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# Newsletter 10, Term 1

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## **Focus for the Week**

#### Jesus is alive, Alleluia! Alleluia!

John 20: 1-9 Easter Sunday

From Easter Sunday and during the liturgical session of Easter, a special candle is lit called the 'Paschal Candle'. It reminds us that Jesus has destroyed death and is alive. The Paschal candle is a symbol of new life and that Jesus is the 'Light of the World'.

Easter eggs are also a symbol of new life. Just like the chick has to break free from the shell to begin a new life. Jesus had to break free from death in the tomb. He invites us to share in the new life which God has promised to us all.

### **Charism Focus**

#### LIVE FAITH

Our Charism focus for this term is LIVE FAITH. What does Faith mean? Marian School is a Catholic School, a school where we have a special character that makes us different to other schools. At Marian Catholic School, we live and teach the gospel values. Living our faith and belief in God shows 'who we are' at Marian.

We can learn from the example of our founders, Euphrasie Barbier and Marcellin Champagnat - who both trusted in God and lived their lives with a great belief and faith.

So what does this mean to us at Marian School? We are all called to show our faith in God, through our words and actions.

"revealing who we are, by living what we believe.... " Pope John Paul 11

## **Maori Phrase for Week**

Kua pai ināianei? All better now?

### PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

"He looks at us with love, he asks something, he forgives something and he gives us a mission," Francis said. "He has put great trust in us by choosing us to be his co-workers in the creation of a more just world." Pope Francis 2019 speaking at the two day retreat with leaders from South Sudan.

Over the past month we have experienced the horror, raised anxiety levels, and feelings of deep empathy for the sufferers of terrorism. Our prayers and thoughts continue to be with the Muslim Community and with our Sri Lankan families in the wake of the devastating bombings in their home country. Blessings of comfort and love to you all.

#### **Welcome back to Term Two**

It was wonderful welcoming the students and staff back with lots of excitement and anticipation of the term ahead. I trust you have had a refreshing holiday break and the weather certainly helps. It is important we make our school a place of kindness and love and we fill our students with a sense of joy.

#### **Farewell Mrs Anna Ellmers**

On Thursday we will be farewelling Mrs Anna Ellmers from her teaching position here at Marian. Mrs Ellmers has taught here for the past fourteen years. During this time she has made a significant contribution to the education of students in our Year 1-4 area of the school. Our prayers and best wishes are with Mrs



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Ellmers as she makes the transition from full time working in her life.

#### **Paid Union Meetings**

Next WEDNESDAY 8th MAY our teachers will be attending a **Paid Union Meeting at 1.30pm**. We ask parents to collect children at **12.40pm**. An alternative programme will run in the afternoon with limited supervision for children unable to be collected at 12.40pm.

The NZEI and their members are addressing the crisis facing our education system based on the significant under-resourcing of education, shortage of quality principals and teachers, and increasingly unmanageable workloads.

We thank our parent community for your support as we strive to make a stand for a sustainable quality education system in New Zealand.

#### **Gold Card Assembly**

At the end of last term we had our first Gold card Assembly.

Congratulations to the winners - you can feel proud of your achievements and the excellent start you have made to your learning this year. This year each gold Card recipient will receive a \$10.00 Book Voucher from Emma Taylor - LODGE Real Estate. Emma is a past student of Marian Catholic School and keen to support our students and celebrate success.



Emma Taylor - Sponsorship, LODGE



#### **Charism Value - LIVE FAITH**

Last term our charism value was Live LOVE - and we learnt what Live LOVE looked like, felt like and sounded like in our school. This term our Charism value is Live FAITH - we will focus on how we put what we believe into action in our lives. Our first focus is on the words we use. How we speak to each other, our friends, our classmates, our teachers, other children in our school

We believe there is **no place for swearing** in our playground. The Student Councillors are working with the classes to devise appropriate consequences for using unacceptable language in our school. We have 100% control of the language we use - and the language we use reflects the values we live by in our lives.

## **Celebrating Writing**

This year we are focusing on lifting our student achievement in writing. We have excellent writing programmes in our school and provide wonderful opportunities for our students to develop as young authors. This term we will be sharing as much writing as possible with our families, our community and further abroad where possible. Please help us to celebrate the great writing here at Marian Catholic School.

#### **New Signage**

During the holidays we had new signage installed. We are thrilled with how our new logo and signage look around our school. We are still awaiting two entrance signs which will include school maps to help people fin their way around our wonderful school.

