

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

learning opportunities, with Jesus Christ as our guide



SPECIAL CHARACTER:

Getting to know our new Bishop of Auckland Bishop Stephen Lowe (Bishop Steve)

Bishop Stephen Marmion Lowe, was appointed Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 18 December 2021. He was appointed following the retirement of Bishop Patrick Dunn (due to his ongoing eyesight issues).

Bishop Steve is also the Apostolic Administrator of Hamilton until the Pope appoints a new bishop for the Hamilton diocese.

Bishop Steve Lowe is familiar with Marist Catholic School Herne Bay as he previously served as Formation Director at Holy Cross Seminary from 2008 until the end of 2014. While based at the Seminary in Auckland, he served, for a time, as the Parish Priest at the Sacred Heart Parish, Ponsonby and used to visit Marist Catholic School regularly.

There are a series of video clips which introduce Bishop Steve. Click on the link to watch the first video clip in this series:

[Getting to know Bishop Steve \(Part 1\)](#)



Special Character:

May is the month of Mary. Our Special Character Team leaders have organised a range of lunchtime activities this month for all Marist students to join. They have made Mary statues, listened to and coloured in stories of Mary as well as helped students learn the Hail Mary prayer.



Pastoral Care

As part of what makes Marist Catholic School Herne Bay, an incredibly special community, is the Pastoral Care available to the Marist families. From time to time we all have struggles, whether that be ourselves or a family member. If you or one of your family members are in need of assistance or are struggling, then there is a variety of support available to you.

The support available includes:

- Fresh meals and baking provided to your family daily from the Marist Community
- A check-in call to families in need to see how everything is and what support is required. This call may be from the principal, your child's classroom teacher, a parent or whoever you choose.
- Second-hand school uniforms are available, free of charge, if you are financially struggling
- Financial Assistance for
 - School Fees
 - Sports Fees
 - Prayers at Mass
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Camp Fees

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL:

NZ Sign Language Week (NZSL Week for short)



New Zealand Sign Language is not British Sign Language or American Sign Language it is completely New Zealand. To celebrate it, our Cultural Leaders and other Year 6 students organised some activities and games at lunchtime in the classrooms. Even though they were in different classes each day anyone could come from any class.

On Monday the first activity was in Austin. We made posters about sign language. The younger children especially, were really good with making posters and listened really well. One or two of them even learned how to spell their name! Afterwards we left some posters in Austin for them to hang up.

On Tuesday we were in Bernard. Again we made posters with the younger children. We also learnt a song together in sign language.

On Wednesday in Cleary, we had a competition where we showed everyone a few words in Sign Language like: dad, mum, sister, love. Then we asked them what each word was in Sign Language and the first person to get it right would get a point. At the end, the person with the most points won a prize.

On Thursday in Chavoin, we showed everyone some Sign Language and played a game.

Friday or 'Friyay' as some people like to call it, we were in Chavoin again. We showed everyone some more words in Sign Language and played some more games.



In our classes throughout the week we learnt the alphabet in Sign Language. We learnt how to say 'My name' and then we spelt out our full name, in Sign Language!

We had a really fun NZSL week and thank all the Year 6 students for helping everyone learn some great sign language words and games. We look forward to seeing NZSL being used throughout the year.

Grace Marshall (Student Journalist)

Marist Gardening Club:

It has been wonderful having parent help in the garden club this term thanks to Laura Tuohey.

The tamariki have planted mini gardens and they are going to look after them and bring them back to be planted in our garden once they have grown into little seedlings.

Laura also showed the students how we can reuse milk bottles and egg cartons to help grow our seeds.

They have also ensured that our other gardens around the school are looking tidy and are being looked after with the help of Helen Gleeson.

We are so lucky to have awesome whanau who want to support our gardening students at Marist.



Jumping June:

On Wednesday the 8th of June, we had the Jumping June event to raise money for the Heart Foundation.

In the event we were all in our houses and the house captains showed us different skips to do.

- Galilee - the basic skip, the bell skip and the skier skip.
- Bethlehem - a skip where you swing your skipping rope to each side for 8 seconds then you do 8 basic jumps.
- Cana - skipping relays where you have to do a sort of running skip then do 5 basic jumps then run back.
- Jordan - 8 basic jumps then 8 rock skips.

Ms Gleeson and Ms Houston played some music for us to skip to, which kept everyone moving and added to the fun.

After each house had a turn at each station we all had a big school skip to the music using all the different skips that we have been practising over the last few weeks.

This fundraiser has been about raising money for the heart foundation and we are pleased to say that we raised a massive \$9,872.

All those children who raised over \$10 please log in to your account on [Jumpingjune.co.nz](https://jumpingjune.co.nz) to choose your prize! The closing date is 14th June so please make sure you do this before then so you don't miss out! Prizes will be delivered to school. A huge thank you to everyone for giving it a go and to all the whanau who have supported this great cause, together we have made a huge contribution to those who need our help!

