

# Marist Catholic School Herne Bay News

Term 3, 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:

### Marist Day:

On the 15th of August, all the children were bubbling with excitement because it was Marist Day. Marist Day is a very important day at our school, because it is the Assumption of Mary. We celebrate this day each year because it is the day when Mary ascended into heaven, body and soul, because she was the perfect disciple.

To start this special day off, we attended a mass where Father Rory taught us lots and lots about how special this day is. Each of us got a shiny silver medal with a lovely picture of Mother Mary on it, which we could attach onto our uniform. Next, we created artwork focused on Mary to decorate the church for our Parish/School mass until it was finally lunch time.

We were lucky enough to have some awesome PTA members and amazing whānau, who organised a delicious sausage sizzle for the whole school to enjoy. The yummy smell of sausages, bread and tomato sauce filled the air. We were all smiling, laughing and having a fantastic Marist Day.

By Agnes Hardy (Student Journalist)



### YCC Non-Uniform Day:

On the last Friday of Term 2, Marist Catholic School joined with Caritas and other Catholic schools around New Zealand to raise money to support Holy Trinity School in Papua New Guinea.

Oecusse School which is in desperate need of vital classroom equipment such as desks and chairs, as well as resources like books and writing materials.

YCC (Young Catholics Care) day is a day when catholic schools across New Zealand stand in solidarity for a good cause and raise funds and awareness for those in need.

**Marist raised \$229.90 for this wonderful cause.**



### Catholic Caring Award:

On Tuesday 7th August, Mary, Leon, Rachel, Azalea, Camryn and Sam represented Marist at the special Catholic Caring Mass and Awards at Christ the King Church. This Mass was held to give thanks for all those people who contribute

to caring and helping those in need in our diocese.

These Year 6 students received an award for their consistent care and thoughtfulness towards others, and for being a role model to their fellow students at Marist who have also shown care for others by raising money for those in need. Congratulations to these students on receiving this award.

## Parish/School Mass:

We have been blessed with the opportunity to have two celebrations of the Eucharist recently! On Saturday 17 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).



## Year 5 Retreat:

Our Year 5's had a 2 day / 1 night retreat at the St Francis Retreat Centre in Hillsborough on the 16th & 17th September.

During the retreat they worked on;

- team building skills,
- what it means to be a good leader,
- reflecting on the leadership of Jesus
- taking time to quietly reflect on the sort of leader they want to be.

This was quality time for the year 5's to spend together to build stronger relationships so they can be the best Year 6 seniors they can be next year.

Thank you to Mrs Bartlett, Ms Song and Mrs Menezes for supporting the students during this special time.



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL:

### Tongan Language Week:

During Week 5, we celebrated Tongan Language Week at Marist. The cultural leaders and students with a special connection to Tonga led us through interactive activities, as well as the St Paul's boys who came to share songs and dance too. Malao 'Aupito.





## Marist Oral Language Competition

### Yr 1 (Prepared Speech)

- 1st - Genevieve (My Poppa's Dog)
- 2nd - Mila (Rainbows)
- 3rd - Hunter (Marley)

### Yr 2 (Prepared Speech)

- 1st - Misa (Cherryblossoms)
- 2nd - Vanessa (Koalas)
- 3rd - Edward (Elephants)

### Yr 3 Winners

#### Prepared Speech

- 1st - Benedict (Superpowers)
- 2nd - Max (Brazilian Jiu Jitsu)
- 3rd - Lucy (Taylor Swift)

#### 10 square Flash

- 1st - Aiden (Dangerous Marine Animals)
- 2nd - Hunter (Redwoods)
- 3rd - Harry (My Dog Frankie)

### Yr 4 Winners

#### Prepared Speech

- 1st - Selina (Why you should play Roblox)
- 2nd - Taylor (Why dogs are better than cats)
- 3rd - Patrick (Why Minecraft is better than Roblox)

#### 10 square Flash

- 1st - Daniel (Beefeaters)
- 2nd - Ben (Rugby)

#### Rap

- 1st - Leon (Basketball)



### Yr 5 Winners

#### Prepared Speech

- 1st - Gloria (Unity in Aotearoa)
- 2nd - Neve (Unity in our Names)
- 3rd - Miyoko (Embracing our differences)