A huge thank you to Mrs Nerroly Hay (a board member) who has organised this project for us. Thank you so much.

Ngā mihi nui Debra White PRINCIPAL





### D.R.S. Corner

Easter blessings to you all.

We begin this term in the Easter season. This is a festal season in the liturgical year, that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It begins on Easter Sunday and last for seven weeks, until Pentecost.



This week on 28th April we celebrated the Feast Day of St Peter Chanel - the Patron Saint of the Hamilton Diocese. He was born on 12 April 1803 and was murdered on 28 April 1841 on the island of Futuna when the King perceived Peter's popularity as a threat to his own power. He was declared a martyr and canonised in 1954. One of our School Houses is named after St Peter Chanel.

#### Welcome

We warmly welcome into our school community the following students and their families; Niamh Hall (Rm22), Stella Floresca (Rm5), Evelyn Joseph (Rm2), Flynn Cameron (Rm4) and Steven Bijo (Rm4).

## **Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The shop is open on Fridays from 2pm to 2:45pm-

The shop is desperately seeking winter uniforms. If you have any outgrown sizes of tunics, skirts, tops, shorts, and jerseys, please send them along to the school office.

## **Marian Catholic School App**

Download the Marian School App onto your phones to receive alerts, dates, notices etc. Also, check out our facebook page.

## St John's College information Evening

## **14 MAY**

Year 8 Boys and their parents are warmly invited to an Information Evening at St John's College on Tuesday 14 May at 6.00pm.

Enrolment applications should be received by the end of Term 2. The College prefers to receive FAST TRACK

Enrolments which are available online here – <a href="https://portal.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz">https://portal.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz</a>.

If families wish to apply manually (on paper), please collect an Enrolment Pack from our office and return the completed application to the St John's College office

## **Cyber Safety**

## **CyberSafety Parent Information Evening**

Hillcrest High School Auditorium Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 7pm.

We have guest speakers:

**Pauline Spence** (Educator) from **Netsafe**, Constable Jack Driver from the Waikato Police Social media team and Constable Pete Van't Wout – School Community Officer.

RSVP on the event link below so we get a rough idea of numbers.

https://www.facebook.com/events/458156674953426/?ti=ia

#### Good luck to our teams!!

We have two teams entered into the **Waikato Lit Quiz** which has over 50 teams entered and is a massive event leading to Nationals and beyond!

Chris Versluys has been working with the teams weekly all term with a thorough programme. We thank her for this and for taking them on the night.

I will be supporting Chris and the team tomorrow night at Southwell School if anyone would like to join us. It is a long night so support is appreciated, even if you only come for an hour or so.

The evening starts at 6.30pm and concludes at around 9.30pm.

Good luck also to the **EPRO8** teams from LC4 and LC5 who will be competing on Wednesday night too and thanks to Anita for supporting them on the night. Marian students do very well in this Technology Challenge every year, they have won the local competition and gone on to win Regionals so definitely a strength.

Katarina Dale



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#### Wanted

The Junior department are wanting any unused or unwanted Lego. If you have no need for any Lego sets in your home, please send along to the school office or to Mrs Vosper.

#### Whanau Hui

All Whānau Māori of Marian School are invited to attend our next Whānau Hui. Wednesday 8th May 5.30pm-7pm Te Whare Taonga

Nau mai. Haere mai. Ryan Jordan

## **Reading Workshop**



Join author Éric Veillé (Encyclopedia of Grannies)

for a fun workshop including book reading, live drawing, Q&A and book signing!

A free event for the whole family

Chartwell Library Tuesday 7 May 3.30pm-4.30pm



Books for Kids will also have books for sale



A Franco-Kiwi book festival celebrating children's illustration









#### **AIMS Games**

#### 8th - 13th September

AIMS games gives children who are at a high level of sport the chance to compete against peers in their chosen sport.

There are individual and team based competitions in a total of 23 different sports. This year Marian will be entering some children to attend.

Evidence of your childs ability in their sport is required to register. Team sports are required to hold trials to make up their teams.

Also all costs involved have to be paid by the individuals attending.

If you would like more information on AIMS please contact Jardine on <a href="mailto:imcintyre@marian.school.nz">imcintyre@marian.school.nz</a> asap

#### **The Anchor Bottle Cap Cup Competition returns!!**

Last year, we collected hundreds of bottle caps and we won balls and other sports equipment for the school. This year, we could be into win more gear, a coaching session with Olympian Tom Walsh OR a SCHOOL VAN!!

