

Marist Catholic School Herne Bay News

Issue 1, Term 1, 5th February 2020



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.....

After a period of preparation for the beginning of the school year, we were very happy to see our children and their families back last week! It has been lovely to hear the holiday stories and to see the excitement of beginning a new school year. I am also very mindful at this time of the year of our 2019 leavers starting at intermediate school. We wish them and their families every blessing as they move on and hope to hear about their progress this year and beyond.

We have a number of new families joining our Marist, Herne Bay family and we warmly welcome them to this special community. Miss Julianne Song has joined our teaching team in Chavoin, teaching our year 5 and 6 students. We also have Ms Rachael Houston teaching in Cleary with our year 3 and 4 students, as well as leading our senior school this year.

By now your child will have brought home an introductory letter from their classroom teachers and a 'Tell me about your child' sheet which we hope you will fill out and return to their teacher as the beginning of a meaningful two-way communication between home and school. You also will have seen this week a contact information sheet from the office, which we require every family to update and return ASAP to ensure the correct information in case of emergencies. If you have any 'Concerns and Complaints' we have included our procedure at the end of this newsletter for your information. We find that most problems can be dealt with very quickly if addressed early on, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns. We know you will continue to be closely involved in your children's learning and school activities and look forward to working with you again this year.

God Bless

Sarah Gleeson

Uniform

It was great to see the children turn up last week looking smart in their uniforms.

A reminder that our school hat is part of the uniform in Term 1 and 4. In this heat it is important that the students are wearing sandals rather than closed in shoes.

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. In the coming weeks you will receive a statement outlining 2020 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 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:

Assembly - Friday 14 February at 2:15pm

Parish/School Mass - Saturday 15 February at 5pm

Ash Wednesday Liturgy - Wednesday 26 February

Enrolment:

Thank you to all those families who have filled out enrolment forms for siblings of current students. We also appreciate the support of our school families in recommending Marist Catholic School to their friends and whānau.

Communication:

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 emailing to make an appointment.

Student Morning Drop-off:

For safety reasons if you drop your child at school before 8:30am, they need to be enrolled into Kelly Club.

https://www.kellyclub.co.nz/kelly_events/view/10763

2019 Yearbook:

We still have some copies of our 2019 yearbook available. These can be purchased from our school office, \$20 per copy. They feature all classes, and cover a heap of school happenings (sports events, trips, house events, classroom highlights, student work, and much more).

2020 Staff at Marist, Herne Bay:

Sarah Gleeson	Principal
Sharon Menezes	Deputy Principal/SENCO
	Leader of Year 0-2
	Inner City Sports Leader
Rachael Houston	Teacher Years 3/4 (Cleary)
	Leader of Year 3-6
Katherine Bartlett	Teacher Years 3/4 (Cleary)
	Director of Religious Studies
Patsy Littlewood	Teacher Years 0/1 (Austin)
Marianne Gapes	Teacher Years 1/2 (Bernard)
	Environmental Leader
Leena Rebello	Teacher Years 1/2 (Bernard)
	School Sports Leader
Lina Rahimi	Teacher Years 5/6 (Chavoin)
	School ICT Leader
Hannah Peterson	Teacher Years 5/6 (Chavoin)
Julianne Song	Teacher Years 5/6 (Chavoin)
Joanne Linklater	Reading Recovery
	Teacher release
Phoebe Cunningham-Tyler	Teacher release
Katherine Kelly	Teacher release
Christie Palmer	Office Administrator
Clara Cocker	Office Assistant
	Teacher Aide
Emily McGuire	Teacher Aide
Richard Stevenson	School Caretaker

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthday in JANUARY

Lily Abdolkhani	Lily Anderson
Inigo Baligod	Norah Bartlett
James Dobrec	Sabrielle Elim
Houston Elliott	Sophia Fonua
Gavin Gallardo	Tina Langton-Fidow
Ala Malarczyk	Timothy McIntyre
Rico McWilliams	Oren Parke
William Sherwin	James Tuck
Caleb Williams-Seumau	



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

Inigo Baligod	Oren Parke
Tina Langton-Fidow	Francis Galvan
James Tuck	Victoria Esparza
Gabrianna Remo	Daniella Remo
Phoebe Capacia	Valentino Maber

Waitangi Day (Thursday 6th February):

Waitangi Day is widely recognised as New Zealand's national day and is an occasion for reflecting on the Treaty of Waitangi and its place in Aotearoa today. School will be closed tomorrow for Waitangi Day.

