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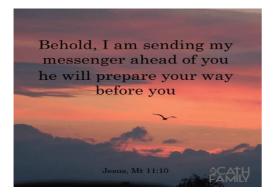
Focus for the Week

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 11:2-11

In the gospel of Matthew is full of questions. John the Baptist sends the disciples to ask Jesus a question. *Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?* Jesus responds by telling them about the miracles that he has worked. The answer to John's question is to be found in what they hear and see.

He praises John for his role in preparing the way for Him. How are we preparing ourselves for Jesus this Christmas?



PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION



Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen. I feel it is very easy to be filled with JOY when I reflect on the outstanding year we have had...

Thank you to all our families for your ongoing contributions and support throughout the year. We have had an excellent year with many highlights: Charism development throughout the year, Mission Day, Young Vinnies projects, visits to Muslim Mosque, our local Residential Care, and SPCA, and our outstanding contributions to Hamilton Christian Foodbank, Year 5-8 Camps; Tui Ridge and Science Programmes; Totara Springs, Rocket Challenge, Science Fair, and the House of Science Kits, EPro8 successes, Leadership Awards; Altrusa and Sir Peter Blake, Orchestra, Sam's Big Gig, Rock bands, Cheerleading, Winning Literature Quiz, Speech Competition winners, Tough Guy and Gal, Amazing Race, Police Challenge Team event in Wellington, Top Team Games, AIMS Futsal and Netball. Our Cultural Assemblies celebrate the wonderful diverse ethnicities in our school and are such a highlight for us all. Our Gold Card Assemblies are always an outstanding celebration of the learning during term. Thank you to



Emma Taylor LODGE Real Estate for providing a \$10.00 book voucher for each Gold Card recipient throughout the year.



A HUGE THANK YOU to our staff. I would like to thank and acknowledge the work of our teaching staff and support staff throughout the year. We



have an outstanding team who are tirelessly committed to ensuring the smooth running of our school and providing the best possible learning opportunities for our children. God's blessings on you and your families.

School Uniform

New Zealand Uniforms, Tristram Street will have the summer weight tunics available in mid-January. School-Tex in the Warehouse will have the current fabric until April.

We expect all students to be wearing summer uniform on the first day of Term 1 next year. Please see Uniform Policy sent as an attachment.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our school community a Holy Christmas and safe holidays



with family and friends. Let us all look forward to the festive season with JOY, and take every opportunity to rest, relax and recharge over the holiday break.

Arohanui, Debra White PRINCIPAL

D.R.S. Corner

DRS NEWS

<u>Advent</u>

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice."_This week the pink candle in the Advent wreath is lit, as a joyful reminder that our salvation is near. The pink candle is a candle of JOY.



Final Mass

Tomorrow at 9.10am we celebrate our final Mass for the year. You are all welcome to attend, to farewell our Year 8 students and to give thanks for the blessings of the year.

Christmas Mass Timetable

Masses will be celebrated at the Cathedral at the following times:

Tuesday 24th December

6pm Children's Christmas Mass Midnight Mass Carols begin at 11.15pm **Christmas Day:** 7.30am and 10.30am Mass at Hillcrest : St Matthews at 8.30am



God Bless Nicki Whyte DRS

Children wanted for Christmas Masses

Cathedral Children's Christmas Vigil Mass. We want to involve as many children as possible...

We will need readers, table setters, prayer people, and lots of shepherds and angels to mime the Gospel. Some roles are already taken but if your child or grandchild would like to be involved there will be a rehearsal Monday 23 December at 10am in the Cathedral. If your child wants to mime just turn up on the Monday...If they want to have a speaking role please contact Andrea in the office 8566486 or email: <u>andrea@cathedral.cdh.nz</u> (so that the readings etc can be given to you to practice) **and** turn up for the rehearsal

Also....Christmas Eve Mass

Anyone who would like to **sing in the choir** at the 6pm mass on Christmas Eve please come to a rehearsal on Monday at 11am in the Cathedral.





Second Hand Uniform Shop

The shop will be closed this Friday but will open on Tuesday 28 January from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

We would like to thank our Shop helpers; Morag McKenzie, Maree Iremonger, Bridget Sonntag and Melita Iremonger for giving up so much of their free time to run the shop. May you all have a relaxing and Blessed Christmas.

Lost Property

Please remind your children to check for lost property, located in the recycling room (beside the ASC office, St. Mary's Block).

Items still remaining at end of this term will be donated to second hand shop.

Celebrating Success

 Congratulations to Marionne Montesa who received a 'Commended' certificate in recognition of outstanding effort and achievement in the <u>2019 Intermediate Writers</u> <u>Award.</u>

Dates to Remember

| 18 Dec | LC5 Leavers Ceremony 6pm |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 19 Dec | Final Full School Mass |
| 20 Dec | School closes 12:30pm |
| | NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE |
| 30 January 2020 | First day of Term 1 |

No Sausage Sizzle this week

God Bless you all and have a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to your return 30 January 2020

Sport Notices

Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 18 December 2019

SUMMER HOCKEY – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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

Empowered to Learn. Inspired for Life.

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 Thursday 19 December 2019 at <u>sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz</u>

FUTSAL Y7 & Y8 - 2020

Trials will be held for a competitive Marian U team to play in term 1 and also represent Ma 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 <u>sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz</u> by midday Friday 31st January 2020.

If your child is not interested in trialling for the competitive team, but is keen to play in a second team, please register their interest to me at <u>sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz</u> by midday Friday 31st January 2020.

FUTSAL U9 & U11 - TERM 1 2020

U9 Boys Venue: TBC Start date: Friday 14 February (TBC) 7 Week League Cost per player: TBC – (estimate \$65-\$75 per player)

We do require a coach/manager for our U9 team. If we do not get a coach/manager, this team can not be registered and will not play.

U11 Boys

Venue: TBC Start date: Friday 14 February (TBC) 7 Week League Cost per player: TBC – (estimate \$65-\$75 per player)



Priority will be given to children who played in previous teams 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.

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.

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 an adult to coach or manage the team. Please consider taking up a one of these roles so our kids can play!

TOUCH – TERM 1 2020

Venue: Steele Park Start date: Monday 17 February Last game: Monday 23 February Grades Available: Year 3&4, Year 5&6, Year 7&8 (all mixed)

Venue: Swarbrick Park Start date: Thursday 20 February Last game: Thursday 26 February Grade: Year 1&2 (mixed)



Cost: \$25 per player

Registrations close 9am Monday 3 February 2020

Forms are in the office, or feel fraction in the and I

will send you one. A payment reminder will be sent confirmed early in term 1. Pleas anything now.



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

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.

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 the ball (with one hand) and pass the ball

Please register your interest to me at 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 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

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



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our children who played sports this year, and especially our amazing parents, who made it possible for our children to play by coaching or managing teams.

I hope everybody has a nice and relaxing summer holiday, and I look forward to helping to get our kids playing sport again next year.

Melissa Nelson sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz





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