



# MARIST COLLEGE

*Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13*

Term 2 - Number 9  
Friday, 22 June 2023

## From the Principal

Someone wise once told me that when you understand and remember your past it will help to better guide your future. Last Saturday we celebrated our 95th Jubilee with our alumnae. This was an opportunity to share stories and celebrate the history of the college while taking the time to reconnect.

I often get asked what makes Marist College so special. It is our strong Catholic traditions in the spirit of Mary. It is our diverse community. It is the combination of authentic and warm experiences that provide a sense of belonging for our staff and students, both past and present. And it is our family spirit that creates an environment for personal and spiritual growth.

In my jubilee speech I spoke of some key milestones that we have achieved in the last five years. These milestones have taken place despite covid clusters, lockdowns, politics, and a looming recession.

- While Marist College was one of the largest covid clusters in New Zealand, our community donated over \$30,000 worth of food to families in need throughout Auckland.
- Our staff and students learnt how to be an online community and still maintain our faith and love for Marist.
- We have introduced a service programme.
- We have introduced a student Kaiāwhina leadership position.
- We have built a new administration office, a wellbeing centre, a recording studio, and upgraded many of the facilities throughout the school.
- We have strengthened our relationship with St Paul's College with our combined choral choir and with St Peter's College performing together in our annual school musical production.
- Our Kapa Haka rūpū and Filipino group have represented the college competitively for the first time ever at Polyfest.
- And finally, our overall school academic achievement has improved. In 2022 95% of our students gained University Entrance, making Marist College one of the top 5 schools in New Zealand sitting this qualification.

I am so proud of our college and truly believe that none of this would have been possible without the support of our community. Looking to the future, Marist College will continue to ensure that our special character and school values provide the foundation of each student's educational journey. We will ensure that students continue to have opportunities to grow spiritually, emotionally, and academically. Finally, we will ensure that our students leave as strong and independent women ready to be the change makers of the future.

Thank you to the Marist Sisters. Without your love of God, your commitment to service, your love of work and your courage, we would not be the successful school we are today. Thank you to the ex-students association for organising this special event and your continued support of the school.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

*Mrs Raechelle Taulu*, Principal/Tumuaki



95th Jubilee celebrations



Term 2 Te Ara o Mēri award winners

## KEY DATES

### Term 2 2023

#### Week 10 (B)

Jun 26 Mo	Frida Kahlo Cake Bake BOT Meeting 6pm Y12 PILOT Trip Sacramental Prog Day 1
27 Tu	<b>PPTA Paid Union Meeting</b> <b>School closing 12:20pm</b> Sacramental Prog Day 2
28 We	Assembly PMD/Head Girls/ House Leaders/Matariki Y10 Hardwired Presentation P3 219/220 Sacramental Prog Day 3
29 Th	Open Mic B2 Future Me at UoA for Y10 Maori & Pacific students
30	Last Day Term 2 Jeanne-Marie Chavoin Feast Day - Patron's Mass Rotation 5 - 2

**Friday 14th July - Matariki**

### Term 3 2023

#### Week 1 (A) Matariki

Jul 17 Mo	First Day Term 3 International Students Orientation morning PTFA Meeting 7pm
18 Tu	Matariki Hikoi 5:15am
19 We	Assembly PEG/Visual Arts
20 Th	Y7 Grandparents Mass 10am
21 Fr	Assembly/Head Girls/ Marist Day Rotation 6 - 3

## Upcoming Events:

Jul 29 - Aug 24	Komazawa GHS International students
Aug 2 - 3	Visual Arts Showcase
3 - 4	Y7 Retreat (tbc)
9 We	NCEA Option Evening
11 Fr	Marist Day
14 Mo	Mid-Term Break, School Closed Online learning
15 & 17	Y7-13 Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews, 3:30pm - 8pm
18 Fr	Sports Photos
19 Sa	PTFA Casino Royale
24 Tu	Singing Cup
Aug 27 - Sep 1	Tournament Week
Sep 2 - 8	AIMS Games
10 - 15	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
18 - 22	Senior Exams

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



# NCEA Music & Dance Performances

Music and Dance night was filled with so many creative and exciting performances, showcasing our school's variety of talent and allowing us to demonstrate our passions in front of a friendly audience of family and friends. A highlight for us was coming together the night before for the dress rehearsal, to perform each of our numbers in front of each other. This gave us a preview of the talented performers in our school and was such a special moment to see how gifted our Marist sisters are.

