

Marist Catholic School Herne Bay News

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Our Charism

As Marists, we think, judge, feel and act in the way of Mary

Our Mission

Quality learning opportunities, with Jesus Christ as our guide

Dear Families,

Welcome to our third newsletter of Term 2.

Sunday was the 10th Sunday of ordinary time in the Churches calendar. In the gospel reading we heard how the Scribes revealed their malice against Jesus by falsely accusing Him of being possessed, which Jesus points out is a sin against the Holy Spirit. A lesson for us from this is that we must always be aware of times when we step outside the parameters of what we are called to be as Catholics and when we do, ensure we are not self-righteous and unwilling to listen like the Scribes were in Sunday's Gospel. We are called on to be humble enough to change when we realise we were wrong in our actions. The scribes were not open to change and this is the worst part of their sin against the Holy Spirit.

We have had a very busy and exciting three weeks since our last newsletter and I have the pleasure of sharing these events with you in our newsletter.

Te Reo - Farewell to Whaea Maire, Welcome Whaea Mel

On Thursday 24th May we bid farewell to our much loved Te Reo Tutor Whaea Maire. Maire has worked with us every Thursday for over a year, bringing Te Reo Maori lessons into each class. With her passion and commitment, our



children have flourished in their knowledge, enjoyment and understanding of Te Reo. Grant did a wonderful job of sharing his pepeha and leading the school in prayer. We shared our school song Ka Waiata with Whaea Maire, and presented her with a farewell card from each whanau group. Jo, our school leader thanked her on the school's behalf for her wonderful work and expressed how much we will miss her.



The following week we were fortunate to welcome Whaea Mel Davis, a very experienced Te Reo tutor who also comes to us through the Tuatahi Trust. Mel is a dynamic tutor with a love of music. She is continuing with the fabulous work that Whaea Maire began and is fitting into our wonderful learning community so well.

MCSHB School Disco

Friday 25th May saw our much anticipated annual school disco go off with a bang! The event was well attended by both children and adults, with the 'adults only' haven set up in the library proving a big hit with many of the grown-ups!



The hall looked incredible on the night thanks to Ton Van der Veer with bright wall hangings, loads of tinsel, disco balls, lanterns and a spectacular light wall. The children were entertained by the fabulous DJ, with many a hot-child boogying the night away. There was plenty of amazing baking, food and drink on offer, so the children were well fed and full of energy. This energy was easy to see, particularly as many of the children were lit up with fun glow sticks, shining rings, necklaces and glasses as they jumped around. The view from the library, where mums and dads snacked on pizza and enjoyed a beautiful Soho



wine, down onto the hall entrance was as far as some parents dared to tread until the dancing was over!! This event could not have been possible without the amazing PTA who put the night together. Special thanks to Kath Dyer and the PTA team of helpers who contributed to the setup, sent in baking and organised food, sold this and the glowing treats on the night as well as those who were on security and packed up afterwards – many hands make light work and to those that helped out, we are very grateful.



Samoa Language Week

Over the week of Monday 28th May we celebrated Samoan Language Week. The theme for the week was *Alofa Atu Nei, Alofa Mai Taeao, Kindness Given, Kindness Gained*. We were privileged to have the leadership of Olevia Barron-Afeaki and India Nash across the week. These two wonderful girls led prayer throughout the week, starting with our Monday morning assembly as well as in classes through the week. They taught the school a Sasa which we all performed at assembly on Friday.



They also initiated the creation of Hub Tapa cloths with each child contributing a piece to the overall design, drawing and creating a square that reflected their culture, which when pieced together looked fabulous. At assembly on Friday, along with the girls leading prayer in Samoan, and the school performing the Sasa that Olevia and Indy taught throughout the week, the ukulele group performed *Le 'aute* for the school. The staff were very fortunate to be treated with a beautiful Samoan lunch thanks to our Samoan parent community – Olevia and India said grace for us before we began. I would like to thank Bernice Mene and the Samoan parents who went to so much effort to create a beautiful lunch for our staff.





