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## Newsletter 4, Term 1

*Date: 26 February 2020*

### Focus for the Week

**Gospel Reflection: Turn the Other Cheek** Matthew 5: 38-48 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's gospel was perhaps one of the most famous of all - Jesus tells his disciples to turn the other cheek.

We are told to love as God loves; that is, all people, even those we do not like and who do not like us. It is easy to be kind to those who are kind to us but God wants us to help build his kingdom here on Earth by being kind, loving and forgiving to those who hurt us too.

In the Lord's Prayer we ask God to forgive us, as we forgive those who trespass against us. If we want forgiveness and understanding for our sins, we must first show that same forgiveness and understanding to others.

### Charism Focus

Our Charism Focus for this term is the value of LIVE LOVE. The gospel tells us how Jesus asks us to love our enemies.

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

Being disciples of Christ we are asked to show love to others. To love as God loves us. Not just those that we like and that like us - but everyone. Even those who may have upset or hurt us,

To be the hands, face and voice of Jesus means that we are able to show the love that God has for us with everyone. In our small way we can be peacemakers : by offering our friendship to everyone we meet; and

by learning to say sorry and forgive others that have hurt us.

This week we are encouraged to stop and think about all the people in our class and show love and concern for everyone - even if they are not our close friends. Look out for those people in the playground who are alone or those that might be sitting on the Friends chair and need someone to play with. Our small actions can make a difference.

### PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION



May your Ash Wednesday be a time of reflection and promise.

This morning the whole school attended Mass for Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Children will make Lenten Promises in class and parents may like to encourage their children to reflect upon what regular penances they will perform throughout this season of Lent. An idea could be that each member of the family choose his/her own personal penance as well as some good act that he/she will perform (daily spiritual reading, daily Mass, extra prayers, almsgiving, volunteer work, housecleaning, etc.), and the whole family may wish to give up one thing together (TV, movies, desserts) or do something extra as a family.

### Rangiāowhia Commemorations

On Friday LC 5 students (Year 7-8), staff and parents attended the commemoration celebrations at Rangiāowhia, Te Awamutu. Rangiāowhia was a

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thriving village in the Waikato where Māori and Pākehā lived together. They shared languages, trade, education and religion. Then on February 21, 1864, the British Crown soldiers raided the prosperous village in the Waipā district, as part of an overall plan to destroy the Kingitanga movement. Today the commemorations focus on what can be learnt from the war and the importance of actively seeking peace. Thank you to the teachers and Te Korowai, Matua Peter and Whaia Karen for their work preparing our students in order for them to gain rich understandings from the day. Thank you to all the parents who attended and helped with supervision.

**Opening of the Marcellin Gymnasium at St John's College** Mrs Toni Walters-Freke and I attended this opening ceremony. The new gymnasium is an amazing custom-built facility that the college will enjoy for years. The opening ceremony was excellent with the Bishop, and elderly Marcellin Brother, and Prime Minister Jacinda Adern. The boys were impressive - beginning with a very moving 'Challenge' by their kapahaka group, their singing, and their behaviour. What struck me was there was a lot of pride - by the students, the staff and the parents and guests who felt part of the school and their achievements. I was feeling proud to be a contributing school of St John's College, and part of Catholic education.

Our PM - Jacinda Adern spoke brilliantly to the boys one of her key messages was: teenage years are very challenging, it is OK to feel that you are not coping at times, while this generation of teenagers is the most connected through Social Media, they are reporting feeling the most loneliness. She told the boys - do not feel you have to 'man up and get on with it' seek help that's OK.

**Catholic Character Review** - Tuesday 3 - Thursday 5 March 2020.

**Hamilton Catholic Principal Association** - Pilgrimage to Jerusalem Wanganui

I will be attending this pilgrimage with fourteen Catholic Principal colleagues from across our Hamilton Diocese. I will be away from school next Monday and Tuesday. I leave the school in excellent hands with Mrs Toni Walters-Freke.

Ngā mihi nui  
Debra White  
PRINCIPAL

## D.R.S. Corner

### Ash Wednesday



Today is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a time when we look at how we can prepare for the coming of Christ. Throughout Lent we pay particular focus to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. To explain these:

**Prayer** means praying for those less fortunate than ourselves and developing a closer relationship with God.

**Fasting**, this is something we can give up, whether it be food or something else we like, so that we appreciate what Jesus gave up for us by dying on the cross.

**Almsgiving** means we give to others whether it be helping the old or needy, giving time to others or giving of our worldly goods. We are here to be servants to others and live as Jesus lived for the good of all.

