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## Newsletter 3, Term 3

*Date 5 August 2020*

### Focus for the Week

**Gospel Reflection:** 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Matthew 14: 13-21i



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The Gospel reading tells us the miracle of the Loaves and the Fish. Jesus performed the miracle along the Lake of Galilee where he had gone to be with his disciples after learning of the death of his

cousin, John the Baptist.

Just as the small boy shared his loaves and fish with Jesus, we too can share what we have. The little things we could do and give out of love, are the start of something big which God makes use of, to do wonders.

And if we do so, with God's grace, many people will experience through us, God's presence, help and consolation.

*"Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." — Teresa of Avila*

### Focus for the Week

Our Charism focus for this term is LIVE COMMUNITY. This week we are focusing on working together. Understand that by working together we can achieve much more than a whole lot of people working on their own.

Being together is a learning experience in itself—we learn to love not by being surrounded by people easy to love, but by sometimes being with people who are hard to love—people who are different from us.

God puts us together for our own good, and we do his work better when we work together. We all have been given different gifts and when we share those gifts with others, we can achieve great things.

When we listen to, work and share our gifts with each other, do things to help and support each other we can achieve great things.

### PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Tena koutou katoa te whanau. Me te Atua koutou e manaaki.

#### New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals Association (NZCPPA)

Last week I spent three days in Queenstown with Principal representatives from the six Catholic Dioceses across New Zealand. We are a representative body of Catholic Principals committed to supporting quality leadership and education across our catholic schools. My involvement gains a national perspective of Catholic Education which helps enhance leadership here at Marian. I am grateful for the opportunity to network with such a dynamic group of colleagues.

#### Farewell - parental leave

This week we farewell Mrs Roxy Grace who is leaving us to have her first baby. Our prayers and best wishes are with Roxy and her husband David as they embark

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on this next exciting chapter in their lives together as a family. God's blessings on you both and your baby.

### LC 5 Year 7-8

Our LC5 students and their teachers are having a busy time. Last week we had 9 teams of students compete in our local CathMath competition. This is a problem-solving competition which prepares our Catholic students for the wider Waikato Problem Solving Competition this week. Tomorrow, we have two teams of selected students representing our school in WaiMaths. This competition is for Year 7-8 students across the greater Waikato region.

On Friday, we have eight students who have qualified for Science Fair Competition. These students have been selected from 16 students who have been working on their science investigations since returning to school after Lockdown. We thank each of these students for representing our school so positively and we look forward to hearing your experiences.

### Open Morning - Year 7-8 Programmes

Welcome to our parents of Year 6 students. Come along and join us for the morning next Monday, 10th August as we run an Open Morning to showcase our LC5 area of the school. The students in Year 6 will be taught by our Year 7-8 teachers and they will experience the unique teaching and learning experiences our senior students enjoy. We will begin in the GSEC with a welcome and our senior students will present the many different leadership roles and activities on offer. Following we welcome parents to visit the classrooms and see our electives programme in action. Morning tea will provide an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and ask any questions they may have. We look forward to hosting you next Monday 9.20am - 11.25am.

Ngā mihi nui  
Debra White  
PRINCIPAL

## DRS News

### MARY GARDEN

Last week work began on our Mary Garden. The bricklayers began work building the Plinth that Mary's statue will be placed on.

Exciting times ahead as we watch the development of the garden area opposite the Charism garden.

### Coming Events

**12th August Parent Information Evening - Health Programme 7pm GSEC**  
(Refer to notice in newsletter)

**28th August Grandparents Day** - beginning with Mass at 9.45am

### FAITH FACTS

#### Week 3 3rd - 7th August

Pope Francis prayer intention for August

**The Maritime World** - We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Look up <https://www.aos.org.nz/the-aos/>

### FEAST DAYS

3rd St Dominic

4th St John Vianney

6th The Transfiguration

8th Aug: St Mary of the Cross (MARY MACKILLOP)



Mary MacKillop was born in 1842. In Australia. She was a fine teacher, the founder of schools and the religious order, Sisters of St Joseph. She devoted her whole life to following Jesus and helping others, especially poor children. Mary spent time in NZ and the Sisters of

St Joseph opened many schools throughout NZ.

Many people who knew her could tell she was extraordinary. Mother Mary radiated God's love and energy to everyone she met

### Visits to the Chapel

Tomorrow, Thursday, we begin our visits to the Chapel with two classes each week meeting Father Matt for prayer. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity of using this beautiful chapel.

Nicki Whyte  
DRS



## CFLE Info evening

### Integrated Religious Education/ Health INFORMATION EVENING Christian Family Life Education (CFLE)

*"The New Zealand Catholic Bishops who wish children and young people to have a rich and authentic understanding of human sexuality."*

You are invited to attend a Christian Family Life Education (CFLE) Information Evening on **Wednesday 12th August at 7pm in the GSEC.**

This evening will provide information about the fully *integrated Religious Education and Health Programme* that builds on knowledge and understanding from Year 0 through to Year 8.

This year we have planned a three week unit of work across the school .

We have carefully selected content appropriate for each year level based on the RE Myself and Others Programme and the New Zealand Health Curriculum, and drawing from the key resources already used within our school. These include: Keeping Ourselves Safe, Life Education: Caring for your Body, Project Energise: Healthy Living.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and sharing our programme with you.

