

## BOARD NEWSLETTER – TERM 2 2017

*Almighty Father,*

*You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people.*

*As Teacher, he has given us the example of the importance of education.*

*As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength.*

*Thank you for the many sisters, brothers, priests, and laypeople who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic schools.*

*Thank you for the teachers and administrators who sustain our schools today.*

*Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education in their daily lives.*

*Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education.*

*Bless Marist Catholic School Herne Bay and the many people who advance our mission.*

*May our building be a home for those who seek to grow in faith, knowledge, and service of others.*

*May our community always support one another and exhibit hospitality to newcomers.*

*Fill our minds with knowledge and wisdom. May our understanding of the world help us to grow in appreciation for it.*

*Fill our hearts with gladness. May we always turn to you in times of need.*

*Fill our hands with the tools we need to serve others. May we show them your unceasing love through our actions.*

*In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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Hello, Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e leiei, Kia orana and Namaste!

### EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE EVALUATION 2017

As you will have read in our Term 1 newsletter, two Education Review Office reviewers spent four days with us in Term 1 and met school leaders, teachers and staff, parents and whanau, students and trustees. The reviewers visited classrooms, held walk-throughs with students and school leaders and gathered evidence from our school policies, procedures and other documents.

The focus of the review was to evaluate how effectively the school promotes and accelerates students' learning and achievement and includes a deliberate focus on how the school ensures equity and excellence for all, with a specific lens on outcomes for Māori and Pacific learners.

The final report has been published at <http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/marist-catholic-school-herne-bay-15-05-2017/> and is also available on our school website <http://www.maristhernebay.school.nz/ero-report>. As parents, whanau, families and our wider school community, it is important for you to know about the quality of teaching and learning outcomes at our school and I'm very pleased to be able to share some highlights from the report with you.

The report states that "the school demonstrates strong progress towards achieving equity in educational outcomes, supported by effective, sustainable processes and practices."

"School leadership and sound partnerships with parents and the community are helping the school to achieve excellence and equity for all children. The school's leaders promote and support equity

and excellence. They know children and their achievement levels well. The principal monitors the progress of individual children as well as school-wide achievement trends and patterns.

Senior leaders have high expectations of children and teachers. They support teachers to know about the achievement of their students. They are systematically building a professional culture. Useful processes encourage teachers to reflect on their practice, share their knowledge of effective teaching and its impact on children's learning. There are good processes for ensuring that overall teacher judgements for the National Standards are reliable."

Thank you to Mrs Campbell and all the staff for the huge effort that you all put in to our students' learning and achievement. This report is a brilliant reflection of your hard work, dedication and love of what you do.

If you would like to know more about the review process, there is some useful information on the ERO website. <http://www.ero.govt.nz/publications/your-childs-education/>

## **INVESTMENT IN SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE**

Nurturing our positive environment is a key strand in our strategic plan and will be a very important focus for the Board over the coming year.

As you will have noticed, construction is well underway with our two-level innovative learning spaces. These will deliver the equivalent of three new state of the art teaching and learning spaces top and bottom. The contractor is making good progress and is on schedule for completion by the end of this year. Rooms 4 and 5 will be relocated to the hall in Term 3 while their classrooms are removed from the site. They will move into the newly completed classrooms in Term 4.

The Board Property sub-committee continues to meet regularly with the Catholic Schools Property team and the contractor to minimise disruption as much as possible, and to manage the safety risks associated with the building works.

## **TEN YEAR PROPERTY PLAN UPDATE**



We are currently seeking cost estimates for each of the high priority projects and discussing funding arrangements with the Catholic Schools Office. We will come back to you once we have confirmed these details to explain our proposals to progress these projects.

If you would like to be actively involved in this process, or have any suggestions, please email [office@maristschool.co.nz](mailto:office@maristschool.co.nz).

## **WEBSITE AND ENROLMENT BROCHURE**

The Board is currently working on a refresh for the school website and production of an enrolment brochure highlighting the things that make MCSHB such a special place. Thank you to all in the school community that have offered their assistance with this. If you would like to be involved in this process, or have any suggestions, please email [office@maristschool.co.nz](mailto:office@maristschool.co.nz).

## 2017 SCHOOL FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Just a reminder that as an integrated school we do not receive the same funding as a public school and therefore must seek the support of our community in the form of financial contributions so that we can provide teaching resources such as computers, teacher aides, Mathematics, support staff and reading recovery programmes.

If you have not yet paid your Term 1 or Term 2 contribution, we encourage you to do so.

If you think you may have difficulty in paying this account, please contact the school office to discuss. We can set up payment options to help you as much as possible.

As a board of trustees, it is our primary responsibility to ensure that every student is able to attain his or her highest possible standard in educational achievement. If you have any questions, we warmly welcome inquiries and will do our best to assist.

*Nga mihi and God Bless*

*Board of Trustees - Marist Catholic School Herne Bay*