



Newsletter 6, Term 2

Date 3 June 2020

Focus for the Week

Gospel Reflection: The Holy Spirit Comes Pentecost Sunday John 20: 19-23

In Sunday's gospel, the disciples had gathered together to pray in an upper room. Jesus appears among them offering greetings of peace and letting them see His Wounds. Then Jesus breathes new life into the disciples so that they were filled with courage and were now ready to continue God's work of forgiveness and witness to the world. Christ gave them the breath of new life as the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helped the disciples to know God more fully and gave them the strength to take up the challenges that are ahead.

Just as the disciples gathered together to pray in times of uncertainty, so we, in these uncertain times of Covid-19, we look forward to gathering with our faith community again, to share the highs and the lows of our faith journey. We come to know God in our lives through praying and reflecting regularly.

So today may we also feel the breath of the Spirit so that we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to show that God is present to us every day through our words and actions.

Focus for the Week

Our Charism focus for this term is LIVE FAITH. This week, we are focusing on communicating to God through prayer. Prayer is talking to and listening to God. We need to know that we can tell God anything at all because God loves us no matter what.

We are lucky to be at Marian Catholic School, where we are able to develop our relationship with God. During this Term, we are learning about how we can

Live Faith - how we can do active things that show our Faith and belief in God.

Talking to God is just like talking to your very best friend. To get to know your friends and to develop a really strong friendship you talk, laugh and share special things with them. Learning the different ways we can pray and talk to God is important for us to learn.



PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

I trust you all had a restful although wintery and stormy in some places long weekend. It was nice to get away to the beach and enjoy some long walks.

"This shouldn't be 'normal' in 2020 America," the nation's first black president said. "If we want our children to grow up in a nation that lives up to its highest ideals, we can and must be better."

Barack Obama 2020

The message for our students is it is important to stand up for what you believe but you need to ensure your words and actions reflect your values, who you are, and what you believe to be true. I was heartened when I



discovered these prayers had been written by our students. Each morning students in Room 20 begin their day by selecting any work in progress tasks (W.I.P.) which include; keeping up to date, strengthening new learning, or choosing a learning task. Yesterday, these thoughtful prayers were written by two students who had completed their set tasks:

<p>Dear God,</p> <p>We pray for the people who have suffered like George Floyd. These people who have had their lives taken because of their colour. We pray that these horrible events don't happen again.</p> <p>Amen</p> <p><i>Keisha Patel Year 7</i></p>	<p>Dear God,</p> <p>Please help George Floyd and his family through this time of suffering. Help any others who have been mentally and physically hurt or worse just because of the colour of their skin. Those who have had their lives and freedom taken away may God help them find peace and justice. George was father, son and husband, a human being.</p> <p>We are all the same.</p> <p>Amen</p> <p><i>Isadore Vechi Year 7</i></p>
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May God bless our students who will be the leaders of our society in the future and may their faith and values be the compass that guides them.

CELEBRATING ONE OF OUR STUDENTS ...



Thank you to Kayla, a six year old student in our school who has donated \$50.00 for Kiribati. During Lockdown, Kayla organised an Art Exhibition for her family. She sold her pieces of art to raise money to give to Kiribati. I asked her why do you want to give this money to Kiribati? Her reply, " I want to

give this money to Kiribati a little island. Kiribati is a poor country and they need strong houses." A beautiful action from a student we can all feel proud of.

ARBOR DAY 2020

Marian Catholic School will be celebrating Arbour Day 2020 by planting trees in our gully this Friday. Through our involvement as an Enviroschool, Melville Intermediate are gifting 240 plants (from their native plant unit). Enviroschools coordinators, Alex and Adrienne are arranging delivery for us to plant on Friday. Watch our Facebook Page for updates during the day.

STUDENT LEARNING AROUND THE SCHOOL:



LC3 Lockdown Life by Room 10

LC4 - The students in Room 13 did this complicated Autumn Leaves art



LC4 - Our lockdown memories

Thank you Room 14 for sharing these with us.



LC2 - The students in Room 7 were asked to share their Distance Learning which led into LC2 study on Dinosaurs



HEALTH AND SAFETY - Keeping our children safe in the carpark

To help keep our children safe in our carpark we ask that parents **DO NOT** stop on the yellow lines. Please park in the designated car parks.



Thank you to Nerrolly Hay for organising these sandwich boards, designed and purchased for our carpark.

Ngā mihi nui
Debra White
PRINCIPAL

Vision and Hearing Testing – change of Date

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school 22nd June. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

Uniforms

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

The Second Hand Uniform shop re-opens on Friday 5th June. 2pm to 2:45pm in the Whare.

Marist Football

Marist Football begins this Saturday

6 June.

Your coaches will be in touch with you

Dates to Remember

5 June	Uniform Shop re-opens
6 June	Marist football begins
8 June	Ballet classes at school resume
22 June	Vision and Hearing Testing

Lunch Orders

To order school lunches, please go to the website and order online. This must be done **before 8:30am**. Lunches will be missed if ordered late.



Sausage Sizzle this week

There will be no sausage sizzle during Level 2

Sport Notices

NETBALL & HOCKEY

Start dates have been confirmed and all children registered have been emailed with details.

BASKETBALL

Waikato Basketball have still not confirmed their start date. I have however emailed all children that registered to play with their teams. Once I know of a start date, I be in touch.

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