We all owe a big thanks to Ms Houston, Ms Gleeson and Mrs Menezes, the house captains and the teachers for organising this amazing event. So many students are continuing to skip and practise their skills in break times and it was so much fun and continues to be!

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Samoan Language Week:

A big thank you to our Samoan community for sharing their culture with us all over Samoan Language Week. We had both students and whanau sharing and everyone loved it!

A highlight was the fashion parade in Chavoin on Thursday where all our Samoan students strutted the runway for us all to enjoy their Samoan clothing. The colours, patterns and music of the Samoan culture are so beautiful.



SPORTS:



Marist Megalodons (Basketball)

4 wins for the Term 2 season
1 lose for the Term 2 season



Marist Mavericks (Basketball)

5 wins for the Term 2 season
0 loses for the Term 2 season



ICS Swimming Tournament

On Thursday 12th May a group of Marist Year 5/6 students represented Marist Catholic School at the Inner City Schools Swimming Tournament at AUT Millennium Pool.

There were lots of heats and the kids who had the fastest times made it into the finals. We were all proud of Maggie and Issy who made it into a final. Maggie came second in her final.

Everyone had a great day, it was wonderful to finally be able to take part in inter-school events like this again! Thanks to the parents and teachers that worked together and supported us to make this happen.

Issy (Student Swimmer)

Marist Cross Country:

The Marist Herne Bay cross country had all school students participating, years 0-6. The races were run in age groups from 5 year olds to 10/11 year olds and in boys and girls. The 9, 10 & 11 year olds used this race to trial to get into the Inner City competition, the first eight people in each group to finish would go through to this competition.

Every student ran with determination and put in 100% effort finishing the race with a piece of fruit to regenerate their energy. It was a great day, (even with the unpredictable weather), especially for the parents watching and cheering their kids on.

	1st	2nd	3rd
5 year old	Wen Jie L	Ethan M	William T
	Leah R & Zoe T	Bridie M	Misa N
6 year old	Freddie P	Daniel G	James N
	Sanne M	Cora C	Claudia T
7 year old	Leo J	Sean N	James T
	Florence T	Aliya H	Lyla W
8 year old	Guy L	Daniel S	Alonzo E
	Florence R	Mercy H	Claudia O
9 year old	Seron S	Leon W-F	Oliver H
	Sabrielle E	Maggie W	Poppy T
10/11 year olds	Marcello M	Francisco W	Alex F-S
	Erin D & Ruby D	Ivy W	Grace M



Inner-City Schools Cross Country:

On Thursday 26th May the ICS Cross Country tournament occurred. It was at Grey Lynn Park with all the local inner city schools as well as Waiheke Island. The students had to run 3 kms and this included running up a big hill twice. The track was muddy but they had to keep on running. The students were all a bit puffed afterwards so they went and got a cupcake from the cupcake stall.

A big thanks to all the teachers and parent helpers for taking us. Well done to all the runners for a great effort and representing Marist.

Grace (Student Journalist)



Taekwondo at Marist

Every student at Marist during Term 2 learnt Taekwondo skills with a real dojo. We loved the discipline of the sport and the focus that we were able to feel while doing it.



Term Two Curriculum:

Religious Education	<p>Marist Charism, continue to build our understanding about the Charism and what makes us a unique school.</p> <p>Liturgical Calendar events: Celebrating Easter, The Ascension, 26th May. Pentecost, 5th June.</p> <p>Term 2 Strands: Holy Spirit and the Church.</p>
Inquiry:	<p>Technology & Social Sciences Curriculum</p> <p>inventors, inventions and innovation. opportunities to apply the design process in the invention or innovation of a new product, process, or system.</p>
<p>Health Curriculum</p> <p>Keeping Ourselves Safe: (K.O.S)</p> <p>Physical Education</p>	<p>NZ Police Programme: Keeping Ourselves Safe. A comprehensive child abuse prevention programme for schools.</p> <p>It has been designed to give students the skills to use when interacting with others.</p> <p>It has three overall aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● to develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other people; ● to support and encourage children to get help from caring adults; ● to make teachers and parents/caregivers more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children. <p>Cross country and Adventure based team building learning</p>
<p>Te Reo Māori</p>	<p>Taku akomanga (My classroom): Explore Te Reo Māori through classroom commands and objects. We will also focus on being responsible for our classroom and showing respect for the people and the things in it.</p>
<p>Drama</p>	<p>Students will be exploring the elements of drama through Reader's Theatre Scripts and plays. Readers Theatre is a dramatic presentation of a written work in a script form. The focus is on reading the text with expressive voices and gestures.</p>