

Marist Catholic School Herne Bay News

Term 2, 2025

Our Charism

As Marists, we think, judge, feel and act in the way of Mary

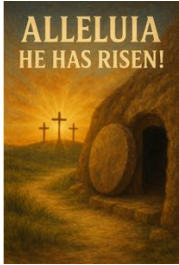
Our Mission

Quality learning opportunities, with Jesus Christ as our guide



SPECIAL CHARACTER:

Easter



Easter is one of the greatest seasons in our Catholic Liturgical Year, spanning 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost.

Last Monday, our Special Character Team led a meaningful Easter Liturgy at Marist Catholic School. We joyfully celebrate the Resurrection, proclaiming Jesus lives! This sacred season invites us to overcome challenges and embrace new beginnings through God's love.



Each classroom now features vibrant "Alleluia" posters, a word of praise and joy. These were designed by the Special Character Team. After abstaining from "Alleluia" during Lent, we're thrilled to share the joy of Jesus' resurrection with this triumphant word.

Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! - Kua ara te Karaiti, Areruia, Areruia!

In preparation for the Conclave and the decision to appoint our new pope, Cardinal John Dew has requested us in New Zealand to pray the Litany of the Saints as a way of invoking the Holy Spirit. All classrooms have begun praying the Litany of the Saints daily. If you wish to support Cardinal John Dew with his request, here is a link with more information: [Litany of the Saints for Conclave 2025](#).

Catholic Schools Day:

We celebrated being a Catholic School on Wednesday last week.

Our Special Character team put together a lovely liturgy where we were able to reflect on our school and how lucky we are to be part of this Catholic community.

Thank you to our PTA who gave all our students an ice-block treat at lunchtime

The whole school worked on a special mural which will be displayed in the office area for everyone to see.



Auckland Central Catholic Kahui Ako Pasifika People's Mass:

On the 18th June, a cool winter night in a full St Joseph's Church, Grey Lynn we celebrated the Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako (ACCKA) Pasifika Community Mass. Fr Tino Toleafoa led this beautiful occasion. It was wonderful to see members of the Marist, Herne Bay School Community present. Miyoko, our Candle Bearer, represented Marist so well



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL:

Science: In Cleary we have started bringing our story to life" with some investigations about floating and sinking.

Some students were very surprised about the results, and for others our experiments confirmed what they already knew.

We all still have lots of questions though. I wonder what else affects the way some items float and others sink?



Writing: Austin 2 has been actively engaged in developing their persuasive and opinion writing skills. Our students have been exploring a variety of sentence starters and learning to provide well-reasoned arguments to support their opinions. It has been wonderful to witness their progress and growing confidence in expressing their thoughts through writing.

Here is a piece of writing from one of our budding authors, Mila:

I think wearing a school uniform is a great idea. There are many reasons why. Firstly, our uniform is very comfortable because some clothes you wear can be really itchy. Secondly, nobody has to judge you because you are wearing the same. Another reason is it makes the whole school neat and tidy. Finally, everyone looks the same so you can focus on learning. Now you know that wearing a school uniform is the best and keeps smiles on people's faces.

Student Council Fundraiser: Pyjama day was a hit in Chavoin. We loved being warm and cosy in our PJ's while we worked but also having our cuddly soft toys with us.



Mental Health Awareness Week:

In Week 3 we celebrated Mental Health Awareness week focusing on being up-standers instead of by-standers.

Classes worked on their Mitey approach lessons looking at friendships and how to support each other in times of need.

We finished the week by showing our support for mental health by wearing pink for Pink Shirt Day.

At Marist we aim for all students to feel safe and cared for as we are all made in the likeness and image of God.



Whole school Chess Taster:

On Monday, we held a chess taster session that many students had been eagerly anticipating.

They engaged enthusiastically and some students demonstrated good skills.

We are now considering offering regular chess classes with an expert chess coach on a user-pays basis and would like to gauge interest before making a commitment. To proceed, we would need a minimum of 20 paying students.

In Term 3, the full 10-week programme would be \$198/student. If you are interested please email pauline@maristschool.co.nz



School Disco:

An awesome night of lights, music, dancing and socialising.

