

# Marist Catholic School Herne Bay News

Term 4 2022

## 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*



## SPECIAL CHARACTER:

### NZ Stroke Foundation Blue Day:

With Ms Paterson (in Chavoin) suffering a stroke during the school day at the beginning of last term we decided to have a fundraiser to thank the Stroke foundation for all the support they have given to her and our school.

Everyone came dressed in Blue to show our support and we raised \$367 for the cause. We are so pleased that Ms Paterson is slowly getting back into work and is healing well.



### Thank you:



Thank you to Hannah and Rachel Nelson who created a podium for Marist as part of their Values Challenge. We look forward to many whole school prayers and other events using this wonderful creation.

### KidsCan Student Council outreach:

Congratulations to our Student Council for a successful Bake Sale last week where they raised \$332 for KidsCan.

Thank you to all who purchased the yummy treats.

Last term the council also organised a pyjama day which raised \$265. **All together our student council has raised \$597 for KidsCan this year.**

A fantastic effort for such a worthy cause supporting other tamariki around NZ who are less fortunate than ourselves.





## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL:

### Year 6 Camp:



On Tuesday the 20th of September, the Year 6's went to MERC in Long Bay for their camp. MERC stands for Marine Education Recreation Centre.

We got to camp at about 12pm on Tuesday and sat down to eat our packed lunches. Once everyone arrived we went into the main hall for one of the MERC instructors to tell us about the rules, expectations and how to keep safe at the camp. Next we played a few games and after that we went onto two giant paddle boards in our teams (team Tahi was green and team Rua was orange) and the instructors showed us some water safety. That evening we had a quiz which was very fun after a dinner of burgers and fries.

On Wednesday we woke up to the sound of the waves crashing down on the beach and the birds tweeting up in the trees. We got out of bed and went for a beach walk before our breakfast which was cereal, hash browns, eggs, toast and bacon. We washed our dishes after breakfast, then team Tahi did abseiling and team Rua did water sailing. Abseiling at MERC is where you have ropes

tied tightly around your waist and you walk down a steep blue wall, with the MERC instructors at the top and bottom holding the ropes tightly. Sailing is where we had two boats, one green and one yellow, and we learnt to put up the mast on the beach, push the boat out into the water, detach the trailer, and then jump back onto the boat and sail away. Team Tahi even saw an Orca when they were out sailing! We finished the day with a lovely Mass, in front of the big windows that overlooked the beautiful sea. Thank you Father Rory and some of our parents for coming to celebrate Mass with us at Camp!

On Thursday we got up and again went for a walk on the beach before breakfast. That day we did canoeing and rock climbing. For canoeing, we tied three canoes together, jumped on board and paddled out to sea. In the canoes, we paddled over a reef and some students saw some fish! We also did rock climbing, where we had three people as anchors and they pulled up the person climbing. It was so much fun! After dinner we had a talent show with some of the boys from one of the groups winning with a funny skit. It was a great night. For dinner that night we had spaghetti bolognese.

Our last day at Camp was Friday. We had MERC games, which were like the Hunger Games. The MERC games had us digging underneath a kayak in the sand, and then getting our whole team under the kayak and up to the other side. Team tahi won this contest. We also had to jump on our giant paddle boards, one team on each board and then paddle around a blue boat and five floats that were in the water. Then we had to paddle back to the finish line. Team Rua won this second contest. For the last content, we had to use the giant paddle boards to paddle out to the blue boat, get our whole team on the blue boat then each person had to do the seal dive backwards off the paddle board. We then had to swim to the big hexagon float, crawl across to the 4 rectangle floats then jump back on the giant paddle board and paddle back to the finish line. Team Rua won that final contest so they won the overall MERC Games Championships. The MERC instructions then taught us how to make a fire using a steel and metal flint. We went and collected cabbage tree leaves and used those to make the fire. We placed a piece of cotton inside our stack of wood and cabbage tree leaves and set the piece of cotton on fire using the flint and steel. We were then allowed to roast marshmallows in the fire.

After lunch it was sadly time to say goodbye to all of the MERC instructors before leaving the camp. Camp was so much fun. Thank you to all the parent helpers, teachers and MERC instructors for organising such a great camp trip for the Year 6 students.



