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# Newsletter 4, Term 3

# **Gospel Reflection**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walked on water to reach the disciples in their boat. The Apostles were scared, but Jesus told them "Do not be afraid."

When we are scared, we can remember that Jesus is with us and that he tells us "Do not be afraid." It can sometimes be hard to believe that we can do something difficult. Just like Peter we might get scared. But God is there to help us to do things that we might think are impossible. Just like Jesus held out his hand to Peter in the gospel reading,

Believing and trusting in God helps us to get through the hard times. But we also need to hold out our hands to others to help them when they are scared or finding things difficult.

#### **Focus for the Week**

Our Charism focus for this term is LIVE COMMUNITY. This week we are focusing on living our faith with others. Our faith is to be *shared*, *alive and active* in how we LIVE. The simplest way to share our faith is to live in a way that shows we believe in God. At Marian School we look for opportunities to be the hands, face and voice of Jesus. But what does that mean?

*To be the hands of Jesus-* could mean offering help to others, holding the door open for someone, holding a hand to someone when they have fallen...

*To be the face of Jesus* could mean -showing the face of love and welcome to people. The face of joy and kindness to others.

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To be the voice of Jesus- could mean using words that are kind and loving. Speaking in a tone that is positive and not critical.

We need to remember how we can share our faith with others by what we say, how we talk and in our actions towards others.

# **PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION**

Kia ora koutou

### **COVID Alert Level 2**

As we woke this morning to a change in COVID Alert Levels we are reminded of the reality of this virus. I want to assure our parents that we have systems in place to operate safely at COVID Alert Level 2. The Ministries of Health and Education have provided extensive information and guidelines to all schools. All families received a letter this morning outlining our operating systems under Alert Level 2. We will be reinstating the following measures:

- High levels of hygiene
  - Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
  - Regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces
  - Hand washing and sanitising on entry of classrooms
- Full contact tracing in place
  - use of our SchoolAPP,
  - $\circ \quad \text{QR Code, or} \quad$
  - o paper register



- Limiting non-essential people coming on school site
- Masks are not required at schools at Alert levels 2 and 3

We will keep you fully informed of any changes in Alert Levels and our operating systems as they occur. Thank you for your ongoing support as we meet these requirements in order to make our school a safe place.

### Religious Education/Health Education (CFLE) Information Parent Session

We will go ahead with the scheduled parent meeting tonight at 7.00pm in the GSEC. We will be holding the meeting under Alert Level 2 guidelines. Appropriate distancing, contract tracing and hand sanitiser on entry.

# Year 7-8 Open Morning

On Monday we held a Year 7-8 Open Morning for our Year 6 students and prospective enrolments for 2021. The morning offered our current Year 6 students and parents an overview of the opportunities we offer at Year 7-8. This session was led by a group of our Year 8 young leaders who spoke confidently about the many opportunities they were involved in. Class visits, meeting the teachers and getting a feel for this area of the school followed. I was so proud of all our Year 7-8 students who were exemplary ambassadors for our school. Thank you to our outstanding Year 7-8 teaching team who deliver such a varied quality programme to our Intermediate students. If you would like information about the programmes and opportunities offered please contact either of the Leaders of Learning:

Nicole Higby - nhigby@marian.school.nz or Emma Scarle - escarle@marian.school.nz or myself: - dwhite@marian.school.nz

# **CONGRATULATIONS** - Waikato Regional Science Fair Winners

A HUGE congratulations to the following students who received the following awards at the recent Waikato Regional Science Fair Prizegiving.

Benedict Doohan and Lachlan Carrasco - Year 8 Physical World - Highly Commended with their project -RoBee. Programming a robot to perform the clever bees waggle dance. Fred McKenzie - Year 7 Inventions, Third Place with -Socket Lockit - A device to attach your fishing rod to your boat without damaging your boat. Well done on these impressive results.

Ngā mihi nui Debra White PRINCIPAL

#### **DRS News**

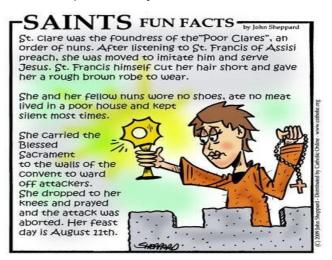
**Parent Meeting** - RE and Health Curriculum Information Evening: tonight at 7pm in the GSEC. Come along and find out more about the Sexuality Education Programme - I am Special and Unique -Years 0-4 and A Changing Me - Years 5-8, that will be taught in the school later this term.

