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

learning opportunities, with Jesus Christ as our guide

Dear Families,

As the term draws closer to the end I can't help but feel that the year seems to have gone past real fast, which makes one think....'Time flies when you are having fun!'

Thank you to the community for your support and help this year. We greatly appreciate all your input. A special 'Thanks' from me for your support, particularly this term. It has been so busy as well as very productive.

End of year Student Achievement results

After assessing and evaluating student's achievements for this year, I am so pleased with our students efforts and achievements.

Reading:

- Middle of the Year- 82.7% (163 students) were working within or above of their appropriate curriculum level
- End of year results -95.2% of our students (178 students) are At or Above their appropriate curriculum level. (2017 90.9%)

Writing:

• Middle of the Year - 72.0% of students were working at or above their curriculum level.

• End of year results – 93% of students (177 students) are At or Above their curriculum level. (2017- 90%) Maths:

- Middle of the Year 68% (124 students) were working At or Above their appropriate curriculum level.
- End of year results -89% (169 students) are At or Above their expected curriculum level (2017 89.2%).

I am very proud of the efforts of our teaching staff this year and the commitment they have to providing robust teaching and learning programmes for all of our students. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the parents of our community for supporting the school by ensuring their children worked on home/school projects and ensuring homework was routinely done and completed.

New Parent Meeting

On Tuesday 20th November we welcomed many of our new families to MCSHB for next year, with an information evening. Their welcome was made all the warmer by wine and nibbles organised by Kristy Dobrec and Jessica Broadbent on behalf of the PTA. They heard about the role of the Board of Trustees, the PTA and information about daily life at MCSHB as well as how to prepare their child for the transition to school. Thanks to Stacey Mowbray Katherine Bartlett and Patsy Littlewood for coming in to speak at the meeting.

Walking School Bus

Auckland Transport walking School Bus liaison person, Delia Mathias, along with Happy Feet were at school on Wednesday 21st November to greet students and parents as they arrived at school. They were here to promote a Walking School Bus, which would help considerably with traffic congestion around the school at drop off and pick up time.



Staff Appreciation Morning Tea and Lunch

On Tuesday 20th November we were treated to a staff appreciation morning tea and lunch by our generous parents. Thank you for the kind gesture and the beautiful food, we thoroughly enjoyed it all and are so grateful.

Morning Tea for Parent Helpers

We would like to acknowledge our parent helpers who have helped through the year, donating their time and efforts in our book room, helping out on school trips, with sport teams, transport, donating time, energy and helping in classrooms. We invite you to a morning tea on Thursday 6th December at 11 am. I would like to express my deep gratitude as without the help and support of all involved our school would not be the special place that it is.

Staffing News

I am pleased to announce the appointment of two new teachers for 2019.

Mrs Raenette Taaljard will be the class teacher in Hub 3 and team leader for the Hubs for 2019. Raenette comes with many years of teaching experience and has been an RTLB for a few years. She has had an association with Marist as an RTLB and has sound knowledge of working in an ILE.

Leena Rebello has been appointed as a class teacher in Hub 2. Leena is an experienced primary teacher who has had experience teaching overseas and most recently completed teaching a year in an ILE at another school.

We look forward to having them both on our staff next year.

Congratulations to Lina Rahimi on achieving her full teacher's registration. We are so proud of you!

Farewell to our Mandarin Learning Assistant Nan

On Friday 30th November, I attended a farewell ceremony for the 48 Mandarin Learning Assistants that have been working in New Zealand schools thanks to the support of the Auckland University and the Confucius Institute. Our MLA Nan has done a great job of teaching our children about the Mandarin Language and Chinese culture. We are so

grateful for all that Nan has done with our children this year and wish her the very best of luck heading back home at the end of this year to complete her Masters degree. Next year we are fortunate to have been granted another MLA who will start in February and work alongside our school, Richmond Rd School and St Paul's College.

Looking Ahead

End of Year Concert is Wednesday 12th December at 1pm. St Mary's have been kind enough in allowing us to use their large gymnasium facilities, once again, this year and we are very grateful for the opportunity. Students will leave school at 12 pm, by bus. They will need to be dressed in the costume they are performing in first and will carry the other costumes in separate bags, all labelled.