*Katie Dallow & Renee Rodgers, Year 12 Dance*

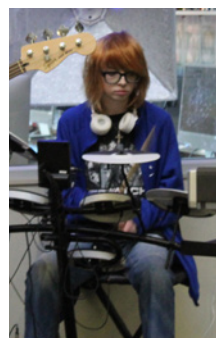
Last Wednesday evening we held our first Music Dance Showcase for 2023. It was so amazing to see the talent shine once again, as many of our dancers and musicians collaborated to create moving pieces. From Bollywood dancing to hip hop to rock bands to acoustic guitar solos, we had the pleasure of seeing many awesome performances from our talented Year 10-13s. Thank you to everyone who came and supported. Can't wait for the next one!

*Rose Bennett, Performing Arts Leader*



Last week as part of the Music and Dance Showcase our talented String Orchestra played as the audience was arriving. With the support of their teacher and conductor, Ms Kim, the orchestra have been working hard developing their skills in performing as a group. Their mahi was evident in their performance as they impressed the audience with their synchronised melodies. A smaller group of the orchestra also performed for the 95th Jubilee over the weekend. The audience again was wowed with their performance. Well done to all the students involved and thank you to Ms Kim for all of her hard work.

*Jo Hatfield, Events and Performing Arts Coordinator*







## Big Sing

On Wednesday 21st June, 38 students from Marist College took part in the Annual Big Sing Regional Competition. The students joined with their peers from St Paul's College making up the Confortare Per Mariam Choir.



This year, there were a total of 55 students in the choir, who met every Tuesday in preparation for the competition. They have worked hard over the last two terms preparing for Big Sing. The choir performed exceptionally well and received a lot of positive feedback from audience members.

Malo lava le taumafai to all our wonderful students who took part in Big Sing this year, you should be proud of yourselves! A special thank you to Miss Devine for accompanying us for the day and Ms Hatfield for all your help leading up to the competition.

Ma lou fa'aaloalo lava,

*Miss Matai* (Confortare Per Mariam TIC - Marist)

## Congratulations

and safe travels to **Alexandra Lunjevich** and **Mia Vlasich**, Year 12 as they embark on their trip to Croatia to perform with the Croatian Cultural Society's Folklore Ensemble.

As part of their trip they will be performing in Zagreb for senior government ministers, on Croatian television, and alongside some of Croatia's top musicians and performers.

We are so proud of the girls for sharing their passion for their culture and look forward to hearing all about their trip when they return.

Sretno Allie and Mia!



## Social Media, Cybersafety and Mental Health

**Would you allow your child to cross the road, without first teaching them how to cross safely?**

**Would you allow your child to swim at a beach with no lifeguards, or parental supervision?**

**Do you allow your child to navigate social media, without parental support, guidance and open conversations?**

The internet can be an amazing place, but it can also be a very dangerous place. Young people need parents and family members to teach them how to use these platforms.

All our junior classes have cybersafety talks with the NZ Police annually as these messages need constant updating and repeating, and young people desperately need guidance on how to safely navigate social media, but they need parental guidance too.

As part of our cybersafety talks, I am surprised at how many students are using social media platforms without parental supervision or guidance, or before they are old enough. When cyberbullying occurs, it is usually outside school hours, however it impacts learning and socialisation at school.

Most social media platforms have a restricted age of 13 years. So as a general rule of thumb, Year 7 and Year 8 students should not be using social media platforms at all. The restrictions are there because young people under 13 do not have the maturity to manage themselves and keep safe on online platforms.

Over the coming weeks we will include some tips in our newsletter for families to support cybersafety.

**Tip #1 – Read about and talk with other parents about the potential online risks, challenges and sometimes illegal behaviour young people face to understand what may happen.**

<https://netsafe.org.nz/>

Ngā manaakitanga,

*Emma Coupar-Wanwa*, Deputy Principal Pastoral Care

## Central Zone Table Tennis

This week our table tennis students took part in the last Central Zone event for Term 2. This mixed competition was held at the Auckland Badminton Centre in Epsom.

We had 9 girls who attended and did extremely well, with some of them trying table tennis for the first time.

Awesome work girls. We're looking forward to kicking off Term 3 events soon.





# Year 10 Food Technology

## Beef & Lamb Burger Competition

The Year 10 Beef & Lamb Competition took place on Friday 16th June and Wednesday 21st June.

This competition was judged by Mr Purdie and Mr Hookey, along with Mrs Verschuur. The Food Tech room was filled with various flavours which created an enticing and inviting aroma.

We researched what flavours went well together, learnt about layering a burger, planned our practicals, tested and trialed patty flavours and textures, designed our menus, and made modifications to our final recipes. We worked to achieve perfection, all the while trying to meet our specifications and making the patty the HERO of the burger.

