# Marist Catholic School Herne Bay News

## Issue 5, Term 1, 3RD April 2019

**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…….**

Kia ora te whānau

We cannot ignore the tragedy that took place in Christchurch on 15 March, and its impact on every single one of us. At school our priority has been to support our children, staff and families in whatever way they need to make sense of this event. We followed the advice of the Ministry of Education, which was to acknowledge the event in an age appropriate way, to encourage the children to talk to an adult if they are worried, and to emphasise the good actions that have followed. We had a mufti day, with the proceeds donated to those most affected by the tragedy, as well as the whole school stopping at 1.40pm for two minutes of silence. We were very proud of the children who showed great love and respect for those hurt by this tragedy during this commemoration. I have attached to this newsletter a letter from Bishop Patrick Dunn, giving some advice from the New Zealand Police in the wake of this tragic event.

Finally, as we near the end of this powerful liturgical season of Lent we are reminded by Pope Francis that 'In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death'. It is a time to renew our encounter with Christ through the sacraments, to think about Christ's presence in our lives today and to help the poor and the vulnerable in our world.

God Bless

*Sarah Gleeson*

## Life Education Van:

Life Education is a charity that educates and empowers children to make healthy choices so they can live full and healthy lives.

The students and teachers of Marist Catholic School were pleased to have Ms Nicole Fonua (a parent from our school) and Harold the giraffe come and spend the week with us last week.

Our focus' were…….

Hub 1 = What makes us unique and Special?

Hub 2 & 3 = Is it Ok to be different?

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

**Week 8:**

Preston Gourdie, Toby Jones, Kendrick Fiu, Henry Dyer, Santiago Leano, Alexander Fullerton-Smith, Charlie Dasent, Noah Madden

**Week 9:**

Jaylee Palu-Katia, Emilie Davies, Hanna Fuyala, Alonso Esparza, Zebella Sinclair-Ford, Sebastian Drake, Preston Stanley, James Dobrec

# GENTLE REMINDERS:

**Important Dates**

ICS Softball - Thursday 4 April at Cox's Bay Reserve
Hub 3 Assembly - Friday 5 April at 2:15pm
End of Term Mass - Wednesday 10 April at 9:15am
Beginning of Term Mass - Wednesday 1 May at 9:15am
BOT Q & A Evening - Wednesday 1 May at 6pm
ICS Swimming - Thursday 9 May
Marist Cross Country - Wednesday 15 May
Catholic Schools Day - Tuesday 28 May
ICS Cross Country - Thursday 30 May
School Disco - Friday 1 June at 5pm

**This Friday's Assembly (2:15pm)**

It has been wonderful over the last few weeks to see all our students sharing some of their learning through assemblies. This Friday Hub 3 will be presenting some of their learning to us.

**Parish School Mass - Sunday 25 August**

Our next Parish/School mass has been scheduled for Sunday 25 August at 10:30am, Sacred Heart Church, Vermont Street. The same procedures will apply in regards to sending an explanation email to Miss Gleeson closer to the mass if your family are unable to attend our mass. We hope, because we have provided the date so far in advance, that all our community will be able to attend.

## Holy Week at Marist Catholic School:

Next week, Marist Catholic School will be gathering together for prayers each morning at 9.00am in the hall to celebrate Holy Week, through the stations of the cross, organised by our Year 6's.

Holy Week in our liturgical year begins on the 14th April with Palm Sunday, followed by the Last Supper and Stations of the Cross. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Enrollments at Marist Catholic School:

Thank you to all those families who have filled out enrolment forms for siblings of current students. This is also a gentle reminder to do so, if you haven't already done this.

We also appreciate the support of our school families in recommending Marist Catholic School to their friends and whānau.

**Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in MARCH:**

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| Taha Abdolkhani | Charlotte Mirana |
| Xavier Filikitonga | Oliver Moore |
| Destiny Hunuki-Hurt | Elizabeth Rozells |
| Brooke Smith | Courtney Staples |
| Margot Tuohey | Poppy Turnbull |
| Ophelia Van Arts | Honey Zhu |

**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
Saturday: 4:15pm to 4:45pm

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

Sunday: 8.30am
Monday-Saturday: 7.00am

## Board of Trustees Q & A Evening:

*Have you been thinking about being nominated for the Marist Board of Trustees?*
*Do you know what the Board's role is within the school?*

All these questions can be answered and more at our Board of Trustees Q & A Evening on Wednesday 1st May.

Our current board will be presenting what the BOT does within a school as well as answering any questions that parents may want to ask about the role.

Please come along, especially if you are thinking about joining the board.

## Thank you:

Thank you for your support in raising money to help those affected by the Christchurch tragedy on 15 March. The 'Colour Your Day' fundraiser raised $609.00. Another practical demonstration of our RICH values from our community.

## Netsafe Tips for Parents:

**Strong passwords:** A strong password helps protect the information in your online profiles or accounts. Teach your child how to choose strong passwords, by reading how to choose a good password.

**Information to protect online:**

- Login details and passwords
- Bank account details
- Home address
- Phone numbers
- Birthdate
- Personal information that could be used to guess security questions for online accounts

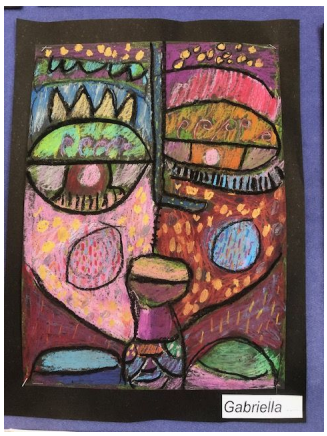
You should also talk about personal details they could share online, such as where they are and the school they attend. This includes sharing their location – some apps allow you to share your current location with friends, or publicly.

