



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 4  
Friday, 3 March 2023

## From the Principal

### Athletics Day

Athletics is a day full of school spirit and fun. Students wear their House colours and participate in as many events as possible to secure valuable House points. The highlight of the day is always the House chants: Original, extremely loud, and proudly led by our Year 13 students.

Congratulations to our student athletes who participated in our competitive track events and are heading to Central Zone athletics. Congratulations to our House Leaders for their energy and enthusiasm in organising our March Past and ensuring all students felt encouraged to participate.

Thank you to the Physical Education and Sports Departments for organising a successful day.

### Netsafe Presentation Monday, 6th March, 6pm

Netsafe is New Zealand's independent, non-profit online safety organisation. They provide online safety support and education that teaches young people how to use the internet in a positive and safe way. On Monday evening, Marist College will be hosting a Netsafe presentation for parents focusing on monitoring and supporting your daughter's safety online. This presentation compliments the Cyber Safety presentations being delivered in class next week. This evening is essential for all parents. I strongly encourage all parents to attend.

### Family Festival

We are looking forward to our Family Festival on **Wednesday, 15th March**. Family Festival is a celebration of our culture and community with close to 300 students participating in cultural performances. Please invite your family and friends to join us for a wonderful evening filled with great entertainment, food and company.

### Secondary Teachers' Strike

Secondary teachers throughout New Zealand will be striking on **Thursday, 16th of March**. As we are unable to safely staff the school on this day Marist College will be closed for onsite learning. The school office will remain open as normal.

Te Aroha o te Atua

Mrs Raechelle Taulu, Principal/Tumuaki

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## KEY DATES

### Term 1 2023

**Week 6 (B)** Shinagawa Girls Junior High School visit

**Mar 6 Mo** **Netsafe for Parents 6pm**  
Y13 Lawn Bowls  
9:30 - 10:30am

7 - 10 Cybersafety talks

8 We Assembly - Liturgical/  
Head Girls

10 Fr Assembly - Environmental/  
Family Festival

Polyfest - Filipino Group  
at Diversity Stage

Y9 Whakawhaungatanga  
Day, Periods 3 - 5

Rotation 4 - 1

11 Sa Kapa Haka practice onsite  
9am - 12pm

12 Su Titanic Rehearsals 11am-5pm

**Week 7 (A)** Shinagawa Girls Junior High School visit

13 - 15 Cybersafety talks

13 Mo Titanic rehearsals, Drama  
Room 3:30 - 5:30pm

15 We Assembly - Liturgical/  
Social Action

**15 We Family Festival**

Y13 Lawn Bowls  
12:45 - 1:45pm

Y8 Guest Speaker - AFL NZ  
Rocket Park

**16 Th PPTA Union Strike**  
**School closed**

17 Fr Assembly - Student  
Council/Library  
Lumino Dental onsite  
from today

Y10 - 13 Dance Trip  
12:20pm - 2:45pm

Y8 Guest Speaker - AFL NZ  
Rocket Park

Rotation 7 - 4

18 Sa Kapa Haka practice onsite  
9am - 12pm

19 Su Titanic Rehearsals 11am-5pm

19 - 20 Y12 PE Camp

### Upcoming 2023 Events:

Mar 30 - 31 Y11 PE Camp

Apr 6 Th Holy Thursday Liturgy  
Last Day Term 1

For a full school calendar go to  
<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/calendar>



## First week of Lent

*"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry".*  
Matthew 4:1-2



Jesus did indeed face the devil in the desert after spending 40 days of fasting. He faced every temptation so as to assure us that if we but unite ourselves completely to Him in His human nature, so we also will have His strength to overcome anything and everything the vile devil throws our way.

Not easy these days to deliberately go without or go out of our way to help others. However, the question was put to many of our students as we began the season of Lent. What tempts you? What can you 'give up' and 'take up'? There are some interesting but humbling and thoughtful challenges that our young women are considering for the 40 days. They've presented these Lenten Crosses to remind themselves daily of their Lenten promise!

Ad Jesum per Mariam

*Mrs Katherine McGillivray,*

Assistant Principal/DRS


 netsafe

FREE event  
for parents

Supporting young people to be safer online

Join us for a free presentation & discussion for Parents & Whānau

 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 6pm

 Marist College Drama Room, 31 Alberton Ave, Mt Albert

A Netsafe Education Advisor will talk about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe online. The session will look at how parents/ whānau can support and enable children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

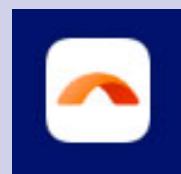
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## We now use SchoolBridge

All our information is now in one place. Access all your daughter's school info via SchoolBridge, report absences, receive alerts and check the Parent Portal. Update now via Playstore or the AppStore today.



Schoolbridge is now available via computer, tablet or mobile app. <https://marist.bridge.school.nz/> Sign into Schoolbridge using the registered email address you have provided us.

## Coin Trail Fundraiser

Marist College heard the call from the NZ Bishops' Conference to fundraise for those in Hawke's Bay who have been affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. Many people, families, schools, and communities were in need of our help. To answer this call, we organised a coin trail and students and staff generously donated coins that they placed in a heart shape in the red square. We managed to fundraise \$567.20.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been negatively affected. May God bless them and keep them safe.





## Fono Success

Our first Pasifika Fono for 2023 was a success with a great turnout from our Pasifika Parents and families. This year, we've had the privilege of hearing from Mary & Idris from the OFAGA programme (TYMES) - which is a cultural programme educating and reconnecting our Pasifika Youth (Year 9-13) to the foundations & values of Pacific Culture in an urban context.