## Enviroschools

**Learning for sustainability** is ongoing throughout Marian Catholic School with focus on empowering students to be leaders in taking responsibility for our environment and caring for our community.

A current project that is well underway are new raised garden beds built by Mr Johnson our caretaker and supported by Pip Dimantis, our parent gardening angel.



Can you help us? We need some baby flower or vegetable plants to put into the new gardens. If you have any spare plants at home or are able to donate, please send to Room 10. The yield from these gardens will be shared throughout the community.



**Saving plastic bread tags** - We are saving these for a NZ charity that supports the purchase of wheelchairs for people in need in South Africa. This is also an easy way to divert plastic from our landfills into something meaningful. Ask friends and family to save them too. More info [www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.nz](http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.nz).

## LC4 PE Programme

This week some students from St John's College have been teaching our Year 5 & 6 students valuable sport's skills as part of their Year 12 PE programme.

Our students have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions so





far and are looking forward to the sessions in the weeks ahead. It has been lovely to see some of our past pupils back at school taking on this leadership responsibility.



## Sport Notices

### Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 5 August 2020

#### NETBALL

##### Wednesday 5 August

Marian Tactix vs HNS Hot Shots @ 4pm on Ct 19

Marian Stars vs Whitiroa Y5&6 @ 5pm on Ct 5

##### Saturday 8 August

Draw Unavailable at time of publishing

##### Tuesday 11 August

Marian Magic – Draw unavailable at time of publishing

Netball draws can be found at:

<https://netballhamilton.org.nz/draws-results>

### Grandparents Day/ Scholastic Bookclub Fair

An invitation to all grandparents...

Mark your diaries

Please keep 27<sup>th</sup> August free for Grandparents Day. Children will celebrate their grandparents with Mass and morning tea.

More information to follow

The Book Fair will be on in the Library for grandparents to purchase books if they wish to.

### Dates to Remember

10 Aug	Open day – Yr 7 & 8s
12 Aug	Sports Photos
12 Aug	CFLE Info Mtg
24 Aug	Teacher Only Day – NO SCHOOL
27 Aug	Grandparents Day Scholastic Book Fair

### Health Nugget



#### HOCKEY

##### Friday 7 August

Saints United 1<sup>st</sup> vs RHS Tui @ 7.30pm @ GHC1 hc

Saints United 2<sup>nd</sup> vs Whitiakahu Hawks @ 7.30pm @ GHC 1 ha

Saints United Red vs RHS Kea @ 6.30pm @ Dio hb

##### Saturday 8 August

Marian Thunder vs Whatawhata Tigers @ 8am @ RB11

Marian Rebels vs Tamahere Black Sticks @ 10.15am @ GHC 2 qb

Marian Strikers vs Te Rapa Tigers @ 8.00am @ GHC 2 qc



Hockey draws can be found at:

<https://www.waikatohockey.org.nz/junior/mini-hockey/draws-standings/>

## **BASKETBALL**

### **Wednesday 5 August**

Marian Hawks vs Frankton All Stars @

5.15pm @ YMCA Ct 2

Marian Tuis vs Toku Mapihi Tuna 3 Tama @

6.55pm @ YMCA Ct 1

### **Thursday 6 August**

Marian Wekas vs Knighton Magic @ 4.30pm

@ YMCA Ct 2

### **Friday 7 August**

Marian Ospreys and Marian Eagles – Draw unavailable at time of publishing

Basketball draws can be found at:

[https://websites.sportstg.com/assoc\\_page.cgi?c=1-2832-0-568354-0&a=COMPS](https://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-2832-0-568354-0&a=COMPS)

## **SPORT TEAM PHOTOS – WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST**

Sport team photos are scheduled to be taken on Wednesday 12 August in The Whare. Please see timetable below.

Year 1-6 Hockey - teams to wear hockey uniform, socks and sneakers

9.20am - Marian Strikers

9.25am - Marian Thunder

9.30am - Marian Rebels

Year 1-6 Cricket – Y1-4 wear PE top, PE shorts and sneakers. Y5&6 Saturday players wear white cricket trousers, shoes, PE top and cricket cap

9.35am – Marian Heat

9.40am – Marian Blasters

9.45am – Marian Wizards

Year 1-6 Netball – teams to wear netball uniform, socks and sneakers

9.55am – Marian Magic

10.00am – Marian Taxtix

10.05am – Marian Stars

Y1-6 Basketball – teams to wear basketball singlet, PE shorts, socks and sneakers

10.10am – Marian Wekas

10.15am – Marian Tuis

10.20am – Marian Hawks

10.25am – Marian Eagles

10.30am – Marian Ospreys

Touch – teams to wear PE top, PE shorts and sneakers

10.35am – Marian Blue

10.40am – Marian Gold

Futsal – teams to wear PE top, PE shorts and sneakers

10.45am – Marian Colts

10.50am – Marian Brumbies

10.55am – Marian Y7&8

Waterpolo – wear school uniform

11.00am – Marian Sharks

Lit Quiz – wear school uniform

11.05am - Lit Quiz LC4

11.10am – Lit Quiz LC5

Melissa Nelson

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