



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 5
Friday, 10 March 2023

From the Principal

Back to Basics

We are now in week 6 of the of Term 1. Students are settled in their classes, routines have been established and the focus is on the first set of learning check points and assessments. This first set of results for the year is a good indicator of how confident students are feeling in the classroom. They provide our academic deans with a starting point from which to have learning conversations and set achievement targets.

As a parent, it is important for you to talk to your daughter about her learning. These conversations may happen in the car, at the dinner table, or on the couch. Getting your daughter to talk about what she learnt that day and any challenges she may have faced, helps to support her learning at home. It is also a great way to stay connected as a family.



Polyfest

Today I will attend Polyfest to watch our Filipino group perform on the diversity stage. This is the first time in the history of the college that this group has competed. I know that the students and staff have worked hard to make this a reality. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to the group sharing their performance with the community at Family Festival. Mabuting kapalaran.

Family Festival

The countdown is on, and we are looking forward to Family Festival. Family Festival is an important event providing the opportunity to bring people together, connecting our community and culture. I look forward to welcoming all our families and their friends to be part of this wonderful evening of school spirit.

We still need:

- Bottles for raffles & bottle bank (wine, juice, shampoo, chocolate sauce, bubble bath, hand cream etc. (check expiry dates)
- New art supplies, toys & games
- Vouchers for goods & services
- Chocolate bars for games
- Yummy/gourmet food items for hampers and raffles

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- Baskets and containers good for hampers and raffle bundles

All students will receive a cake box to be returned filled with delicious baked goodies to room 239 on Wednesday morning before assembly.

Te Aroha o te Atua

Mrs Raechelle Taulu, Principal/Tumuaki



KEY DATES

Term 1 2023

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 NDW/ Social Action

15 We Family Festival

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

Rotation 7 - 4

18 Sa Kapa Haka practice onsite 9am - 12pm

19 Su Titanic Rehearsals 11am-5pm

19 - 20 Y12 PE Camp

Week 8 (B)

20 Mo PTFA Meeting 7pm

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

22 We Assembly - Liturgical NRD/ Annunciation

23 Th Photo ID Catchup Day 8:30am - 10am

Y10 Market Day, Break 1

24 Fr Assembly

Y9 Whakawhanaungatanga Periods 3 - 5

Rotation 4 - 1

11 Sa Kapa Haka practice onsite 9am - 12pm

12 Su Titanic Rehearsals 11am-5pm

Upcoming 2023 Events:

Mar 30 - 31 Y11 PE Camp

30 Th Y7 Homeroom Interview Day

31 Fr Casual Clothing Day

Apr 1 Sa Relay for Life

3 - 6 Polyfest - Kapa Haka (tbc)

6 Th Holy Thursday Liturgy Last Day Term 1

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

Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

Matthew 20:17-19



Jesus was not afraid of the truth. He knew that His suffering and death was imminent, and He was ready and willing to accept this truth without hesitation. He saw His suffering and death as a glorious act of love that He was soon to offer, and, therefore, He was not afraid to not only embrace these sufferings but also to speak of them with confidence and courage.

Our students are invited to imitate Jesus' courage and love every time they face something difficult in life. When this happens, some of the most common temptations are to be angry about the difficulty, or to look for ways to avoid it, or to blame others, or to give into despair and the like.

Instead, the question is, can we follow the example of our Lord instead? What if we faced any and every pending cross with love, courage, and a willing embrace?

Every cross in life has the potential of becoming an instrument of much grace in our own lives and in the lives of others. We encourage our young women today, to reflect upon any difficulty they are facing. Do they see it in the same way that Jesus sees it? Can they embrace it with hope and confidence, knowing that God can bring good out of it?

How can we embrace the spirit of empowerment in Mary's way to help each other to lighten the load of those carrying a heavy burden?

A reminder that during Lent, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas:

"Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps us to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. Each year, Caritas develops resources for parishes and communities to guide reflection and prayer throughout the six weeks of Lent".

