



Week 6, Term 1
08 March 2022

NEWSLETTER

Te Reo o te Kura o Hato Hoani The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau,

Teachers have provided our children with some truly outstanding opportunities during EOTC week, not only in the form of exciting physical activities and outings but also in the form of personal challenges.

It is so great to see our children having fun with their peers as they learn to surf, paddle board, kayak, participate in fun outdoor pursuits, bring their 'wheels' to school and climb the rock wall at the Millennium Institute.



Sadly, some of our activities had to be postponed due to Covid creeping into our community, but this did not stop our teachers and children from improvising and coming up with some great alternative options.

I am so grateful (and relieved) that our Year 6 children were able to go to camp. I am convinced that the power of prayer was what got us there as so many people were praying for this event to go ahead. The children particularly! They even managed to commemorate Ash Wednesday while on camp.

Many thanks to Mrs Marsh (Camp Mother), Mrs Taylor, Mrs Perry, and Mrs Whiteman for all their effort in organising and attending camp. I am also very thankful to our camp parents and to all of our parent helpers who gave so willingly of their time to support our weeks activities. This EOTC week would not happen without you!

Pool closed

Our school pool will now be closed as Mr Dixon is away from school for a little while. Once again we are grateful that the children have been able to have such uninterrupted use of the school pool during this very hot summer. We look forward to Mr Dixon's return.

Mobility parking

A gentle reminder to please leave the two mobility parking spots in the church car park free for our community members with mobility requirements who are **mobility parking permit holders**.

Ngā mihi nui,
Viki Trainor, Principal

A Lenten Prayer

Lord, I know how much you love me
It's hard for me to feel it sometimes
but I know your love is always with me
Help me to use your love as a way
to persevere in my Lenten intentions
I am weak, but I know with your help
I can use these small sacrifices in my
life to draw closer to you. Amen



Tonga Fundraiser – Non-Uniform Day

Wow, we raised an amazing \$735.00
To support Tonga in their recovery from the tsunami.



Thank you for your generosity.

COVID-19 Update

As you may know, there are confirmed cases of COVID within our school community. The health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community is a top priority so we are closely following the Ministry of Health guidance for schools.

At Phase 3 of the Omicron response, only cases and household contacts are legally required to isolate. However, at our school, we have chosen to do a level of contact tracing **and will advise any classroom where there is a confirmed case that was contagious whilst at school.** To maintain confidentiality and privacy for the individual we cannot provide personal details, including whether the case was an adult or a child.

CURRENT CASES OF COVID-19 IN SCHOOL COMMUNITY

16

CURRENT CASES OF ISOLATION IN SCHOOL COMMUNITY

25

Your child is not required to isolate if they are a class contact. However, we do ask that you please monitor closely for any symptoms for 10 days.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- You and your whānau should be very vigilant about monitoring for symptoms.
- If any symptoms develop, get tested immediately.
- Then, stay at home until you receive a negative result, AND until you or your child is symptom free for at least 48 hours.
- Wear a face mask when out and about.
- Wash hands often with soap for 20 seconds and dry your hands completely.
- Wash your hands if you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your face, and cough or sneeze into your elbow or cover your mouth with tissues.

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough.
- Sneezing and runny nose.
- A fever.
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- Sore throat.
- Shortness of breath.

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting, headache, muscle aches, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

For more information, go to the [Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

WHAT WE'RE DOING

- We are staying open.
- We are using public health measures to reduce the risk in our settings, including masks, physical distancing, and good ventilation.
- We have appropriate cleaning procedures in place.

ROSMINI COLLEGE ENROLMENTS FOR 2023



Enrolments for Year 7 pupils for 2023 are open. In due course each of our families with children currently enrolled in Year 6 at St John's will be mailed a Rosmini College prospectus, application form and information on preference. These will be sent directly from Rosmini and all queries should be directed to Helen Meurant, Headmaster's PA, Tel: 09 488 3750, Ext 302

Open Day will be held (depending on Covid restrictions) on Tuesday, 17th May starting promptly at 1.30 pm. All interested parents and their sons are very welcome to attend.

Orientation Day for the boys will be held on Friday, 4th November.

EOTC WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

What a full, busy week all our children have had and how blessed we have been with the weather. Below are a few photographs to give you a little taste of what your children have been doing. Please be sure to login to your child's SeeSaw account as our teachers have been busy loading images & videos for you to view.

Our Year 6 children departing for a fun week at Camp.



Our Yr 5 children had a taste of camp activities with a visit to the Millennium Centre.



Yr 4 children got creative with Nature Journaling and a visit to Orewa Beach



Our Junior children had a lot of fun with the water slide & sprinkler, making and creating with Junky Monkey, sharing a picnic with their Teddies, finishing the week with a visit to Kiwi Valley Farm.

PARISH NEWS

ECB Sacramental Programme 2022: Welcome; We begin with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A parent/caregiver needs to attend the two 2.00hr sessions Sunday afternoon sessions with their child. We ask that your child is already 8 years old. This year there will be an online registration with a **definite closing date of Friday March 11th**. To show your interest email: liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz the course details will be sent to you.



Tuesday Morning CATCH-UP: Join us at the White Flower Café, Browns Bay any Tuesday between 9.30 & 11.00am (unless advertised differently in the Parish newsletter) for anyone who would like to join us. This is an opportunity just to meet socially & chat.

ECB St. Vincent De Paul

Our stocks are very low; we especially need **RICE AND TINNED TOMATOES**. We very much appreciate all the donations we receive. *Please leave your donations in the basket in the church foyer.*



NO clothes or furniture, please: The VINNIES SHOP is full to overflowing and is unable to accept donations of clothes or furniture at present. Please continue to donate money and food items. Thank you

Position Vacant: Funding Co-ordinator Marist Alternative Education Ltd has been operating for 23 years and provides alternative education for up to 28 students who have been excluded from Secondary Colleges. The skills and experience we need: • 1 to 3 years in a similar role with proven success preparing funding applications. • Ability to tell the Marist story in applications. • Be proactive in seeking new Trusts and Foundations with appropriate funding criteria Source quotes and additional information as required for applications. This role is for a minimum of 3 hours per week and our offices are situated in Ellice Road, Glenfield. This position would suit a person who would like their school holidays off. For more information, please have a look at our website: www.maristedu.org.nz

PĀNUI Ā HĀPORI – COMMUNITY NOTICES



Marist N.H. Rugby Club

TACKLE & RIP RUGBY 2022

Marist NH Junior Rugby caters for boys & girls from 5 to 14 years old.
[Age as at 1st January 2022]

J7 & J8 RIPPAGE GRADES: non-tackle | girls & boys | 7-a-side | 5-6 year olds

J6 & J5 GRADES: tackle (1st Year/s) | girls & boys | 10-a-side | 7-9 year olds*

J4 & J3 GRADES: tackle | girls & boys | 10-a-side | 8-11 year olds*

J2 & J1 GRADES: tackle | girls & boys | 15-a-side | 10-12 year olds*

RIP RUGBY GRADES: non-tackle | girls or boys | 7-a-side | 8-14 year olds

[*Grade dependant on age & weight; see chart on website]



Returning players will be emailed a link to re-register.

New players, go to www.maristnh.co.nz to register or scan the QR code. →

REGISTER BY 18 MARCH

QR CODE DIRECT LINK TO REGISTRATION FORM
[USE PHONE CAMERA TO SCAN]



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