



Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you of the composition and purpose of the school attendance dues and voluntary financial contributions for 2018.

As an integrated school we do not receive the same funding as a public school and therefore seek the support of our community in the form of voluntary financial contributions so that we can provide additional teaching resources such as computers, teacher aides, Tikanga and Te Reo Maori, Athletics, support staff, reading recovery and many others.

Please note that the collections on behalf of the Catholic Schools Office are compulsory however, the simple fact is we could not run this school without additional voluntary financial contributions from families.

It is noted that Athletics and activities covered by the Activities Fee are additional to the core curriculum and payment is requested in respect of these activities.

We have issued each family with a statement that outlines the full years' worth of compulsory Catholic Schools Office payments and voluntary contributions – this does not mean you are expected to pay the entire amount in one go. You can also set up regular automatic payments (termly, monthly, or weekly) if this makes payment easier for you.

Payment options	Due Date	Compulsory Attendance Dues	Voluntary Contributions
<b>Option 1</b> – Full payment at the beginning of Term 1	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 (2 <sup>nd</sup> full week of Term 1) - this greatly assists the school to budget for expenditure	\$430 / child	\$520 (first child) \$335 (additional child)
<b>Option 2</b> – Payment each term	2 <sup>nd</sup> full week of each term Term 1- 17 February 2018 Term 2 - 12 May 2018 Term 3 - 4 August 2018 Term 4 - 28 October 2018	\$107.50 x 4 / child	\$142 x 4 (first child) \$84 x 4 (additional child)
<b>Option 3</b> – Automatic Payment by fortnightly or monthly payments	Set this up with your bank	\$35 per month / child	\$47 per month (first child) \$28 per month (first child)

The bank account number for payments is **Marist School (Herne Bay) 12-3019-0483173-50**. Please use your child's full name as a reference. These details are also on the bottom of your invoice. If you chose to make several one-off payments over the year, please also include the item of the account you are paying as this is helpful for our accounting purposes. If required, payment by cheque or cash can also be made at the office.

You may qualify for an income tax credit from Inland Revenue in relation to contributions made to the school.

If you think you may have difficulty with payment, please contact the school office as soon as possible at the beginning of the year to discuss your options or apply for a hardship grant from the Diocese.

Yours sincerely

Marist Catholic School Herne Bay Board of Trustees

### 2018 School Account Breakdown

Item	Annual cost (2017)
<p><b>Catholic Diocese of Auckland Attendance Dues:</b> Attendance Dues are a compulsory payment under the terms of the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975 and a condition of enrolment at Marist Catholic School Herne Bay Attendance Dues are charged for all students who attend Catholic Schools in New Zealand. Attendance Dues are used to repay loans for building works done at schools in the Auckland Diocese, property related costs including school building works, buildings insurance and costs directly associated with the administration of attendance dues. Attendance Dues are collected by Marist Catholic School Herne Bay on behalf of the school's Proprietor, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland. The attendance dues collected by Marist Catholic School Herne Bay are forwarded to Auckland Common Fund Limited, a company established by the proprietors of Catholic integrated schools in the Diocese of Auckland responsible for the collection of attendance dues.</p>	\$430 / child
<p><b>General Purpose contribution:</b> the Board of Trustees use the General Purpose contributions to employ additional teaching staff and to ensure that each classroom is appropriately resourced in its curriculum requirements.</p>	\$195 / child
<p><b>Special Character contribution:</b> The Catholic Special Character contribution is a voluntary donation of \$12.50 per term (\$50.00 per annum) per student. This contribution provides the main source of funding for all services provided to Marist Catholic School Herne Bay by the Catholic Education Services Board. No contributions are made by the Government for these services. The Catholic Education Services Board assists schools to provide a Catholic education for your child through the preservation and enhancement of the Catholic Special Character in our schools.</p>	\$50 / child
<p><b>Activities fee</b> - this is designed to enable a family to pay for all school trips and visiting specialists that support the school curriculum (for example trips to places like the Museum and to pay for concerts or performers that come to the school). It includes the estimated cost for the annual swimming week. We do apply for grants to support the cost of this, so depending on the grant provided, the school may seek additional payment to cover the cost.</p> <p>If this fee isn't paid, the school will request payment on an individual trip by trip basis.</p>	\$60 / child
<p><b>Mathletics fee-</b> an on-line computer programme to support both classroom programme and maths homework. Your teacher sets tasks at specific levels for students.</p>	\$30 / child
<p><b>Building contribution:</b> the purpose of this contribution is to enable further development of Marist Catholic School Herne Bay.</p>	\$120 / family
<p><b>Family Assistance Fund</b> – this will help families who cannot afford to contribute to the above, so that they do not miss out on participating in activities and/or Mathletics. This will be managed by the Principal.</p> <p>If you wish to make an additional contribution in addition to this \$65 to support families in our school community with their contributions please clearly identify this in the reference sections when making payment online 'EXTRA family assistance'</p>	\$65 / family

**Stationery** – All stationery is listed by class at [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz) – see the link from our school website.