Details on poster and <https://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online>

Ad Jesum per Mariam

Mrs Katherine McGillivray, Assistant Principal/DRS

the
Lent
appeal
2023

"I am the light of the world"
– John 8:12

Caritas
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
The Catholic Agency for Justice, Peace & Development

An appeal on behalf of the
New Zealand Catholic
Bishops Conference
Please give generously so we can
help others help themselves.

SchoolApp is now closed

We will no longer be using it for notifications.
Please delete it from your device.



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.



Tokens will also be on sale in Break 2 on Wednesday 15th March in room 206.
Students can also collect online pre-purchased tokens from 206 at this time.

Family Festival Tokens and Raffle Tickets are now available to pre-purchase from our Online Store on our website or Schoolbridge App

Every Family Festival Stall operates using tokens only.
You can pre-purchase or buy on the night from the token stall. Cost is \$1 per token, sold in strips of \$5
Raffle tickets/Lucky Number wristbands \$20 for 15 entries into every raffle draw for the whole evening.

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2021-family-festival-tokens-raffle-tickets>

Year 7 Zoo Trip

Last week, the Year 7s went on their first trip of the year to the zoo! This trip is linked to their learning in science.

My first trip of the year was to the zoo! I got to learn about all of the animals' habitats and what they eat. I also learnt about which animals are vertebrates and which ones aren't. My first school trip of the year was so fun and exciting! Chloe Tui

Excitement travelled across the turf as we got sorted into our groups for the zoo trip. We were all seated on the bus and a moment later, eager to see the eye-opening animals. It felt like forever until we finally arrived, but once we did everyone was split off into their groups to see all the unique animals and their talents. Emma Cartwright

My trip to the zoo was very thrilling and exciting. I loved all the animals there and can't believe we saw so many new animals. I was so scared when Burma the elephant came out for a walk. I can't believe we were just in time to see that! We also saw the orangutans walking on ropes and otter feeding, all the other animals were so amazing. I loved the zoo. Catherine Fang

Last Friday all Year 7s went to the zoo for a science trip! We had a session with the worker there and we learned about so many interesting facts, I even learned that a Tuatara has three eyes. We also saw elephants, monkey birds, and even a red panda. I would love to go back there! Sunny Xia



Year 8 Basketball

This term 8T is learning about invasion games. We have been practising our basketball skills to learn different techniques for attacking and defending! We are excited to also learn about football and AFL during the term.

