

# MARIST SCHOOL NEWSFLASH

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8 March 2019

Hello Everyone

We are delighted to be welcoming Carolynn Phillips to the Marist Family next term. As you will read Carolynn is a committed Catholic with a deep love for all things Marist. She has a breadth of experience across many areas in education.

We are truly grateful to the Marist School Board of Trustees for their discernment, commitment and care throughout the principal appointment process.



It has been wonderful to have so many families join us for our liturgies this week as we begin the season of Lent. We also had a great response to our inaugural Marist Cafe gathering on Wednesday. Check out more on our school Facebook page and keep an eye out for Cafe dates throughout the year.

Best wishes

Catherine and the Marist Team



# MRS PHILLIPS

Hello Everyone,

I am so excited at my appointment as your new principal. I am a 'Marist Woman' through and through and this opportunity allows me to share my passion for a Catholic Marist Education with each one of you as whanau, staff and children.

I hold a Diploma of Teaching and Masters in Religious Education. I trained at Loreto Hall Catholic Teachers College and have taught in Catholic schools in Auckland and London for 36 years. I am primary trained and have worked in both Primary & Secondary schools. I also spent 2 years working at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Centre.

I am an ex-Marist College student, taught there for 10 years holding the role of Director of Religious Studies for 8 years, and was Principal of St Michael's Catholic School, Remuera for 7 years.

I have been fortunate to hold the position of Primary Religious Education Advisor for the Auckland Diocese for nearly 3 years.

I am passionate about my family, especially my children, all who went to primary school here. I have three children, my daughter Sarah-Jayne (ex-Marist College head girl and teacher for a short time at Marist and now in Melbourne) and my two sons Christian and Samuel who attended St Peter's College.

My other passions include long walks, especially on the beach, reading, and enjoying time with my family and friends.

I look forward to getting to know you all and to continue to provide an environment where all are valued.

Warm wishes

Carolynn Phillips



# THE SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent

“Change your lives and believe in Him”

Our Lenten Journey has begun.

Shrove Tuesday

We started to prepare for lent on Shrove Tuesday with our shared liturgy on the field.

Here Room 3 led us in prayer, acting out the Beatitudes and sharing out the Caritas koha boxes for each class. Each class has made a Lenten promise as we focus on how we can change and follow more closely the path Jesus has showed us. We then lit the palms from last year making the ash needed for the following day - Ash Wednesday – the start of Lent. We then proceeded to the Journey Garden where we placed our purple stones.



Shrove Tuesday or “Pancake Day” is celebrated around the world as the day before Lent starts. Shrove Tuesday is the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients.

A huge “THANK YOU” to Gerard and his amazing PTFA team who donated not only the ingredients but their precious energy and time to make over 600 pancakes for the children!

“Show me how anyone can have faith without actions. I will show you my faith by my actions.” James 2:14-18

On Tuesday, it was awesome Shrove Tuesday. We celebrated with the whole school with a liturgy, pancakes and a Mardi Gras parade.

At about 10 O’clock, we went on the grass for the liturgy. We sang a few songs and we watched Father burn the ashes in the BBQ.

After the ashes were burnt, we went to put our stones on the journey path ready for Lent. I placed mine on the end. When it was morning tea, the PTFA made delicious pancakes for the whole school. I had 2 pancakes.

When we got back to class, Room 7 came to our class. We learnt how to make pancakes and why they are made on Shrove Tuesday.

After lunch, we did art for the parade. Later we did a Mardi Gras parade with Teina and Waenga. I wore a mask with light green, dark green, purple and gold.

Shrove Tuesday was the best day of school so far.

By Feargus Marshall  
Room 9

On a hot exciting school day, the whole school gathered on the field to celebrate Shrove Tuesday also known as fat Tuesday or Pancake day.

During the liturgy we sang heaps of songs and I had to go up and get the Caritas box. Father burnt the palms and we held up our Lenten promises. So far the day was good.

Next, we finished our liturgy and we had some rocks that said things like love, peace, faith. We laid them on our Lent and journey path.

After that, we had some delicious pancakes the PTFA made with some lovely parents. We got to pick our toppings, there was lemon and sugar, sugar and maple syrup. We were only allowed 2 as we were making them in class with Mrs White my lovely teacher.

Before the end of the day we made Mardi Gras masks and we practiced our dragon dance. We had a cool Mardi Gras parade with Waenga and Teina. It was fun.

It was one of the greatest days of my life.

By Amber Ah Loo  
Room 9

### ASH WEDNESDAY

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

‘Love your neighbour as you love yourself.’ Matthew 5:34b-39

Rooms 10 and 11 led us in the church with the Ash Wednesday Liturgy. They shared symbols of Lent – the purple cloth, the Bible, the Cross, a branch of Autumn leaves - so that we were able to reflect on Lent as a time to follow Christ – a time to love with our head, heart and hands.

The season of LENT has begun.



# EDEN ALBERT SWIMMING

Congratulations to our year 5/6 swim team who recently competed at the Eden Albert competition held at Diocesan School. The team showed great spirit and sportsmanship and achieved **4<sup>th</sup> OVERALL** – a fantastic result!