### Rangiaowhia

Last Friday all of the students from Learning Community 5 (LC5), along with their teachers and a group of parents travelled to Rangiaowhia to be involved in the Commemoration ceremony. It was a very moving and memorable day and the students represented our school very well.

Rangiaowhia is an important pilgrimage site for our diocese. It was the centre of the Church's mission in the Waikato from 1844 until 21 February 1864 when over 1000 troops rode in and destroyed the village, burned people alive and took prisoners. Every year the diocese, along with Ngāti Apakura, commemorate what happened. Rangiaowhia was a peaceful, economically thriving village, exporting produce around the motu and overseas.





**Catholic Character Review** Next Tuesday 3rd - Thursday 5th March, we will have the Catholic Character review Team in our school reviewing our Special Catholic Character. Many thanks to those who have completed the questionnaire and returned it to the school office. These are due in by Friday please.

On Tuesday afternoon 3rd March, there will be a parent meeting in the staffroom at 2.30pm for those parents who would like to talk with the team about the Special Catholic Character of our school.

God Bless  
Nicki Whyte DRS

## Welcome

We warmly welcome into our school community, Victoria Crammond (Rm5)

## School Photos

School photos this year will be taken during the summer months, Thursday 19 March. All children will be expected to wear the proper school summer uniform.

## Meet the Teacher Info Evening

**LC4 & LC5- Tonight, 26th Feb** starting with LC4 - 5.30pm in Hall and LC5 - 6pm in Atrium. Parents are welcome to move between LC meetings. Children are welcome and can play outside. These sessions will not be for specific discussion around individual students. If you would like to discuss

your child please make a time to meet with the teacher. Learning Discussions will be held early Term 2.

## Cathedral Youth Choir

**Love God & Love Singing??**  
Here's a NEW opportunity for you!



Father Matthew has an exciting opportunity for some of our Marian singers.

We are looking for around **3-4 boys and 3-4 girls** from Marian School aged **approximately 10-12 years old** to form a **Cathedral Youth Choir**.

The music will be more traditional choir music.

With a commitment to sing in two Masses per month.

**\*\*First practice** will take place **Tuesday 3rd March** from 3.15 till 4.30pm **\*\***.

Come along to the first practice to see if it is something they might be interested in. Please **contact Judi Clark** if you are interested in your child being a part of this choir, or speak directly with Fr Matthew.

Kind regards  
Judi Clark  
[jclark@marian.school.nz](mailto:jclark@marian.school.nz)

## Saints United - HOCKEY

### Saints United Hockey Trials 2020

**Dates:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Time:** 4.00 – 5.30pm

**Venue:** St John's Hockey Turf, Hillcrest Road, Hamilton

Please collect a Player Registration form from the School office and return before:

2pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Any questions email: [jmcintyre@marian.school.nz](mailto:jmcintyre@marian.school.nz)

## Saints United - NETBALL Trials

7A, 7B, 8A, 8B and Social Te

Venue: **Minogue Park**

**Moore Street, Hamilton**





Date: **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
 Time: **Y7: 8am** (Year 7's trial in 6 aside)  
**Y8: 10am** (Year 8's trial in 7 aside)

## PTFA Notices

### Mama's donuts

Order forms will come home Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and must be returned by 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Donuts will be delivered on the last day of term, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

### Oxford Pies

Order forms will come home in term two.

### Entertainment books

Will be for sale again this year. More info to follow.

### Carols by Twilight

Will return in term 4. More info to follow.

## Te Korowai – thank you



**Te Korowai: With thanks and gratitude**  
**Tēnā tātou,**  
**"Ka Āowhia Te Rangi: A rich history poorly known"**

**He mihi aroha nā Te Korowai, ki a Mariana Kura Katorika i tae-a-tinana mai ki te tautoko i te ra.**

On behalf of Te Korowai, we warmly thank and congratulate Marian Catholic School, parents and whānau for their presence and support for this auspicious day. Our kaumātua Katorika also expressed their heartfelt regards for the children's respectful demeanour throughout the occasion, their thought-provoking questions and insightful comments.

**Mā te Atua tātou e manaaki** (May God bless us all)

**Na Whaea Karen māua ko Matua Peter mō Te Korowai.**

## Before School Care required

Before School care required for a new entrant girl, 2 or 3 mornings per week starting in Term 2.

Galloway Street area.

Drop off would be at 7:15am and would require transport to Marian School also please.

If you think you could help, please email

[aimeescreen@gmail.com](mailto:aimeescreen@gmail.com)

Thank you.

