



Newsletter 1, Term 2

Date 5 February 2020

Focus for the Week

GOSPEL REFLECTION : Presentation of the Lord
Luke 2:22-40

In this week's gospel Jesus' parents Mary and Joseph took him to the Temple, to present him to God.

There were two other people in the story, who see the baby Jesus and recognise how important he is. Simeon is an old man, who has been promised by God that he will see Christ. When he sees the baby Jesus, Simeon knows that the child is the Son of God. Simeon tells everyone how special Jesus is. Anna is also in the Temple. She has spent her whole life in the Temple serving God. She sees the baby Jesus and begins to praise God.

Even though he was just a baby, Simeon and Anna could see just how important Jesus was. They did not judge by what Jesus looked like. They were filled with faith and they knew in their hearts how special and important he was.

Have you had a time when you have judged someone because of what they look like? Or when you have been judged for what you look like?

Our faith tells us that each person, no matter who they are, is made in the image of God. That means that we can see something special in each and every person.

Charism Focus

Marian Catholic School began in 1989 with the joining of St Mary's School which was begun by the Mission Sisters and Marist School which was begun by the Marist Brothers.

As a school we wanted to honour the charisms of both the Mission Sisters and Marist Brothers and during the last couple of years we have created a Charism that includes aspects of both founding orders.

Marian's overarching Charism :

Live Christ - Be the hands, face and voice of Jesus, is the lens through which our school's Catholicity should be seen, with our focus remaining firmly on Christ. We unpack one aspect each term, beginning each Monday morning with our School Prayer Liturgy where we share our Charism focus for the week.

Term 1: Live Love

'By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples: if you love one another.' John 13:35

We follow the model Jesus gave us. This includes giving of ourselves, being authentic, compassionate, inclusive and forgiving, and seeing mistakes as part of growth.

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION



Kia ora koutou Nau mai Haere mai

Welcome to the 2020 school year. We begin an exciting new school year in a new decade. What will our year ahead bring? New beginnings offer opportunities to reflect on the past, think about how



things could be different, make plans, and set goals. I talk to the students about starting with a blank piece of paper a fresh new start where they are the authors. Let us enjoy the excitement and anticipation the beginning of a new year brings and use this positive attitude to jump start into 2020.

Welcome

This year we welcome Miss Oakes and Mr White teaching in LC5, Miss Parry teaching in LC4, Mr Pierson teaching in LC3, Mrs Els teaching with Mrs Vosper in LC2 and Mrs Martin teaching with Ms Gerritsen in LC1. We welcome the 92 new students and their families to Marian Catholic School community. A HUGE welcome to each one of you.

Powhiri

We had a very special start to this year with a Powhiri. Te Korowai (Peter and Karen) organised our powhiri to welcome all our new staff and students and welcome back all our returning staff and students. A HUGE thank you to Peter and Karen for all their organisation and support. He mihi hoki ki me Te Korowai mō tō tātou pōwhiri, Tēnā koutou katoa.

Opening Mass of the Year

Last Friday we had our first Mass of the school year. All the children are to be congratulated for their wonderful behaviour and singing. All the jobs were carried out respectfully with confidence which is excellent at the beginning of the year. Thank you to Lila and Liz who lead the music and the wonderful choir who joined them. Thank you to Mrs Nicki Whyte our Director of Religious Studies (DRS) who organised this special Mass.

Coronavirus

We have implemented our Pandemic Procedures and are adhering to Ministry of Education advice: *people who have recently travelled through China or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus should not attend school for 14 days from the time they arrived in New Zealand to ensure they are not infected.* We have attached the earlier letter sent last week to all families.

Resignation - Mrs Anita Asumadu

It is with regret I inform our school community that Mrs Anita Asumadu has resigned. Anita has resigned to pursue other opportunities. We wish her all the very best in all her future endeavours.

Learning Communities and Leaders of Learning

Our student body is divided into five learning communities.

Learning Community	Teacher Names	Room Numbers
LC1 Year 0-1	Mrs Feana Tu'akoi	Rms 1, 2, 4 and 5
LC2 Year 2	Mrs Roxy Grace	Rms 3,6 and 7
LC3 Year 3-4	Mrs Debbie Anderson	Rms 7a - 11
LC4 Year 5-6	Mrs Maria Maarhuis	Rms 12-16
LC5 Year 7-8	Mrs Nicole Higby and Mrs Emma Scarle	Rms 17-22

Communication

Communication is vital to build positive home school relationships. Please, if you have any questions or queries either come in or email your child's teacher. It helps to share any minor issues or worries quickly with your child's teacher. This ensures your child's teacher is aware and any actions can be taken promptly. For any questions, queries or problems that cannot be addressed at the teacher level we have an excellent process we follow. We have attached the process with this newsletter.