#### 10 square Flash

- 1st - Inigo (Fear)
- 2nd - Caspar (Unity through Tech)
- 3rd - Jimmy (Wild Ferns)

#### Rap

- 1st - Leo (Unity in Teamwork)
- 2nd - Fred (Togetherness)
- 3rd - Max (Friends)

### Yr 6 Winners

#### Prepared Speech

- 1st - Mary (One Person to Unite a Whole Country)
- 2nd - Azalea (Improving the World with Unity)
- 3rd - Sam (How the All Blacks show Unity)

#### 10 square Flash

- 1st - Rosie (Unity in Friendship)
- 2nd - Claudia (Bees showing Unity)

#### Rap

- 1st - Kingston (Unite against Racism)
- 2nd - Agnes (Friendship)

#### Spoken Word

- 1st - Leon (Kotahitanga & Racism)
- 2nd - Florence (Netball)
- 3rd - Mercy (Young Woman and the Sea)

### A big thank you to our Judges:

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Menezes & Ms Gleeson

Year 3 & 4 - Ms Down & Ms Gleeson

Year 5 & 6 - Ms Catherine Ryan (Auckland Vicor of Education) & Ms Gleeson

### ICS Rehu Tai Representatives:

The students who have been chosen to represent Marist at the Inner City Schools Rehu Tai at Pt Chevalier Primary on Wednesday 11th September are;

#### Prepared Speech

Mary (One Person to Unite a Whole Country)

*Placed 2nd*

#### 10 square Flash

Rosie (Unity in Friendship)

#### Spoken Word

Leon (Kotahitanga & Racism)

#### Rap

Kingston (Unite against Racism)

*Placed 3rd*

# 2024 Annual Art Exhibition

## Year 0



Rocket Ship  
1st - Ollie



Starry Night  
2nd - Thea

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.

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.

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 \$1,600.00.

## Year 1



Starry Flowers  
1st - Kobe



Shining Sparklers  
2nd - Eviejean

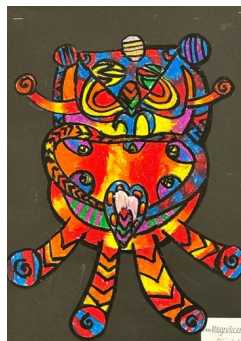


Puss in Boots  
3rd - Daniel

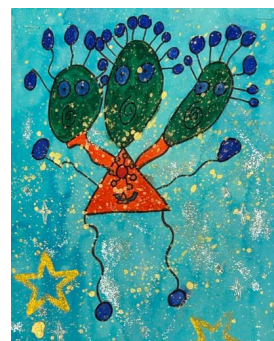
## Year 2



Shining Bright Gold  
1st - Eddie



Magnificent Upoko  
2nd - Elijah



Three-headed Alien  
3rd - Angus

## Year 3



The Popcorn Packet  
1st - Wen Jie



Tu Meke Tiki  
2nd - Benedict



Pretty Planet  
3rd - Hazel



## Year 4



Taniwha  
1st - Parker



Dinosaur Island  
2nd - Dominique



Planet Stars  
3rd - Daisy

## Year 5



Depths of the Ocean  
1st - Griffin



Half Day, Half Night  
2nd - Harvey



Within the Sun and Moon  
3rd - Gloria

## Year 6



Land Mother  
1st - Violet



United as One  
2nd - Alonso



A Moment in Time  
3rd - Azalea



## Year 6 Camp:

**Tuesday: Day 1** - The Year 6s were buzzing with excitement to go to camp and explore the adventures that were waiting for them at Long Bay Marine Reserve. The first activity was to explore the Rocky Shore, they had an awesome time finding cool sea creatures. The second activity was to play some team activities and everyone had a blast!

**Wednesday: Day 2** - Today, the Year 6s were a bit tired from yesterday's fun but still had enough energy to have a bit more fun. Their first activity was raft building. The Year 6s made amazing rafts out of wood, rope, and barrels; most didn't fall apart which was fantastic! The second activity was to climb a climbing wall, it was really hard but some thought it was easy so they did it blindfolded!