Inner City Schools Cross Country



On Thursday 31st May our team of Year 5 and 6 Cross Country runners represented MCSHB at the Inner City Cross Country competition. The competition on the day was fierce with our team competing to the best of their ability. Our school was part of the organisation of the day alongside Grey Lynn School with great thanks to Sharon Menezes on the day for her skills on the starting line and to our parent helpers who helped out at the recording table and with marshalling. To those who transported our team to and from, we are also very grateful.



Year 5 and 6 Camp

Last week, our Year 5 and 6 students bussed then ferried out to Kawau Island to Camp Bentzon for 4 days and 3 nights. The weather was kind enough on the whole, reminding us that it is winter on Wednesday with a rainy day, but also providing us



with beautiful calm sunny weather to get stuck into our camp activities on the other days that



The children engaged in incredible activities which both challenged them and provided them with the opportunity to push themselves out of their comfort zone and experience the thrill of conquering a tough challenge. They were also challenged collectively, learning to work





together and often with students they wouldn't normally work with to complete challenging tasks.

Our children went hiking, sailing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, were challenged with archery, raft building, a confidence course, photography, jumping off the wharf, getting the perfect toast on a marshmallow over an open fire, tug of war and they entertained themselves and each other with tribe chants, a quiz night, and a camp concert.

This life shaping experience could not be



of arranging the camp, organising the tribe, activities and sleeping arrangements, getting the kit needed, booking the busses and ferry etc... the list just goes on! With her phenomenal energy and passion our camp was a huge success – thanks Adrienne!

Hub 1 Matariki Breakfast Celebrations

On Monday Hub 1 celebrated Matariki, the Maori New Year, with a celebratory breakfast feast.

Parents, children and teachers shared beautiful food to mark this occasion. Through investigating myths and legends around Matariki, Hub 1 have discovered that the constellation of stars that marks Matariki reappears at this time of the year to mark the New Year. In their investigations, Hub 1 also found out that in Maori tradition the sharing of food at Matarangi acknowledges that the constellation must be very hungry on its return to our skies, necessitating a feast in celebration of its return. Traditionally, depending on the visibility of Matariki,



the coming season's crop was thought to be determined. The brighter the stars meant the warmer the season would be and therefore a more productive crop. It was also seen as an important time for family to gather and reflect on the past and the future. Thank you to Patsy and Jenn for organising this event and to the parents who generously brought food in for the children to share.



Looking Ahead

Paid Union Meeting Wednesday 20th June 1pm

Next week we have a second paid union meeting for teachers who are members of the teaching union NZEI.

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained. Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase.

On Wednesday 20th June from 1pm, the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the Kua Tae Te Wā - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Our teaching staff who are members of NZEI are legally entitled to attend this meeting. The teachers will be leaving school just after 1pm to attend their paid union meeting which starts at 2pm.

I strongly encourage parents to make arrangements to pick their child(ren) up from school at 1.00pm Wednesday 20th June. If you are unable to pick your children up then, please advise us so that your children can be supervised until the end of the school day.

I appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, I encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates.

Anyone who may need help with arrangements should contact the office.

Save the Date of Thursday 28th June for the DOMs (Dads of Marist) drinks The DOMs will be gathering from 6pm on Thursday 28th June. Great way to meet some other Marist Dad's and share a few ales. For venue and other details get yourself on the email list by contacting Mike McIntyre or Rich Hatton

- mike.mcintyre@fnzc.co.nz / rich@spur.co.nz

'Be the Nice Kid' Initiative

Jo Simpkins and Kate Gillespie have approached the author of the poem 'Be the Nice Kid' for permission to have his poignant poem included as part of our school environment, on the concrete block wall between the boys and girls toilets in our quadrangle. We are so grateful to Jo and Kate for this initiative as the poem embodies our RICH values and will be a valuable reminder to our children on a daily basis of our calling to treat one another with love and respect. A donut sale after school on Friday 22nd June will help fund the initiative.