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 82 KELMARNA AVE, HERNE BAY

Sunday: 8.30am

Monday-Saturday: 7.00am

Confessions:

Friday: 11:30am to 11:55am

Saturday: 4:15pm to 4:45pm



Parish/School Mass and BBQ:
Sacred Heart Church, Vermont Street - 5pm

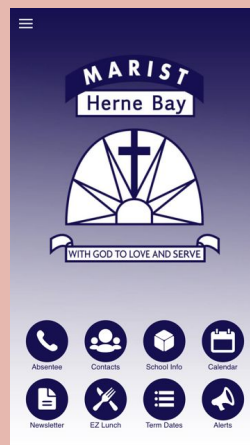
On Saturday evening, the 15th of February, Marist Catholic School and parish community are celebrating our first Parish School Mass of 2020.

We are expecting all of our Marist Catholic School whanau and their children to attend this very important Mass, which will include a special welcome to all those families and children who are new to our school.

The children must wear their school uniform and will sit with their teachers. There is an expectation that all Marist children and their families attend this Mass, please advise Miss Gleeson in writing if for some reason you are unable to join us. principal@maristschool.co.nz

We are hoping that we will continue to be blessed with beautiful weather for this special occasion and invite you to join us back at school after Mass (6:30pm) as we continue to build a strong and vibrant Marist Catholic School community with a BYO picnic/nibbles on the school field. The PTA will supply a sausage sizzle.

Marist Catholic School App:



Marist Catholic School has an app to provide another way to communicate between school and home. This app enables easy access to: inform the school of absences, receiving up-to-date notifications about events, useful links to help your children in their learning, the school calendar and more.

All you need to do is download the app by searching 'SchoolAppsNZ' in the app store, once you've downloaded the app enter the school name to find our specific School App.

If you downloaded the app last year and your child has changed classes, you will need to change the class you want to receive notifications from. Go to the drop down menu icon, located in the top left corner, select Alert Subscriptions, Classrooms, and then select the classroom/s.

Term 1 Curriculum/Activities:

You will have received Term 1's newsletter for your child/ren's class last week which outlined the learning planned for Term 1. Here are some dates/details for curriculum based activities and events for this term.

Physical Education Specialist Support	Each term we will have 'Sport Auckland' coming in to facilitate 4 weeks of intensive Physical Education support. This term we will have..... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1-4 = Get, Set, Go = more information Tuesday's = Week 4-7 Year 5-6 = Ki o Rahi = more information Thursday's = Week 4-7
Year 5/6 Inner City School Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket = Thursday 27th February at Victoria Park Softball = Thursday 26th March at Cox's Bay Please contact Sharon Menezes if you are able to help with coaching, transport or refereeing for these events - sharon@maristschool.co.nz
Light It Up Orange Week	Week 7: 9-13th March - we will be drawing on domestic violence and supporting our wider community. This was a successful fundraiser last year and a great way for our students to become aware of issues that occur in NZ and be reminded of how lucky they are compared to other children in NZ. More information
Holy Week	Week 11: 6th-9th March - After six weeks of prayer, alms-giving and fasting the season of Lent concludes with Holy Week. A week in which we remember again and learn anew the story of our salvation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each morning at 9am we will be having whole school prayers with our year 6's sharing the stations of the cross.

2020 School Dates:

Term	Start Date	Finish Date
1	Wednesday 29th January	Thursday 9th April
2	Tuesday 28th April	Friday 3rd July
3	Monday 20th July	Friday 25th September
4	Monday 12th October	Thursday 10th December

Please note these non-contact days:

Term 1:

Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 28th Jan
 Waitangi Day - 6th Feb
 Good Friday - 10th April

Term 2:

ANZAC Day - 27th April
 Teacher Only Day - 29th May
 Queen's B/day - 1st June

Term 4:

Labour Day - 26th October



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MARIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PROCEDURE: **Concerns & Complaints**

At Marist Catholic School we have an 'open door' policy which means we invite you to come to us at any time to talk about anything to do with school. If you have a concern, the school encourages open communication and would like you to talk to us as soon as possible. It is our role to be fair and to listen to the concerns you bring to our attention.

If you are worried by anything to do with your child's learning or well-being here is what to do:

