



Newsflash 17, 16 October 2020

Welcome back to Term 4!



Tena koutou katoa Marist whanau,

It is fantastic being back at school as a whole community and it's great receiving hugs again too!

On Day 1 the children were very excited with the bright Playground Markings and seeing them really using them at break times has been well worth the wait. Maybe we'll have even more children learning the skill based game of Chess, as the large chessboard is a big hit. A big thank you to our Student Council Leaders for gathering the children's ideas and researching a wide variety of markings before making our final selection. Thank you also to the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for helping to fund this project.



At the Celebration Assembly liturgy this afternoon the following thoughts were expressed and they are worth repeating....

As we come together again, it's like having a new beginning. But we do not leave behind all that has happened. We bring it with us and try to be like Jesus all the more. Let us keep this place - our place - and each other in our hearts as we continue on in Term 4 2020. Let us be like Mary and be people who say YES to being there for each other, to be people who say YES to helping those in need, to be people who say YES to being the best we can be.

Thoughts & Prayers

Please keep the Rice-Clark, Prichard, Hatcher and Niupopo Families in your thoughts and prayers at this time. We also send our love and prayers to Sr Margaret, one of our beloved Marist Sisters, and all those in our community who are unwell at the moment.



Playground Markings

Term 4 started off with a big surprise for the children at school. During the holidays, the playground markings were painted in our school. The School Council have been working on these since the beginning of the year so we were happy they were finally here. We planned out the markings and we had a meeting with the Catholic Diocese about our plans. They wrote us a letter thanking us all for our hard work.

The markings are a maze, a clock, a chess board, four square, te reo number hopscotch and a Taniwha alphabet. These are in addition to the netball court which had been painted earlier in the year. We love seeing all the children across the school playing and having fun. There was lots of excitement about them on the first day back.

Your Student Council: Isabel. O, Olivia. M, Esther. T, Amelia. M, AJ. M, Freddie. L and Cristiano. A



Welcome

A very big welcome to our new families. It is wonderful to have you as part of our Marist Family and we look forward to you being part of our fantastic community.

Congratulations

Congratulations Miss Kane on the arrival of Georgia Rose! She is just beautiful and we can't wait to meet her!



Wacky Wig Wednesday

A reminder that next Wednesday 21 October is Wacky Wig Wednesday. Send the children along in their wacky wig creations with a gold coin to support the Child Cancer Society and our brave warrior Alex Wade and his family. The Coffee Man will be onsite from 8.15am!!!

Children can come to school in [colourful clothing](#).

Family Evening - Save the Date!

Save the date for an evening of Christmas Carols and picnicking on the field. **Thursday 3 December!** More details to follow.

Lost Property

A friendly reminder to name all of your children's uniform pieces please. Also, please check your children's pieces of uniform to see if any do not belong to you and return them to school. Thank you.

PTFA

Halloween Disco



Attention parents dropping children at the disco....

Due to logistical issues, this year the PTFA is unable to have a wine and cheese area for parents wishing to wait for their children at the Venue. Instead, we have arranged the courtyard area at Sal Rose to be available for Marist parents while the disco is on. Sal Rose has generously offered a 10% discount off select drinks, as well as a 10% discount off food.

Scholastic Book Club Issue 7

Scholastic Book Club issue 7 is out now! Place an order by visiting the Scholastic website. This month is a **Christmas special** - a great way to full up those Christmas stockings! Students can also view the brochures in their Hubs and the Library. **Closing date for orders is Friday 23 October.**

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/media/5079/issue-7-2020-book-club-student.pdf>



News & Updates....

Maths Success!

This year some of our Hubs 1 and 2 students took part in the Otago University Maths Problem-Solving Challenge. This programme is designed as a challenge for Years 7 and 8 able mathematicians.