Our students had a great night at the school disco (with some saying it was the best night ever!). From the food to the fantastic tunes, even the rain couldn't dampen this wonderful experience.

A huge thank you to our amazing PTA who put this event together. They worked tirelessly to put together an opportunity for our tamariki to have fun with their friends.



Multicultural Day:

Such a wonderful celebration we had yesterday celebrating the many cultures that are represented at Marist.

We had so many countries represented across all of the continents of the world. In our small school this is quite a feat.

Thank you to our parents for helping us all embrace the many cultures of Marist. We are very proud of our diversity.



Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week:

A great week of celebrating a Pasifika culture which some of our students identify with.

We were grateful to the Sofele and Fox-Matamua families who came and shared some yummy Samoan food which the students loved (many of them had seconds).

It was also wonderful to see our Samoan students coming to school to share their beautiful Samoan clothes with us.



Library Initiative:

On Friday the 23rd of May our wonderful Student Librarians Aria, Emily, Gemma and Oren ran their own initiative in the library to help celebrate Cultural Diversity Week.

The librarians chose three different cultures from their own family history - Samoan, Italian and Maori and displayed the different books in the library about these three cultures. They arranged for craft activities to be available - plus provided books and cultural music.

About 30 students attended the event and lots of fun was had by all.



Grandparents Day:

What a special day it was as we came together to celebrate some of the most cherished people in our lives—our grandparents!

The day began on a heartfelt note with a beautiful Mass, setting the tone for the celebrations to follow. Afterward, our amazing PTA members treated everyone to a delicious high tea, complete with tasty treats and warm conversations.

The fun didn't stop there! A delightful series of performances lit up the turf, filling the atmosphere with joy and laughter. But the real highlight? The grand finale—Jump Jam! Our grandparents didn't just watch; they jumped right in, dancing their hearts out alongside the children. There were beaming smiles all around, from the tiniest dancers to the most seasoned ones!

To wrap up the day, our grandparents joined us in our classrooms, where we played games and shared what we've been learning.

It truly was a day to remember—filled with love, laughter, and unforgettable moments across generations!



Book Week:

It has been a magical, storybook week as students and teachers arrived dressed as their favorite book characters, meet a real author and competed in a literacy hunt around the school grounds. The school has been abuzz with excitement around reading and a love of books.



SPORTS:

BASKETBALL TERM 2

Marist Magic (Yr4)

- Loss 5-19 against Newton Rascals
- Loss 2-13 against Ponsonby Hornets
- Win 12-8 against Richmond Rd Rockets
- Win 8-1 against Ponsonby Bulls
- Loss 8-20 against Newton Rangers

Marist Mavericks (Yr5) - 2 linked teams

- Draw 4-4 Mavericks 1 against Mavericks 2
- Loss 1-4 against Pt Chev Warriors
- Loss 6-8 against Westmere Flames
- Loss 4-14 against Mt Eden
- Loss 5-14 against Newton
- Loss 4-17 against Pt Chev

Marist Magics (Yr6)

- Win 36-2 against Pt Chev Panthers
- Win 24-10 against Freeman's Bay Ballers
- Win 16-10 against Pt Chev
- Win 26-6 against Ponsonby Pistons
- Win 16-10 against Westmere Gorillaz

Netball Results for Term 2

Marist Mystics (Yr3/4)

- Loss 0-16 against Hauraki
- Loss 0-4 against Kauri Park
- Loss 1-8 against Ponsonby
- Loss 0-11 against St Mary's
- Loss 2-11 against Millford
- Loss 1-9 against Grey Lynn

Marist Meteors (Yr5)

- Loss 2-12 against Vauxhall
- Loss 3-11 against St Joseph's
- Loss 0-14 against Chelsea
- Loss 1-5 against Hauraki
- Loss 2-5 against Glenfield
- Loss 4-22 against Murray's Bay

Mighty Marist (Yr6)

- Win 18-8 against Hauraki
- Loss 6-15 against Vauxhall
- Win 16-3 against Chelsea
- Win 12-7 against Grey Lynn
- Loss 2-6 against Campbell's Bay
- Loss 9-13 against Vauxhall