



Newsletter 9, Term 4

Date 11 December 2019

Focus for the Week

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 3: 1-12

The gospel this week is a story about John the Baptist. John told everybody that Jesus was coming and that they needed to get ready.

John warns the people coming to be baptised that they need to say sorry for the things that they have done wrong and change their lives for the better. This will help them to be ready for Jesus.

Do you think there are things in your life you could do better?



John the Baptist lived at the time of Jesus. He was Jesus' cousin. John the Baptist had great faith and set an example for everyone of how to live a good life.

When we say sorry, it means that we will try to do better next time. If we change our lives for the better and try to do the right things, we can help to make the world a happier place for other people too. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, to announce by our words and actions, as John did, the coming of the Lord. *Be the hands, face and voice of Jesus- Bring Christ into the World*

Charism Focus

Our Charism focus for this term is LIVE MISSION. This week we are focusing on how we can live mission in our families during the build up to Christmas.

Christmas is a busy time of year and often our parents and grandparents are rushing to complete things,

wanting to make our Christmas a special time. How can we show support to them at this time of year?

Being kind, thoughtful and helpful are important. Doing things without being asked is living mission - showing service and love to our family.

The important message at Christmas is not about what we receive but the love that we show.

Our hearts are filled with joy because of a special baby boy, Jesus who was born on Christmas day.

We know that God's love for us will always endure. We need to share that love and joy with all we meet this Christmas.

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Last week I had many occasions to feel very proud of our wonderful students and I wanted to share these with you.

The first one was this Facebook Post congratulating our hockey players for their wonderful sense of Fairplay and obvious love of the sport. Thank you to their parents for supporting these players. Making a positive difference!

Collaboration at it's best! This season the Aberdeen Castles summer hockey team was made up of Year 5 and 6 players from



Aberdeen and Marian Schools'. As the season progressed and we lost players to injury or other commitments, the number of players from Marian increased, yet each week they turned up and pulled on our school colours and



played with pride. Those that remained from Aberdeen welcomed their teammates each week and friendships were born. We are incredibly thankful to these great young sportspeople for being a part of the Aberdeen family each week. You all rock and our school applauds your excellent sportsmanship.

LIVE MISSION

This term our Gospel Values focus has been on LIVE Mission. The student's learning this term has culminated into visits to groups within our community. These have included:

Young Vinnies - Mosque Visit

Last week our Young Vinnies visited the Muslim Kindergarten, Heaphy Terrace to deliver Festive Food Parcels for Christmas. This visit was organised through connections within our Cathedral parish. The students were welcomed and all the children enjoyed the visit, sharing their friendship and faith.

Hits Toy Run

Last Thursday the Young Vinnies organised Marian Catholic School's contribution to the Hits ToyRun 2019. Our school donated approximately 200 toys of different shapes and sizes. These toys go into our community to provide families for gifts at Christmas time. A HUGE thank you to our parents for their generosity and support.

Church office

This term a group of Young Vinnies have been cleaning the church office during senior service time each week. This has been well received and proving an invaluable experience of service for our students.

LC3 - Room 11 Student Army Project

Last week a group of LC 3 students visited the SPCA to drop off a load of donated pet food for their animals. The students have been looking at ways they can 'make a difference' and the students had been bringing groceries items, toys and pet food.

SCHOOL DATES 2020

Term One: Thurs 30 Jan to 9 Apr (Thurs)

Term Two: Tues 28 Apr to 3 Jul

Term Three: Mon 20 Jul to Fri 25 Sept

Term Four: Mon 12 Oct to Fri 11 Dec

Next year we are starting school on Thursday 30 January 2020. Our early start date is due to our Year 7 and Year 8 Camp on the 3-5 February 2020. Despite our best efforts we were unable to shift this date and we were unable to secure another camp venue in Term One 2020. This early start date for 2020 impacts on our

final date for 2020 which is Friday 11 December 2020. Please note as in the past, we will run our After School Holiday programme for the week following the end of school break up.

Next year we will be having three NZEI Teacher Only Days. These days were approved during the Primary Teachers negotiations held earlier this year. We have set Monday 24 August 2020 and Monday 16 November 2020 as two of these days for 2020. We are yet to have the third teacher only day confirmed.

STAFFING 2020 – We welcome Mrs Melanie Martin, Miss Caitlen Parry Miss Caitlin Oakes and Mr Dave White to our teaching team for next year.

