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Newsletter 8, Term 3

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Focus for the Week

Gospel Reflection: 23rd Sunday of Ordinary TIme

Although the first reading stresses the importance of wisdom, it also reminds us that ultimately the secrets of life will elude us. For all of our human wisdom, we cannot understand the ways of God. Wisdom alone knows the mind of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus again speaks about what is necessary to be his disciple. His saying about building a tower or going into battle emphasise the need for wisdom. Before we do anything in life, we need to know what may be required of us. This is wisdom. Before we decide to be a disciple of Jesus, we need to know that it will involve the cross.

In the New Testament, Jesus is revealed as the wisdom of God. Though we attempt to figure out life, it will continue to elude us. The path that leads to wisdom for us is the path that follows Jesus. But to follow Jesus we must take up the cross, letting go of ourselves and our desire to possess, receiving life with all its mystery as a gift.

Charism Focus

Charism focus for this term COMMUNITY. This week we are focusing on being fair in our dealings with others. This week is Social Justice week we need to think about our actions and how we show Fairness.

We need to treat people how we want to be treated. Being fair means playing by the rules, taking turns, sharing and listening to others. Being fair brings honesty and respect for others.

At our school, we work to bring Christ into the World. Jesus Christ showed fairness in his life and in his dealing with all people. He is our model and we can follow his example. We need to show through our actions and reactions how we are the hands, face and voice of Jesus.

We can begin today, showing fairness in our classrooms and playground. Taking turns and listening to others.

As Marcellin Champagnat said, 'That's not fair! ' We need to stand up for ourselves and our friends when we see people being treated unfairly.

Maori Phrase for Week

He pai ki a koe te kanikani? Do you like to dance?

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

'Na, ko ngā mea katoa e pai ai koutou kia meatia e ngā tāngata ki a koutou, meatia hoki e koutou ki a rātou.'

'Do to others what you would have them do to you.' This is to remind us that we need to think about how we treat those around us and through us we have the power to make a difference especially when we display fairness to others.

This week is **Social Justice Week**. The theme is

'Seeking fairness in an unfair world'. The students will be discussing this in





their classes this week and understanding how they can show fairness to others.





11,500 Year 7-8 students from 368 schools across New Zealand and the Pacific Islands are gathering in Tauranga to compete in the annual AIMS Games in over 24 different sporting codes. This year we have one netball team, one Futsal team and two individual students competing in swimming and cross country. Competing at this level is an excellent opportunity for our more able sports students. I would like to thank the parents who have really got behind the teams to fundraise, support their training and supervise the teams while away on tournament. The teams are performing well and are fine ambassadors for their sport and school.

Gold Card Assembly – 19 September @1:30pm

We are thrilled once again to have Emma Taylor sponsor our Gold Card Assembly Award recipients. Each recipient receives a \$10 book voucher.



Uniform Policy Review

Thank you to the 12 families who have made a response to our draft uniform policy. We will be analysing the feedback next week so if you would like to provide any feedback please email info@marian.school.nz by Friday 13 September.

LINC-Ed Review

A HUGE thank you to the parents who have completed the feedback forms and returned them to school. Mrs Toni Walters-freke is working her way through the forms and will be sharing the feedback with staff and community shortly.

Health/Physical Education and Sports Consultation 2019

Every two years schools are required to consult their parent community on the Health programmes being offered in the school. Mrs Anita Asumadu has been working on this and has put together a survey to gather parental feedback on our Health, Physical Education and Sports programmes. Once this is completed Mrs Asumadu will work with teachers to review our current two year plan and share this with parents for 2020-2021.

A paper copy of the survey will be sent home today. Please return these to your child's teacher by Friday 20th September.

Ngā mihi nui Debra White PRINCIPAL

D.R.S. Corner

Special Dates:

8th September: Our Lady's birthday.

15th September: Miha Maori Mass 10.30am

26th September: School Mass 9.10am (Led by LC2)

Parish /School MASS.

Last Sunday we had our **Parish / School Mass** in the Cathedral. Many thanks to all of the students both from LC3 and from our classes in the school who attended. It was lovely to see so many school families at Mass. It was a wonderful celebration with beautiful singing and participation from all of the students. Many lovely comments have been made from parishioners.

