - Week 8

The guidelines for how we should live our lives are outlined in the Ten Commandments. In understanding the meaning of the Commandments God asks that above all we heed "Love God", followed closely by "Love your neighbour". Indeed all the commandments are underpinned by these understandings.

Jesus Christ died to strengthen our relationship with God and our neighbour.

He offered us a perfect example of how we should live according to God's will. One of the most powerful ways he showed us was to forgive others, even those who put him to death. When we forgive, we are doing as God asks, and as difficult as it may be to forgive those who have done us wrong, it begins a healing process, through which God gives us the power to continue with our lives.

"Forgiveness is the economy of the heart... forgiveness saves the expense of anger, the cost of hatred, the waste of spirits."

Hannah More

"Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself". [Romans 13:9]

Māori Language Phrase

Tino pai te rangi, nē rā?
Lovely day, isn't it?

Principal's Reflection

On Monday we had a beautiful Advent Liturgy where the students from Room 20 presented Jesse Tree symbols and formed a static Jesse Tree. A very powerful enactment linking Church history with messages for today.



Mrs Nicki Whyte spoke about the importance of seeing the people in your life that display the qualities of Christ to others.

We thank Mrs Andrea Savage for being an exemplary role model of Christ's love for others. We are indeed blessed to have Andrea as our Pastoral Assistant and the Deputy Chair on our school board.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tietie Kaninteang, Head Girl Sacred Heart Girls College. We are so proud. Congratulations to all our past students on their academic and sporting successes.

Class Organisation for 2019

LC1 (Year 0-1) Mrs Feana Tu'akoi Room 4, Ms Anna Gerritsen Room 5 and Mrs Antonia Fong Room 2
LC2 (Year 1-2) Mrs Roxy Grace Room 7, Mrs Anna Ellmers Room 1, Miss Brooke Goodwin Room 3
Miss Suzanne D'Cruz Room 6

LC3 (Year 3-4) Mrs Debbie Anderson Room 10, Mrs Nicki Whyte Room 7a, Mrs Sarah Hill Room 8 and Mrs Hineata Blair Room 9, and Mrs Dael Cullingworth Room 11

LC4 (Year 5-6) Mrs Maria Maarhuis Room 14, Mr Thomas McVie Room 13, Mrs Amanda Luke Room 12, Miss Raewyn Casey Room 15, Mrs Shannon Dons Room 16, and Miss Jenna Lord Room 19.

LC5 (Year 7-8) Mrs Katarina Dale Room 22, Mr Ryan Jordan Room 21, Mrs Nicole Higby Room 20, New Appointment Room 18, and Mrs Vania McKeown Room 17

Mrs Yvonne Vosper will be our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO).

We welcome Miss Brooke Goodwin, Mrs Hineata Blair, Mr Thomas McVie and Miss Jenna Lord who will be joining our teaching staff next year.

OP Shop Ball

Last week our senior students and teachers attended our Annual Op Shop Ball. What a delight seeing our fine young students in this social setting. The ball was the culmination of weeks of formal dance lessons and preparation. The supper was amazing with our families going to lots of effort for this special occasion. I would like to thank the Student Councillors who work hard to organise this memorable event for our Year 7-8

students. Thank you to the Team Four teachers and parents for your support of this event.

Mufti Day

There will be a Mufti Day this Friday. Gold Coin donation.

Proceeds will go towards the Grotto area currently being built at school.

2019 School Trustee Triennial Elections

The BOT have begun their planning for the upcoming triennial elections to be held next year. We have set our election date is Friday 7 June 2019. Please consider putting yourself forward as a Parent Representative. For more information see the website: <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz>. You could contact any of our current Board chair, Mr Wayne Bates Wayne@leisureline.co.nz if you wish to seek further information.

Address: With the elections due next year can you please ensure the office is aware of any changes of address and phone number for each parent.

Ngā mihi nui
Debra White
PRINCIPAL

Solo Singing Competition

Year 7& 8 Solo Singing Competition 2018

Venue: Gerry Sullivan Events Centre

When: TONIGHT 5th December, 6pm

Come and hear 6 of our finest solo singers as they share their gift of song.

Accompanied by Malcolm Barr.

Also hear some of our up and coming singers perform in the Year 4-6 Choir as our guest judges select a winner.

Everyone welcome, see you there 🎤



Nativity Play

You are invited to the **LC1 and 2 Nativity Play**.

Date: Friday 7 December

Venue: GSEC

Time: 2pm

We would appreciate a gold coin donation to help cover some of the costs.