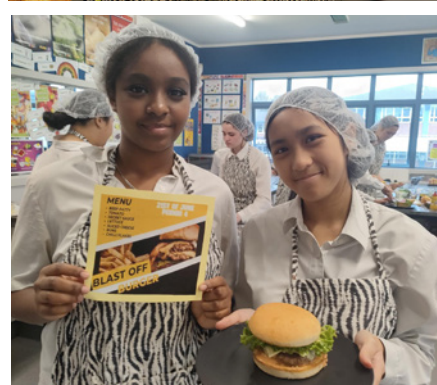
This unit has taught us many new skills and has increased our confidence in producing a delicious product under competition conditions. There were two categories for this competition- Most Appealing Burger and Best Tasting Burger.

The winners for Most Appealing Burgers were Natalie Verschuur, Zarah Barwig-Uini, Kayano Vogels and Hannah Lynch.

The winners for the Tastiest Burgers were Malita Fa'apopo, Simran Kumar, Sienna Haiu, Sophie Snedden and Alanis Rana.

Congratulations Master Chefs!!!

*Layla & Usabella*







## University Guest Speakers

Students have been treated to a few talks by visiting speakers from universities this week. Victoria University of Wellington (VUW), University of Canterbury, and University of Otago have all held information evenings for prospective students in Auckland over the past week. Schools were offered the opportunity to host some of these presenters for guest talks. We were fortunate enough to secure several speakers for different classes:

- Year 12 Calculus had an engaging and information-packed presentation from Brandy Alger, Electrical Engineer from the USA who has worked all over the world and is currently undertaking her PhD at University of Canterbury. She spoke enthusiastically about the opportunities within the engineering and science fields and explained some of the degree options that are available for university study.
- Year 13 Health heard from Dr Terry Fleming from Victoria University of Wellington about the use of digital tools in supporting youth mental health and how people can learn useful strategies through interactive play and puzzles.
- Year 13 Digital Technology students had a lesson about the history of game development from VUW's Tuakana Matuarau who spoke about the wide-ranging possibilities for these applications, with

many industries and fields seeing opportunities for "gamification" to increase customer engagement and access to services.

- All students interested in psychology were invited to a lunchtime talk by Dr Maree Hunt from Victoria University of Wellington who spoke about the topics studied within psychology, employment opportunities, and in particular the brand new Bachelor of Psychology that will be offered by VUW from 2024. The entire degree will be focused on psychological science plus a complementary major from a suite of topics such as criminal justice, cognitive science, Māori psychology and several more.

In addition to the topics covered, each presenter also gave inspirational insights from their personal journey, such as Brandy Alger being the only female in a class of 60 electrical engineering students, or Dr Terry Fleming describing how she was a very average student at high school, but now has a PhD because the more she studied things that were of interest to her, the better she achieved in her studies.

It is hoped that such talks not only add to students' understanding of pathways open to them, but also provide encouragement to persist with their studies in order to open doors to a career field that suits their abilities and interests.

*Jenni Catley, Careers Advisor*

## Careers Hub

June – September is peak time for tertiary provider information evenings and open days, as applications for scholarships, accommodation, and enrolments open. Students considering enrolling at university should visit campuses to explore facilities and gain information about the courses available, types of study involved, forms of assessment etc.



**UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND**  
Waipapa Taumata Rau  
NEW ZEALAND

**University of Auckland online information evening**, Tuesday, 27 June 6-9pm. [Register here](#)

*This online information evening is a great opportunity for students and whānau to be able to engage with this information together, without having to leave home. There are different sessions covering what you need to know when applying, how the degree is structured, specialisations etc for all of the main degrees - Business, Law, Science, Design, Architecture, Urban Planning, Health & Medical Sciences, Communication, Social Work, Sport Health & PE, Global Studies, and Education. There's also special programmes for Māori and Pacific, international exchanges, scholarships, intro to uni life, accommodation, internships, career services, plus much more.*

**Lincoln University information evening**, Thursday, 29 June, 5.30pm – 8pm at Sacred Heart College, Auckland. [More info](#). [Register to attend](#). For Rugby Scholarships, Aaron Webb from the Crusaders Academy, plus Scholarship Advisor and Key Academics.

**Radiation Therapy Online Information Evening (via Otago University, study in Wellington)**, Tuesday 18 July, 5-6pm, Via Zoom. All welcome. [Register to attend](#).

**Careers Expo at MAGS** – Marist families are invited, displays of a range of universities and training providers, Tuesday 25 July, 4-7:30pm.

**Radiation Therapy Open Day (part of Wellington Tertiary Open Day)** Friday 25 August, 3-5pm, at Newtown campus. Please note numbers are limited to 35 due to the event including a Cancer Centre Tour. [Register to attend](#).