#### **Coming Events:**

Thursday 27th August - Grandparents Day 9.45am

#### Faith Facts

Week 4 10th - 14th August 10th St Lawrence 11th St Clare 14th St Maximilian Kolbe 15th Assumption of Mary



### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This day

celebrates the mystery that the Virgin Mary was taken into heaven body and soul. This was declared a doctrine of faith by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Mary's assumption into heaven is also the patronal feast of the Catholic





people in New Zealand. In other words, she is the Patron saint of New Zealand and this week is her feast day.

#### Welcome

We warmly welcome into our school community Cleon Veleeparambil-Eappen (Rm 4)

### Bereavements

We offer our deepest sympathies to the following families who have recently lost a loved one.

- Marlon and Francesca Feetham whose much loved grandmother passed away.
- Keith and Se'epa Wade, whose much loved grandad passed away.
- Michael Velayo and family, whose much loved Grandmother passed away in the Philippines.

May they rest in peace.

### Speech Finals – Yrs 4 - 8

**Year 4 to Year 8 Speech Finals** will be held on Wednesday 19 August starting at 6pm in the GSEC. All participants must be in full school winter uniform. All welcome

#### **Teacher Only Day**

There will be a Teacher Only Day on **Monday 24** August.

Staff **will not** be on site that day. Thank you for your support.

#### **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.

LC1 LC2 and LC3 are asked to bring a savoury plate such as cheese and crackers, sausage rolls etc. LC4 and LC5 children are asked to bring a sweet plate such as cakes, slices and muffins etc.

If you have children in both teams you can decide. The **Book Fair** will be on in the Library for

grandparents to purchase books if they wish to.

### Help please – LC1/LC2 Disco



Help needed at the LC1 and LC2 Disco!

Any parents able to provide baking or help sell items at

the LC1 and LC2 Spring Time Disco on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September please contact <u>marianptfa@gmail.com</u> Thank you!

#### **Dates to Remember**

12/Aug	Info Mtg – CFLE in GSEC
19/Aug	Speech Finals 6pm
24 Aug	Teacher Only Day – NO SCHOOL
25 Aug	Cross Country
27 Aug	Grandparents Day
	Scholastic Book Fair

# **Health Nugget**



# **Sport Notices**

Marian Catholic School Sports Notice Wednesday 12 August 2020

#### WATERPOLO - TERM 4 2020

I am looking for expressions of interest from year 7 & 8 children wanting to play Waterpolo in Term 4. Games are played at Waterworld Te Rapa on Sunday afternoons, with a start date of Sunday 17 October.

Cost will be approximately \$40-\$50 per player and will be confirmed once the team is.



We do require a Coach for this team. If interested, please let me know as soon as possible. I cannot register a team without a coach.

A few key points to understand about waterpolo, and must be considered before you commit to playing: You can't touch the bottom of the pool. You must be able to confidently tread water, swim and play the game for at least 5 minutes without a rest

Please register your interest to me at sportscoordinator@marian.school.nz by Tuesday 1 September 2020.

# **TERM 4 SPORTS**

Details and registration info for sports being played in Term 4 will be put in this newsletter as details come to hand over the next few weeks. Sports available during Term 4 are:

Touch – Years 1-8 Cricket – Years 1-6 Flippaball – Years 3&4 Futsal – Years 3-8

#### NETBALL

Hamilton Netball have cancelled netball for Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 August.

At this stage, Saturday netball is still going ahead. Coaches/Managers will be in touch with your game time.

Netball draws can be found at: https://netballhamilton.org.nz/draws-results

#### HOCKEY

Friday 14 August

Waikato Hockey have cancelled Friday night games this week.

#### Saturday 15 August

At this stage Saturday games are going ahead.

Marian Thunder vs St Josephs Maroon @ 8.00am @ GHC RB11 Marian Rebels vs St Josephs Y5&6 @ 10.15am @ GHC 2 qb Marian Strikers vs Southwell Hawks @ 8.00am @ GHC 2 qc

Hockey draws can be found at: https://www.waikatohockey.org.nz/junior/minihockey/draws-standings/

#### BASKETBALL

All basketball has been cancelled this week.

Basketball draws can be found at: https://websites.sportstg.com/assoc\_page.cgi?c=1-2832-0-568354-0&a=COMPS



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