Please bring in any type of **ANCHOR** milk bottle caps and pop into the box in the office foyer.

Last year, all the ANCHOR milk bottle caps were recycled into dairy farm fence posts!!!

**ANCHOR** is sponsoring the 2019 **AIMS Games.** 

All Anchor caps to go into the recycling station box in the school foyer.

#### Saints United notice

Many thanks to all the children who trialled for the Saints Netball and Hockey teams for 2019.

I would like to congratulate the following students for making it into the following top teams:

#### Netball

Saints United 8A : Ioana Wade, Shae Ellice, Jayda Johnson, Nyasha Mupfurutsa

Saints United 7A : Ineta Kaisa, Paloma Pasten Torres, Georgia Nelson, Maclaine Stuart

### **Hockey**

Saints United 1stXI: Abby Harvey, Caleb McIntyre, Jayne McPhillips, Jamie Mills, Hector Silva, Renee Sweetman

Best of luck for a great season.

## **ANZAC Day**

#### Anzac Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

Members of the Student Council attended the ceremony on Anzac Day and proudly lay a wreath on behalf of our school. It was a beautiful ceremony attended by many Waikato schools and organisations.



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We thank staff member, Louise Goodall for the beautifully made wreath





#### Lost

- A PE Top named Annwiya please return to Room 3
- A school jersey named Jerome George please return to Room 6
- A school pinafore, not named, size 7 and brand new. Please return to Shelbi Rm7

## **PTFA**



### **PTFA Update**

- Oxford pies fundraiser will take place later this term. Order forms will come home with students
- Entertainment books for sale in the school office

- Over the Ditch earrings for sale in the school office
- Next meeting will be Monday 20 May 7.30pm in the school staff room - all welcome

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. Thanks to those that have started to donate auction items and spot prizes - we appreciate the support.

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 <a href="mailto:marianptfa@gmail.com">marianptfa@gmail.com</a>

Help needed On Wednesday May 15th we have been asked to provide lunch to 300 students and 75 adults (including Cardinal John Dew, four other Bishops and a number of Priests). They are attending midday mass to celebrate 300 years since the death of St John Baptist de La Salle and the legacy of Lasallian education. We need each family to provide a plate of food to support this. We do not need sandwiches however if you can provide anything else e.g. sausage rolls, muffins, cake, slices, scones please contact marianptfa@gmail.com to confirm your contribution.

## **Dates to Remember**

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1 May	Waikato Primary Lit Quiz Comp
	Epro8 Comp
2 May	Full School Mass – 9:10am
7 May	Reading Kiwis (workshop)
8 May	Teacher Stop work meeting.
	Whanau Hui
11 May	Waikato Nesia Festival
14 May	St John's College – info evening
16 May	Cyber safety – Hillcrest High
20 May	PTFA Meeting
12 – 15 June	Fieldays
23 August	Quiz Night
8 – 13 Sept	Aims Games





#### A Gift for Mother's Day



Entertainment books are available at the school office now. \$65.00 each or order online.

## This Week's Health Nugget





#### Sausage Sizzle this week

This Friday - \$2.00 per sausage.

## **Sport Notices**

## **Marian Catholic School Sports Notice** Wednesday 1 May 2019

### **Netball, Hockey and Basketball**

All our winter sports start next week, with Year 5&6 Basketball starting on Friday 10 May, Hockey starting Saturday 11th May, and all netball teams and the Y1-4 Basketball teams the following week. Coaches or Managers will be in contact with regards to practice times and times of games once draws have been confirmed. If you have any questions during the season, please contact your teams Coach or Manager, or email me at

sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz.

I wish all teams the best for a great season.

I will be issuing uniforms over the next week.

With the start of winter sport, I thought I would give out a few reminders for the season.

Coaches, Managers and Referees are volunteers. Help them if required. Be positive on the side-lines. Say thank you to them. Ensure your children say thank you to them. It is only a small gesture, but one that can mean a lot.

It is important for everybody to attend trainings and games. If your child can not attend, please let your coach or manager know asap.

Support your child. Attend games and talk about them afterwards, giving positive feedback. Have realistic expectations for your child and their team mates. Model respectful spectator behaviour.

Melissa Nelson