'BE THE NICE KID' is coming to Marist!

SOME KIDS ARE SMARTER THAN YOU,
SOME KIDS HAVE cooler clothes THAN YOU,
SOME KIDS ARE better at sports THAN YOU.
≥ IT DOESN'T MATTER ≤
YOU HAVE your THING TOO.
BE THE KID WHO CAN GET ALONG.
BE THE KID WHO IS GENEROUS.
BE THE KID WHO IS happy FOR OTHER PEOPLE.
BE THE KID WHO DOES THE RIGHT THING.
Be the nice kid.
- Bryan Skavnak

Great news! The concrete toilet block wall will soon be transformed with these inspirational words by American author Bryan Skavnak.

The objective is to provide some inspiration and positivity to the children at MCSHB as well as to beautify the current concrete block wall of the toilet block. Bryan's words are a positive message and reflect our MCSHB RICH Values in a language and format that our primary school children can easily relate too.

During the school holidays we will have local artist Mark Crane at school to complete this. The author Bryan Skavnak has approved our use of this quote and is very excited to see some finished pictures.

To fundraise for this we are holding a **Donut Sale on Friday 22nd June**. A flyer will be going home in school bags next Monday with more details.

Kate Gillespie & Jo Simpkins

Staffing News

As many of you will already know, we will sadly say farewell to Veronica Gardonis at the end of this term. Veronica has worked with us for three and a half years and is heading to Canada indefinitely to support her daughter who is moving there. We are currently advertising for a replacement for her as well as looking to appoint a teacher to open our new entrant class next term. We are feeling the effects of the teacher shortage in Auckland through our recruitment process, so please, if you know of any great teachers looking for a job in a fabulous learning community, please pass on to them that we are looking for two teachers for Term 3.

There is always so much happening in our fabulous school and it is such a pleasure to share this with you in our fortnightly newsletter. Wishing you all a happy, safe and blessed fortnight ahead.

Kind regards,

Louise Campbell
Principal

DID YOU KNOW



The Seven Principles of Learning based on the OECD 2010 Study that underpins Teaching and Learning In Innovative Environments Today.

The OECD commissioned a study into innovative learning environments led by Hanna Dumont, David Istance and Francisco Benavides. Their 2010 report “The Nature of Learning” identified seven principles of learning as shown here in this image.

When approaching curriculum design and delivery, the learner is at the centre, they are the core participants and are encouraged to actively engage in and develop an understanding of their own activity as a learner.

We acknowledge the social nature of learning; learning doesn’t happen in silence. Well organised and cooperative learning is backed by neuroscience as fundamental to learning.

Learning results from the dynamic interplay between emotion, motivation and cognition. Feeling connected and comfortable is an integral part of being ready to learn. Having multiple teachers with different styles for a student to approach in an environment means there are greater opportunities for students to connect and benefit from the expertise of those teachers.

Recognition that all learners don’t behave the same way is important. Students (and teachers), do not arrive at a learning situation with the same amount of prior knowledge, the same ability, concepts of learning, preferred learning style, interest, motivation levels, self-efficacy beliefs or emotions, therefore the learning environment needs to be adaptive to the needs of those students within in a multitude of ways – a one size fits all approach is no longer considered acceptable as in our day. We are not all built to sit at a desk and chair all day – there are times where we need to do so, but not necessarily all day for every learning encounter.

All students have the right to be stretched and experience progress. The design of the learning demands hard work and challenge from all without excessive overload. The concept of Tuakana Teina sits strongly here, where high achieving students can help lower achieving students which helps stretch all students (we remember 90% more of what we have to teach to someone else).

Using assessment as a tool for providing effective feedback and support in next learning steps. Identifying where a student is now and where to next for maximum learning.

