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## Newsletter 8, Term 1

*Date: 25 March 2020*

### Focus for the Week

#### **Gospel Reflection: Help Us To See**

John 9: 1-41 Fourth Sunday in Lent

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus cured a blind man. The blind man knew that Jesus had done a wonderful thing and was not an ordinary man. Jesus told His disciples that He was the "light of the world." He explained to the disciples that He had cured the blind man so that the man could 'see' that Jesus was the son of God.

We also can make sure that we are filled with God's light by praying every day. Through prayer we talk to God and get to know him better. By praying daily, God will help us to see the way we should live our lives.

### PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

#### ***"Have confidence in God, live humbly and be kind"***

These wise words by Euphrasie Barbier are particularly pertinent for us all at the moment. We need to trust that together we will overcome the challenges COVID-19 poses us and our communities. **Be kind** are two important words for us all. I would like to commend the entire staff here at Marian Catholic School who have pulled in together to ensure our school is a clean safe place to be, have supported each other and worked together to provide the best possible learning for our children. Thank you to each one of our staff - it is times such as these that we really appreciate the love and support that surrounds us.

#### ***School holidays have been brought forward***

School holidays are being brought forward so that they are completed within the 4 week period. Holidays will now begin from Monday 30 March to Tuesday 14 April

inclusive (a reminder that the Tuesday after Easter Monday is always a closed day for schools).

At the end of the school holidays, schools will be open for distance learning but not physically open for staff to work at the schools. Please note the instruction to stay home (Alert Level 4) will continue beyond the new school holiday period but schools will be technically open for distance learning. With any changes we will update you as we are informed by Government, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.

#### ***Our 'Weird Times' prayer***

Jesus, these are weird times, but I know you are with me and my friends,

You care about my school and all the people in Aotearoa and this world.

Thank you for being with me especially if I'm scared. Thank you for listening to me when I pray.

Please, help all people who are sick, or scared about getting sick,

Help me to remember to wash my hands,

Help me to not get too grumpy when I can't do the things I want, or go where I want,

Thank you for the people who love me and care for me.

I know that with them, and you, I am never alone.

Amen.

May God bless you all and your families

Ngā mihi nui  
Debra White  
PRINCIPAL



### Student Leaders in LC 5

Congratulations to our selected leaders in LC 5. These students have been selected for their leadership and positive role modelling amongst their peers. I thank each one of you for your leadership and look forward to your contributions to our year ahead.

Cultural Leaders	Enviroschool Leaders	Special Character Leaders	Ngā Raukura
Sophia Kanellis Leala Holland	Arnie David Caleb Jerome	17- Paloma Pasten Torres, Meha Manoj 18- Natalia Johnson, Luke Bormans 19- Irish Lee, Mariah Ioane 20- Benedict Doohan, Lachlan Carassco 21- Molly James, Juliana Valdez 22- Avisha Nonis, Max Mitchell	Jacina Marino-Murphy Kele Cuthers Blake Hennessey Antonia Cuthers Caleb Jerome Poukupenga Te Nahu
Librarian Leader	Digi Tech Leader	Arts Leaders	Young Leaders Vinnie's
Mrs Brycki to confirm	Sebastian Farrell	Faith Sa'u Luke Bormans	Zara Terry Jackson Hay

	St Thomas Aquinas	St Peter Chanel	Marcellin Champagnat	Euphrasie	St Therese
HC	Daniella Ramos	Irish Lee	Jay Benefield	Marco Villegas	Maclaine Stuart
HC	Benedict Doohan	Jayne McPhillips	Maddison Botherway	Juliana Valdez	Ineta Kaisa
DP	Georgia Nelson	Yeonjoon Kim	Byron Casson	Jacina Marino Murphy	Avisha Nonis
DP	Blake Hennessey	Isabel Sonntag	Elisa-May Pisciarelli	Theresa Biladi	Laughlan Karalus

### Celebrating Success

Congratulations to the following students who competed in the Waikato/ Bay of Plenty Children's Champs last weekend. They showed our Marian Charism through their sportsmanship and through giving their best in each event.