Miss Mehrotra

Craft Group

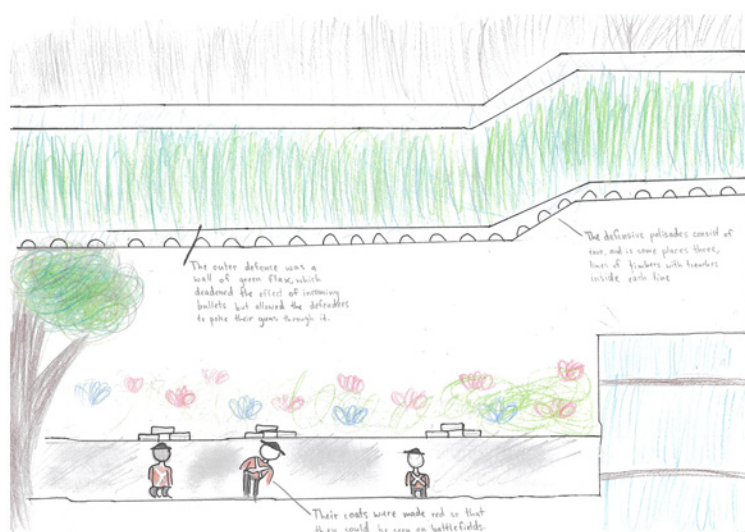
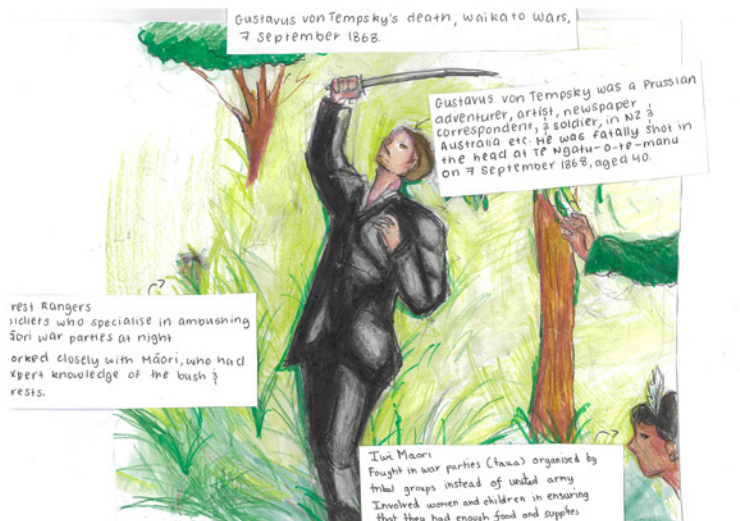
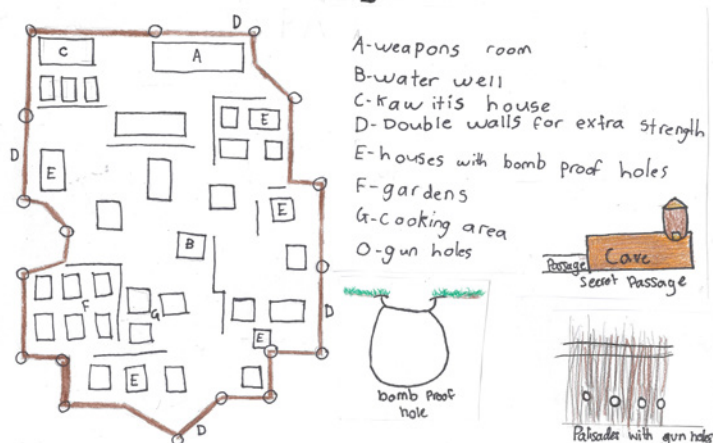
There was a great turn out for the first meeting of Craft Group 2023. We are making tactile fabric alphabet letters for early education centres. It was a wonderful show of Marist spirit in working for a cause, not applause.



Year 9 History

Last week 9S learned about the different parties involved in the New Zealand Wars. 9S enjoyed researching and creating these labelled illustrations of different scenes from the wars.

Kawiti's pah



Congratulations

to Kate Danaher who won the Under 17 National 100m title recently.

An awesome effort Kate, well done. We are so proud of you!



Help Council make the difficult budget decisions

Auckland Council is facing budget shortfall of \$295 million for the 2023/2024 financial year and may need to reduce or stop some projects, facilities and services that you use or funding you receive. It is important that you tell Council if you agree with the proposed changes.

More information and feedback forms are available at the website [akhaveyoursay](https://www.akhaveyoursay.govt.nz), at your local library or at the Have Your Say drop-in session.

- Have Your Say drop-in, Wednesday 22 March 5pm – 7:30pm at the Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road.
- Have a quick chat, get help to complete a feedback form, provide feedback at a glance, translations will be available.
- All are welcome

Student / Caregiver Details

Please ensure contact details are kept up to date. If you have changed your phone, address or email details please update these as soon as possible via the Parent Portal on our [Schoolbridge App](https://www.schoolbridgeapp.com) or inform the school office.

School Charges 2023

By now a payment arrangement should be in place for the school charges. If you would like to set up an automatic payment please contact v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz to arrange this. If you wish to pay per Term, please make payment for Term 1.



MARIST COLLEGE Family Festival 2023

Wednesday 15th March 4 - 7:30pm

Not long to go - Donations Required!

Please drop off items to the School Office, during school hours, Alberton Ave main entrance. Final day for school drop-offs: Tuesday 14th March, 3pm

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We also 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 or Gerard Thompson 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.*