LC1	
Room 4	Feana Tu'akoi
Room 5	Anna Gerritsen / Melanie Martin
Room 1	Nicki Whyte
Room 2	Hine Blair
LC2	
Room 3	New Appointment
Room 6	Suzanne D'Cruz
Room 7	Roxy Grace
LC3	
Room 7a	Sarah Hill
Room 8	New Appointment
Room 9	Brooke Goodwin
Room 10	Debbie Anderson
Room 11	Dael Cullingworth
LC4	
Room 12	Amanda Luke
Room 13	Shannon Dons
Room 14	Maria Maarhuis / Anna Cornille
Room 15	Jenna Lord
Room 16	Caitlen Parry
LC5	
Room 17	Caitlin Oakes
Room 18	Emma Scarle
Room 19	Vania McKeown
Room 20	Nicole Higby / Katarina Dale
Room 21	Ryan Jordan
Room 22	Dave White

We are currently filling two positions and as soon as these have been confirmed I will share them with you.

Ngā mihi nui
Debra White
PRINCIPAL



D.R.S. Corner

School Charism

During the year we have been developing our School Charism- **Live Christ** *by being the hands, face and voice of Jesus*.

As a part of this development, we are creating a Charism Garden with the foundation stones -of Euphrasie Barbier and Marcellin Champagnat in place. An important mark of the history of our school. Around the foundation stones are the Charism poles with the pillars of Live Love, Live Faith, Live Community and Live Mission that we have been focusing on each term.

Last term, a group of students from each class brainstormed ideas of what would make a good symbol for each pillar. Frania Crowley, mother of Louie and Finn took those ideas and has designed and painted the symbols on the rocks. She has done an amazing job and we are delighted with the finished products. Many thanks Frania. The rocks will be blessed and then placed in the garden, once it has been finished. Below are photos of the rocks.



LIVE LOVE



LIVE FAITH



LIVE COMMUNITY



LIVE MISSION



Here is the Charism Garden - still to have the final touches made. It will be lovely to see this finished with the rocks securely in place.

YEAR 8 RETREAT

Yesterday the Year 8's travelled to Houchens Road Retreat centre for their Leavers Retreat. It was a special

time for the students to reflect on their time at Marian, being thankful for the special friendships made and the experiences they have had during their time together. Special thanks to Fathers Darren, Matt and Joseph who joined the students in the afternoon for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

HAMILTON COMBINED CHRISTIAN FOODBANK

At our final school Mass, next week on 19th December at 9.10am, we will be presenting groceries at the offertory that will be given to the Food bank for Christmas.

This morning I went to visit the Foodbank and met the team of people sorting out food parcels to be distributed to families. They were delighted to hear that Marian School will be collecting special treat food for Christmas. Each family will be given some special Christmas treats with their grocery parcel for Christmas. Many thanks for your generosity and giving to families who will be finding it difficult this Christmas time.

God Bless,
Nicki Whyte

Welcome

We warmly welcome into our community the following children and their families; Jasper Liu (Rm12), Mulisha Stirling-Richards (Rm2) and Xavier Chong-Linwood (Rm2)

Ham Orders close tomorrow afternoon

A reminder that orders and payment are due in **tomorrow (Thursday) by 3:30pm** if you wish to order a ham.

Order forms are available at the school office.

Hams will be available for pickup by 3pm on Monday 16th December.

Orchestra Notice

A reminder to all **Orchestra students** to please **bring your instruments tomorrow** for your final concert

Instruments will be returned to Mrs Hepburn after the concert.



Choir Notice

Year 3-6 Choir, another year of singing to celebrate 🎵

Today our Choir celebrated another successful year of singing with a shared lunch and chippy butties! Yummy 😊😊



Big thanks to these lovely young singers, many who come along every Tuesday lunchtime to rehearse and sing with me. You're the best.



This year we've ticked off Kids for Kids 'Big Aroha', Grandparents Day, two Cultural Assemblies and a Solo Singing Competition performance. This has been a wonderful, enthusiastic

group and I have loved singing with you all.

If your child is moving into Year 3-6 in 2020, send them along to join us next year. Tuesday lunchtimes in the hall.

Merry Christmas everyone and God bless you.



Thank you to all the families that have supported the PTFA this year; your generous contributions and gifts of time have helped us provide gazebos for school events, provided much needed shade over the middle playground and enabled us to hold some fun events, school discos and our Carols by Twilight evening. We hope you all have a safe, fun and meaningful festive season and look forward to another busy year in 2020.