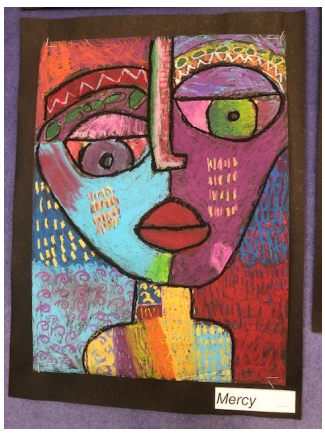
**Not everything is as it seems:** It can seem like common knowledge to adults, but sometimes kids don't understand that people are not always who they say they are online. Talk to them about friending or communicating with people they don't know offline. For young children especially, they shouldn't friend someone online who they don't know personally offline.

**Digital footprint:** Teach your child that they need to think about what they post online, and that what they post online leaves a "digital footprint" about them. Find out more about digital footprints.

## Extraordinary Art from Hub 1:

During Term 1, Hub 1 explored the art of Sandra Silberzweig. They experimented with patterning and colour using Sandra's amazing art as their inspiration.



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## A letter from Bishop Patrick Dunn to all Parishes, Schools, Ethnic Communities and Religious Orders in the Auckland Diocese

The New Zealand Police wish to provide reassurance and advice to all the numerous communities throughout the country. They are aware that after the tragic events of last Friday in Christchurch, people may have some concerns and questions which the police are happy to address.

Their primary concern is to keep all New Zealand communities safe, and they have sent the following information which they would like us to give and to promote to all our communities.

Therefore I ask that the following message from the New Zealand Police be made available immediately to all our parishioners, school communities and ethnic chaplaincies.

- **Police have been present outside all Mosques and Islamic Centres around the country as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of our communities.**
- **Some police on the streets are currently armed. Again, this is a precautionary measure in response to the events in Christchurch and you should not feel alarmed.**
- **We are not currently aware of any specific threats but we are doing this as a precaution to protect our people and ensure they can go about their customs and religious traditions in peace and without incident.**
- **Police will be visiting all religious centres and places of worship as a precaution to provide advice and reassurance.**
- **We want everyone in our community to remain vigilant. Our message to everyone is simple: if you see something suspicious, say something – call Police on 111 immediately.**
- **If you wish to talk to someone in Police, we have dedicated Police staff who are always available to talk to our ethnic communities and provide safety advice and reassurance.**
- **In the event that an emergency situation happens, stay calm and phone emergency services by calling 111 immediately.**
- **In this situation, our staff will do our best to respect the religious customs and traditions of places of worship, however in an emergency situation, our priority will always be first and foremost to protect the community and do everything we can to ensure the safety of members of the public.**
- **In an emergency event, please listen and abide by the directions of Police staff and emergency responders at all times.**

New Zealand POLICE
Pacific Responsiveness

Gym Zone
the home of Gym kids

## Gymnastic Classes

- Gymnastics for children aged 2 - 15
- Holiday programmes
- School programmes
- Birthday Parties
- Free-Play, Hobsonville

**Registrations now open!**

For enquiries or to register: www.gymkids.co.nz
Contact us on 09 951 0355 or 09 416 0003 | Email: admin@gymkids.co.nz

**Ponsonby | Waimauku | Hobsonville**

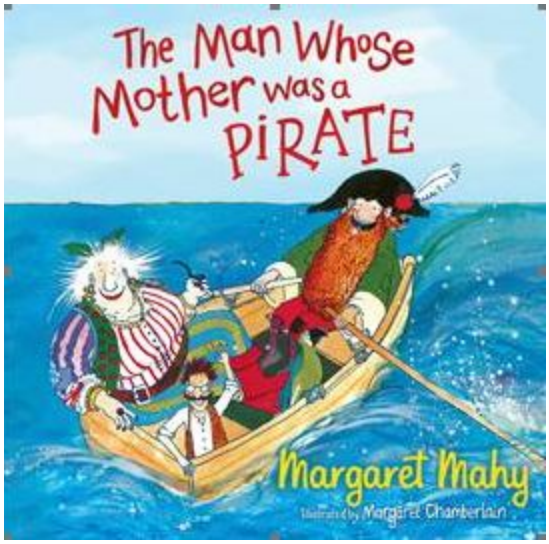
## Marriage Encounter Non Residential Weekend:

**25th & 26th May at St Francis Retreat Centre, Mt Roskill, Auckland.**

A special enrichment weekend encouraging married couples to focus on each other, their communication, priorities, lifestyle and relationship.

**Phone 0800 ENCOUNTER (0800 362 686) for more information**

## Ahoy me'hearties!
## Margaret Mahy's Pirate Adventure hits the stage this school holidays!




Margaret Mahy's rollicking and funny pirate adventure, which makes for a brilliant family outing, hits the stage for the April school holidays.

***The Man Whose Mother was a Pirate*** tells the story of Sam, an ordinary man who wears an ordinary suit and who works in an ordinary office. But his mother is an extraordinary mother – she's a pirate and yearns to see the sea again. A wonderful and madcap adventure ensues as they travel to the sea, with much audience involvement.

Auckland's leading children's theatre company, Tim Bray Theatre Company presents ***The Man Whose Mother was a Pirate*** at the PumpHouse Theatre, Takapuna from Saturday 6th April to Sunday 28th April.

Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from the book and …. To book, phone (09) 489-8360 or online at www.timbray.org.nz

KELLY CLUB
OSCAR PROGRAMMES

Kelly Club 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.

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.