MIHA MAORI MASS

This Sunday, at 10.30am, Bishop Steve will be presiding at the Miha Maori Mass at the Cathedral. All students and families are very welcome to attend this special Mass. There will be a morning tea after Mass and contributions to this would be much appreciated. Students attending are asked to wear their school uniform, joining with students from other Catholic schools for the celebration.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

This week is Social Justice week, and the focus this year is on Fairness.

At Monday liturgy, the students were challenged to look at how they can become fairer in their relationships with others in the classroom, the playground and at home.

Catholic social teaching guides us to respect each other as we are all God's creation and have an inherent human dignity. We are called to love even those who may treat us unfairly. Our greatest challenge is to follow the example of Jesus and work for justice in all that we do.



Prayer for others

God of Justice, E te Atua o te Tika,

Open our eyes to see you in the faces of others.

Open our ears to hear you in the cries of those who struggle.

Remind us that what we do to the least of us, we do to you.

Āmene.

Adapted from a prayer by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Mission Day: Term 4

At the beginning of next term, our school will celebrate **MISSION DAY**. It is a very special day in Marian School calendar- a day that all of the students look forward to.

It is the time of year when we are called to support our Church's involvement in Missionary work, both in New Zealand and overseas. As a school, it is our tradition to hold a Mission Day so that our students have an opportunity to be actively involved in raising money to support missionary efforts. This is to be held on **Friday 18_October.** This event supports our Charism in Term 4 of *Live Mission*.

For those of you who are not familiar with this day, it is a wonderful day of children putting on events and stalls children and raising money for the

Missions. Children are allowed to **wear mufti** and are asked to bring along a **gold coin** for the Mission Day fundraising. Children will also need **small change** for the stalls.

LC4 will be holding a stall with books, toys and board games, so if you have any of these at home and wish to part with them, LC4 would much appreciate it. Please bring them into the school office.

There will be more information to follow in next week's newsletter.

God Bless, Nicki Whyte DRS

Welcome:

We warmly welcome into our school community, the following students and their families; Heavena Binoy (Rm 1) and Marlon Feetham (Rm2)

'Behind the screens'

Last week Lex Mawson from 'Parenting Place' gave parents a wonderful presentation to support children's safe and healthy use of technology. He was funny, thoughtful, honest and shared many useful tips. Below are some questions you could ask your child, to stimulate a good social media chat.

- What do you like about Instagram?
- What do you wish I knew about Instagram?
- What are the top 5 Instagram accounts you enjoy following?
- What are some things you think about before you post something on Instagram?
- Do you know your followers? (If your child has a private account, ask them how they decide who follows them.) What do you do when someone you don't know tries to contact you via direct message?
- What would you do if you saw someone being bullied on Instagram? (Do you know about the reporting tools and the offensive comment filter on Instagram?)

More info on all things parenting including technology can be found

at: https://www.theparentingplace.com/

<u>http://www.safesurfer.co.nz/</u> is the great safety tool where parents/caregivers can set up passwords and limits on devices. It plugs in and is user friendly.

Parenting Place will be running Ti kouka child & parent camp soon and further information regarding this will be coming soon.

Seed Orders

Room 5 is fundraising for a garden project by selling King's Seeds. Seed lists were sent home last week. Return the seed list and money to the office by Monday 16th September. Payment can be made via internet but must be cross-referenced seeds and child's name

Changes to lunch times

Lunch times

A trial eating lunch inside as a class, is currently underway in response to becoming more sustainable and to create a 'zero waste' school environment. During the trial, children are supervised



by their classroom teacher for 10 minutes to eat lunch. Lunch box containers and any landfill waste are returned to school bags, followed by playtime for 40 minutes. A decision for change will be made before the end of this term. We welcome feedback or comments, please email danderson@marian.school.nz

After School Care Holiday Programme

The Marian School Holiday Programme will be running in the first week of the School Holidays from 30th September to 4th October.

Time: 8am – 5:00pm Venue: The School Hall Cost: \$32.00 per day per child

Please register with mcoman@marian.school.nz

Marist Soccer Prizegiving

This Saturday 14 September 10am Event Centre

Te Korowai Hui



E hika mā! Tēnā kōutou!

He mihi mahana ki te whānau Māori o Mariana Kura Katorika nei. Huihui mai tātou hei te 5:30 i te ahipō, 24th o Mahuru, ki Te Whare Tāonga o te kura nei. Rua hāora te roa.