Students will arrive at the venue with their school bags and can go home at the end of the concert. If there are any students that need to be brought back to school, please let your class teacher know by Friday 7th Dec. There are parking restrictions at St Mary's College as there is construction work going on at school. There is no parking on the grass or under the trees.

<u>Graduation Mass 10am Friday 14th December</u> <u>Prizegiving 11.30am Friday 14th December</u> <u>School closes for the year 12.30pm Friday 14th December</u>

> Marist Catholic School Herne Bay would like to invite you to the Welcoming of our new Principal

> > Ms Sarah Gleeson

On Wednesday 30 January at 10.30 am

There will be a Liturgy in the church followed by light refreshments in the school hall

Please RSVP the school office at office@maristschool.co.nz



Wishing you a happy, safe and blessed next week and a half.

Kind regards,

Sharon Menezes Acting Principal

RICH Challenges

Congratulations to our students who completed their RICH Challenge this year.

Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jack Turner	Nixon Bernard	Olevia Barron-Afeaki
Rico McWilliams	Pearl McDowell	Amber Adonis
Tim McIntyre	Marysia Malarczyk	Louie Thawley
Destiny Hunui-Hurt	India Nash	Joseph Robertson
Michael Geary	Victoria Tang	Coco Monreal
lzzy Gardner	Iris Lawrence	Beck Siegers
Aoife Omeri	Samantha Nebres	Roman Dunbar
Knox Thawley	Emilia Young	Sina Murphy
James Dobrec	Noah Stanway	Sophia Jongco
Gabriela Fullerton-Smith	Liam Dowling	Billy Simpkins
Imogen Bartlett	Sophie Dyer	Doug Bosma
Molly Campbell	Ava Mauger	Harmony Hurt
Eloise Shanahan	Sienna Short	Francesca Watt
Sophia Fonua		Chrissy-Jon Leaoasavaii
Noah Madden		Lil-Grace Barrington
Preston Stanley		Kate Danaher
Alessia Mudu		Amber Pakenham
		Harriet Neal
		Toby McIntyre

LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to have a check at home for any uniform items that may not belong to you – there are a number of students who are missing jackets, hats and other named uniform items that may have ended up in the possession of others. It would be great if we can have these items identified and returned to their owners.

ATTENDANCE DUES AND SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2018

A Message From the Office:

signify the coming Joy.

Attendance Dues and School Contributions for 2018.

We are rapidly approaching the end of our school year. Invoices/updated statements for Term 4 have been emailed out. Please finalise your account with the school by Friday 7th December. This then will give the office time to process payments and be in touch with families as needed prior to the end of the year. If you need to discuss a change in circumstances please email Sharon at sharon@maristschool.co.nz

DRS CORNER

Advent

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas. Advent means 'coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. We use this time to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

There are four candles - one for each week of Advent.

The purple ones represent Hope, Love and Peace. On the third week the pink candle is lit to

The evergreen on the wreath signifies God's unchanging love for us and the green circle symbolises everlasting life.

As we light the candles each week we are reminded that Christ is the light of the world.

On Christmas Day the four candles are changed to red (The colour of joy) with a white one to represent the Christ child.

SPORTS CORNER

Last week we took a team of Year 5 and 6 students to the Inner City Athletics day at Takapuna Athletics Club. It was a long, hot day and our athletes were amazing, giving it their best in every event. Well done to Nevaeh-Rose Ford, Olevia Barron-Afeaki, Heaven-Leigh Schmid and Tyler Wilson for reaching finals in their events.

Congratulations to: Heaven-Leigh Schmid – 1st place 10/11 year girls Shot Put Tyler Wilson – 1st place 10/11 year boys High Jump Tyler Wilson – 3rd place 10 year boys 100 m

May I take this opportunity as I sign off as Sports Coordinator to say a big thank you to all the parents and whanau who have come along as parent help and supporters to our sports events. I would like to say a special thank you to those parents who have coached and managed our teams over the last four years. It has been wonderful to have a number of netball teams playing through the winter season and to see the growth of basketball at Marist. Our Marist sports people always represent our school well, showing encouragement to their teammates and competitors and giving their best effort. It has really been wonderful to have had so many opportunities to interact with a wide range of students across a number of sports.