Congratulations to all the students from Years 5 and 6 who were involved. They exhibited resilience when faced with difficult maths problems. All the students who were involved will be awarded certificates at our next Celebration Assembly. Special congratulations to the following students for their achievements:

Excellence: Amelia. B

Merit: Scout. L, Brooklyn. R, Esther. T, Freddie. L, Sophia. C, Sophia. H, Rain. G, Finn. M, Nate. P, Isaac. T, Arielle. U

Knitting Club Help!

Mrs Esther has been teaching a group of children at Marist School how to knit. They are a very keen group and super enthusiastic! She is, however, finding it a bit tricky to do it on her own and would love some help! If you are a knitter and could spare some time during our school lunchtime (1.10pm to 1.45pm) to come and help out we would love it! Any day would be great.

Please contact Mrs Esther (d.esther@marist.school.nz) or the school office (phone 846 7408) if you would like to help. Thank you!



Eco Team Update

We have a number of recycling systems running at school. Each hub has a set of bins:

Landfill (**Red label**) - Mixed Recycling (**Yellow label**) - Soft Plastics (**Orange label**) - Paper and Cardboard (Grey label) - Compost (**Green bucket with lid**)



We also recycle at school:

- Toothpaste tubes and caps, toothpaste boxes and toothpaste packaging, toothbrushes, floss containers.
- Writing instruments. We can accept: pens, felt-tips, highlighters, whiteboard pens, markers and mechanical pencils. We **cannot accept:** pencils, glue sticks, rubbers, rulers and scissors.
- Bread tags.

These recycling boxes are located in Hub 1

Garden to Table Update

Yesterday, we trooped into the garden for another exciting Garden to Table lesson, not knowing what was waiting in the school garden. When we got there, Mrs Clayton told us that on that sunny Wednesday we were going to, among other things; get our wheelbarrow license, move some more beans into the garden, and finish our strawberry bed. Then, Mrs White led us over to our cauliflower and broccoli bed, and slowly, one by one, we carefully peeled away the leaves to see tiny cauliflower and broccoli heads peeking up at us. We walked away from the garden bed, chatting about the cauliflower and broccoli that was hidden beneath the swaying green leaves. After that, we worked together as a team to harvest our spinach, lettuce and parsley to show the lower hubs. The little children loved seeing what we had grown, and guessing what each of them were!

By Amelia. B, Hub 1



Congratulations to all the children who earned their 'Wheelbarrow Licence! The children demonstrated how to use and safely manoeuvre a wheelbarrow and are now licensed to use a wheelbarrow in our school garden.

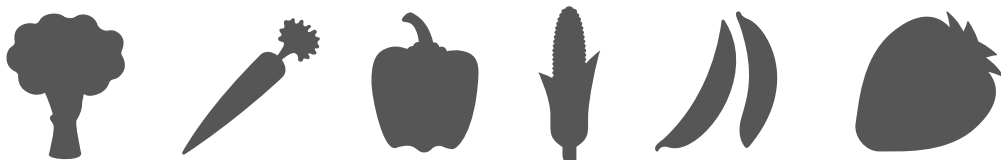
Remember you can follow our progress on our blog <https://maristgardentotable.blogspot.com/>

Special Requests/Donations

We are always in need of bags of Vege Mix, Compost and Tomato mix, if you have any bags at home going spare that you are happy to donate it would be gratefully accepted! We are also on the hunt for strawberry plants, growing tunnels, garden stakes (metal or wood), old blue recycling bins or large planters and wooden spoons! It doesn't matter what condition the wooden spoons are in as they will be painted and used as garden markers.

It is the last week of the Little Garden promotion at New World. If you have collected some that you no longer plan to use we will happily take them off your hands!

