



## Newsletter 8, Term 1

Date 27 March 2019

### Focus for the Week

#### **Focus for the Week: God gives us another chance**

Luke 13: 1-9 Third Sunday in Lent

In Sunday's gospel the master of the house wanted to cut down a tree that wasn't producing any fruit. The gardener asked for one more year so that he could feed and care for the tree, so that it would bear fruit.

The message of the parable is that God is always ready to give us another opportunity to turn back to Him. Through the help of Jesus we can grow in kindness, love, generosity and forgiveness. We need to remember our words and actions reflect God's presence in our lives.

### Charism Focus

Our Charism focus for this term is LIVE LOVE. This week we are focusing on sharing our time and talents freely. Giving of ourselves to help and support others and allowing peace to grow.

God of love created us and called us to live as brothers and sisters. We ask God to give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace. To enable us to see everyone who in our classrooms and in the playground as our brother and sister.

Giving of our time means to offer our help and our skills when it is asked for. 'Never see a need without doing something about it - how are we called to help this week? Who needs our help and support? Is it the student or person sitting next to you, the lonely child in the playground, or making sure that we are using words that are kind to those around us.

It might be showing encouragement to someone, giving a smile to someone as we walk past them. We

have the gift of love - how are we going to share that love this week? How are we going to be the hands, face and voice of Jesus this week?

### Maori Phrase for Week

Whāia te mātauranga!  
Pursue knowledge

### PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Ehara taku toa i te toa, Takitahi engari he toa takimano  
My strength is not that of an individual but that of the collective

Last week we focused hard on our Charism value 'LIVE LOVE'. As I listen to the media I feel fortunate to be part of our wonderful school community where we can authentically celebrate goodness and kindness. Our school is blessed with children who are fully supported by caring loving families who want the very best for them spiritually, academically and socially.

Thank you to our parents for attending our **Learning Discussions**. These conversations provide an important opportunity for the teacher, parent and student to discuss their learning, identify next steps and what support may be required. If you were unable to attend these meetings please contact your child's teacher to make a time to meet. This sends a very clear message to your child that their learning is important.

### CONGRATULATIONS - Year 7-8

We had 22 Year 7-8 students represent our school for the recent Catholic Inter-school Swimming Sports. These students were exemplary in their behaviour and sportsmanship. Our team gained Second Place



overall. Both our relay teams came second which was very exciting. A special mention of thanks to our wonderful supportive parents who provided transport and were time keepers for the event. Thank you to Mrs Nicole Higby for all her work organising, supporting and promoting sport in our school. Congratulations to you all.

On Friday we will have 13 Year 7-8 students qualify to represent us in our Catholic Inter School Team. These students compete in the Waikato Full Primary Swimming Event which provides fierce competition for our swimmers. A special acknowledgement of Mrs Nicole Higby who shares her passion and love of sports in her role on the organising committee for all the Waikato Full Primary Events.

Ngā mihi nui  
Debra White  
PRINCIPAL

## D.R.S. Corner

Many thanks for your wonderful support last Thursday at our **Solidarity Day**. It was a very moving experience for the students to experience being part of such a large group of like-minded students standing in solidarity for people/children living in other parts of the world who face conflict, war, poverty and injustice. All 800 students reflected in a minute's silence, remembering the people who lost their lives in Christchurch and for the Muslim community.

The rice that was supplied and cooked for the meal, was provided by Mike Pritchard and his team from Montana at the University. This is the second year that Mike has provided this and as a school we are very thankful.

The Homing pigeons were released as a sign of peace in our world. Many thanks to Mr Ken Blacklock who brought his pigeons over to the school and released them. It took 9 minutes for his pigeons to fly home to Dlnsdale.

Solidarity Day is a Lenten fundraiser for Caritas, which is a NZ Catholic organisation that provides support and relief to those in need around the world. We raised

\$595.70 and this will be forwarded to Caritas. Many thanks for your generosity.

Many thanks also to our visiting Catholic schools for supporting us in this special day. To Father Darren, who lead us in a beautiful Mass and to the students from Sacred Heart and St John's for supporting the students in liturgy, serving rice and organising games during the lunch break. To all the parents who gave of their time to help us during the day. A big thank you.