Results:

**Byron Casson** (12yrs)- 3rd Hurdles, 3rd High Jump

**Kulaea Seager** (7yrs)- 2nd Discus, 3rd Long Jump, 4th Shot Put and 4th 100m

**Sienna Casson** (9yrs)- 1st 800m, 4th Shot Put, 4th Discus

**Heidi Maarhuis** (9yrs)- 1st Shot Put, 2nd Long Jump, 5th Discus

**Levi Christensen** (9yrs)- 3rd Long Jump, 5th 800m, Finalist 200m

**Joseph Rutene** (9yrs)- 6th 100m, 2nd 200m Heat



*Empowered to Learn. Inspired for Life.*



## Sport Notices

### Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 25 March 2020

Well, it was a very abrupt end to our Summer sports last week, with everything being cancelled due to Covid-19. I would like to thank all our Coaches and Managers who did a fantastic job during the term looking after our teams.

At this stage, all winter sports have been postponed until 2 May 2020 at the earliest. Obviously this, like everything at the moment, could change. In the meantime, I will continue working towards a start of 2 May. This means all registrations are still open today (last day today!), and I will work on the number of teams in each sport and get them registered to play before their respective deadlines. I may not necessarily name teams yet, so don't expect an email straight away. My priority is knowing how many teams in each sport/age group we have and getting them registered (in the hope that we get to play winter sport!)

Stay in your bubble, stay safe and be kind.

### WINTER HOCKEY, NETBALL & BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE NOW ONLINE!

Head to our Marian Catholic School Website, under 'School Info' heading you will find 'Sport'. Click on your chosen sport, fill the registration form out, press send and its done!

Registration link:

<https://www.marian.school.nz/2479/folders/241-sport>

If for some reason you cannot do it online, please email me at [sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz](mailto:sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz)

**Registrations close TODAY Wednesday 25  
March 2020**

### NETBALL

#### Years 1&2 played on Thursdays - \$60 per player

Game time is 4.00pm.

Played on 1/3 of a court, 4v4 format  
Each week you have 20 minutes of skill development before playing 2 mini games of 8mins  
Dates: 7 May to 2 July

#### Years 3&4 played on Tuesdays - \$65 per player

Game Times: 4.00pm and 5.15pm.

Played on 2/3 of a court. 5v5 format

Each week you have 15 minutes of skill development before playing 4x8min game

Dates: 5 May to 18 August (No Game Dates: 7 & 14 July)

#### Years 5&6 played on Wednesdays - \$65 per player

Game Times: 4.00pm, 5.00pm or 6.00pm

Games played on full court. 6v6 format. 4x8min game

Dates: 6 May – 19 August (No Game Dates: 8 & 15 July)

### HOCKEY

#### Mini Sticks – Years 1&2 - \$50 per player

25min Coaching & 25min Game (Basic intro for first time players, limited rules)

#### Kiwi Dev - Years 3&4- \$65 per player

6 aside, 1/4 field, 25min Games

#### Kiwi Sticks - Years 5&6 - \$65 per player

6 aside, 1/2 field, 25min Games

The 2020 season starts Saturday 2 May 2020

All games are played Saturday mornings (Mini Sticks game starts at 8am) or early afternoons at Gallagher Hockey Centre, Queens Ave, or St Peters Collegiate.

### BASKETBALL

Term 2 starts Friday 1 May and finishes Thursday 25 June, running for 8 weeks.

#### Years 1&2 played on Thursday nights - \$55 per player

Games played at the YMCA or The Peak, Rototuna, starting from 4pm

#### Years 3&4 played on Wednesday nights - \$55 per player

Games played at the YMCA or The Peak, Rototuna, starting from 4pm

#### Years 5&6 played on Friday nights - \$55 per player



Games are played at YMCA & The Peak, Rototuna, starting from 4pm

Please be aware that we do not grade teams at Marian Catholic School for years 1-6. I will do my best to keep teams who have played together in the past together, however, I cannot guarantee it. We also need to not have too many children in a team. It is no fun for the child, the coach or the parents on the sideline to have kids spending more time off the court/field and on. Depending on final numbers in each age group, some children may miss out or be placed in a team older than their age group.

All netball, hockey and basketball teams require a coach and manager to look after the team. Netball and hockey teams also need to supply an umpire for every game (this cannot be the teams coach). It is very important that people volunteer their time for this and are willing to put their hands up to help. Without it, I am unable to register teams to play, and the kids miss out. Please be aware that sometimes we are fortunate enough to have young students that offer to umpire. If this is the case, you may be asked to provide a small donation to pay the student.

Melissa Nelson  
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