Finally working in an innovative environment builds horizontal connectedness; across areas of knowledge (for example, you will find authentic writing tasks across curriculum areas, not just contained in a child’s ‘writing’ book), as well as connecting students across year levels within a learning community and also building connections with the world around them.

7 Principles of Learning



1 Learners at the center

The social nature of learning

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3 Emotions are integral to learning

Recognize individual differences

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5 Stretching all students

Assessment for learning

6

7 Building horizontal connections

“You may be proficient, but without adaptive expertise you can get stuck very quickly as the world shifts.”

STUDENT VOICE

Hub 2 have done some wonderful learning about Matariki which is on display in their classroom – please feel free to come in and have a look and a read of what we have discovered through our investigations...



The Hub 2 children used The Spider poem by Alan Bagnall as inspiration for their own poems - here are some of them

<p><u>Zombie by Georgia Year 2</u> There's a zombie in the bath. It's big and scary and hairy and green. There's a zombie in the bath, And it's really really slimy But I want to set it free With its friends and family to be happy</p>	<p><u>Zombie by Emilie Year 2</u> There's a zombie in the bath. It's big and black and hairy. There's a zombie in the bath And it's really very scary. It's creeping round the bath And I want to set it free, But this very scary zombie is also scared of me.</p>
<p><u>Rat by Jack Hardy Year 2</u> There's a rat in the bath. It's teeth are humongous. It's tail is massive and really long. It's fur is fully thick. There's a rat in the bath, But now it will run away, Because it is scared of me.</p>	<p><u>Zombie by Elias Year 4</u> There's a zombie in the bathroom, It's green and creepy. It's banging on the door, I can hear it say "brains." If it goes away I'll be very very happy. But I am never going inside the bathroom again.</p>
<p><u>Monster by Naea Year 3</u> There's a monster in the bath. It's big and black, hairy and scary. There's a monster in the bath. It's creeping round the tub, And I want to set it free, But this really scary monster is also scared of me.</p>	

Hub 1's trip to the zoo was fun, informative, interactive and a wonderful experience. The Education Workshop was engaging and our students enjoyed hands on activities. The Bug lab was an outstanding opportunity for students to experience the life of a bug.



PTA CORNER

SCHOOL DISCO Friday 25th May. What a great night we had at our school disco! We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our helpers who made the disco possible. From setting up the hall and marquee, manning the stalls, providing the baking and security, and cleaning up afterwards - it was a real team effort and we couldn't have done it without you all. It was also great to have Harry, William, Samuel and Otis from St Peters helping out, which meant more parents could socialise at the bar and enjoy the evening.

We have a wonderful community here at Marist, and we really appreciate all your efforts to make our events so special for the children and to raise money for the school. I am pleased to let you know that we raised \$2,118.15 on the night, how fantastic!

A very special thank you to the following people/families who made the disco an extra special night to remember:

To Ton Van Der Veer who gave so much of his time, creative flare and product to decorate the hall, thank you.

To SOHO wine and Heke beer for providing such quality beverages for the adults to enjoy, thank you.

To a special Marist family who donated all the pizzas on the night, thank you.

Lost & Found: If your family is missing a small, round child's purse that was handed in on the night please contact Jessica Broadbent (jbroadstar@gmail.com). Louise has a silver necklace with a cross on it also found on the night.