Please be seated by 1:50pm



Foodbank - Christmas

Christmas Items for Food Bank

Next Thursday, 13th December, we are celebrating our End of Year Mass at 9.10am. We are asking students to bring along a **Special Christmas Treat** item that can be given to the Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank. These items can then be added to Christmas food parcels which are given to people in need over the Christmas period. Items such as chocolates, sweets, biscuits, crackers, Christmas puddings etc. These are being collected in the classrooms this week and next, leading up to our final Mass.

Hits Toy Run Bus



The Hits Toy Run This Friday!

Since starting The Hits Toy Run, has increased to well over 10,000 toys collected for St Vincent De Paul which are then distributed to families in need

and kids in time for Christmas, with the end result that every family in the Waikato receives a present on Christmas Day.

If you would like to donate any new or pre-loved toys to the cause bring them to school **this Friday, 7th** December (Week 8) as The Hits Waikato will have a bus heading to our school to collect the toys.

Accommodation Wanted

Rental/Accommodation required for Mum and 11 yr old daughter. Either long term or short term. Bond guaranteed. Please contact Tricia/Family Support Worker at Marian School. ph: 856 7515. OR email trobenson@marian.school.nz

ICAS Results

Results: Mathematics

	Name	Class	Results
Year 4	Isaiah Lee	10	Distinction
	Christiano Crean	8	High-Distinction
	Josephine Chong	8	Distinction
Year 5	Alec Fraser-Jones	15	Credit
	Tanesha Jeyakumar	14	Credit
Year 6	Blake Hennessey	13	Credit
	Chris Baby	16	Credit
Year 7	William Hernandez	17	Credit
	Caleb McIntyre	19	Credit
	Charlie Iremonger	21	Credit
	Lavelua Kaufononga	22	Credit
	Luka Dale	18	Credit
	Serenita Wijaya	20	Credit
Year 8	Sarah Hilton	19	Credit
	Shion Hwang	19	Credit
	Matthew Vijendran	19	Credit
	Christian Pearson	21	Distinction
	Reilly Benefield	20	Credit
	Charlie Moon	20	Credit
	Kushal Jeyakumar	19	Distinction
	Adam Lewis	21	Credit
	Finn Ryan	22	Credit



Marian School Holiday Programme

Holiday programmes at Marian School.

2018 - 20th and 21st December.

We will only be operating these days if we have sufficient numbers, please get your child's name registered with Mrs Coman.

2019 - 21st - 25th January
29th January - 1 February (four days only as Monday 28th is a public holiday).

Cost: \$32.00 per day per child

Time: 8am to 5pm

Venue: Marian School Hall

Register with Maree Coman

Email: mcoman@marian.school.nz

Dates to Remember

Wed 5 Dec TONIGHT	Solo Singing – GSEC 6pm
Thurs 6 Dec	Gold Card Assembly @ 1:30
Fri 7 Dec	Hits Toy Run LC1 & 2 – Nativity Play Ham Orders due with payment
Mon 10 and Tues 11 Dec	Team 4 Retreat days
Mon 10 Dec	Open Mic Night
Thurs 13	Final School Mass Community Morning Tea Team 4 Fun Day Ham Pick up from 2pm to 4pm
Mon 17 Dec	Team 3 Fun Day
Tues 18 Dec	House Events Carol Service/Leavers farewell
Wed 19 Dec	Last day of school at 12noon
Mon 4 Feb 2019	First day of Term 1

Surplus

Tomorrow Thursday, a trestle table will be set up outside the main office with a range of plates and bowls. If any of these belong to you, please take them.

Children's Christmas Choir

A children's choir will lead the music at the 6pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass again this year. Rehearsals are straight after school on Wednesdays in the Cathedral. The Choir is open to children of any age. All welcome! Contact Malcom Barr if you have any questions – 02 1606 428

This Week's Health Nugget



Baby Sitting

Hi! My name is Jenny Lewis and I am a 15 years old and a student at Sacred Heart across the road.

Christmas shopping can be hectic with little kids, and even older children are curious as to what mum and dad are putting in the trolley. So leave the kids at home in capable hands, and go off and do the Christmas shopping in peace in quiet. I can be those capable hands! I would like to offer my babysitting, cleaning and general housework services to your community and take your kids off your hands for the evening.

I am the fourth oldest with 8 younger siblings, so hard work and looking after youngsters in second nature. I love looking after kids, especially toddlers. I like to think that I have learned many tricks over the years of how to entertain and care for young ones.

If you would like to contact me, you can text me at **0204539475**, or email

jennylewis@shgcham.school.nz. I have several siblings at Marian, so if your children know any Lewis', just give them the message and they'll hopefully pass it along ;) - Thanks!