A warm greeting to the Whānau Māori of Marian Catholic School. You are invited to attend our hui, to be held 5:30, 24th September in the Whare Tāonga at school.

Activities for tamariki who attend, will be provided. If you have any enquiries, please email Karen & Peter at kp_educul@yahoo.com

Looking forward to seeing you all

For sale

We are selling white chairs currently stored in sheds in junior area. We want to convert the shed into a usable space.

They will be sold on Friday from 2:30pm in the shelter sheds- \$5 each CASH ONLY (sorry no eftpos)



PTFA

PTFA News

- Meeting Monday 16th September at 7.30 in the school staffroom. All welcome
- Honey for sale \$15 per 1kg more info coming soon.
- Thanks for your support our new gazebo came in handy at the Catholic Inter-School Cross Country.



Dates to Remember

| 13 Sept | Saints United Hockey Prizegiving |
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| | Scholastic Book Club Orders due |
| 14 Sept | Marist Soccer Prizegiving |
| 15 Sept | Miha Māori – 10:30 |
| 16 Sept | King seed orders due |
| | PTFA Meeting |
| 19 Sept | Gold Card Assembly |
| 20 Sept | Health/PE/Sport review due |
| 24 Sept | Whanau - Hui |
| 18 Oct | Mission Day |
| 31 October | OOS Music – Twilight Concert |



School Lunch Orders

To order school lunches, go to <u>www.lunchorder.co.nz</u> before 8:30am in the morning.

Check out their menu. There is a variety of healthy eating options.

For more information, look up Libelle Group at www.libelle.co.nz

This Week's Health Nugget



Sausage Sizzle this week

This Friday - \$2.00 per sausage.

Sport Notices

Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 11 September 2019

BASKETBALL

Brought to you by

Wednesday 11 September

Marian Eagles vs KBC Phillies @ 5.40pm @ YMCA Ct2

Marian Hawks vs HES
Tuataras @ 4.50pm @ YMCA Ct2

Thursday 12 September

Marian Tuis vs TOA Bucks @ 5.40pm @ YMCA Ct1 Marian Wekas vs Toku Mapihi Maurea Tuna 5 @ 6.30pm @ YMCA Ct2

Friday 13 September

Marian Ospreys – draw unavailable at time of publishing

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE THIS FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER FOR ALL TERM 4 SPORTS!

SUMMER HOCKEY – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Monday nights at Gallagher Hockey Centre Dates: Monday 14 October – Monday 2 December

2019

Kids 6 aside, mixed teams, ¼ field, 13 min halves Grades available: Years 3&4 and Years 5&6

Cost: \$25 per player

Please register your interest to me before Friday 13 September 2019 at

sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz

FUTSAL - TERM 4

U9 Boys

Venue: The Peak (TBC)

Start date: Friday 18 October (no game 26 October)

End date: 6 December Cost per player: \$65

Please be aware that if we get enough children to create a new U9 boys team, we will require a Coach. If we do not get a coach, this team can not be registered and will not play.

U11 Boys

Venue: Fraser (TBC)

Start date: Friday 18 October (no game 26 October)

End date: 6 December Cost per player: \$65

Priority will be given to children who played in term 1 2019, and who return their registration form on time. New children will be placed in a team if there is space, or if there are enough numbers to create another team. As with all sports teams, there is a minimum number of children required to create a team, and there is a maximum number of children that can be in one team. It is no fun for anyone, coach, player or parent on the sideline, to have children spending more time off the court than on, due to too many players.

Registration forms are now available in the office.

Registrations close Friday 13th

September

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

Start date: Friday 25 October Finish date: Friday 6 December



Games start at 5.30pm \$30 per player

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

Start date: Saturday 26 October Finish date: Saturday 7 December

Games start at 9.00am

\$40 per player

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

Start date: Wednesday 30 October Finish date: Wednesday 4 December

Games start at 4.00pm

\$20 per player

Registration forms are now available in the office. Registrations close Friday 13th September. For new players, please also take a code of conduct form. Children who played in Term 1 have already signed their form for 2019.

Priority will be given to children who played in term 1 2019, and who return their registration form on time. New children will be placed in a team if there is space, or if there are enough numbers to create more teams. As with all sports teams, there is a minimum number of children required to create a team, and there is a maximum number of children that can be in one team. It is no fun for anyone, coach, player or parent on the sideline, to have children spending more time off the field than on, due to too many players.

