

Marist Catholic School Herne Bay News

Term 1, 2024

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:

Sacramental Programme:

Congratulations to our students who celebrated their first reconciliation last weekend. It is wonderful to see you progressing on your faith journey together.

Ysobel	Caen	Luca & Grayson	Patrick	Sean & James	Jagger
Lucy & Max	Michael Adonis	Leon	Mateo	Dominique	Ben & Guy
Parker	Freddie & Rosie	Florence	Camryn	Daniel	Alice
Taylor	Florence T	Freddie J	Kieran	Leo J	Liana, Jharell & Junero



Parish/School Mass

Coming together as a parish and school community is such a special time for us.

This was also a time where our new students and their families were welcomed by the school and parish too.



Changes to the Religious Education Programme:

After a year of Professional Development our Junior School teachers are now implementing the wonderful new RE curriculum. While the content is similar to the previous curriculum, the way the programme is structured

is now more engaging, dynamic and creative.

The Middle School teachers (Year 3/4) are now working through their year of Professional Development, with implementation beginning in 2025.

Link to the new RE curriculum -
<https://www.totatouwhakapono.nz/>



Holy Week at Marist:

Holy week is the week leading up to Jesus' resurrection. At Marist we celebrated Jesus' last week of his life as a man on Earth before he went to heaven by re-enacting the Stations of the Cross, which depict the events leading up to his death. This is the most important week of our catholic calendar.

The week starts with Palm Sunday - On this day Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey that had not been ridden on before. Jesus' donkey had a white cross on its back.

Stations of the cross are 14 special and important events in Jesus' life from the arrival to Jerusalem leading up to his death and resurrection.

This year, Mrs Bartlet and the Special Character Leaders, as well as our Year 6's prepared a performance. A group of Year 6's shared the 14 events of Jesus for all Marist children so we can commemorate together as a Catholic community, look back and recognise what Jesus went through.

Each morning our leaders acted as different characters from each of the stations and shared the story of the station with us. We reflected on what we can learn from each station and the amazing gift that Jesus gave us.

We concluded the week with a liturgy for Holy Thursday. During this liturgy our leaders shared with us the story of the Last Supper where Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. During this liturgy Father reminded us all that the Easter break is not a holiday but a holy-day.



By Isla (Student Journalist)



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL:

2024 Theme

In 2023, our overarching theme was "We are Called.." We built an understanding of how we are called by God to respond. We recognise the importance of being called to our faith journey. This introduces our 2024 theme, "**The Journey Matters.**"



Together as a community we embark on this journey with God in faith, love and hope. We enter this journey to grow and learn as God's children, we are supported and guided to use our gifts and achieve greatness.

Marist Catholic School embraces our Journey:

Term 1: - The Journey Matters, in our own backyard (Identity)

Term 2: The Journey matters, among the stars (States of Matter)

Term 3: The Journey matters, within us (Systems)

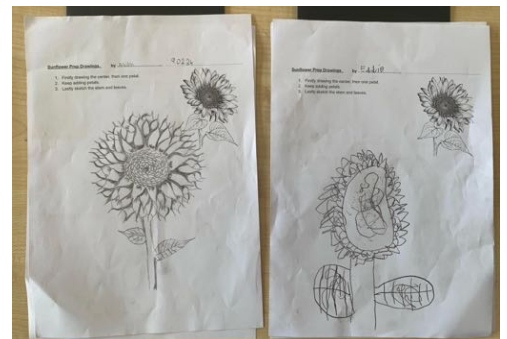
Term 4: The Journey matters, we're all in this together (Community)

Manawa Reka:

This term our Arts focus is Visual Art. Each teacher has chosen a different art style and students were able to choose which one they wanted to focus on for an eight week intensive in the middle block each Friday.

It has been wonderful to see classes full of a wide range of year levels all working together.

Pointillism	A technique of painting in which small, distinct dots of colours are applied in patterns to form images. Dot painting is also one of the ancient forms of art which was used in most of the cultures around the world. We are going to look at the old dot paintings and the paintings of Artist George Seurat and create our own blossoms using this technique.
Paper Mâché	French for “chewed-up paper,” and a technique for creating three-dimensional objects, using paper and glue. We will explore artists, such as Bernie Kaminski, Chiaozza, Sarah Cox and Joel Garcia, who use this technique to create unique sculptures.
Stained Glass Windows	Charles Rennie Mackintosh was a Scottish artist and designer. He produced new art and designs, which became known as the ‘Glasgow Style’. We will explore Mackintosh’s ability to move between very geometric styles to more ‘Art Nouveau’ styles, and create our own Mackintosh-inspired, stained glass window design.
Pasifika Patterns	Following the Niuan Artist John Pule’s storytelling style of art, we will look at how different patterns can communicate to us. We will create a Pasifika Tapa Cloth style piece of art and learn a few fun techniques to add interesting textures and patterns.
Van Gogh - Sunflowers & Starry Night	Impressionism is a style of painting that Van Gogh used to paint his sunflower pictures and his Starry, Starry Night. We will explore ways of drawing and painting sunflowers, vases and the night sky. Paint your own unique sunflower picture or learn how to expressively paint a night.
Upoko Whakairo	In Te Reo Māori, upoko is the word for head. Traditional whakairo (carvings) often display the carved heads of ancestors and were used as decorations. We will use line work to draw your own upoko design and blend pastel shades to colour the artwork.
Paper Collage	Collage comes from the french word “to glue” (coller) and is a technique in which different materials are combined and glued onto a surface to create a new piece. We will explore Paper Collage and the different materials and textures we can find to create our own unique images inspired by artists such as Eric Carle, Jesse Treece and Jessa Dupis.



SPORTS:

BASKETBALL TERM 1

Marist Magic (Year 5)
draw 2-3 against MAPS
win 12-0 against Westmere

Marist Megalodons (Year 6)
lost 16-18 against Pt Chev
lost 24-20 against Newton
lost 17-14 against Westmere



Touch Results for Term 1

Marist Mischief
Loss (4/5) vs Mighty Ponsonby Bullets
Win (7/4) vs St Francis Silver Blasters
Draw (6/6) vs Westmere Blazers
Draw (6/6) vs Ponsonby Cres Williams



ICS Softball:

In Week 8 a group of Year 5 & 6 students competed in the ICS Softball tournament at Cox's Bay.

We entered two teams in the competition. They had a great time playing against the other school from the inner city. For some of our players it was their first time playing softball. Everyone did their best and displayed the Marist values throughout the day.

A big thank you to Mrs Sowman for organising, Richard for hosting trials and the parents for supporting through training and being an amazing cheer squad.

By Agnes (*Student Journalist*)



ICS Cricket:

Our Year 5 and 6 teams played at the Inner City Schools Cricket Tournament at Victoria Park. Both teams did well and represented our school with pride.

A huge thank you to all our parents who helped manage, transport and cheer on our students. Also to Mrs Sowman for all of her organisation for the event.



Tabloids Sports:

A wonderful afternoon of fun was had by all our students on Wednesday 3rd with our annual tabloid sports during our parent interviews.

Thank you to our fantastic House Captains for organising the events and running them with confidence.