New purchase: The PTA is excited to let you know that we were able to assist Mrs Faulkner and the sports department with the purchase of 20 new netball uniforms at a cost of \$840. Our netball teams will be able to go out and represent our school looking sharp and ready to play! Good luck for the season!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following MVP winners:

25th May

Oliver Moore
Seron Stanley
Zebella Sinclair-Ford
Hannah nelson
Lily Anderson
Nixon Bernard
Alessia Mudu
Noah Madden

1st June

Maggie Walker
Louis Higgins
Jett Nash
David Hunuki-Hurt
Savannah Gapes
James Dobrec
Heaven-Leigh Schmid
Sienna Short

8th June

Rosa Touhey
Maddison Rodgers
Henry Dyer
Beau Dowling
Dillon Cate

BIRTHDAYS

Beck Siegers	25 May
Aleki Ettles-Langton	26 May
Victoria Tang	27 May
Gypsy Gregg	30 May
Loyola Va'auli	31 May
Malakai Vaetoru-Miles	6 June
Sienna Guise	6 June
Eloise Shanahan	13 June
Isobel Van Arts	13 June

Junior Fiu	25 May
Emily Jiang	27 May
Clara Young	29 May
Gabrielle Arlantino	31 May
Killian Ryan	1 June
Gabriella Guise	6 June
Ava Mauger	13 June
Preston Stanley	13 June

REQUEST FROM SACRED HEART PARISH

While the Sacramental Programme was run during the year, the parish put the Sunday Children's Liturgy on hold as the Sacramental programme was run during Sunday Mass time.

The Parish is now looking for assistance in starting the programme up and running one again so that the children of the parish can continue to gain an appreciation of the Gospel.

It is not an arduous task. All the material is supplied for the children and notes are supplied to the person running the liturgy which normally runs for around 30 minutes of the 10.30am Sunday Mass, with the children working in the parish centre and then returning to the Church during the Offertory to re-join their families.

Two adults are needed to run each session for health and safety reasons. The more volunteers the parish has, the fewer sessions each volunteer needs to run, so all families are encouraged to think about offering their support.

Please be in touch with Eddie at the parish to register your interest. Email him on eeyre1952@gmail.com

ADVERTISEMENTS



spanish club

Little Cervantes

LCF


mary@lcfclubs.co.nz
Small groups (minimum of 6/10)

I'm happy to announce that Spanish Club for **ADVANCED STUDENTS** will start at Marist Herne Bay on 1st of March 2018.

The Club will take place at lunch time from 1:15 pm to 1:45pm.

If there are any queries or questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

***A minimum of 6 children is required**



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Fun Languages offers an opportunity for children to learn Spanish with our native speaker Marianella. The main focus is on spoken Spanish, the children taking part in fun games and activities with emphasis on immersion. Children are taken on a journey of discovery through the language and culture of Spanish speaking countries. For more details take a look at the content of our lessons <https://lcfclubs.co.nz/spanish-for-kids/>

Options: Morning time 60 mins \$20.00
Lunch time 45 mins \$15.00
After school 60 mins \$20.00



MUSIC SCHOOL

CREATING MUSICAL EXPERIENCES SINCE 1884

We offer group and one-on-one lessons on piano, guitar, keyboard and ukulele. Woodwind, strings and brass will also be offered should there be sufficient demand. For year 1s and 2s - Musical Jam, our fun, instrumental prep programme is a great way to get started.

To enrol for lessons at school, please visit www.lewiseady.co.nz

Irish Dancing

Katherine Kelly is returning on Thursday lunchtimes to take Irish Dancing classes. She is starting a beginners class at lunch time starting on the 8th of February.

If you are interested in your child/ren learning Irish Dancing please be in touch with Katherine on katkelly.walton@gmail.com

"North Shore Sport Stacking Club

The North Shore Sport Stacking Club (cup stacking) - has set its meet up dates for the year. The meet ups are held at Bayswater School Hall, [181 Bayswater Avenue, Bayswater](#) and are FREE for anyone, any age (3-60+), wanting to go along and learn to sport stack. Cups, mats and timers are provided for those that don't have their own sets and free coaching is also given by current members of the NZ Black Stacks team. The dates are as follows:

Sunday 10 June, 2.00pm-4.00pm

Sunday 8 July, 2.00pm-4.00pm

Sunday 12 August, 2.00pm-4.00pm

Sunday 9 September, 2.00pm-4.00pm

Sunday 14 October, 2.00pm-4.00pm

We look forward to seeing you there. This is a fun-filled family afternoon."