Our focus for the evening was organisation and planning. With an unconventional start to the year, it is even more important to be organised and planned so that we can achieve our personal excellence. Serena Matara and Svetlana Pritchard shared their techniques and strategies on how they plan and organise themselves to achieve their goals. We ended our evening with a shared meal of some delicious kai.

Fa'afetai lava

*Nicole Ta'amale-Faiaga*  
Cultural Leader



## Tip Top Trip

The Year 11 Economics class went to the Tip Top Ice Cream Factory on Friday 24th February to explore and gather some evidence for their assessment. Students enjoyed seeing first-hand how our favourite ice cream is made. Excitedly they looked through the windows, wishing to eat it all and then be rewarded with their own choice of ice cream while watching a video on the history of Tip Top Factory.



## Crêpes françaises in French Class

Shrove Tuesday ("Mardi Gras" in France) marks the start of the build-up to Easter and it's followed by Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. We celebrated Shrove Tuesday with some crêpes in French class. We had so much fun making our own crêpes and they tasted délicieuses with mousse au chocolat!

*Chelbie Fabregas, Salem Tessema, Zoe Celeste Judd, Year 12*





## Kilikiti Silver Medallists

After many years with kilikiti being postponed due to the pandemic it was a privilege for our Malisi girls to participate in this competition. For many of us, kilikiti was definitely something that some of us were very new to. However, with their good sportsmanship attitude on the field our girls smashed it and made it to semi-finals. We placed second overall (silver medallists). We are beyond proud of our girls with all their hard work, shown on and off the field. We could have not done it without them. A huge thank you to Mrs Tagomoa-Papali'i for teaching us the traditional and respectful way of how to play Samoan cricket.

Fa'afetai lava, *Mitilani Ilalio*, Captain



## Senior Volleyball

Senior volleyball is underway, they kicked off to a great start last week with their two games.



## Central Zone Tennis

On Tuesday 21st February we had our first Year 7 and 8 Central Zone event, girls tennis, at the Auckland Netball Centre. Our girls did so incredibly well, one of our Year 7 doubles (Evina-Jay Garcia-Talima and Lillia North) even walked away with third place! Well done girls. We're looking forward to seeing you smash another Central Zone event.

## Central Zone Softball

Yesterday our Year 7 and 8 girls took part in the Central Zone Girls softball tournament at War Memorial Park. This was the first time some of our girls had played softball before but come our last game our skills were sharpened, and the girls were in full swing working as a team.

It was a proud day. Great job girls!



## Netball

Our netball trials have begun, and our senior teams have been named. Last week our Premier Netball squad began their pre-season training, which will be running twice a week for six weeks leading up to the netball season.



For up to date information on sports, coaching and registrations go to our sports website

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristcol/>



## International Office

We have a new House! The International office has now moved and we're based in the Marist House on Alberton Road. It's a dedicated space for our international students to meet and chat and relax and we're happy to have the buddies here during break times as well. We're looking forward to decorating the space and making it a reflective and welcoming space that reflects both Aotearoa and our international students. Visitors are welcome anytime.



## Homestay

We are hoping to be welcoming more groups to school later this year and if your family is interested in offering homestay for a short-term student (a few weeks to a term), I'd be happy to talk to you about what's involved. Please email Vivienne Kingsbury, International Director, at [international@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:international@maristcollege.school.nz)



## IMPORTANT:

Please ensure you clearly name all students belongings, uniform, laptop bags and cases etc. This helps us to return items to the correct students quickly.

## Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform shop is open on Monday & Thursday 1.30-2pm and, other times, by appointment only. Most items available and prices start at \$15.

You can also donate your old uniforms or we can sell them on your behalf. For more information or to book an appointment contact [e.brown@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:e.brown@maristcollege.school.nz)

## Physio Clinic is OPEN!

Book your appointments here:  
<https://miriamsphysio.setmore.com>

The clinic is also open before school and at break 1, every day, no appointment necessary.

Any questions? Contact  
[e.brown@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:e.brown@maristcollege.school.nz)



Students receiving a blessing for Ash Wednesday during the Liturgy Service. Pictured here is one of the Y11 international students receiving the blessing.

## Credit Controller & Administration - Pompallier Centre

This full time role is to provide credit control and administration support to the Operations Manager for the collection of Attendance Dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Hours are flexible to incorporate some evening and Saturday morning work.

Key Tasks include: Collection of compulsory school Attendance Dues; contact with school parents via outbound phone calls; follow up of unpaid accounts and Debtor ledger management.

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## Later school start times research: have your say

We'd like to hear your opinions about later starts for Year 12 and 13 students.

Click the link below to access short University of Otago research surveys for students (age 16+), parents, teachers and principals, and Board of Trustee members of NZ high schools.

The research is funded by CureKids and the study has been approved by the University of Otago Human Ethics Committee approval #22/105

<https://blogs.otago.ac.nz/teensleep/>

**Thank you for your support**



**MARIST COLLEGE**

**Family  
Festival  
2023**

**Wednesday 15th March  
4 - 7:30pm**

**Yippee! It's nearly here!  
Keep the donations coming**

Please drop off any items for raffle baskets and the bottle bank as soon as you can – last day for donations:  
Tuesday 14th March.

Next week cake boxes will be sent home with your girls to be filled with baking and homemade sweet treats.  
More details are included with the boxes.

**We need your help in making all this happen**

If you can help with a stall, setting up, packing down or in the lead-up, please get in touch with Kelly Clancy at [kjmclancy@yahoo.com](mailto:kjmclancy@yahoo.com) or Gerard Thompson [gerardt@barker.co.nz](mailto:gerardt@barker.co.nz)

*See you all on Wednesday 15th March. 15 delicious food stalls!  
Invite your friends and family for dinner, dessert and entertainment.*