



2018 Mid Year Update



Welcome back to school everyone. It's hard to believe that it is already Term 3! What a wonderful and busy first half of the year it has been.

The PTA committee would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful school community for your energy and support so far this year that helps makes Marist a wonderful place for our children to learn, grow and develop strong friendships. As a state integrated school, we don't receive the same amount of funding as state schools, we therefore rely on the support of our community to enhance and enrich the learning environment, curriculum and resources of our school.

During Term 1 and 2 we held a mix of community and pastoral care events along with fundraisers which will support the purchase of new resources for the school and classrooms. Money raised has already provided our netball teams with 20 new uniforms, and other funds are set to purchase an easy pop-up gazebo with our Marist logo for use at sporting and interschool events, new scooter and bike racks to support interest in riding to school, and extra classroom resources asked for by our teachers.



Moving forward into Term 3, we have our highly anticipated school Art Night this Thursday where our students showcase their talent and effort. Thursday 16th August we celebrate Marist Day and provide a hot dog lunch & juice for the students, closely followed by Multicultural Day Tuesday 4th September - PTA whanau reps will be in touch to arrange class food stalls. Our Marist School's 90th Jubilee Celebration will be on Saturday 8th September organised by the School and Board, and then we provide lunch for children attending the Marae Trip Tuesday 18th September.

Looking ahead, this year we have also been asked to raise a larger pot of money to help fund a drainage system for our front field and support the ongoing landscaping of our grounds which form part of the 10 year master plan. Together these improvements will help make our green areas year-round spaces for Marist students and families to enjoy and explore. We are excited to start preparing for our major fundraiser – **the Mighty Marist Raffle** – and accompanying social evening for parents and friends. We will be looking to the school and wider community for prize donations – more details to come very soon!

Our next PTA meeting is planned for Monday 13th August at 7pm in the school library. The main focus will be to organise our major raffle and social event, so if you'd like to get involved in any way large or small please come and join us. We'd especially love to welcome and see any new school parents attend.

Kind regards, Kristy Dobrec (Chair) and the PTA committee

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