



Newsflash 4, 19 March 2020

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

It is an unusual time to be a New Zealander and a global citizen. As we watch COVID-19 unfolding around the world and, now in NZ, we are called to remain vigilant, calm and follow all recommendations from the Ministry of Health & Ministry of Education. Our school values of Love, Courage and Compassion are ones to draw on and practice at this time.

From Monday at school, we will introduce a '*Marist Moment*,' where at 12 noon we will stop, wherever we are, whatever we are doing, to pray in silence for a moment for the sick, the lonely, the anxious, the sad, the dead and the health workers around the world..... 'For where two or three gather in my name, there am I in their midst' (Mt18: 20).

Below is the latest information bulletin from the Ministry of Education, as of 18/3/2020:

Reminder – schools remain open

At this stage, we are not expecting widespread school closures. We are planning for temporary closures, like what is happening at Logan Park School but as the World Health Organisation has confirmed, the risk to children remains low and parents should continue to send their kids to schools and early learning centres.

Consequently any decisions about school closures will be made on a case by case basis. In the meantime, unless students are unwell themselves, then parents should keep sending them to schools and early learning centres as these environments continue to be safe and the best place for them to continue their learning.

Talking to children and young people about COVID-19

Given the rise in the number of reported cases, there may be children or young people in your life who experience distress. As a trusted adult, you can help reassure and educate them about COVID-19 – it can be good to talk to them now, so they can understand the illness and be reassured.

[A useful resource for parents, caregivers, whānau and teachers talking about the virus with children and young people can be found here.](#)

This can also be downloaded as an [information sheet](#).

Up-to-date information and advice

A reminder that information and advice for students, whānau and the education sector is [available here](#).

While the website is being regularly updated with education-related content, the [Ministry of Health is the Government agency leading the response to COVID-19](#).

The Secretary for Education joined the Director-General of Health for the Ministry of Health's COVID 19 update today. You can view that, and all [Ministry of Health updates here](#).

Surveys

Thank you for taking the time to complete our online Surveys. We will collate this information over the next few weeks and share our findings with you.

All God's Blessings,

Carolynn

Thoughts And Prayers

We continue to pray for those in our community who are unwell at the moment.



Congratulations

Congratulations to both Micah Martinez and Peyton Abercrombie who have welcomed new baby sisters into their families! It is very exciting news and we know what fantastic big sisters you will be!

Our School

Eden Albert Swimming

Last month 25 of our Year 5 and 6 pupils represented the school at the Eden Albert Swimming Tournament. Students competed in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and relay events in their year groups. There was some tough competition, but the Marist team competed with determination and great spirit. Particular congratulations to the following students who placed and made finals - a fantastic effort!:

Isabelle Morrison - **1st** in Year 5 girls backstroke
India Goldsack - **2nd** in Year 5 girls freestyle and Year 5 girls breaststroke final
Freddie Lockie - Year 6 boys freestyle and breaststroke finals



Eden Albert Cricket

Three teams of Year 5 and 6 students were lucky enough to compete for Marist at the Eden Albert Cricket Tournament last week. The tournament was the first opportunity for a number of the children to play cricket and they did a fantastic job! It was wonderful to see the progression of our girls team and boys B team over the course of the day.

A very big congratulations to our boys A team - Toby Sam, Joshua Da Costa, Freddie Lockie, Luke James, Luke Kelly, Louis Pickering, Joseph Ryan, Luke Aldous and Nate Proffit - who **WON** the A grade competition! A first for Marist!



St Patrick's Day

St Patrick's day is an important day for me because I'm Irish and he is the patron Saint of Ireland. A lot of people celebrate St Patrick's day because Irish people are everywhere in the world. On St Patrick's day people wear green and there's a lot of parades everywhere. People wear shamrocks because St Patrick used it to describe the Holy Trinity. It's a very fun day for everyone even if they are not Irish.

For St Patrick's day, all the school was all dressed in green and made a gold coin donation to Caritas - we raised \$430! In Hub 1, we learnt about Irish traditions and what St Patrick did to become a saint. We learnt about limericks and even did a maths problem solving mystery in groups to see who won the Irish lotto. At the end of the day we had a big surprise when instead of the bell we had Irish music!

We had lots of fun but the best thing out of all was seeing Mrs White and Miss Byrne do Irish dancing.

By AJ McMurray, Hub 1



Hub 2 Limericks!

There was a young boy Jeremiah
He built a great empire
One day he ran
And tripped in sand
Then he stepped accidentally on fire

By Jeremiah Barwig-Uini



I met an old man who said he was a wizard
But actually he looked like a lizard
I looked him up and down
Then he put on a crown
And I realised I was in a blizzard!

By Willoughby Gunns and Abby Bowes

There was a worm
All he did was squirm
The ground was dug
It revealed the bug
Dry went the worm

By Charles Smith



News From The Eco Team

Recycling boxes can now be found in Hub 1!

