

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

Message from the Principal.....

"Everything is small in life, but it depends on us to make everything great." Suzanne Aubert

I would like to start by once again thanking all the Marist Catholic School community for the wonderful welcome I received last week. I am looking forward to the exciting year ahead, thank you. I shared this day with quite a few new students and families too, which we welcome to the community also.

We are very blessed to have two wonderful teachers joining our team in 2019:

Mrs Leena Rebello will be in Hub 2 with our Year 3/4 students and Mrs Raenette Taljaard in Hub 3 with our Year 5/6 students and leading Hub 2 and 3. They are bringing with them a wealth of experience in education and their own particular strengths and we look forward to the positive contributions they will make to our school community.

All the teachers are very excited about their new classes and are working hard on building community in the classroom. Part of this process is the Introductory Letter your child will be bringing home tomorrow, telling you a little about their classroom teacher and the expectations of their particular class and year level. We also ask you to fill in the 'Tell me about your child' form, so that information is going in both directions and you can share some of your insights into your children.

A strong community strengthens resilience in all its members, so let's continue to build the Marist community together - for our children, our families, our school staff and our parish.

God Bless

Sarah Gleeson

Uniform

It was great to see the children turn up last week looking smart in their uniforms. We continually reinforce the importance of taking care and pride in our school and part of this is the school uniform.

Please name all clothing



Attendance Dues:

As always at this time of year, there has been a lot in the media recently about the attendance dues and donations schools are asking their parents to pay. Next week you will receive a statement outlining 2019 dues and donations for your child/children at Marist Catholic School. Attendance dues are **compulsory** and enable the Catholic Diocese of Auckland to provide and maintain the land and buildings in our Catholic school system. The Special Character donation also supports the wider Catholic education system by helping to provide religious education advisers and other personnel.

The other contributions you are asked to pay come directly to the school and enable us to provide the resources and programmes for all children that you have come to expect from Marist. We ask that, if at all possible, you pay all the contributions outlined in your account. As always, if you have any difficulties at all please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Gleeson.

GENTLE REMINDERS:

Stationery:

Thank you for making such an effort to pay for your child's stationery. It is very important that we make maximum use of every school day for learning and having the correct tools helps to provide your child with a positive start to the school year.

We are sun smart!

School sun hats are compulsory for all children as part of our summer uniform. Children without school sun hats will be required to play only in shaded areas during break times. We also encourage all children to put on sunblock in the morning and to re-apply this before going out during break times. Sun block is available in all classrooms and teachers will also be re-enforcing this message.

Communication:

At Marist Catholic School we are committed to an 'open door' environment. This means that we welcome our families into the school and classrooms and will endeavour to be available to you if you would like a quick catch up. For anything longer we appreciate you ringing the school office to make an appointment. Remember, if you have any worries or concerns we are only a phone call away.

Student Morning Drop-off:

For safety reasons it is advised that if you need to drop your child at school before 8:20am, they are enrolled into Kelly Club. Classrooms will be open from 8:30am each day.

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthday in JANUARY

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| Lily Anderson | Norah Bartlett |
| James Dobrec | Liam Dowling |
| Houston Elliott | Sophia Fonua |
| Gavin Gallardo | Ala Malarczyk |
| Max McCracken | Pearl McDowell |
| Timothy McIntyre | Rico |
| McWilliams | |
| Ludmila Shanahan | William Sherwin |
| Caleb Williams-Seumau | |



SACRED HEART PARISH 16 VERMONT STREET, PONSONBY

Sunday: 10.30am (includes children's liturgy)

Vigil: 5pm Saturday

Monday to Thursday: 8.00am

Friday: 12.00noon

Saturday and Public Holidays: 8.00am

Confessions:

Friday: 11:30am to 11:55am

School Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme:

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website:

www.catholicschools.org.nz (go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues)

If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2019 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to November 2019

Assemblies are moving:

This week will be our last assembly at 9am.
We will be moving our assemblies to the afternoons
(2:15-3pm) starting from next Friday.