**Thursday: Day 3** - Today was the day with the most challenging, scary and tiring activities. Firstly, they went sailing. Everyone took turns steering the wheel out to sea. It was really calm and peaceful. Secondly, Stack' Em which was climbing and stacking at the same time. Lastly was biking. This was when everyone got really dirty and muddy but it was fun riding and exploring the haunted house that was once owned by Margaret Vaughan. The day finished with a camp mass which was great, the Year 6 parents visited with the students, we had a blast showing them around camp!

**Friday: Day 4** - Firstly, was surf skills but the waves weren't very high so the students just practised our rescuing skills. Secondly they had fun going down the abseiling wall. Finally it was time to go which every Year 6 was reluctant to go but were a bit homesick despite all the fun they had.

They will always remember these memories!

By Mercy (*Student Journalist*)



## 100 days at school:

Congratulations to Austin and Bernard students who celebrated 100 days of being at school this year. This annual celebration is so much fun with all the children dressing up as 100 year olds.

The children enjoyed their dress up and shared breakfast. Well done on completing your first 100 days of your learning journey.



## Multicultural Day:

Hola, Bonjour, Ciao, Konnichiwa, Annyeonghaseyo, Olà.

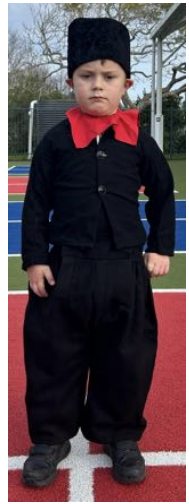
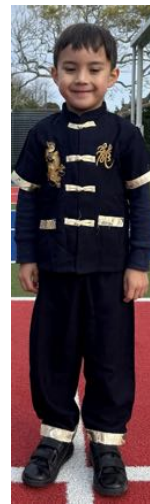
In Week 2 we celebrated Multicultural Day! Multicultural Day is where we celebrate our different cultures. Marist has a tradition where we all dress up in our cultural outfits to show our different cultures and hold a parade to share our identities.

It's important to celebrate multicultural day so you can learn to foster respect and open-mindedness for other cultures.

New Zealand is a bicultural nation binded between New Zealand and Maori, but we are also a multicultural community. At Marist we had 30 different cultures represented.

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 Mercy (Student Journalist)



## SPORTS:

### NETBALL TERM 3

**Marist Meteors (Year 3/4)**

3 Losses & 3 Wins

**Mighty Marist (Year 5)**

3 Losses & 3 Wins

**Marist Marvels (Year 6)**

2 Losses & 4 Wins



### BASKETBALL TERM 3

**Marist Mavericks (Yr3/4)**

5 Losses & 1 Win

**Marist Magic (Yr5)**

1 Lose & 5 Wins

**Marist Megalodons (Yr6)**

2 Losses & 4 Wins





## Marist Snowboarding:

Well done to Rachel who represented Marist at the Auckland Primary Schools Snow Sports Champs at Snowplanet.

Rachel showcased her skiing versatility and achieved some excellent results.

1st place - Yr 5/6 Giant Slalom

2nd place - Yr 5/6 Slopestyle



## ICS Netball Tournament:

On Thursday 29th 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.

A very big thank you to our amazing parents, for managing and coaching the students during the tournament as well as Mrs Sowman for her organisation with the other ICS sports coordinators across our cluster.



## ICS Soccer:

In Week 8 the Year 5 and 6s went to Western Springs to play some amazing games of Soccer. They all did incredible. Our A team came third! Well done A team.

The soccer teams definitely showed their Marist manners because Azalea and Kieran won a reward for showing sportsmanship out of everyone there! Amazing job, Azalea and Kieran!

By Claudia (*Student Journalist*)



## Catholic Schools Cross Country:

Some lucky Year 3-6 students were able to participate in a tiring, long and fun cross country race at Monte Cecilia Park.

The students were buzzing with excitement and nerves. When they arrived. The Marist PE gear was worn with pride as they lined up for the start of their race.

Thank you to Ms Wells and Mrs Sowman for organising and thank you to all of the parents and whānau who helped cheer the students on.

By Agnes (*Student Journalist*)