ICAS RESULTS

ENGLISH

High Distinction:	Christiano Crean	Yr 5
Distinction:	Laughlan Karalus	Yr 7
	Fred McKenzie	Yr 6
	Bruno Ritchie	Yr 4
Credit:	Luka Dale	Yr 8
	Sohia Hall	Yr 8
	Blake Hennessy	Yr 7
	Irish Lee	Yr 7
	Georgia Nelson	Yr 7
	Niamh Hall	Yr 7
	Shannon Dias	Yr 6
	Alec Fraser-Jones	Yr 6
	Josephine Chong	Yr 5
	Ryan Hennessy	Yr 4
	Emily Jang	Yr 4
	George McKenzie	Yr 4
Merit:	Matthew Harvey	Yr 8
	Rochelle Fernandes	Yr 8
	Byron Casson	Yr 7
	Benedict Doohan	Yr 7
	Kaylin Fong	Yr 7
	Lauren Middleton	Yr 7
	Oliver Caldwell	Yr 6
	Emily Lewis	Yr 6
	Xavier Espiritu	Yr 4
	Katie-Rose McIlvar	Yr 4

PTFA Notices

Carols by Twilight at Marian Friday 13th December from 5.00 pm. Carols will start at 5.30 pm. Bring a picnic or have a night off and make the most of the food trucks available. Santa will make an appearance towards the end of the evening, while we enjoy a sing-along.



WRITING		
Distinction:	Irish Lee	Yr 7
	Niamh Hall	Yr 7
	Emily Lewis	Yr 6
	Lizzie Barr	Yr 5
	Josephine Chong	Yr 5
	Christiano Crean	Yr 5
	Olivia Dowling-Mitvhell	Yr 5
	Laura Hampton	Yr 5
Credit:	Hazel Cranfield	Yr 8
	Isabel Sonntag	Yr 7
	Laughlan Karalus	Yr 7
	Shannon Dias	Yr 6
	Asher Roby Thomas	Yr 6
	Tory Arnold	Yr 5
	Jack Caris	Yr 5
	Carter Wisniewski-Rowe	Yr 5
	Keilana Lee	Yr 5
Merit:	Lucy Allen	Yr 8
	Luka Dale	Yr 8
	Joie Lin	Yr 8
	Rochelle Fernandes	Yr 8
	William Hernandez	Yr 8
	Elisa Pisciarelli	Yr 7
	Lauren Middleton	Yr 7
	Fred McKenzie	Yr 6

Cricket competition 2019. They went through the season unbeaten and even more remarkable is that these boys are only year 5 and 6 playing in a year 7 and 8 competition against Waikato Intermediate schools and Clubs. (Left to right, Alec, Harrison, Jackson, Leyton, Jackson, Kristian, Hudson and Harry - Missing from photo is Daniel).



- Congratulations to our Marian Flippaball team. Coming 2nd in the 2nd Division this term! Great for none of them ever playing before. Well done Team.



Celebrating Success

- Congratulations to **Isadora Vecchi** and her Fusions Marching Team who competed in Napier over the weekend and gained 3rd place.



- Congratulations to the Marian Titans for winning the 2nd XI Hamilton

Dates to Remember

11 Dec	LC5 Waterworld Fun Day
12 Dec	House Games Gold Card Assembly Ham Orders close 3:30pm
13 Dec	LC4 & LC5 Prizegiving Carols at Marian
16 Dec	Ham pickup between 2:30 - 4:00pm
18 Dec	Leavers' Ceremony
19 Dec	Final School Mass
20 Dec	Last day of Term – School closes at 12:30pm



Ballet Lessons at Marian School

Sandy, an experienced Royal Academy of Dance trained teacher will be offering ballet lessons again next year. Classes are held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in the Whare.



To register please email: davey_sandy@yahoo.com

Sausage Sizzle this week

This Friday - \$2.00 per sausage.

HN Boys High Pool open in Holidays

HAMILTON BOYS POOL NOW OPEN TO PUBLIC!

KEEP A EYE OUT FOR OUR EVENTS THIS SUMMER!

JANUARY FUN IN THE SUN!

- VOLLY BALL
- FLIPPER BALL

HOURS

14th - 22nd DEC WEEKENDS ONLY 12PM - 6PM

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The event will be located at 860 Te Rapa Road (opposite The Base Shopping Centre, and next door to Kmart) from **Thursday 26th December - Monday 27th December.**

There are 3 ways you can book a session

1. You can **PHONE us on 027 733 3466**. Your tickets are reserved and you pay when you collect the tickets from the onsite ticket booth. Tickets can be collected any time up to half an hour before the session time.
2. You can make an **ONLINE booking via the online booking form**. You will be sent a confirmation email advising the tickets are reserved and you pay when you collect the tickets from the onsite ticket booth. Tickets can be collected any time up to half an hour before the session time.
3. You can pay **via credit card online through eventfinda**

PLEASE NOTE: we reserve the right to sell unpaid bookings from half an hour before the session time.

