

Marist Catholic School Herne Bay News

Term 3, 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:

Parish/School Mass:

We have been blessed with the opportunity to have two celebrations of the Eucharist recently! On Saturday 12 August, Marist joined with the Ponsonby Herne Bay Parish at Sacred Heart Church. We welcomed our new members to the Marist family with a school candle and a special blessing from Father Rory Morrissey. This was a fantastic community celebration and the live music from our wonderful parent musicians made it extra special! Many thanks to our talented musicians: Joey Faust, Hannah van Schie, Alvaro Esparza, Maria Mascheroni, Paul Turnbull and Rebecca Martin (one of our wonderful parishioners).



On Tuesday, 15 August we celebrated our Marist Day with another beautiful Mass. This was the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. This special day started with Mass and continued with fun class activities during the day, a sausage sizzle and a miraculous medal for each student and teacher. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA who organised the delicious sausage sizzle and miraculous medal for each student to treasure.

Auckland Central Catholic Kahui Ako Pasifika People's Mass:

A beautiful mass was celebrated last Thursday evening with the ACCKA Pasifika People's Mass. Marist was well represented with a number of staff and whānau in attendance.

Thank you to Seron Stanley (school candle bearer), Leon Williams-Fotu (Prayer of the Faithful in Tongan), Kingston Sauaga-Uale (Alter Server), Camille Manu and Carmel Turnbull (representing our staff and board during Offertory).

This was a wonderful opportunity for all our schools to come together to celebrate our Pasifika communities.



Yr 5 Retreat:



On Monday and Tuesday last week the Year 5's went on an overnight trip to Saint Francis Retreat Center. We had a wonderful time learning about God throughout different activities.

Some of the activities included boat building, leaf matching, a scavenger hunt, making a skit about our saint, walking a prayer labyrinth, teamwork and learning how to be a leader. We discovered different saints and how they had a connection to God.

We enjoyed the tasty meals that the chefs prepared especially for us at retreat. We all got allocated different rooms to sleep in. There could only be 2 people in each room. One got to sleep on the bed and one had to bring an air mattress or a stretcher.

We would like to say big thank you to the parents that drove us to and from retreat. Also like to say a big thank you to Ms Gleeson, Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Song and Brother Phillip for organising this unforgettable memory for the Year 5 students.

By **Agnes** (Year 5 student)

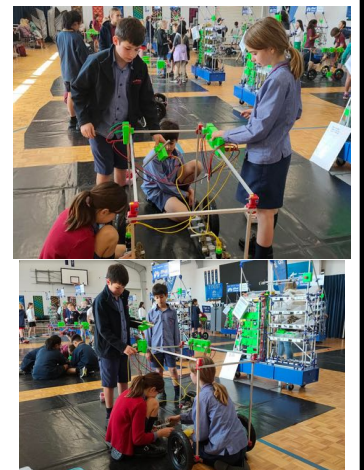


WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL:



EPro8 Interschool Challenge

We were about to enter a team of Year 6 students into the EPro8 Interschool Challenge at Northcote Intermediate on Thursday 31st August. The team of 4 students went along with Mr Heslin to compete against 20 teams of schools from across Auckland. This was our first time entering this event and was a great opportunity for these students to extend their problem solving, engineering and teamwork skills. The competition was tough and our students worked extremely well together to complete the challenge.



Yr 6 Camp:

Last week the Year 6's went to MERC (Sir Peter Blake Marine, Recreation and Education Centre) for our annual camp. They had an amazing time experiencing new challenges and getting out of their comfort zones throughout different activities.

Some of the activities included sailing, abseiling, raft building, paddle boarding, outdoor survival and more. The students all took on each activity with excitement and enthusiasm, which was wonderful to see.

We were blessed to have some of our Year 6 parents come up on Wednesday night to participate in our annual camp mass with Father Rory. The students loved showing their parents around the grounds and sharing some of the exciting memories they had experienced.