*Grace (Student Journalist)*



# Getting to know your 2022-2025 Marist Catholic School Board

**Proprietors Representatives:** These trustee's have been appointed by Bishop Steve (Bishop of Auckland)



## **Loraine Elliott:**

Loraine was a grandparent at Marist in 2019-2021. She works at the Catholic Diocese and is a very active member of the Catholic community.

Loraine has been on the Marist board since 2019 as a proprietor's representative. She brings an abundance of knowledge and we are pleased she has stayed on with us at Marist.



## **Carmel Turnbull:**

Carmel has been a parent at Marist since 2018 and now has 2 children at the school; Poppy (Year 5), and Florence (Year 2).

She is an active member of the Sacred Heart Parish. This year Carmel was one of the lead parents of the parish Sacramental Programme. Having also previously been active through our PTA, Carmel is a great asset to the board.



## **Edwin Rozells:**

Edwin has one child at Marist; Lizzy (Year 5).

He is an active member of the Sacred Heart Parish, not only attending mass on Sundays but also participating in the adult educational programmes as well as supporting parish life.

**Our board is here to support our students and our community to ensure academic excellence, students are safe and the finances and environment of the school are used to the benefit of all.**

**Parent Representatives:** These trustee's have been elected by our parent community



## **Jonathan Hardy:**

Jonathan has been a parent at Marist since 2016 and now has 3 children at the school; Jack (Year 6), Agnes (Year 4), and Will (Year 1).

He has been on the board for the past 12 months as a co-opted parent-representative. Being a chartered accountant, Jonathan is interested in the financial resources of the school and has been part of our finance sub-committee.



## **Aimee Simons:**

Aimee has been a parent at Marist since 2019 and now has 2 children at the school; Harvey (Year 3), and Hazel (Year 1).

Aimee is an ex-Marist pupil herself and attributes her valuable Catholic education and supportive whānau as the backbone to her career journey and believes everyone should have the same opportunity to thrive.



## **Laura Tuohey:**

Laura has been a parent at Marist since 2018 and now has 3 children at the school; Rosa (Year 5), Margot (Year 3), and Eleanor (Year 0).

She has experience through many years at Playcentre being coordinator to guide the centre in Herne Bay with a collective of parents. She believes strongly in being an active and uplifting part of Marist.



## **Simon Morgan:**

Simon has been a parent at Marist since 2020 and now has 2 children at the school; Parker (Year 2), and Jude (Year 0).

With owning and managing his own company for the past 20 years he has strengths that benefit the Marist board. He is extremely motivated to be involved in the governance of our school to provide insight and a meaningful contribution to our children's schooling.

## **Staff Representative:**

This trustee has been elected by the Marist staff

## **Principal:**

This trustee is on the board through their employment



## **Katherine Bartlett:**

Katherine has been at Marist for many years both as a member of staff and a parent.

She has been on the Marist board since 2019 as a staff representative and through this role she is focused on the students giving both a staff and parent voice.



## **Sarah Gleeson:**

Sarah has been at Marist since 2019 having also been part of the Marist board throughout this time.

As the voice of the school management on the board she always has the students at the forefront of all decisions.



## Lewis Eady Students 2022 Concert:



Many students throughout the year have been having lessons with Lewis Eady. Students have been learning a range of instruments - piano, guitar and ukulele. It was wonderful to see them performing their end of year concert for their parents at lunchtime last week.



Learning to play an instrument is such a fantastic skill to have and a skill that they will use all their life.

Cleary is well underway with our Inquiry this term, the Rocky Shore!

We would love to share our learning that we have done so far.

We are learning to understand our role as kaitiaki over our rocky shores.

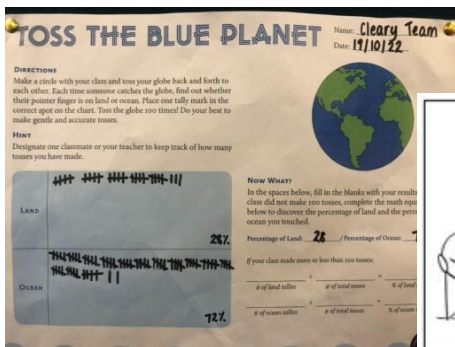


First we made a **Define Map** to create a common understanding of what a Kaitiaki is, and what our role is as a Kaitiaki.