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PRICES	VIP Admission	General Admission
Adult / Child	\$35	\$25
Senior, Students, Beneficiaries*	\$33	\$23
Family Pass (max 4 people)	N/A	\$88

* Non valid 0-18 years old and be accompanied by an adult.
* Children under 2 years are free with paying adult.
** Cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts, promotions or special offers.

GA Admission includes: access to the interactive walk-through, fossil digging, dinosaur crafts, Walking Dinosaurs, Rides and Jumping Castles. There are also side games and dinosaur photos that have additional fees, if you choose to take part.

VIP Admission includes: access to all General Admission activities, with priority queuing where possible. Your choice of a free popcorn or candy floss and goodie bag upon arrival.

Discovering Dinosaurs

We are launching a new, educational and family-friendly event in New Zealand and we are very thrilled to announce that Hamilton will be the very first stop of the tour. We will be set up on Te Rapa Road for the entire School Holidays.

About Us: The Amazing Dinosaur Discovery is a 3-hour interactive dinosaur walk-through that bring prehistoric times alive again! The story of their

Sport Notices

Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 11 December 2019

SUMMER HOCKEY – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Friday nights at Gallagher Hockey Centre
Dates: Friday 28 February – Friday 3 April 2020



Kids 6 aside, mixed teams, ¼ field, 13 min halves
Grades available: Years 3&4 and Years 5&6
Cost: \$25 per player (to be paid in 2020)

Please register your interest to me before Monday 16
December 2019 at
sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz

FUTSAL Y7 & Y8 – 2020

Trials will be held for a competitive Marian U13 futsal
team to play in term 1 and also represent Marian
Catholic School at AIMS Games 2020.

If numbers allow, a second team will be created to
play in the term 1 competition. This can only happen
if we have a parent to Coach/Manage the team.
Without a Coach/Manager, no second team can be
created.

**The first trial will be held on Friday 31st
January at 3pm in the GSEC.** We will advise
details after the first trial if a second trial is required.

Cost for term 1 is still to be confirmed. (As a guide,
2019 fee was \$65 per player)

Please register to trial to me at
sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz by midday
Friday 31st January 2020.

CRICKET – TERM 1 2020

Friday Night Cricket – Years 1-4

8 a side game
Start date: Friday 14 February
Finish date: Friday 27 March
Games start at 5.30pm
Venue: Various around Hamilton
Cost: \$20 per player (to be paid in 2020)

Saturday Morning Hardball Cricket - Years 5&6

8 a side game
Start date: Saturday 15 February
Finish date: Saturday 28 March
Games start at 9.00am
Venue: Various
Cost: \$40 per player (to be paid in 2020)

Wednesday Girls Junior NPL – Years 7&8

8 a side game
Start date: Wednesday 19 February
Finish date: Wednesday 25 March
Games start at 4.00pm
Venue: Various
Cost: \$20 per player (to be paid in 2020)

Registrations close 9am Monday 3 February 2020

Forms are in the office, or feel free to email me and I
will send you one.

A payment reminder will be sent when teams are
confirmed early in term 1. Please do not pay
anything now.

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

*No team will be registered to play without a
coach or manage the team. Please consider
up a one of these roles so our kids can play!*



WATERPOLO for YEAR 7&8 – TERM 1 2020

We are looking for expressions of interest from year 7
& 8 children wanting to play Waterpolo in Term 1.
Games are played at Waterworld Te Rapa on Sunday
afternoons, with a tentative start date of Sunday 16
February.

Cost will be approximately \$50 per player and will be
confirmed once the team is.

We do require a Coach for this team. If interested,
please let me know as soon as possible. I can not
register a team without a coach.

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 it with one
hand) and pass the ball



Please register your interest to r
sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz by Monday 3
February 2020

FLIPPABALL for YEAR 5&6 – TERM 1 2020

We are looking for expressions of interest from year 5
& 6 students (or tall year 4's) to play Flippaball in
Term 1. All students must know how to swim.
Unfortunately there is no information is available at
this stage with regards to start dates etc, but games
are played on Sunday afternoons. Cost should be
between \$40-50 per player and will be confirmed
once the team is.

Please register your interest to me at
sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz by Monday 3
February 2020



FUTSAL & TOUCH - I have still not received any information for term 1 dates and costs. Details will hopefully be with me before next weeks newsletter.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

DATE: Morning of Sunday, 16 February 2020

LOCATION: Waikato University Fields, Hamilton East, Waikato

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

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Melissa Nelson

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