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents that supported our camp, from the parent helpers who stayed throughout the week to the parents who helped to transport the students to MERC. Also a big thank you to Mrs Sowman and Mr Heslin for organising this unforgettable memory for the Year 6 students.

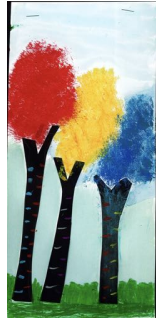


2023 Annual Art Exhibition

Year 0



1st - Hunter



2nd - Aubrey

Our annual Art Exhibition was a wonderful community event where all of our students' creativity was celebrated. Congratulations to our winners from each year level.

A thank you to Hills Flooring and Bayleys for sponsoring the prize vouchers for our winners, as well as \$1000.00 donation to the school to support our visual arts programmes.

Also thank you to our PTA for their hard mahi organising the food and drink that was available on the night. They were able to raise \$1,317.00 on the night towards their fundraising project.

Year 1

Year 2



1st - Misa



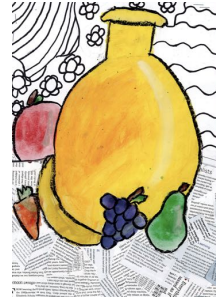
2nd - Aleksa



3rd - Sophie



1st - Hazel



2nd - Lucy



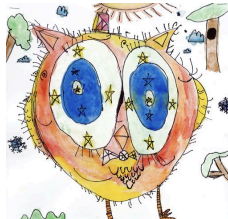
3rd - Will

Year 3

Year 4



1st - Taylor



2nd - Caen

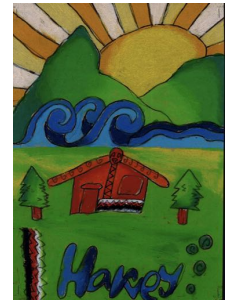


Yr 3 3rd
Selina

Yr 4 2nd
Victoria



1st - Gloria



3rd - Harvey

Year 5

Year 6



1st - Mercy



2nd - Toby



3rd - Camryn



1st - Eula



2nd - Toalei



3rd - Preston

SPORTS:



ICS Soccer Tournament:

Congratulations to all of our Soccer players who represented Marist in Week 8 in the pouring rain. A big thank you to the coaches, managers and parent helpers who put lots of effort into getting our students ready for such an important event.



BASKETBALL TERM 3

Mighty Marist (Year 5)

Win (10/15) vs Pt Chev Pythons
Win (21/16) vs Westmere Taniwhas
Win (20/2) vs Westmere
Win (17-4) vs Ponsonby Piranhas

Marist Megalodons (Year 6)

Win (25/20) vs Newton Riot
Win (21/16) vs St Francis Blue
Win (22/6) vs Pt Chev Tuis
Win (11-3) vs Pt Chev Ninjas

TOUCH RUGBY Results for Term 3

Marist Marvels

2 - 4 (lost against St Francis Yellow Sparks)

Marist Magic

9 - 1 (lost against Westmere Knights)

Netball Season Prize-giving

Congratulations to our Yr5 Marist Marvels for coming second in their grade during this year's Netball season. On Monday last week, they attended the prize-giving and were awarded their medals. It was wonderful to see them proudly representing Marist. Their smiles said it all.



ICS Netball

On Thursday 17th August some of our Year 5/6 students competed in the ICS Netball Tournament at North Harbour Netball. Our three teams played extremely well

displaying wonderful sportsmanship and our Marist values in all their games.

Catholic Schools Cross Country:

Despite the rainy weather, the Yr3-5 students had an amazing time at the Catholic School Cross Country Competition!

There were many schools participating (around 20 in total). All the children performed exceptionally well.



Cricket, Gymnastics and Diving

Marist has had a very exciting few weeks with lots of sporting opportunities. We have had Grafton Cricket in working with our Year 0-4 students teaching them cricket skills. Gymnastics Kids NZ in working with our Year 0-6 students focusing on gymnastics skills and Dive Auckland working with our Year 3-6 students practising diving techniques.