**This is our definition:**

*A kaitiaki is a person or a group that takes care of the earth. Kaitiaki are the guardians and protectors of our environment. The original guardians were the Māori gods, e.g. Tāne-mahuta is the god of the forest.*

Here is our Define Map:



### Toss the BLUE Planet

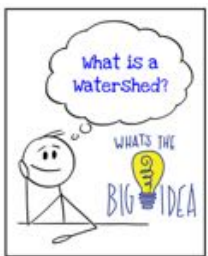
Our next big question was, 'How much water covers the Earth's surface?' We had fun using our probability skills to work out the percentage. We threw the globe 100 hundred times. Our results were close, we got 72%. The Earth's surface is covered by 71% water.



### Build a Watershed.

Next we learnt about the term 'Watershed'. A watershed is an area of land in which all water flows down into a common basin. The water collects to form rivers, lakes, streams or bays.

We built our own watersheds using newspapers and rubbish bags. We poured water into our watersheds to track the movement of the water with dye and glitter.





## Year 6 Graduation Afternoon Tea:



A lovely afternoon tea was had for our Year 6 graduates on Sunday. The students shared their favourite memories from their time at Marist as well as received a certificate for each of their individual talents from their teachers. It was also a great way for the parents to come together and celebrate this special milestone with the students and the teachers before the end of the year.



## SPORTS:

### BASKETBALL TERM 4



#### Marist Megalodons (Basketball)

3 wins for the Term 4 season  
1 loses for the Term 4 season  
1 draw for the Term 4 season

### Touch Results for Term 4

#### Marist Mighty Bullets (Yr 1/2 mixed)

3 wins for the season  
2 loss for the season

#### Marist Marvels (Yr 1/2 mixed)

3 wins for the season  
2 loss for the season



#### Marist Mavericks (Basketball)

3 wins for the Term 4 season  
0 loses for the Term 4 season  
1 draw for the Term 4 season

*Won the season and Year 6 tournament*

#### Marist Magic (Yr 4/5 mixed) - *won their Grade*

3 wins for the season  
2 losses for the season

#### Marist Majestics (Yr 5/6 Girls)

2 wins for the season  
3 loss for the season

#### Marist Mambas (Yr 5/6 Boys) - *won their Grade*

5 wins for the season  
0 loss for the season



### Swimming Week:

All the students are having a great time at the pools each day. The skills that the students gain through this experience each year is so beneficial for them. This is part of our Physical Education Curriculum and focuses on water skills that we always cover in Term 4, just in time for the summer break.



### Inner City Schools Rugby:

On Tuesday the 30th of August two entered a range of teams into the ICS Rugby Tournament. Under 46kg tackle team came 4th in their grade. Rippa A came 8th. Rippa B team came 5th and the open tackle barbarian team came 2nd which was excellent! We owe a big thanks to all the parent helpers, parents who came to support the students, and the teachers for an amazing day.

*Grace (Student Journalist)*



### Marist Athletics Day:

On Wednesday the 9th of November we had our Marist Athletics Day. For Athletics Day the juniors had to compete in a number of things which were: skipping, sprints, long jump, hurdles, shotput and sack races. The juniors had so much fun competing in all of these events.

The seniors had their turn after morning tea. They competed in: sprints, high jump, long jump, shot put, three legged race, sack races and hurdles. The Yr 5/6 students who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the sprints, high jump, long jump and shotput will now represent Marist in the Inner City Schools (ICS) Athletics. We all tried very hard and had so much fun.



We have to give a big thank you to all the teachers, Ms Gleeson and a special big thanks to Mrs Menezes for organising Marist Athletics Day for us.

*Grace (Student Journalist)*

### ICS Basketball:

Our Yr 5 & 6 Basketball teams participated in the ICS tournament at the Trust Arena Stadium this week. There was such a 'buzz' at the venue.

It was wonderful to watch our students show good team spirit, enjoy their games and give of their best.

A huge thank you to Rebecca Hardy and Anna Higgins for managing and supporting the teams. Thanks to all the other parents who helped with transport and support for the students on the day.