Special congratulations to Nikita Thompson who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in year 6 girls 25m freestyle and breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> equal in year 6 girls backstroke and 2<sup>nd</sup> in open girls 50m freestyle. Congratulations also to Freddie Lockie who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in year 5 25m freestyle and the girls relay team of Nikita, Natalie Verschuur, Anna Hyde and Gabriella Brosnahan who finished second.

Lucy Mowat, Finley De Quaasteniet and Anna Hyde made event finals – a great day all round!



# DIARY DATES

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	St Mary's Sacramental Programme Info Morning Year 4-6
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Eden Albert Cricket Year 5/6 - Cornwall Park
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Sausage Sizzle
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Eden Albert Touch Year 5/6
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Term 1 2019 ends – 3.00pm
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Term 2 2019 starts – 9:00am



# CATHOLIC CHARACTER

## Food bank donations needed:

The St Mary's Parish food bank is a service that operates throughout the year to assist people in times of need. If you wish to bring in any food item at any time the Parish would appreciate any donation.

<b>TERM 1</b>		
<b>Week 6</b>	Room 3	Sugar/Flour
<b>Week 7</b>	Room 5	Spreads
<b>Week 8</b>	Room 6 and 7	Cereal/Longlife Milk
<b>Week 9</b>	Room 8 and 9	Canned Fish/Meat
<b>Week10</b>	Room 10 and 11	Tins

Their supplies continue to run low, so our donations make a MASSIVE difference.

## Sacramental Programme 2019

Information morning **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 9am , St Mary's Parish**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm, St Mary's Parish**

Classes for Reconciliation:  
8.45am in the Marist School hall

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 1.30pm, St Mary's Parish**

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION – **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 10am, St Mary's Parish**

Classes for Confirmation and First Holy Communion:

Sundays – 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June

Practice with Sponsors – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm in the Church

For any questions or queries, please contact the Parish Office at [office@mtalbertcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@mtalbertcatholic.org.nz)



# IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL FORMS:



The following forms should now have been completed and returned to the school office:

- School Consent form (yellow) - To be read, completed and signed
- Enrolment form - to be checked and updated if necessary (pink) - To be read, completed and signed
- Code of Fair Play (Year 5 and 6 only) - To be read, ticked and signed

**If you have not returned your forms yet please do so AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

## SPORTS UNIFORM:

Girls & Boys - School sports shirt, school sports sweatshirt, Marist School sports shorts.

Sydnicate PE days for 2019 are now:

**Teina (Rms 5, 10 and 11) – TUESDAY**

**Waenga (Rms 6, 7, 8 and 9) WEDNESDAY**

**Tuakana ( Rms 1, 2 and 3) THURSDAY**

## ABSENTEES AND APPOINTMENTS:

A reminder if your child is absent, please telephone Ph: 846-7408 or email the office [absent@marist.school.nz](mailto:absent@marist.school.nz) by **9:00am**.

If your child is late (i.e. arrives after 9am) they need to be signed in at the school office **before** going to class.

If you need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please advise their class teacher in person or by email. Once you are at school to collect your child, please sign them out at the school office.



## CHAOS AT THE SCHOOL GATE:

A reminder that our children are precious and we ask that parents respect our school community and **DO NOT park on yellow lines, crossings, footpaths and driveways.**

St Mary's Parish have alerted us to cars using the church driveway for pick ups and drop offs. This is very dangerous and there is to be **NO PARKING OR USING THE CHURCH DRIVEWAY AT ANY TIME.**

# PTFA

AGM this **Tuesday 12<sup>TH</sup> March at 7.15pm** in the school staffroom – all welcome!

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

The PTFA's major fundraiser for the year '**Casino Royale**' will be held on the evening of **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. It will be a night of faux gambling with lots of fun and laughter. You don't want to miss out!



# COLLEGE OPEN DAYS 2019



**MARIST COLLEGE**

*Catholic School for Girls, Years 7-13*



# OPEN DAY

Tuesday

**12 March 2019**

**3pm – 6pm**

- ***Special Character at Marist College... is real, pervasive and alive.***  
*(Catholic Character Review Report)*
- ***Marist College continues to be a high performing school and provides high quality education for all students.*** *(Education Review Office Report)*
- ***Outstanding academic results.***

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### A Readiness for School Programme

Head-Start offers a fun, learning programme that is designed to make starting school a positive experience for all!

Katherine is a highly respected teacher in both Primary Education and dance with over 20 years of experience. Previously an Associate Principal, she is a mother of three boys and has spent the last four and a half years in Early Childhood Education.

This programme is unique in that it is education for children and adults. Skills provided can be taken and utilised to support children in their play.

Head-Start arms children with knowledge and skills through an integrated approach where children are engaged and having fun.

For more info contact Katherine at [Headstart4school@gmail.com](mailto:Headstart4school@gmail.com)

#### THE AIM IS TO:

- Build learning fundamentals through positive engagement
- Empower parents to support learning
- Develop 'I Can Do It!' Attitudes
- Instil a love of learning

#### THIS WILL HAPPEN THROUGH:

- Movement and dance
- Music and singing
- Reading and engaging through books
- Games and play

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