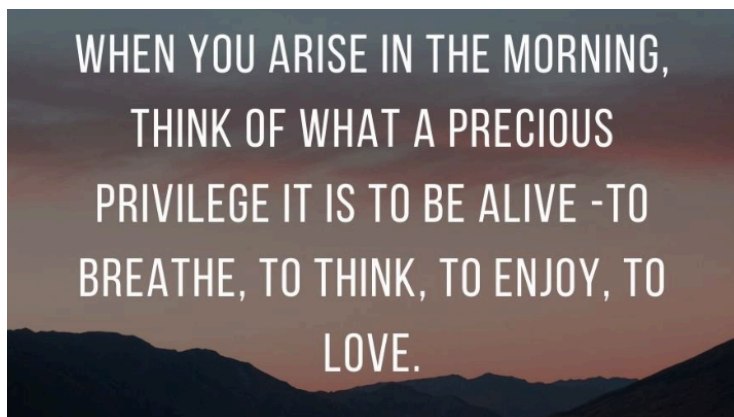


## Marist School Community Update – 06.09.21

Malo e lelei Marist whanau,

Happy **Tongan Language Week**, **Conservation Week** & **Marist Week!!!!**

I hope you were able to have some down time over the weekend and enjoy being outside albeit wearing a mask.



This week we enter another week in Level 4 Lockdown and we are all Lockdown weary. A friend sent me this last week and her words may resonate with you as they did with me.

To all those parents trying desperately to do learning at home, I had a parent tell me this week " I missed 4 years of school in Bosnia during the war. 4 whole years with a war happening. I came to Australia at age 13 with no English and no schooling since I was 8. I'm 33 and I have a university degree and a very good career. The kids will be fine."

Don't sweat it. Every kid in the world is in the same boat. They aren't missing out and they aren't in a war zone.

Chill. Their teachers are doing the best they can. You are doing the best you can. They are children. What they want is to feel safe and loved.

**#yougotthis #stayathome #weareallinthisogether**

### Community

We are all doing the best that we can in challenging circumstances yet we are the fortunate ones as we are part of a community, the Marist community, a community of people who care and support others.

The St Mary's Parish Caring Committee in August delivered 101 parcels feeding 594 people. 90 of those parcels have been delivered since Level 4, feeding 531. We have contributed as a school community to the needs of others. Please continue to do so, the need is not going away. People need our ongoing support.

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"Community is like sandpaper—  
it rubs the hard parts out, it chisels  
us, and makes us a work of art."

*Michelle Bouzager*



### **Marist Week**

This week as a school we are celebrating Marist Week & there would have been a variety of activities and a Mass to celebrate at school but unfortunately Lockdown has hijacked those plans. BUT--the staff have planned a wealth of activities/suggestions/ideas to celebrate and learn more about our Marist Story. Our Newsflash this week will celebrate who we are as Marist. Maybe you'll learn a little bit more about Marist, our history and our story as we continue to 'Grow Our Place to Call Home--Turangawaewae.' *We are Marist!* We offer our thoughts and prayers for our special Marist Sisters at this time. We miss you!

### **Alert Level 3 Preparations**

We will be sending out a survey this week to ascertain the number of children **needing** to return to school in Alert Level 3. Tighter restrictions apply this time round because of the Delta variant. When any new information is received from the Ministry of Education & Health I will keep you updated.

As always, stay safe, stay well and stay in touch.

*Ma'u ha aho lelei,*  
Carolynn