We can accept:

Bread Tags -

Start saving your bread tags! The South African organisation Bread tags for wheelchairs is now in NZ, see www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za

Oral Care Recycling -

Toothpaste tubes and caps, toothpaste boxes and toothpaste packaging, toothbrushes, floss containers.

Writing Instruments -

We can accept: pens, felt-tips, highlighters, markers and mechanical pencils. We cannot accept: pencils, glue sticks, rubbers, rulers and scissors. Look out for our recycling boxes outside Room 6 and in the office.



Catholic Character

Marist Meals - Made With Love

This year we are continuing with Marist Meals - a pastoral care initiative. These meals are provided to families in the school and parish community when a little extra support is needed (e.g. a new baby, sickness, bereavement).

If you would like to contribute **we welcome any homemade or bought meals or baking for our freezer.** Containers are available from the school office.

2020 Sacramental Programme

Please see below important dates for this years Sacramental Programme. If your child is in Year 4 or above and you would like to enrol them for First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist please collect a form from the school office or request a form to be emailed to you.

- **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** - Wednesday 1 April 2020, 7pm in the Church

Classes at 8.45am on Sunday 15, 22 & 29 March in Marist School Hubs

- **Sacrament of Confirmation** - Saturday 13 June 2020, 2pm in the Church

Classes at 8.45am on Sunday 3, 10, 17 & 24 May in Marist School Hubs
 Parent/Child Session with worksheets at 8.45am on Sunday 7 June
 Practice with Sponsors on Thursday 11 June, 7pm in the Church

- **Sacrament of First Eucharist** - Sunday 14 June, 10am in the Church



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. At present they are short of almost all pantry items except tinned tomatoes and spaghetti. If you wish to bring in any food item, at any time, the Parish would appreciate your donation.

This year we will continue to run our weekly donation suggestions by Hub also - see table below - although please feel free to bring any items any week!



WEEK	HUB	PANTRY
8	5	Spreads
9	1 & 2	Rice/Pasta
10	3 & 4	Tins

Diary Dates

Term 1

Monday 3rd February to Thursday 9th April

Friday 20th March

I am Special Celebration - **CANCELED**

Friday 27th March

Celebration Assembly - **CANCELED**

Thursday 2nd April

Eden Albert Touch Tournament - **CANCELED**

Friday 3rd April

I am Special Celebration - **CANCELED**

Thursday 9th April

Term 1 Ends



Term 2 - Tuesday 28th April to Friday 3rd July

Friday 3rd July - Teacher Only Day

Term 3 - Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September

Friday 25th September - Teacher Only Day

Term 4 - Monday 12th October to Tuesday 15th

Our Community

Marist College Open Day



**MARIST
COLLEGE**

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7-13



OPEN DAY

**Tuesday
31 March 2020
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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College Newsletters

Marist, St Peters and St Pauls College newsletters can be accessed using the following links:

<http://www.maristcollege.school.nz/WebSpace/925/>

<http://www.st-peters.school.nz/newsletters>

<http://www.stpaulscollege.co.nz>

YMCA Holiday Programme

* Please note, due to current circumstances the YMCA Holiday Programme will be in-house only



**April Holiday
Programmes**

ENROL NOW!

ymcauckland.org.nz

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

YMCA

Mount Albert Historical Society Heritage Fete

**Mount Albert Historical Society
Heritage Fete**

Old Fashioned Family Fun

1 PM - 4 PM
SUNDAY, 29 MARCH 2020
FERNDALE HOUSE AND GROUNDS, 830 NEW NORTH ROAD, MOUNT ALBERT

<p>SETTLERS FANCY DRESS COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN</p>	<p>OLDEST TEDDY BEAR COMPETITION</p>	<p>OLDEST CHILDREN'S BOOK COMPETITION</p>	<p>CHILDREN'S AGE DEFINED, COLOURING COMPETITION</p>
<p>CROQUET ON THE LAWN</p>	<p><i>Authors and their books for sale and signing</i></p>	<p>SHORT TALKS - MT ALBERT GARDENING - FAMILY HISTORY - OLD TOYS</p>	<p><i>Weaving Flax Pānanga Whānake demonstration</i></p>
<p>DISPLAYS OF MT ALBERT PHOTOS, MAPS & HISTORICAL ARTICLES</p>	<p>OLD FASHIONED OUTDOOR CHILDREN GAMES BY YMCA</p>	<p>MR GELATO</p>	<p>SWING BY COFFEE VAN</p>
			<p>HUNNY'S YUMMYS - Homebaking -</p>

Bring the whole family

BAYLEYS PROUDLY SUPPORT MT ALBERT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

If you would like more information on the fete schedule please contact the school office.

