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Newsletter 9, Term 1

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Focus for the Week

Focus for the Week: The son who came back

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Jesus told the story of the Prodigal Son because he wanted us to understand that regardless of the poor choices we make, we can always turn back to God our Father in Heaven. If we ask God for his forgiveness, we know that he will welcome us back with open arms. In the sacrament of Reconciliation, we ask for God's forgiveness and help, to become more loving and caring people. Like the son who returned to his father, we are filled with happiness and joy when we make peace with God.

Charism Focus

Our Charism focus for this term is LIVE LOVE. This week we are focusing on showing forgiveness. Being able to forgive and show love to people when they have upset us.

We know that when we do things that are wrong, we can always come back to God. If we ask God for his forgiveness, we know that he will welcome us with open arms.

We know that Jesus gave us his love and peace. We now need to share that love in the way we forgive others. Helping us to make our world a happier place by sharing that love and peace with each other.

How are we going to show forgiveness this week? By not holding grudges when people say they are sorry to us. How can we be the hands, face and voice of Jesus this week?

Maori Phrase for Week

Katia te kuaha, koa
Close the door please

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

"Prayer, humility, and charity toward all are essential in the Christian life: they are the way to holiness." Pope Francis

Lockdowns / Reversed Evacuation Drill

In response to the recent Christchurch terrorist attack the police have been asked to visit each school and talk about their preparedness for a Lockdown (or Reversed Evacuation). We were visited last week by a local Police Officer and he requested a copy of our Lockdown Procedures and talked through our system and any areas where I felt we needed support. The Police Officer told me that the Police are going to instigate 'Lockdowns' in schools to assist the school with their readiness for a situation where a Police Lockdown may be required. I appreciate the Police being proactive and offering any support needed. I am aware that the Ministry of Education is planning a review of Lockdown Procedures during Term Two. From time to time a school may need to go into 'Lockdown' deemed necessary by Senior Leadership or the Police. For example; a swarm of bees in the playground, or a Police instigated lockdown.

I feel communication with our parent community is a crucial component of our Lockdown Procedure. We are planning a scheduled 'Lockdown Drill' next week and we will be communicating through our SchoolAPP to all parents. The teachers will be talking to their classes about why we need to practise, and the behaviour expectations.

Empowered to Learn. Inspired for Life.



Learning Discussions

Last week we held the first of our Learning Discussions. I would like to thank the parents who meet with the teachers to discuss their children's learning. Following on from the discussions you will receive LINC-ED posts which you will know have been added via an email. These posts will be completed by the end of this term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

LC 4 - Tui Ridge Camp Rotorua

I spent an amazing day yesterday visiting Tui Ridge Camp to see our wonderful staff, students and parents. Unfortunately the campers left in rain on Monday and had rain for their entire first day. Fortunately the camp programme carried on with all planned activities covered despite the wet weather. The sun was a welcome sight yesterday. Once again I am in awe of our outstanding staff and fantastic parents who assist us so brilliantly to make our camps possible. We are indeed blessed with our staff and parent community - thank you all so much for your hard work and support.

Congratulations Literature Quiz Success

I would like to congratulate the students in LC 5 (Year 7-8) who performed in the recent Catholic School Literature Quiz. These students were prepared by Mrs Christine Verslyus - a long standing Teacher-Aide in our school. Mrs Verslyus works with the students each week building up their Lit Quiz knowledge. This year our students won first, second and third places. An impressive result we are all so proud of you. Congratulations to Mrs Verslyus and the students.

Whānau Hui

Nau mai, haere mai

On Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 5.30pm we are holding a **Whānau Hui** for families of students who identify as Māori. We are meeting in Te Whare (building by the carpark). Te whānau o ngā taurira o Mariana. Nau mai. Haere mai. 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_DsxYEhiU42OMmxFaTjS2pinz9xOhGEx_lyXJw/vi ewform?usp=sf_link

Gold card Assembly



This year each Gold card recipient will be given a \$10.00 Book voucher supplied by Emma Taylor - Lodge Real Estate. Emma is a past pupil of Marian Catholic School. Thank you Emma for your sponsorship to celebrate the Gold Card successes this year.

Ngā mihi nui
Debra White
PRINCIPAL

D.R.S. Corner

This term we have been focusing on the first pillar of our *CHARISM of LIVE CHRIST* which is **LIVE LOVE**.

At each Monday Liturgy, the students hear the Charism focus for the week- how they can LIVE LOVE in the playground, classroom and at home.