LC5 Camp

This year our Year 7-8 students left for Ngaruawahia Christian Camp on Monday and returned today. The camp offers an amazing range of activities and once again we had a brilliant team of parents who joined the camp to supervise and run activities over the three days. This camp helps set the tone for Learning Community Five for the whole year. On returning to school the teachers will maximise the team building and the growth of confidence and understanding of the students. They will learn about the significance to Maori of the Ngaruawahia area and look at various Maori myths and legends of the region. A HUGE thank you to all the parents who supported the camp. A huge thank you to the teachers in LC5 for their wonderful work with this camp. A great start to 2020 school year!



Health and Safety - Before and After School

The Health and Safety of your children are our main concern and it is not safe for children to be left at school unsupervised. Before school children can arrive from 8.15am. After school children need to be picked up promptly at 3.00pm. All children waiting to be collected by their parents are to wait at the Whare. If you get caught in traffic or held up please contact the school office phone, 856 7515. There are teachers on duty at the Whare until 3.30pm any remaining children are taken to the school office to wait and their parents contacted. Thank you for your support and understanding as we ensure your child's safety.

Ngā mihi nui
Debra White
PRINCIPAL

D.R.S. Corner

Full School Masses Term 1

31st January 9.15am	Opening School Mass
26th February 9.15am	Ash Wednesday Mass
26th March 10.15am	Solidarity Day Mass

We celebrated our opening school Mass last Friday. It was a lovely Mass with the students participating so well and singing beautifully.

Catholic Character Review

Every three years all Catholic schools have an external review of their Catholic Character. The team will be in our school from the 3rd-5th March. More information to follow.

Staff Development

This term 22 of our staff are undergoing study in Sexuality Education. The course, '*Having Life to the Full*,' is being presented by Mr Paul Shannon from the Catholic Education Office and includes 24 hours of lectures and then follow up assignments.

RE Curriculum

This term, all classes will be focusing on Prayer and our Charism in the first few weeks. This will be followed by a focus on JESUS - integrating with a Caritas study and preparing for the Easter season. During the term we have many special liturgical feasts and days that we will be highlighting in our classroom programmes.

Prayers needed

Continue to pray for Greg Jordan (our Caretaker) who is now in Hospice care.

God Bless,
Nicki Whyte
Director of Religious Studies (DRS)

Bereavements

We offer our deepest sympathies to the family of Ross Middleton. Loved Poppa of Lauren and Hannah who passed away in the holidays. May he rest in peace.

Uniforms

All students are expected to be in their full school summer uniform travelling to and from school. Hats must be worn during Terms 1 and 4. Please ensure that everything is named. This includes lunchboxes and drink bottles.

Absentees

If your child is going to be away from school for the day, please let the office know before 9am. You can either phone the office and leave a message on the answer phone (856 7515), email: absentee@marian.school.nz.

Marian School App

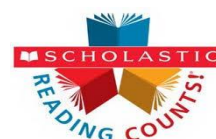
Download the Marian School App from your play list or App store. This is a good way to receive notifications, notices, events, term dates, alerts and absentees etc.

Out of School Music

Notices have been sent home with your child today. Please return these to the office by **Friday 14 February**.

Scholastic Book Orders

Welcome back to 2020- another great year for reading!
Scholastic Book Club brochures should have come home this week. The brochure is packed full



of great new books with something for every child to enjoy- with some costing only \$2!

Orders need to be done ONLINE only through the LOOP system - NO CASH OR CHEQUES PLEASE! Every book bought earns our school rewards! Last orders to be in by next Friday, 14th February. Happy shopping! Any questions, please email Miss D'Cruz at sdacruz@marian.school.nz

Celebrating Success

- William Macfie has been selected as a Waikato Basketball Council representative for the Under 13 Boys Training Squad for 2020
- Congratulations to Oliver and Ella Caldwell who represented our school at the Great Science Adventures podcast with Nanogirls. They have written about their experience and below is a link to the podcast that they took in. Well done Oliver and Ella.

"In the summer holidays Oliver and Ella Caldwell went to Plant and Food Research to create a podcast on "why do bees buzz?" for Nanogirl Radio New Zealand (RNZ) Great Science Adventures podcast series.

Our favourite part was when hundreds of drone bees (which don't have stingers) were released all around the room with us. The most interesting fact we learnt was when a hive gets too full it splits in half and the bees vote for their new home by dancing or head butting to decide where to live. But why and how do bees buzz? They make a buzzing sound because of the vibrations from their wings in the air. Bees buzz to release pollen from flowers."

Dates to Remember

13 Feb	Staff Commissioning Mass
14 Feb	Out of School Music replies due
14 Feb	Scholastic Book orders close
3-5 March	Catholic Review team at school
27 August	Grandparents Day

For Sale

I have size 10 year old boys new logo, Marian school uniform still has price tag on. We don't want it anymore as we are moving overseas.

I have 2 summer short sleeve shirts, 1 winter long sleeve shirt and 1shorts.

All 10years size, School-TeX brand.

Worth \$120 but I can do \$100 if anyone is interested.

It will be a great help for us

Please phone Divya, 0210 252 8095

Ballet Lessons at school

Sandy, a Royal Academy of Dance registered teacher offers ballet and creative dance lessons. Ballet classes will held on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and Creative Dance on Wednesday afternoon in the Whare.

