

# 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.....

***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.***

In our first newsletter of this year I finished with the above statement. Community is so important and we all need to be heard and given the opportunity to participate in the community, however we can. We are very fortunate to have our Board of Trustees who are a group of people who give so much to the benefit of every child at Marist Catholic School. The board of trustees is responsible for the governance of the school, ensuring that everything that needs to be done gets done, legally, in line with our Catholic special character, and in the best interests of all our children. Some of our board members have supported our school for many years and are nearing the end of their time here at Marist, leaving room for new people to come on board in the elections this year. I'm sure that every person who has taken on this role would tell you what rewarding work it is and what insight it gives you into the workings of school life.

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This year we have introduced BYOD into our school with our Year 5/6 students in Hub 3. This is working very well and we are pleased with the uptake of this initiative. With our children being more and more invested in devices and the internet I thought it was wise to share with you over the coming weeks information/tips about net safety and how you as parents can monitor your children. This newsletter has the first of many installments on this area.

God Bless

*Sarah Gleeson*

### Coming together in Tragedy:

Our thoughts continue to be with the Christchurch community.

As a Catholic community many of us over the weekend attended different vigils across Auckland to pray for the families of this horrific turn of events. Thank you to our student leaders Liam and India representing Marist by laying down our wreath at the mosque in Vermont Street following the vigil mass service on Sunday.



As a school we ensure as always that your children are safe and supported and that we have clear and robust procedures in regards to lockdown and emergencies.



### Our M.V.P.'s:

#### Week 6:

Oliver Jones,  
Emily Jiang,  
Ophelia Van Arts,  
Isaac Galang,  
Isaac Short,  
Ivy Watson,  
Courtney Staples

#### Week 7:

Isaiah Va'auli,  
Isla Shipman,  
Florence Roff,  
Imogen Bartlett,  
Max McCracken,  
Timothy McIntyre,  
Andi Gonzales,  
Junior Fiu  
Naea Williams



## GENTLE REMINDERS:

### Important Dates

**Yr6 Puberty Talks** - Thursday 21 & Friday 22 March

**Hub 1 Assembly** - Friday 22 March at 2:15pm

**Life Education Visit** - Monday 25 - Friday 29

**Hub 2 Assembly** - Friday 29 March at 2:15pm

**School Reconciliation** - Wednesday 3 April at 9:15am

**ICS Softball** - Thursday 4 April at Cox's Bay Reserve

**Hub 3 Assembly** - Friday 5 April at 2:15pm

### Jump Jam (Fridays - 9am)

Every Friday morning (weather permitting) we will be doing Jump Jam as a whole school. It is wonderful to see many parents staying for this. We really encourage you to participate in the fitness with the children and staff. Let's all stay fit and healthy together.



## Light It Up Orange:



Today we are wearing orange because today we are supporting the people who live in violent houses. We are lucky because we don't live in one of those houses because I think some parents would have to be taken away from their children or the other way around. Some children can be split up from their father and mother. So we

are supporting them. Would you like it if you were split up from your parents?

**Cassidy Parke (Year 2)**



We raised \$311.90 which has been donated to the Shine Foundation to support the 'Light it up Orange' campaign.

## Netsafe Tips for Parents:

***If you don't understand it, try it.*** You need to understand the technology to better understand the challenges that young people face online.

- Explore the websites and apps your child uses to improve your knowledge, and take the time to read terms and conditions.
- You could ask them to show you how it works, as a way to start conversation around online safety.

For more information: [guide to Snapchat for parents](#).

### ***Set a good example***

- How often do you use your laptop or smartphone at the dinner table?
- How many angry posts have you published?
- Take a look at the way you use technology while young people are around.
- If you see something that troubles you –change it.
- How good is your knowledge around online safety, privacy settings and even online shopping?

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

**Margot Touhey**

## Caritas Koha Box:



This Lent the money raised from the Koha boxes will be donated to helping the people of Southern Sudan.

Your support will make a difference. Together, we can tackle poverty and bring hope, life, peace and dignity to vulnerable communities around the world and within New Zealand.

Each hub has a box on their prayer table so if you have



Be better equipped to help by expanding your own knowledge  
–read the [Staying Safe Online Guide](#).

some spare coins you are welcome to donate.



Have you Registered Yet?

## St Mark's Catholic School

**40<sup>th</sup> Jubilee**

March 30-31<sup>st</sup> 2019

Register at St Mark's School

[www.stmarks.school.nz](http://www.stmarks.school.nz)

Registrations close 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019



# IS YOUR CHILD 4 YEARS OLD? IS STARTING SCHOOL ON YOUR MIND?

# HEAD START



## A Readiness for School Programme

Head-Start offers a fun, learning programme that is designed to make starting school a positive experience for all!

Katherine Kelly is a highly respected teacher in both Primary Education and dance with over 20 years of experience. Previously an Associate Principal, she is a mother of three boys and has spent the last four and a half years in Early Childhood Education.

This programme is unique in that it is education for children and adults. Skills provided can be taken and utilised to support children in their play.

Head-Start arms children with knowledge and skills through an integrated approach where children are engaged and having fun.

For more info contact Katherine  
at [Headstart4school@gmail.com](mailto:Headstart4school@gmail.com)

### THE AIM IS to:

- Build learning fundamentals through positive engagement
- Empower parents to support learning
- Develop 'I Can Do It!' Attitudes
- Instil a love of learning

### THIS WILL HAPPEN THROUGH:

- Movement and dance
- Music and singing
- Reading and engaging through books
- Games and play

Held at  
Rocky Nook Ave,  
Mt Albert

Classes are on Friday  
mornings 10 - 12pm  
for nine weeks

## **MOM's Drinks**

(Mum's of Marist)

Thursday 28th March

7pm



Book the babysitter or husband!  
Everyone welcome!

MALT PUBLIC HOUSE  
442 RICHMOND ROAD  
GREY LYNN



## **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

## **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH**

Sunday: 8.30am

Monday-Saturday: 7.00am

### **Confessions:**

Friday: 11:30am to 11:55am

Saturday: 4:15pm to 4:45pm