Here are some wise words from St Paul that we can all reflect on as we come to the end of the Lenten season:

St Paul said that:

- **Love is kind:** it does not burden another person with hurtful words
- **Love is patient:** it waits until the right time to speak and to act. It gives people personal time for reflection.
- **Love does not keep a record of wrongs;** it does not throw back past hurts but learns to get on with living. It leaves the past behind.
- **Love is not jealous or proud:** it celebrates good things that happen in life, no matter who they happen to.
- **Love never gives up:** it energises and encourages us even in face of suffering. Love offers us hope.
- **Love is eternal:** love is not seasonal and never takes a holiday.

God Bless
Nicki Whyte



Welcome

We warmly welcome into our school community, Elizabeth Cables (Rm4).

2019 Board of Trustee Elections

Nomination papers will be posted out to each eligible voter (i.e. parent) next term. Please ensure the office has your correct physical address. If you are unsure your address is correct, email to info@marian.school.nz or phone the office 856 7515 to check

Celebrating Success

Congratulations - CIS Lit Quiz

Nineteen teams from Waikato Catholic schools competed at yesterday's CIS Lit Quiz. Congratulations to the three Marian teams who were placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Well done to the following students:

Laughlan Karalus, Sophia Hall, Marianne Montesa, Raphael Ferdinands, (1st place); Michael O'Connor, Joie Lin, Danielle Lewis, Charlie Iremonger, (2nd place); Luka Dale, Liam Plaisted, Benedict Doohan and Natalia Johnson, (3rd place).

We're very proud of the manner in which you represented our school.

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



Here's what we are up to:

- \$1.00 ice-blocks - Last day this Friday 5 April at 3.00pm
- Mama's Donuts - Last day for orders Friday 5 April

- Entertainment books for sale in the school office
- Over the Ditch earrings for sale in the school office

Save the date

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 Fieldays fundraiser has been linked with Marian school for over 25 years and raises a substantial amount of money. Your support is appreciated.

Friday 23rd August. Quiz night and auction. If you are able to provide any auction items e.g. weekend at a bach, fishing trip, sports coaching/lesson, vouchers, mechanical repairs, cooking lessons etc please contact marianptfa@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

3 April	Executive Functions LC4 Return from camp
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4 April	Gold Card Assembly 1:30pm C.I.S. Lit Quiz
5 April	Donut orders close 3pm
10 April	Pānui - Whānau Hui in Te Whare 5:30pm
11 April	LC5 C.I.S. Touch tournament Full School Mass
12 April	Last day of term
29 April	1 st day Term 2

Gym Sport

Gymnastics, Acro, Trampoline and More!

Hamilton City Gymsports in Te Rapa has a wide range of gymnastics and trampoline programmes for all ages. If you're keen to start or improve your skills check out our website for more information on our fun classes for all abilities www.hamcitygym.com or phone (07) 849 4546. Enrolments now open for term 2! Want to start sooner? We run a full holiday programme including gymnastics, games, arts and crafts and more! Head to our website to register.



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.

Learn to Dive

Learn to Dive with Waikato Diving Club

Waikato Diving (Springboard and Platform) are running Learn to Dive sessions at WaterWorld commencing early Term2 2019.

We have spots available on Saturday mornings as well as the odd space mid week.

Diving teaches fitness, water confidence and safety, learning to meet and conquer challenges, friendship and a team spirit without the team environment of some other sports. It is also an Olympic Sport. (for those planning ahead)

Cost is \$10 a session (Which includes pool entry).

Divers should to be confident in water and ideally at least 6 years old. (Exceptions are possible).

To register your interest or find out more information please email waikato.diving.ww@gmail.com or txt / call Danny on 0276002201 (bookings are essential)

Sport Notices

Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 3 April 2019

WATERPOLO

Sunday 6 April
Good luck to Marian Sharks for their final this Sunday!



Marian Sharks vs Cambridge Middle School
Development @ 4.00pm @ Waterworld

FUTSAL

Friday 4 April

Marian Colts vs St Joseph's Neptune @
8.15pm @ Fraser High
Marian Y7&8 vs St Joseph's Saturn @
6.00pm @ HBHS – Crt 2



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

CRICKET

Cricket is over for another term. Thank you to all the coaches and managers and parents who helped our teams to play. Without you, our children would not be playing!

WINTER HOCKEY, NETBALL & BASKETBALL

I am currently working through finalising teams and finding Coaches, Managers and Umpires. All children who registered have been placed in a team. I hope to have all teams confirmed and emailed out by the end of the week/early next week.

Melissa Nelson

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