We extend a very warm **WELCOME** to the following new students who have started with us recently:

**Isla Shipman
Oliver Jones
Houston Elliott
Georgia Fodon**

**Toby Jones
Maxwell Cocker
Gavin Gallardo**

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH 82 KELMARNA AVE, HERNE BAY

Sunday: 8.30am

Monday-Saturday: 7.00am



Saturday: 4:15pm to 4:45pm



PTA Corner:

Come along to the 1st PTA meeting of 2019 on **February 19th at 6.30pm** in the school library.

Bring a friend and some fresh ideas.

This is a great chance to meet other parents and contribute to the school culture.

The wine, cheese and missing bedtime routine are also a good reason to come along.



Our Learning:

Our overall theme for learning this term is “**Our Place in the World**” which encompasses, all areas of the curriculum. For detailed information of the learning for Term One in all the curriculum areas please go to ‘Our Learning’ on our website - www.maristhernebay.school.nz

Mathletics

We continue with Mathletics, school wide this year, it is a good resource that helps students with their learning of Maths. Each student will have a login and password

Home Learning

The purpose for home learning is to provide a positive link between home and school that promotes and enhances a child's learning.

Students will bring a reader home every day, please encourage your child to read, discuss and retell their book to you or any other adult at home. Spelling words will be sent home from Year 2 onwards to learn for the week.

PE Uniform

Please ensure that your child brings their PE uniform to school daily as they participate in some form of physical activity everyday.

- Please encourage your child to read the book / library book they bring home each day.
- Junior students need to bring back their readers back daily.

We are sure the year ahead will be a rewarding one for students as well as for us teachers. We are happy to meet with you to answer any queries or concerns.

Regards,
Mrs. Sharon Menezes

MARIST FUNDRAISING WITH SKINNIES!

Skinny's is a new kind of sunscreen that's not diluted with water, so a little goes a long way. A pea size blob is all you need for your face, neck and ears for instant long lasting broad spectrum UV protection. Skinny's dries quickly, isn't white or greasy and has no parabens or preservatives.

DEAL

Use code **MARIST** through Skinny's website skinnies.co.nz for no freight charge (normally \$5) and \$10 from every tube purchased will be donated to Marist Catholic School, Herne Bay. \$15 for combo packs!

HOW TO BUY

Please use your child's name and hub, and the Marist address (82 Kelmarna Ave, Grey Lynn 1011) in the delivery details.

COLLECT

Orders will be delivered each Friday for collection at the school office, labeled with your child's name.

Stay safe in the sunshine!



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MARIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LESSONS INCLUDE:

- PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS
- ACTING SKILLS
- POETRY RECITAL
- READING ALOUD
- SPEECH WRITING
- BODY LANGUAGE (POSTURE, EYE CONTACT)
- VOCAL SKILLS (ARTICULATION, GRAMMAR)
- MANNERS (TELEPHONE, TABLE, INTERPERSONAL)
- BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE

Lessons

Lessons for Marist Catholic School students are held as after-school lessons nearby, at Bayfield School on Tuesdays and Ponsonby Community Centre on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays.

Fees

Group of five - 30 mins - \$220
Pair - 30 mins - \$300
Private - 30 mins - \$410

Examinations (optional)

We offer professional qualifications through our association with NZ Speech Board and Trinity College of London.

Testimony

"Emmaline loves her lessons! We have seen her grow in confidence, she can now speak publicly and very ably with people of all ages. And there is nothing better than being complimented on your child's good manner! I can wholeheartedly recommend Head Held High to any parent, for any child."

- Melinda Gardner

To enrol or enquire about a free trial lesson,
visit our website: www.headheldhigh.co.nz

Lewis Eady
MUSIC'S COOL

Term one music lessons at Marist Primary start the week commencing 11 February!

We offer group or individual tuition on keyboard, piano, ukulele and guitar. For beginners, **Musical Jam** (instrumental prep course for year 1s and 2s) is a great way to get started.

If you would like your child to learn music at school but have **not yet enrolled**, please enrol online at www.lewiseady.co.nz New enrolments will be scheduled for a mid-term start (the week commencing 14 March).

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 billyharris2000@hotmail.com.

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





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