Sausage Sizzle

This Friday - \$2.00 each

Celebrating Success

Both of our Saints United Lacrosse teams are through to the finals in their divisions this Saturday at 4pm. Our Saints United Storm team (Marian and St Pius students) are in the final of the A grade. Well done girls. We are so proud of you. Best of Luck with your game!!!

Thinking of Christmas Presents?

Pop into the school office and check out the variety of earrings. \$10.00 each. These make great gifts for Christmas and stocking fillers.

Also available are Vita Bags (reusable organic vege bags) at \$13.00 each. These are great gifts for grandparents, Aunties and Uncles, and friends.

Protein Bars make an excellent choice selling at a reduced rate of \$15.00 per box. These are great healthy snack bars to have on hand for your children (or yourselves) during the holiday season.

Sport Notices

See below





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Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 5th December 2018

CRICKET

Friday 7th December

Marian Wizards	vs Morrinsville Primary Y4	@ 5.30pm	@ Morrinsville Primary
Marian Blasters	vs Tamahere Hitters	@ 5.30pm	@ Marian Catholic School

Saturday 8th December

Saints United 1 st IX	vs St Peters Red	@ 10.00am	@ St Peters
Saints United Dev	vs Otorohanga CC Dragons	@ 9.00am	@ Otorohanga Sth School
Marian Titans	vs Ham Old Boys Y6 Eagles	@ 9.00am	@ Marian Catholic School
Marian Knights	vs Ham Old Boys Y5 Aces	@ 9.00am	@ Hillcrest Park 1



WATERPOLO

Sunday 9th December

Marian Sharks	vs Berkley Green	@ 2.30pm	@ St Peters
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Friday 7th December

Marian Colts (Y4)	vs NUSC Breakers	@ 5.30pm	@ The Peak, Court 1
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LACROSSE

Saturday 8th December

Saints United Storm – Draw unavailable at time of publication



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TOUCH - TERM 1 2019



Venue: Steele Park
Start date: Monday 18th February
Last game: Monday 25th March
Grades Available: Year 3&4, Year 5&6, Year 7&8 (all mixed)

Venue: Swarbrick Park
Start date: Thursday 21st February
Last game: Thursday 28th March
Grade: Year 1&2 (mixed)

Cost: to be confirmed (but looking at \$25 per player) I will confirm cost and send payment reminder first week back at school.

Registrations close Tuesday 18th December.

If late, there is no guarantee your registration will be considered.

Registration forms are in the office, or email me and I will send you one.

No team will be registered to play without an adult to coach or manage the team. An umpire is also required, otherwise the team cannot play.

CRICKET – TERM 1 2019



Friday Night Cricket - Years 1-4 – 8 a side game

Start date: Friday 15th February
Finish date: Friday 29th March
Games start at 5.30pm
\$30 per player (to be paid next year)

Saturday Morning Cricket – Hardball Year 5&6 - 8 a side game

Start date: Saturday 16th February
Finish date: Saturday 30th March
Games start at 9.00am
\$40 per player (to be paid next year)

Wednesday Year 7&8 Girls Junior NPL – 8 a side game

Start date: Wednesday 13th February
Finish date: Wednesday 27th March
Games start at 4.00pm
\$20 per player (to be paid next year)

I will send a payment reminder first week back at school. Please do not pay anything now.

Registrations close Tuesday 18th December

If late, there is no guarantee your registration will be considered. Forms are in the office, or email me and I will send you one.

No team will be registered to play without an adult to coach or manage the team.



FLIPPABALL – TERM 1 2019



We are looking for year 5 & 6 students (or tall Year 4's) to get a Flippaball team together. This team will also require a coach to take the them, so if you are keen to help, please let me know. All students must know how to swim. Dates and costs to be confirmed.

Please register your interest to me at sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz by Tuesday 18th December.

WATERPOLO – TERM 1 2019



We are looking for year 7 & 8 students wanting to play Waterpolo in term 1. Games are played at Waterworld Te Rapa on Sunday afternoons. All students must know how to swim. Dates and costs to be confirmed.

Please register your interest to me at sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz by Tuesday 18th December.



Saints United 2019 Cricket Trials

3.30 – 5.00pm 10th December @ Marian

Saints United 2019 Basketball Trials

4.00 -5.30pm on 10th December @ Sacred Heart Girls College

Please register your interest by email to Jardine - jmcintyre@marian.school.nz
Registrations Must Include: Name, Sport registering for, Date of Birth, School name, Year 7 or 8, past teams played in, contact home and cell phone number, contact email address. Please also let Jardine know if you are able to help out with coaching or managing



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