WATERPOLO for YEAR 7&8 – TERM 4

We are looking for expressions of interest in playing Waterpolo in Term 4.

Games are played at Waterworld Te Rapa on Sunday afternoons, with a tentative start date of Sunday 20th October, or possibly 3 November (Depending on venue availability).

Please register your interest by Friday 13 September by email to sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz

Cost will be between \$30-50 per player and will be confirmed once the team is.

The coach may need to have a trial/swim test before team is confirmed.

A few key points to understand about waterpolo, and must be considered before you commit to playing: You can't touch the bottom of the pool.

You must be able to confidently tread water, swim and play the game for at least 5 minutes without a rest

You have to swim to a ball, catch the ball (with one hand) and pass the ball.

FLIPPABALL for YEAR 5&6 - TERM 4

We are looking for expressions of interest from year 5 & 6 players to play Flippaball in Term 4. Unfortunately no information is available at this stage with regards to start dates etc, but games are normally played on Sunday afternoons at St Peters in Cambridge. Cost will be between \$30-50 per player and will be confirmed once the team is.

Please register your interest by Friday 13 September by email to sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz

TOUCH - TERM 4

Venue: Steele Park

Start date: Monday 21 October Last game: Monday 2 December

Grades Available: Year 3&4, Year 5&6, Year 7&8 (all

mixed)

Venue: Swarbrick Park

Start date: Thursday 24 October Last game: Thursday 28 November

Grade: Year 1&2 (mixed) Cost: \$25 per player

Registration forms are available from the office. Registrations close Friday 13 September 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.

WHEETBIX TRYATHLON

DATE: Morning of Sunday, 16 February 2020 LOCATION: Waikato University Fields, Hamilton East,

ENTRY AGE: Entry is open to all 6 to 15 year olds

(Based on age on event day)

ENTRY OPTIONS
Splash&Dash 6 years
Individual TRYathlon 7 – 15 years
Junior Team 7 – 10 years
Senior Team 11- 15 years

Both team members must meet age requirements. Teams can be mixed gender (i.e boy / girl). One team member completes the swim, one team member completes the cycle and both complete the run.



EVENT DISTANCES Individual Age Group

6 years: Swim 50m, Run 1.5km

7 years: Swim 50m, Cycle 4km, Run 1.5km 8-10 years: Swim 100m, Cycle 4km, Run 1.5km 11-15 years: Swim 150m, Cycle 8km, Run 1.5km

Teams - Age Group

Junior Team of Two (7 years): Swim 50m, Cycle 4km,

Run 1.5km

Junior Team of Two (8-10 years): Swim 100m, Cycle

4km, Run 1.5km

Senior Team of Two (11-15 years): Swim 150m,

Cycle 8km, Run 1.5km

Click the link below to register under our Marian School Group

https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.asp x?E=35575&G=99860



SAINTS UNITED Sport for Term 4 <u>Lacrosse</u>

- Games played on a Saturday afternoon at Tamahere Park, Hamilton.
- Fee per child is \$30 each to play
- New Sticks, practice balls and goals provided by Saints United. If you want goggles you will need to purchase your own (not compulsory at this age)
- Games are 6 aside. Maximum of 10 players in a team.
- Register your interest by email: jmcintyre@marian.school.nz or collect a registration form from the school office. Registrations close Friday 20th September.
- Season Dates: Saturday 26th October to 7th December.

Cricket

- 9 aside Cricket played on a Saturday in Waikato Area.
- The 2nd IX team is short a couple of players for term 4 so if anyone is keen please contact me by email: jmcintyre@marian.school.nz
- Fee is \$40 for term 4 only.

Basketball

 All 3 teams are currently full this term, however for the Social teams we manage teams term by term. Please let me know if you want to start playing in term 4. We could look to start up a 4th team if there is enough interest.

- Fee is \$45 per player, per term.
- Games played on a Tuesday night in Hamilton.

If you have any questions or queries please contact: jmcintyre@marian.school.nz or come into the office



Monday 14th October, 6.30 – 8pm Sport Walkato Brian Perry Sports House – Trust Walkato Room 51 Akoranga Road, Hamilton To secure your place please RSVP to Katie by 11th October



Melissa Nelson sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz





