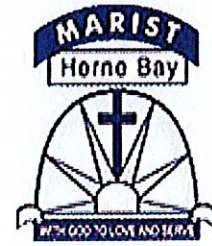


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Kia ora Marist Community,

We have some great news that we'd like to share with our Marist community. We have received the Catholic Special Character External Review Report and it is highly complimentary of our management, staff, Board and school community.

Here are some highlights from the report:

"Many people interviewed described the school as a family where everyone is welcome" and "...the School has a strong family feel where whanau are important."

"Marist Catholic School is ably led by the Principal and BOT Chairperson who work tirelessly along with their staff and Board members to provide an excellent Catholic education for their students. They all see their work as a Ministry within the Church. Everything that occurs in the school is under the guidance of Mary whose presence is everywhere – in statues, art works and in the students, staff and Board themselves."

"All classrooms and Hubs were vibrant and effective learning environments and teachers have worked hard to make these exciting, alive and a showcase for the work the children gave completed. It was very obvious to the Reviewers that they are not only sound working environments, but that they were spaces that reflected the School's Marist and Catholic Special Character."

"The school is well resourced for the teaching of RE and the teaching and learning reflect best practice in current pedagogy." "Students have access to resources and there is a high level of engagement across the School."

"The current principal has brought life and vitality to this position and has steered the School in different directions but still under the Marist charism of Mary leading people to Jesus. She loves the School and the Marist community and will be sadly missed when she leaves the School at the end of this term..."

The full version is available on our School website and we encourage you to read it.

We would like to thank Louise, Sharon, Katherine and the entire staff for all their hard work and dedication to our children and our School.

God Bless

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Stacey Mowbray'.

Stacey Mowbray  
Chair  
Board of Trustees