



Newsletter 3, Term 2

Date 13 May 2020

Focus for the Week

Gospel Reflection: I Will Not Leave You On Your Own

John 14: 16-20

In Sunday's Gospel reading Jesus reassures his disciples by telling them that, although he would be leaving them soon, they would not be left alone. God would send the Holy Spirit to strengthen, help and guide them in their mission.

Jesus explained that many in the world would fail to recognise the Holy Spirit, as he could not be seen, only felt.

The Latin word 'spiritus' means breath or wind and is a very good description of the Holy Spirit. Although we cannot see the wind we can certainly see and feel its effects. The Holy Spirit moving through our lives should be just the same. Others should be able to see that the Holy Spirit lives in us through our actions.

'Spiritus' also means inspiration and confidence. This is something that the disciples would need lots of in the days following Jesus's ascension. We, too, can trust that, if we listen, the Holy Spirit will guide us and give us the confidence and strength to do God's will in our daily lives.

LAUDATO SI – FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

This week is the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis encyclical letter, 'Laudato Si' on 'Our Common Home'.

This anniversary falls at a significant time as we are responding to the challenges of eliminating the Global COVID Pandemic. Today more than ever we are aware of the important role we all play in the health of our community and our planet. The Holy Father asks,



"What kind of world do we want to leave those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?". Our classes will be talking about these important messages over the coming weeks.

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION



WELCOME BACK

What a delight it is to wander around the school and see our beautiful students and hear their laughter and talking. The school is alive again!

I want to thank our parents for your support as we navigate Alert Level Two and implement the procedures to meet the Ministry of Education guidelines. Well done to all our families, your children have been so well trained about the importance of regular hand washing and this has made our classroom procedures run smoothly. A HUGE THANK YOU. As we work through the week, our procedures are becoming more streamlined and people are feeling more reassured in the safety of our school. Thank you for your support.



DISTANCE LEARNING - *A great team effort; parents, students and teachers*

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful support our families provided our teachers and students as they worked through the Distance Learning. Thank you to our teachers for the work they did to stay connected to our families during this time. With very little notice the teachers were forced to totally change how they delivered learning. For many this was a foreign way of working and required a massive change of thinking. Working collaboratively across their Learning Communities our teachers worked hard to provide a range of learning that connected the students to their teacher and their classmates.

I have received the most beautiful feedback from many families thanking and congratulating our teachers on their work. Thank you all for your ongoing caring support.

NEW PROPERTY MANAGER / CARETAKER

We welcome Mr Stuart Johnson who started this week as our new Property Manager/ Caretaker.

Thank you to Mr Matt Iremonger who has filled in for us for the past month. Our grounds look amazing. Matt worked hard to prepare our school for Alert Level 2.

We appreciate the wonderful support he has given our school.



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Lisa Hansen Physiotherapy

would love the staff and children and families of our local school to be aware we are working with telehealth at level 3 and hope to be back with face to face consults at level 2

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PTFA Second Hand Uniform Shop

We are allowing the first couple of weeks for school to settle into Alert Level 2 procedures before re-opening the second hand uniform shop. We will reopen on 5th June 2020.

Ngā mihi nui

Debra White

PRINCIPAL

Three Cheers for the Children

Everyone is applauding everyone but our children. These little heroes have stayed indoors more than they've ever known in their lives. Their whole worlds have literally been turned upside down and they don't know why. All these rules they've never known. Not being able to see family or give hugs. Vacations, sports and activities, play dates and school cancelled. Adults talking about others becoming unwell, news reporting death after death, Our children's minds must be racing. Everyday their resilient little bodies get up and carry on despite all that's going on. So here's to our little heroes: today, tomorrow, forever.



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Bereavements

We offer our deepest sympathies to Zara Terry (Rm20) and her dad Mark, whose much loved mother and wife, sadly passed away. May she rest in peace.

Marian Catholic School Jacket

Late Winter Order to be here start of term 3.

These jackets are supplied through our sportswear supplier Kukri and are of a very good quality. They are a soft shell, waterproof material with a polar fleece lining. Please note that they are not to replace the school jumpers and they are not allowed to be worn during class time.



We have some sample sizes in the school office if you would like to send in your child to try out the sizes before purchasing.

Sizes available are: 3-4 yrs, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, Small.

The cost is **\$70.00** each.

Payment must be made before we order one.

Please pay directly by internet banking into the school bank account or at the School Office.

This order must be made before 3pm Friday 22nd May.

To place an order please contact Jardine McIntyre: jmcintyre@marian.school.nz

(The Last order is due to arrive end May)



Uniforms

Children are expected to be in full school uniform travelling to and from school.

Changeover date into full winter uniform is **Queens Birthday weekend.**

Out of School Music

OOSM has started again. Please be on time for your lessons 😊

Orchestra and tutorials begin next week.

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), OR 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 and contact tracing etc.

Year 7/8 Immunisations

New Dates for the Year 7 & 8 Immunisations

Dose 1 HPV yr.8 and Boostrix yr.7 - The main session has been completed but there are 15 children to catch up.

Dose 2 HPV yr.8 - 24/09/2020

Dates to Remember

22 May	Jacket orders due
26 May	Yr 8 visit – St Johns
5 June	Uniform Shop re-opens

Lunch Orders

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Sausage Sizzle this week

There will be no sausage sizzle during Level 2

Sport Notices

Wednesday 20 May 2020

NETBALL, HOCKEY AND BASKETBALL

Unfortunately it is still unclear when winter sports will be starting this year, but I did receive the following information from Netball NZ, which outlines some dates we can all work towards...

PHASE 1

Get Ready for Netball

Commenced on 15 May, 2020

No Netball activity is to commence including trainings and workshops.

PHASE 2

Prepare to Play

Netball activity may start on or after 29 May, 2020

This includes trainings and workshops. This does not include the delivery of competitions.

PHASE 3

Return to Play

All Netball activity may start on or after 19 June, 2020.

This includes the delivery of competitions. Centres moving into the delivery of each of these phases must ensure they are compliant with all requirements as outlined in the guidelines

I am currently working through the teams, and hope to have them out before the end of next week.

NETBALL PLAYERS REQUIRED

We need at least 3 Year 1 or 2 netball players to make a team up.

Years 1&2 played on Thursdays - \$60 per player (price may change - tbc)

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: tbc

We also require at least 3 Year 3 or 4 players to make a team.

Years 3&4 played on Tuesdays - \$65 per player (price may change - tbc)

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: tbc

If interested, please email me at

sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz before Friday 22 May.

YEAR 1 & 2 BASKETBALL PLAYERS REQUIRED

We require a few more players in years 1 & 2 to be able to create two teams.

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

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

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