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......

After all the preparation, it was great to see the children back at school last week. They have enjoyed getting back to the familiar - friends, teachers, classrooms, routines - and we are very proud of the way they have handled the necessary differences. We will be glad when we can welcome parents back into school grounds again but the children have been amazing about saying goodbye at the school entrance - even those who just started school these last two weeks! Thank you all for your cooperation and support with these Alert Level 2 procedures.

As we enter yet another phase of our journey through this pandemic, I am reminded how appropriate our school values are in shaping our decisions and actions. We have been hearing the message to 'be kind' in the public arena repeatedly over the past few months, and this is something that we strive to do as a community all the time at Marist. We have been asked to **RESPECT** decisions that have been made for us, to have **INTEGRITY** and do our part to abide by these directives. To have **COURAGE** during a time of uncertainty and display **HUMILITY** by keeping our distance to ensure the safety for everyone. Over the next few weeks we will need to trust everyone to continue to show these values:

There will be many other ways that our values will show through and shape our response to the next few weeks, but you can be assured that the wellbeing of your children is as always at the heart of everything we do.

God Bless **Sarah Gleeson**

School Attendance Dues COVID-19 Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support as a result of the Covid-19 Virus with the payment of 2020 Attendance Dues for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact the school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from the school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

Covid-19 Attendance Dues Assistance

IMPORTANT Health and Safety Information: FROM MONDAY NEXT WEEK......

- <u>Washing/sanitising and disinfecting</u> of hands and equipment and surfaces daily, continues to be a priority.
- <u>No Remote learning</u> available as the Ministry of Education requires all students to be back at school.
- <u>Parents will be allowed onto the turf area</u>, however, the classrooms will continue to be for students and teachers only.
- <u>No parents in classrooms</u>
- <u>School will start at 9am</u> each day and finish at 3pm.
- We encourage parents to continue encouraging students to walk up the stairs on their own in the mornings, if possible.
- <u>Drinking fountains will continue to be closed</u>. Students must bring a drink bottle from home which they can fill up throughout the day, if needed.
- <u>Ezlunch will be available</u> for ordering through the online ordering process

These procedures will be reviewed again in 2 weeks time.

GENTLE REMINDERS:

Queen's B/day - Monday 1 June (SCHOOL CLOSED) Class & Sport Photos - Thursday 4 June, 9-11am PTA Meeting - Wednesday 17 June at 6:30pm

We have rescheduled some Term 2 events:

School Disco - To be advised Marist Cross Country - Thursday 23 July Book Week - 14-17th September Year 5 Retreat - 10-11 September

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.

2020 Yearbook:

We are currently putting together our annual yearbook. This year if you would like to purchase any number of yearbooks we require you to pre-order. Next term we will be sending out an order form for you to complete and we ask for payment to be done through our school bank account. The yearbook will be \$20 per copy. They feature all classes, and cover a range of school happenings - sports events, trips, house events, classroom highlights, student work, and much more.

More details will be shared in Term 3.

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

Maxwell Kenny Alexa Carroll Alice O'Donnell Florence Turnbull

MVP's for Week 6, Term 2:

Frederick Jancys, Enzo Roff, Ruby Hughes, Elliotte Tunai-Vermylen, Rachael Cocker-Lavakeiaho, Gavin Gallardo, Jimmy Tuck





Emilie Davies, Sabrielle Elim, Eula David, Poppy Turnbull, Luca Carroll, Benjamin Murray

Gabriella Fullerton-Smith, Lily Abdolkhani, Monty Simpkins



Celebrating Mass:

Although we are not able to gather in Church for Mass at the moment, we invite you to join with others online to celebrate daily and Sunday Mass. https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/

The 'Act of Spiritual Communion' is the prayer families can pray in replacement of receiving communion.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthday in MAY

Molly Campbell Samantha Johnston Griffin Faust Emily Jiang Knox Thawley Andi Gonzales Benjamin Sherwin Clara Young Maddison Rogers Hugh Livesay Luca Carroll Chan Meleisea-Murray

Lily Higgins Loyola Va'auli Junior Fiu Florence Turnbull



The Feast of Pentecost: Sunday 31st May



Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot. The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them. It sounded like a very strong wind, and it looked like tongues of fire. The

apostles then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is a celebration of God's hand guiding the Christian community through the trials and decisions that life can bring.



Major Fundraiser

In light of Covid-19, the PTA have decided to change our major fundraiser for the year to a raffle.

This will be similar to the one we had two years ago where all students will be asked to sell a book of raffle tickets. More information will be coming out about this, but we will be looking for prizes.

If you have something you can donate, please get in touch with Kath <u>katherinedyer01@gmail.com</u>.

Second Hand Uniforms

If your child/ren have grown out of their uniforms, please consider donating them to the PTA.

You can choose to donate all the proceeds of the sale to the PTA, or the PTA can keep half and give half back to you.

Please contact Lucy <u>lkom67@hotmail.com</u> if you have a uniform to donate.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for 17th June. 6:30pm in the school staffroom. Please come along and get involved to support the school.

Marist Catholic School App:



We have an app to provide communication 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.



Fun Languages offers an opportunity for children to learn Spanish with our native speaker Marianella. The main focus is on spoken Spanish, the children taking part in fun games and activities with emphasis on immersion. Children are taken on a journey of discovery through the language and culture of Spanish speaking countries. For more details take a look at the content of our lessons

https://lcfclubs.co.nz/spanish-for-kids/

Every Wednesday 1:15pm to 1:45pm

Cost:\$10 per session

Please register your interest with school and/or contact me for further details. mary@lcfclubs.co.nz Small groups (minimum of 6/10)



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Year 0 to 8

Before-school options:

7:00am - 8:30am: \$16 8:00am - 8:30am: \$10

After-school options:

3:00pm - 4:30pm: \$16

3:00pm - 6:00pm: \$23

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Supporting your school

We share our revenues with your school to benefit your learning community.

Quality care you can trust



Our programmes are approved by the Ministry of Social Development and our nutritious, yummy food complies with the safety requirements of the Food Act 2014.



Childcare subsidies

Eligible parents or caregivers can access WINZ subsidies to help cover the cost of our programmes.



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