God Bless  
Nicki Whyte (D.R.S.)

## Executive Functions

### REMINDER: Parent Information Session - Executive Functions

Everybody uses and needs executive functions, which are cognitive skills that help people make decisions, solve problems, manage their own thinking and behaviour in order to achieve their future goals. As these are strengthened they become useful for both learning and behaviour.

Last year a group of teachers did some professional development around this and are teaching aspects of this in their classes.

We are planning to hold a parent education session on Executive Functions so that parents can understand and reinforce strategies that will help their children with learning and life skills.

Date: **Wednesday 3rd April**

Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Venue: Staffroom

This will be presented by Janet Stowell (RTLb) and author of The Executive Functions Toolkit for Classroom teachers.

We are trying to gauge interest in this therefore can you please RSVP your attendance by email [yvosper@marian.school.nz](mailto:yvosper@marian.school.nz)



## Panui

Pānui

Whānau Hui

5:30pm Wednesday 10th April GSEC

For families of students who identify as Māori.

Nau mai, haere mai e te whānau o tō tātou nei kura. Kōrero mai. Whakaaro mai.

For those unable to attend, please follow the link below to submit responses.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZwRBqdnrQ\\_DsxYEHU42OMmxFaTjS2pinz9xOhGEx\\_lyXJw/vi ewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZwRBqdnrQ_DsxYEHU42OMmxFaTjS2pinz9xOhGEx_lyXJw/vi ewform?usp=sf_link)

## Marian After School Care Holiday Programme

The Holiday Programme will be in the first week of the school holidays, 15-18 April. (Closed for Good Friday)

Hours: 8am to 5pm

Cost: \$32.00 per day per child

To Register: contact Maree Coman,

[mcoman@marian.school.nz](mailto:mcoman@marian.school.nz)

## Invitation for St John's College Old Boys

St John's College Foundation Annual Lunch is being held Friday the 12 April. Some of your families may not be aware there is an Old Boys Foundation, thus giving them a fantastic opportunity to renew old friendships when they were a 'Johnnies Boy'. This year's Luncheon features a panel of sporting heroes sharing some of their best stories and experiences. The auction features a diverse range of sporting memorabilia and activity packages. Held at 'Narrows Landing', 12.30pm. \$120 for a single or \$1,200 (no GST) for a table of 10 covering your meal and refreshments.

email: [foundation@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz](mailto:foundation@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz)

## Celebrating Success

Cousins **Dallas Lee** (Room 7A) and **Keilana Lee** (Room 14) both took out gold in their respective karate age groups, at the Central North Island Championships in Tauranga.



Dallas, in the 6-7 years old category managed to get a gold in Kumite and bronze in Kata.



Keilana, in the 8-9 years old category managed to get a gold in Kumite.

At the same event, the three 'Fong' sisters competed and gained the following results

### Kaylin Fong

Silver in Kata - Female -

10/11 Yrs Premier

Silver in Kumite - Female -

10/11 Yrs Premier

### Kaysie Fong

Bronze in Kata - Female -

8/9 Yrs Development

Silver in Kumite - Female -

8/9 Yrs Development

### Kaydee Fong

Bronze in Kata - Female -

6/7 Yrs Development



## PTFA Notices

### PTFA Update



The Parent Teacher Friend Association (PTFA) is a group of parents that help support the school through organising fundraising and community events such as our market day, discos, selling ice blocks, mending reading books etc. It is a lovely group of people and we are always keen to have new faces at our meetings. There is absolutely no commitment required, you just attend meetings or volunteer when you can. Please feel free to get involved by contacting [marianptfa@gmail.com](mailto:marianptfa@gmail.com)

### Here's what we are up to:

- **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** was held last night. Char Casson stood down from her position as chairperson after two years in the role. Char has been an incredible leader for the PTFA; generously giving many hours and endless amounts of energy to raise funds and create a sense of community. The PTFA will be adrift without her at the helm; we are very grateful that Char is staying on as a member and supporter of the PTFA. THANK YOU CHAR!
- **\$1.00 ice-blocks** – This Friday at 3.00pm, only two weeks left. There will be **NO** ice blocks in week 10
- **Mama's Donuts** - Fundraiser for term 1. Notice to come home today.
- **Entertainment Books**. These books are now on sale at the school office. \$65.00 each. See flyer for more info.

### SAVE THE DATE:

➡ **Field days** Wednesday 12 June – Saturday 15 June 2019. We will be looking for volunteers to cover shifts (gate duty) at this event. Please consider helping – you will gain free entry into the event following your shift and raise much needed funds for our school. This Fielddays fundraiser has been linked with Marian school for over 25 years and raises a substantial amount of money. Your support is appreciated.

**Quiz Night:** We are looking to hold a fundraiser quiz night on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. More details to follow, let us know if you can help out. If you are able

to donate an auction item please contact us on [marianptfa@gmail.com](mailto:marianptfa@gmail.com).

### Can anyone please help

One of our lovely ex-parent and a parishioner of the Cathedral, Maria Sammons, manages the kindly at the Mosque. Maria requests that as a result of the tragedy last Friday, the kindly needs renovations to ensure the safety of the children. If anyone has skills, ideas, materials or funds they can offer it would much appreciated.

The contact is [admin@iqraeducare.org.nz](mailto:admin@iqraeducare.org.nz) if you are able to help in any way.

The people of the local Mosque have expressed their gratitude at the response of our community in prayer.

### Marist Soccer – Registrations close tonight

If your child wishes to play for Marist Soccer, please go to the Hamilton Marist Soccer website and follow the player registration page.

Registrations **close TONIGHT 27 March @ 8pm**

For any further questions email ...

[hamilton.marist.soccer@gmail.com](mailto:hamilton.marist.soccer@gmail.com)

### Dates to Remember

27 March	Learning Discussions
28 March	Learning Discussions Interschool Swim sport Yr4-6
29 March	WFPSA Swim Comp Yr7&8
21 March (Thurs)	Solidarity Day
1 -3 April	LC4 Camp
3 April	Executive Functions
4 April	Gold Card Assembly C.I.S. Lit Quiz
10 April	Pānui - Whānau Hui – 5:30pm
11 April	LC5 C.I.S. Touch tournament Full School Mass
12 April	Last day of term
29 April	1 <sup>st</sup> day Term 2

### Found

- A Bike helmet – please claim at the school office.



## This Week's Health Nugget



## Sausage Sizzle this week

This Friday - \$2.00 per sausage.  
These sizzles are fundraisers and the proceeds are shared amongst the classrooms.

## Flyers

- Mama's Donuts – PTFA fundraiser \$2.50 each
- Entertainment Book Flyers

## Sport Notices

### Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 27 March 2019

#### CRICKET

##### Friday 29 March

Marian Heat vs Hillcrest Hawks @  
5.30pm @ Marian Catholic School  
Marian Blasters vs Rototuna Rockets  
@ 5.30pm @ Woodlands Oval - 5



##### Saturday 30 March

Marian Wizards vs Cambridge Extreme Edge @ 9am  
@ Marian Catholic School  
Marian Knights vs St Joseph Leopards @ 9am @  
Glenview Club - 1  
Marian Titans vs Matamata & Districts 1 @ 9am @  
Matamata Intermediate - 1  
Saints United Development vs Berkley Knights @ 9am  
@ Ashurst Park - 1  
Saints United Premiers vs Bayleys Morrinsville Premiers  
@ 10am @ Morrinsville Rec Ground - 2  
<https://www.hamiltoncricket.co.nz/primary-intermediate/>

## FUTSAL

### Friday 29 March

Marian Colts vs Northern United U11  
Breakers @ 7.30pm @ Fraser High  
Marian Y7&8 vs BNMS Helium @  
7.30pm @ HBHS – Crt 2



<http://www.waibopfootball.co.nz/FUTSAL/Leagues/Waikato-Junior-DrawsResults>

## WATERPOLO

### Sunday 31 March

Marian Sharks vs Rototuna Jnr High @  
3.30pm @ Waterworld



## WINTER HOCKEY, NETBALL & BASKETBALL

Registrations have now closed for Hockey, Netball and Basketball for terms 2 and 3.

All teams will be confirmed and sent out before the end of term 1.

Melissa Nelson

[sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz](mailto:sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz)



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