To register please email: davey_sandy@yahoo.com

Piano Lessons at School

Lauren Grout, a qualified piano teacher is available to take piano lessons at school.

If your child is interested in the Practical, Theory and Trinity College exams to grade 5, then please contact Lauren via email...

laurengrout@hotmail.com

School Lunches on Line

If you wish you order a school lunch online, please do so well before 8:30am.

If after 8:30 your child will miss out.

Delivery is every day. Check out the website.

Visit www.lunchorders.co.nz



This Week's Health Nugget



Speech Lessons

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Sausage Sizzle this week

This Friday - \$2.00 per sausage.

Sport Notices

Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 5 February, 2020



Saints United

St Columbus, St Josephs, Marian, St Peter Chanel & St Pius Schools

Sports for Year 7 & 8 Students in 2020

Saints United is a club set up by all the Hamilton Catholic Schools to insure your children can play a variety of sports. The main aim is for our children to have the chance to play and compete against the bigger Intermediate schools in the Waikato. Its aim is to also give our children the chance to

play at their ability and hence a few sports will require trials. But no one will miss out! If you register to play on time I will try my hardest to put your child in a team.

In 2020 Saints United will be offering the following sports:

Basketball (all year), **Cricket** (term 1&4), **Hockey** (term 2&3), **Netball** (term 2&3), **Lacrosse** (term 4).

Trials have already been held for the 2020 Basketball and Cricket teams, however if your child still wants to play please contact me ASAP

jmcintyre@marian.school.nz with your contact details and child's name and the sport they want to play.

Please note:

Saints United Netball and Hockey Muster and Trials will be held near the end of February/ early March.
I will be sending out information about that soon!

Saints United - Cricket and Basketball for year 7 & 8 students

Please contact Jardine asap at :

jmcintyre@marian.school.nz or come into the school office if your child would like to play Basketball or Cricket in term 1.

We have a couple of spaces available, so first in first served.

Competitive teams were selected at trials last year, however if your child wants to play socially now is the chance.

Thanks
Jardine

All summer sports teams are being confirmed at the moment. Teams, if they have not already, will be emailed out shortly. If you are expecting an email and have not received one, please contact me at sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz asap.

Cricket, Futsal, Waterpolo and Touch are all starting up next weekend. Managers/Coaches will be in touch when draws are out.

FLIPPABALL PLAYERS NEEDED

We need a few more players to make up our flippaball team. If any Year 5 & 6 students (or tall year 4's) are interested, please let me know before



this Friday, 7 February. All students must know how to swim.

Games begin next Sunday, 16 February till Sunday 5 April. Games are played at St Peters School in Cambridge on a Sunday afternoon. Cost should be between \$40-50 per player and will be confirmed once the team is.

YEAR 2 CRICKET PLAYER REQUIRED

Our year 2 cricket team is after another player to complete the team. If you are interested, please contact me asap. Games are played on a Friday night at 5.30pm, starting next week.

SUMMER HOCKEY PLAYER REQUIRED

Our Summer Hockey team is after another player. If there are any year 4/5/6 players keen, please contact me asap.

Friday nights at Gallagher Hockey Centre
Dates: Friday 28 February – Friday 3 April 2020
Kids 6 aside, mixed teams, ¼ field, 13 min halves
Cost: \$25 per player

SCHOOL SPORT PAYMENT DUE NOW

Please ensure you have paid your sports fees to the office before the season starts!
If you wish to pay via internet, details are as follows.
Marian School 12 3152 0132786 00
Quote pupils 'name' and sport they are playing eg 'Touch' and 'Term1'

Cricket:
Friday night = \$20 per player
Saturday Hardball = \$40 per player

FUTSAL = \$65 per player

Waterpolo = \$45 per player

Touch = \$25 per player

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

There is still time to enter the Weetbix Try!
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
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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.aspx?E=35575&G=99860>

ST JOHNS COLLEGE YOUTH ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Kia ora,

My name is Rohan Kandoi and I'm the Athletic Development Coach and Strength and Conditioning Tutor at St John's College. I am reaching out to invite students at your school to an introductory training program that will be held at the **St John's College** gym term 1. The trainings will take place **Monday** and **Thursday** evenings from **5:00-6:00pm**. It would be greatly appreciated if the attached flyer and link for registration can be passed on to parents of children that might be interested in the program: <https://forms.gle/AxeycEQv3iLd5GfZ6>

These are open to any children year 6-8 that would like to learn some of the basics of physical training in a fun, safe environment. Designed to teach girls and boys the fundamentals of training, your child will have the opportunity to improve movement skills, strength, speed, agility and flexibility in a fun environment. Guidance is given on other aspects of athlete



development, such as mental training, nutrition and recovery. Working in a group setting also allows young children to develop social skills. It offers a great preview of some of the skills and drills used by athletes at St John's College as well as other high schools across Hamilton. By practicing these movements early and often, your child will have the foundation they need going into secondary school. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Rohan Kandoi

Strength and Conditioning Tutor

adp@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

Melissa Nelson

sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz



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