

Marist Catholic School Herne Bay News

Term 1, 2023

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:

Celebrating First Reconciliation:

On Sunday some of our Marist students celebrated their First Reconciliation at Sacred Heart, Vermont Street. It was a lovely celebration and we are very proud of the students.

The children had spent time reflecting on the parables of the Found Sheep, the Forgiving Father and the True Vine during sacramental preparation as they grew in understanding of God's love and forgiveness.

Neve'	Scarlett	Alonso	Victoria
Griffin	Henry	Gloria	Mischa
Olivia	Harvey	Rosa	Margot
Charlotte			



Ash Wednesday:

Last week, it was wonderful to start the Season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Mass. A special thanks to Father Rory Morrissey for celebrating with us as well as Hannah van Schie and Alvaro Esparza for playing the accompanying music for our final hymn. It was uplifting to have wonderful live music played by some of our parents.



Lent is a time to think about how we can prepare ourselves for the great celebration of Easter. It is a time to look into our lives and make changes so we can grow to be more like Jesus. It is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Every week during Lent, our Special Character Team will be leading activities for children during a lunchtime break.

Non-uniform Day:

On Friday 10th March 2023 we all arrived in our colourful clothes. We were having a non-uniform day.

We were raising money for the flooding and Cyclone affected communities, e.g. the roads in Hawks Bay.

We raised \$348.60. The money we gave is being given to the Catholic Caring Foundation so that they can give it to the affected communities to support them to fix the damage from the weather.

By Poppy (Student Journalist)



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL:

Our 2023 Theme:

Our 2023 overarching theme is 'We are Called'. This theme evokes the unique calling that God has for each of us.

At Marist Catholic School, we are called to not only teach the BEST we can but also support and 'walk with' our children in their faith journey. As teachers in Catholic Schools, this is our mission.

Parents are a child's first teacher and our teachers in Catholic schools are being CALLED to support the parents and their child in their learning journey and faith development. There is no right or wrong here, rather a team effort and we will all work together through the year.



We will integrate our learning under the following links to our theme

Term 1 - We are called to be Family (Identity)

Term 2 - We are Called to be the Change (States of Matter)

Term 3 - We are Called to Play our Part (Systems)

Term 4 - We are Called to Reach Out (Community)

Message from our Board of Trustees:

The Board would like to welcome everyone back to school for the start of 2023 and extend a particularly warm welcome to all our new students, staff and families. We wish them all the best for their first year with Marist Catholic School.

Marist Catholic School offers an excellent education in a caring and loving environment, we hope you will take all the opportunities the school offers your children and we look forward to having you as active members of our community.

The start of the school year was interrupted by severe weather events that have caused disruption to everyone concerned. The Board would like to thank the community for your patience of in dealing with these closures. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly and is only done after extensive consultation with the Ministry of Education and other relevant agencies, and such decisions are focussed on the safety of students and staff. We hope this is the last disruption for 2023. We also extend our thoughts and prayers to those in our community, and the whanau of our community who have been directly impacted by these events.

A key focus for our Board this year is to grow the school roll. Part of this commitment is paying for two teachers above our Ministry of Education allocation to ensure that we are able to keep our teacher to student ratios low as well as have capacity to grow the roll. We know that parents are the best advertisers of a school as they speak from experience, so please help us to spread the word to the wider community.

Lastly the Board thanks the Leadership Team and staff in preparing for the start of this year, and all the work they do to make our school such a great place to belong to.



Simon Morgan
(Chair &
Parent Rep)



Aimee Simons
(Parent Rep)



Carmel Turnbull
(Proprietor Rep)



Laura Tuohy
(Parent Rep)



Edwin Rozells
(Proprietor Rep)



Lorraine Elliott
(Proprietor Rep)



Jonathan Hardy
(Parent Rep)



Katherine
Bartlett (Staff
Rep)



Sarah Gleeson
(Principal)

Multicultural Day:

The day began with a bang as the bell went and everyone gathered around as the annual multicultural parade began. New Zealand, our home country, stood up and marched around the turf with applause from everyone.

It's important to celebrate multicultural day so you can learn to foster respect and open-mindedness for other cultures. Back to the turf - Australia and Tonga marched and Samoa pranced down the path and around a corner to music from their countries.

New Zealand is a bicultural nation binded between New Zealand and Maori but we are also a multicultural community. At Marist as the parade came to an end Ms Gleeson announced that there were 34 different cultures represented that day at our school! That's just great. We posed for a whole school photo and were off!

Later in the day a shared lunch was had by all classes. While all the students gazed in amazement at all the different foods from chips and salsa to traditional Medovnik (a honey cake from the Czech Republic).

Multicultural day was amazing and eye opening with the opportunity to share our cultures with one another. We can't wait until next year!

By Cassidy (Student Journalist)



NZ Opera in Schools:

We were all riveted on the 2nd March, watching the Opera in Schools team perform a contemporary version of an old favourite - Sleeping Beauty. Great to see the wonderful role models on stage, and hear the thoughtful questions that our tamariki came up with.



Some interesting challenges to some traditional ideas, such as those around gender roles...

SPORTS:

BASKETBALL TERM 1

Mighty Marist (Year 5)

Won (27/0) vs Newton Knights
Won (24/23) vs Newton Knights
Won (17/2) vs Westmere Taniwhas
Won (18/0) vs Westmere Makos
Forfeit vs Pt Chev Pythons

Marist Megalodons (Year 6)

Won (16-14) vs PT Chev Tuis
Won (14/11) vs Pt Chev Tuis
Won (18/16) vs Pt Chev Blue Panthers
Won (22/9) vs Richmond Rangers
Won (20/6) vs SPS Shooting Stars



Touch Results for Term 1

Marist Marvels

Draw (3/3) vs St Francis Silver Blasters
Loss (5/7) vs Westmere Warriors
Loss (2/5) vs Westmere Tigers
Win (3/2) vs St Francis Silver Blasters
Lost (1/7) vs Westmere Warriors
Won (4/2) vs Westmere Tigers

Marist Magic

Won (2-1) vs St Francis Green Speedsters
Lost (5-7) vs St Francis Lethal Reds
Lost 1-4 vs Peter Harwood (Ponsonby Rugby Club)
Won 10-2 vs Cox's Bay Cubs
Draw (5/5) vs Grey Lynn Warriors
Draw (3/3) vs St Francis Speedsters



ICS Softball:



It was a burning day outside as Marist competed in the Inner Cities softball tournament. If anyone had the most spirit it was Marist. We had excellent cheerleaders on the B team and fabulous home runs. While the A team was thriving with exceptional hits and winning multiple games. We all did a phenomenal job with lots of fun. Marist A placed 8th and Marist B placed 9th on the day.

By Honey (Student Journalist)

ICS Cricket:

Our two Yr 5/6 cricket teams represented Marist at the Inner-city Schools Cricket tournament last week. They did an amazing job representing our school. Thank you to Mrs Sowman and Mrs 'Aho for your organisation.

A Team - 7th out of 11 schools

B Team - 6th out of 12 schools