## Celebrating Success

Aiden Saxon came away from Waikato Touch prizegiving held recently with 'Most Improved Player' for his Waikato Touch U12s Boy team 2020.



## Dates to Remember

TONIGHT	Teacher Information LC4 & LC5
<b>26 Feb</b>	<b>Catholic Review Questionnaire due</b>
26 Feb	Saints United Netball Registrations due
28 Feb	Final day for Jacket orders
3-5 March	Catholic Review team at school
19 Mar	Whole School Class Photos
3 Apr	Mama dontus order forms due
9 April	Marist Soccer Registrations <b>close</b>
27 August	Grandparents Day

## This Week's Health Nugget

BREAKFAST IDEAS

## EASY OMELETTE

- 2 eggs
- 2 Tbsp water or milk
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 1/2 c filling - edam cheese and/or your favourite vegetables e.g. tomato, capsicum

Whisk eggs, milk, salt & pepper and pour into a medium sized, non-stick pan. When the egg mixture is nearly cooked add the filling to one half of the omelette and gently fold the other half on top.

**Serve immediately!**

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## Sausage Sizzle

This Friday - \$2.00 each

## Sport Notices

### Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 26 February 2020

#### CRICKET

##### Friday 28 February

Marian Heat vs Hillcrest Normal Stars @ 5.30pm @ Jansen Park 2

Marian Blasters vs Hillcrest Normal Hawks @ 5.30pm @ Jansen Park 5

##### Saturday 29 February

Marian Wizards vs Waitomo Wolves @ 9.00am @ Marian Catholic School

Saints United Prems vs Morrinsville Premiers @ 10.00am @ Morrinsville Rec – 3  
Saints United Development vs St Peters Blue @ 9.00am @ St Peters Art-4  
Saints United Matrix vs Gordonton Wicket Snatchers @ 9.00am @ Woodlands - 1

You can find the draw at:

<https://www.hamiltoncricket.co.nz/primary-intermediate/>

#### FUTSAL

Unfortunately the draw was not available at time of publishing. You can find the draw at:  
<http://www.waikatofootball.co.nz/FUTSAL/Leagues/Waikato-Junior-DrawsResults>

#### SUMMER HOCKEY

##### Friday 28 February

Marian vs Frankton Flames @ 5.00pm on GHC1QB

You can find the draw at:

<http://www.waikatohockey.org.nz/summer-draws>

#### WATERPOLO

##### Sunday 1 March

Marian Sharks vs Southwell Fins @ St Peters @ 4.55pm

You can find the draw at:

<http://waikatowaterpolo.co.nz/wp->

[content/uploads/2020/02/2020-Intermediates-Semester-1-Draw-18-Feb.pdf](#)

#### TOUCH

##### Monday 2 March

Marian Blue vs Tamahere Toru @ 3.45pm on Field 2B  
Marian Gold vs RHS Falcons @ 5.15pm on Field 5

You can find the draw at:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/steeleparkjunrtouch/Draws-Results/Draws-Results?ts=0.20508126524195625>

#### SCHOOL SPORT PAYMENT DUE NOW

Please ensure you have paid your sports fees to the office or 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

Summer Hockey = \$25 per player

#### WINTER HOCKEY, NETBALL & BASKETBALL

Registrations for winter hockey, netball and basketball will be out next week. All children need to register if they wish to play any of the sports available.

#### BASKETBALL - TERM 2

Basketball is played during terms 2 and 3.

Y1&2

Thursday afternoons/evenings

Dates: 7 May – 25 June 2020

Y3&4

Wednesday afternoons/evenings

Dates: 6 May – 24 June 2020



Y5&6

Friday afternoons/evenings

Dates: 1 May – 19 June 2020

Venue - tbc - YMCA, The Peak, Fraser High School

### **NETBALL - TERMS 2 & 3**

Y1&2

Thursdays at 4pm

Dates: 7 May - 2 July 2020

Y3&4

Tuesdays - 4pm or 5.15pm

Dates: 5 May - 18 August 2020 (no play during holidays)

Y5&6

Wednesdays - 4pm, 5pm, 6pm

Dates: 6 May - 19 August 2020 (no play during holidays)

### **HOCKEY – TERMS 2 & 3**

Season starts Saturday 2 May.

All age groups (Y1&2, Y3&4, Y5&6) play on Saturday mornings at Waikato Gallagher Hockey Centre.

All teams need to have coaches, managers and sometime umpires. Please consider helping out where you can, from my experience it is not as daunting as you may think and could also be very rewarding. If a team does not have an adult helping out it will not be registered and your children will miss out.

Melissa Nelson

[sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz](mailto:sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz)





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