Garden to Table are always in need of volunteers for the garden. If you would be keen to come and spend some time working in the garden with the children email Frances Clayton at f.clayton@marist.school.nz



The Kitchen

We are setting up our school kitchen this term. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please email s.white@marist.school.nz

18- 20 cm Chefs' Knives	10 needed
Serrated knives	4 needed
Small knives	4 needed
Peelers	8 needed
Box graters	2 needed
Food Processor	E.g. Kitchenaid, magimix or other processor
Measuring scales	2 needed. Ideally electronic.
Mixing Bowls	Various sizes. (Stackable sets are easier for storage)
Wooden Spoons	Second hand is fine
Rolling pins	4 needed. Wooden.
Stock pot	2 Large (15 Litres) and 1 medium (7 Litres)
Saucepans	Various sizes. 4 needed.
Fry pans	2 needed. 1x24cm and 1x28cm.
Muffin Tray	3 needed, Enough to make 30-36 muffins.
Plates, cups, bowls and cutlery for serving. Serving plates and bowls Water jugs	
Electric frying pan	

Open Day

You can come along on our open day to see the children working in the garden. The children would love to show you what they have been doing!

Diary Dates

Term 4	Monday 12th October to Tuesday 15th December
Friday 16th October	St Peter's Orientation - Year 6 Boys
Friday 16th October	Celebration Assembly, 2.15pm at St Mary's Church
Tuesday 20th October	Open Day, 9am - 3pm
Wednesday 21st October	Wacky Wig Wednesday, from 8.15am
Thursday 22nd October	Cultural Day Mass, 11.30am
Friday 23rd October	I am Special Celebration, 2.30pm in Hub 1
Thursday 29th October	Gymnastics Champion of Champions
Friday 30th October	Celebration Assembly, 2.15pm at St Mary's Church
Friday 30th October	Halloween Disco, 5.30pm Mt Albert War Memorial
Saturday 31st October	First Sacrament of Confirmation, 2pm
Sunday 1st November	First Sacrament of Communion, 10am
Wednesday 4th November	Marist College Orientation Afternoon - Year 6 Girls
Thursday 5th November	School Photos (Class Only)
Friday 6th November	I am Special Celebration, 2.30pm in Hub 1
Tuesday 10th November	Whole School Athletics, Margaret Griffen Park
Friday 13th November	Celebration Assembly, 2.15pm at St Mary's Church
Friday 20th November	I am Special Celebration, 2.30pm in Hub 1
Monday 23rd November	Whole School Swimming Lessons start
Tuesday 24th November	Eden Albert Athletics, Margaret Griffen Park
Friday 27th November	Celebration Assembly, 2.15pm at St Mary's Church
Thursday 3rd December	Christmas Carols and Family Picnic, 5.30pm
Friday 4th December	I am Special Celebration, 2.30pm in Hub 1
Wednesday 9th December	Year 6 Leavers Liturgy, 7pm
Friday 11th December	End of Year Mass, 2pm
Monday 14th December	Year 6 'Big Day Out', Carey Park
Tuesday 15th December	School Finishes for 2020, 12.30pm



Catholic Character

2020 Sacramental Programme



Please see below the **amended dates** for this years Sacramental Programme.

- **Sacrament of Confirmation** - **Saturday 31 October**, 2pm in the Church
- **Sacrament of First Eucharist** - **Sunday 1 November**, 10am in the Church
Eucharistic Classes at 8.45am on **Sunday 18 & 25 October**.

Classes held in the Marist School Hubs.

Food Bank

St Mary's Parish Food Bank is once again in desperate need of supplies to restock their shelves. If you are able to help out with donations of canned food, rice, pasta, two minute noodles, spreads, cereals and long life milk it would be most appreciated.

Our Community

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>

Weet-Bix TRYathlon

A Marist School Mt Albert School Group has been set up for the Central West Weet-Bix Tryathlon at Keith Hay Park on Sunday 6 December. If your child is 7 years or over and is keen to take part you can register online at <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/central-west-auckland/>



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Bright Beginnings is closing at the end of the year. We are having a farewell party on Saturday 5 December at Albert's Post Bar + Eatery (911a New North Rd. Mt Albert) from 7pm onwards. We would love you to join us.

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