AUCKLAND DIOCESE TE IWI MAORI KATORIKA

Please find attached a brochure and a poster for your notice board for the Auckland Diocese **TE IWI MAORI KATORIKA hui** 8.45am-4pm Saturday 23 June St Francis Xavier Church Hall 63 Park Ave Whangarei which is a follow-up to the very successful one with Bishop Pat in Otara in November 2017. Please encourage your Maori parents to attend. For travel assistance from Auckland contact Rangi Davis ph 021 0274 7185

Below is a notice which we would be grateful if you could put in your Principal's Newsletter over the next few weeks. We will also send some brochures to you by ordinary mail.

Newsletter Notice:

TE IWI MAORI KATORIKA AUCKLAND DIOCESE. Enhancing Mana Maori and Maori Leadership in Te Hahi Katorika. 8.45am-4pm Saturday 23 June St Francis Xavier Church Hall 63 Park Ave Whangarei. Cost \$20 including lunch. Register by **10 June** with Martha Dawson marthadawson.68@gmail.com or Marilyn Williams Marilyn1@actrix.co.nz. For travel assistance from Auckland contact Rangi Davis rangi.davis@gmail.com ph 021 0274 7185

Edventure Outdoors- School Holiday Camps

These July school holidays we are running 2 awesome camps.

Tramping, rock climbing, possum trapping, team building challenges, hot pools and much more

Edventure Outdoors Camp, Mt Pirongia, July 9-13th

Edventure Winter Camp, Aongatete lodge, July 16-20th

- 8-14 yr olds

- OSCAR available

- Pick up/drop off AKL, BOP, Waikato

Book at www.edventure.co.nz or email mark@edventure.co.nz

KELLY CLUB



Kelly Club is excited to be at Marist Catholic School to run our Before and After care and holiday programmes. At Kelly Club we provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children and are comprehensively trained on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

Our Programmes are focused around sports, cooking, art and craft activities as well as structured 'free-time' after a busy day at school. These activities will be incorporated into themed subjects each week that give children the opportunity to extend their learning outside of the school classroom. All Kelly Club programmes are MSD approved and WINZ subsidies will apply.

Kelly Club operate from 7am on school days. If you need to drop your child at school prior to 8.20am they will be sent to Kelly Club and families will be charged for this service. Kelly Club operate in the afternoon from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ✓ 14th June - Hub 3 Trip to Hamilton Museum
- ✓ 15th June - Assembly hosted by Hub 2
- ✓ 18th June – Dental Van in for 2 weeks
- ✓ 20th June – Senior Mass (Hub 3)
- ✓ 20th June – Paid Union Meeting Children to Leave at 1pm (if possible)
- ✓ 22nd June – Assembly hosted by Hub 1
- ✓ 2nd July – Photolife Photos
- ✓ 4th July – End of Term Mass
- ✓ 6th July – PTA second hand uniform sale
- ✓ 6th July – Assembly hosted by Hub 3

TERM DATES 2018

- ✓ 2018 Term 1: 31 January – 13 April
- ✓ 2018 Term 2: 30 April – 6 July
- ✓ 2018 Term 3: 23 July – 28 September
- ✓ 2018 Term 4: 15 October – 14 December

SPECIAL CHARACTER

SACRED HEART PARISH

16 VERMONT STREET, PONSONBY

Weekly Mass Times:

Sunday: 10.30 am (includes children's liturgy)

Vigil: 5pm Saturday

Monday to Thursday: 8.00am

Friday: 12.00 noon

Saturday and Public Holidays: 8.00am

Confessions:

Friday: 11:30am to 11:55am

Saturday: 4:15pm to 4:45pm

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

82 KELMARNA AVE, HERNE BAY

Weekly Mass Times:

Sunday: 8.30 am

~ 12 ~ Monday-Saturday: 7.00am