Thanks again,

Adrienne Faulkner



EZlunch Menu Changes 2019

Go-Deli will be making some changes to their menu for Term 1 of next year, as follows:

To be removed :

- Vegetable Curry Samosa & Vegetable Spring roll
- Sushi Fish (5 pieces)
- Sushi Chicken & Avocado (3 pieces)
- Kiwigarden Yoghurt Drops
- Chinese Rousong Cake
- Just Juice Orange & Mango 125ml
- Just Juice Tropical 125ml

To be added:

- Japanese beef curry on rice (large)
- Pineapple Fried Rice
- Bannisters' Farm potato skins baked and filled with cheese & baked beans (baked) GF
- Durello Brazilian Cheese Bread (baked) GF
- Salad special: Noodle Salad with vegetables & sesame oil
- Chicken & Avocado Sushi Roll *
- Organic Seaweed (snack pack 2g Ceres Organics) GF
- Roasted Fav-va beans, lightly salted (snack pack 15g The Happy Snack Company) GF
- Charlies' Tropical Juice drink (200ml)
- Charlies' Apple Juice drink (200ml)
- If you do not have sushi on your menu, the sushi roll will not be added.

If you do not want any of the above items on your menu, please let me know and I will disable them for you.

STUDENT VOICE

The Week

By Sienna Guise

I want to join the walking school bus. I want my legs to be phenomenal like my Dad. My Dad rides his bike to work. My Mum can't ride her bike because the wheels are flat like a pancake. I still remember my first walk to school.

PTA

Marist Christmas Concert DVD/Download order form included below and coming home in school bags early this week. Please note the need for all orders to be in by 11th December due to the short turn around this year (concert on 12th December and school ends lunchtime 15th December).

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following MVP winners:

16 November	23 November	30 November
Toalei Vaai	Claudia O'Donnell	Kingston Sauaga-Uale
Christian Ferrara	Jordan LaHood	Cole Quisumbing
Cassidy Parke	Daley Duffy	Ruby Dobrec
David Hunuki-Hurt	Florence Gillespie	Marcello Mudu
Grace Marshalls	Beau Dowling	Samantha Johnstone
Nathaniel Phillips	Jack Hardy	William Sherwin
Dion Langton-Fidow	Summer Samuela	Kate Danaher
James Williams	Allegria Arnould	Pearl McDowell
Christian Delute	Francesca Watt	Jones Filikotonga

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to these children who have celebrated their birthday since the last newsletter:

Toby McIntyre Kate Barrington Beau Dowling Benjamin Murray

27 November23 November24 November3 December

Billy Simpkins Laurent Van der Veer Hannah Nelson

27 November 4 December 3 December

BEREVEMENTS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Clara Cocker-Lemalie for the loss of Tui's Uncle. May eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

KELLY CLUB



<u>Kelly Club</u> 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 – with this support some families can pay as little as \$3.00 per day for care.

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.

ADVERTISEMENTS

SKILLS OF SOCCER WITH BILLY HARRIS Billy's classes will resume in the new year on Tuesday 5 February, at 8am on the school field. Great for kids of all ages and abilities. Contact Billy to arrange a trial class, on 027 2799042 or <u>billyharris2000@hotmail.com</u>.

Billy's also running a holiday camp 19, 20, 21 December, 9am-midday, in Orakei. Contact him for details.





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 start

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ✓ Sunday 9th December Leavers Afternoon Tea
- Monday 10th December Y6 trip to point Erin Pools
- ✓ Wednesday 12th December School Concert 1 pm
- Thursday 13th December Reports go home
- Friday 14th December last day finish at 12.30 pm

TERM DATES

- ✓ 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

2019: Term 1 30 January – 12 April 2019: Term 2: 29 April to 5 July 2019: Term 3 22 July to 27 September 2019 Term 4: 14 October to 13 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

<u>Weekly Mass Times:</u> Sunday: 8.30 am Monday-Saturday: 7.00am