### University Open Days on Campus:

**Massey University**, Manawatu campus, Tuesday 1 August, 2-9pm

**Massey University**, Albany campus, Friday 11 August 9am-4pm

**Victoria University of Wellington**, Friday 25 August 8am-3pm (visitors should arrive Thursday 24 August to visit halls of residence)

**Massey University**, Wellington campus, Friday 25 August 9am-4pm

**University of Auckland** – Saturday 26 August 9am-4:30pm

**AUT LIVE** – Saturday 26 August 9am-3pm

**Canterbury University** – Friday 8 September 9am-5pm [More info](#)





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# Matariki Hikoī

**Tuesday, 18th July 2023**  
**5:15am**

Meet for karakia outside the front gate, Alberton Avenue, at 5:15am. Following karakia, we will hikoi together up Ōwairaka/Mount Albert (Te Ahi-kā-a-Rakataura) to have karakia, hear the story of Matariki and see the stars. We will sing a waitata on top of the maunga as the sun comes up.

Breakfast will be held in the staffroom afterwards.  
We hope you can join us.

Please RSVP via the link below for catering purposes  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B2GBDJ5>

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## Singing Cup Auditions



For audition information:  
<https://bit.ly/maristsingingcupauditions2023>  
Auditions close on **Friday 21st of July**

**MARIST COLLEGE PTFA PRESENT**

# Casino Royale

Casino Night & Fundraising Auction

**Saturday 19 August 2023**

An evening of fun games, live & silent auctions, plus great music.  
Faux gaming chips provided, no cash prizes.

6:30pm til late, Marist College Gymnasium

Tickets \$40 each or \$400 for a table of 10  
available at <https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2023-casino-night>

Includes supper. Bar facilities available.



Tēnā koutou,  
Nau mai, haere mai ki

Our Auckland Central Catholic  
Kāhui Ako

## Māori Mass

13th of Sep 2023  
6:00pm

Christ the King Church,  
260 Richardson Road,  
Mount Roskill,  
Auckland



## Health Update - Headlice

**Please regularly check hair for headlice.**

To halt the infestation of headlice, add some Tea Tree oil to your regular shampoo. To remove headlice eggs, add vinegar and water to a spray bottle. Spray hair, then use a fine tooth comb to remove the eggs. Repeat the process.

[For further headlice information click here](#)

## CoLab Student Support

CoLab offers a supportive space for students to catch up on or complete schoolwork, homework, assessments and/or revise with the help of teachers.

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Library, 3:10 - 4:15pm. All students welcome (Year 7 - 13)**

The roster linked below provides more detail on the sessions.

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## 2024 Sibling Enrolments

There are limited spaces available in Years 7, 8, 9 and all senior levels. If you have a daughter who you would like to enrol for 2024, please complete the [enrolment application online](#) as soon as possible.

[www.maristcollege.school.nz/enrolments](http://www.maristcollege.school.nz/enrolments)



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## Part Time Guiding Role Available

Auckland Walky Tours have a couple of guiding roles available for next summer which would suit active, outgoing locals who like to walk and talk.

The roles are school hours/Sat mornings only, so perfect for Marist parents (or grandparents) wanting something interesting, well paid and part-time.

It's fun showing international visitors around the city on foot (1-2 tours per week) with full training provided. For more information see <https://www.auckywalky.co.nz/us/keen-to-guide>



## School Charges

This is a friendly reminder that if you pay per term, Term 2 is now due. Payment via the parent portal on SchoolBridge would be appreciated.

## Extra-Curricular Charges

Any extra-curricular charges such as sports, cultural and musical events and some trips are required to be paid in full before the event occurs. Unless otherwise arranged we do not use your automatic payment. If there are any extra-curricular activities your daughter(s) are participating in, please make sure payment is made.

By now all accounts should have a payment arrangement or automatic payment set up. If you need to discuss the account, please contact our Accounts Administrator Veronica Yates on [v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz)

## Homestay

If you have a spare bedroom and would like to offer a family environment to a school-aged international student, why not start hosting international students? You will not only enrich your life with cultural exchange, but also increase your fortnightly income by just over \$650 per fortnight.

Please email [international@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:international@maristcollege.school.nz) for more information. Thanks, *Virienne*



**SAIL ON A LEGENDARY  
ROUND THE WORLD MAXI YACHT**

**Steinelager ②**

LION NEW ZEALAND

**HINEMOANA**

Our female-specific youth development programme is delivered over 5 days of sailing and kayaking.

Two nights sailing on the internationally renowned maxi yachts, Lion NZ or Steinelager2. Everybody on board has the opportunity to learn to sail the boats, help with the preparation of meals and sleep aboard.

Two nights are spent on the water with Auckland Sea Kayaks, where students learn how to kayak and camp in a safe, fun and supportive environment.

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH (OPTIONAL)**

The programme is structured in a way that allows the participants to participate and complete components of the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award (DOE). The programme components meet the requirements for the Adventurous Journey and as such, any participants who are interested in using this programme for DOE can do so.

For further information check out [www.nzsailingtrust.com/hine-moana](http://www.nzsailingtrust.com/hine-moana)