



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls Years 7 to 13

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From the Year 13 Dean

As the school year comes to a close, this remarkable group of Year 13s at Marist College are preparing to bid farewell to a seven year sisterhood. This enthusiastic and vibrant bunch have been an integral part of the school's spirit, infusing it with boundless energy and optimism. Guided by the exemplary leadership of Head Students Sophie Sorenson, Laci Sampson, Isabella Caballero, and Vaine-Urupo Fitzpatrick, this group have left an undeniable mark on the entire school community. As the time has come to part ways, saying goodbye to the class of 2023, proves to be rather difficult.

I first met your cohort in 2021 when you were an excited group of Year 11s in your shiny new blazers. I remember the many discussions we had throughout that year about when it would be your turn to be Year 13s, and thinking that your cohort will make for outstanding leaders; charismatic, powerful, cheeky and persuasive. I believe this has been your mantra throughout 2023. Added to this recognisable energy, is your unwavering commitment to all things co-curricular, which has been truly commendable, inspiring your peers and teachers alike.

So, where to next for this sassy bunch? There is no doubt in my mind that you are poised for success in your future endeavours. What truly sets you apart is your character. Your resilience, confidence, and inquisitive nature are qualities that will undoubtedly carry you far in this world. Your ability to connect with others on a personal level, to ask the right questions, and to genuinely engage with the world around you is a skill set that will open countless doors.

Remember that good things take time, as they should. Never expect good things to happen overnight - actually getting something too easily can cheapen the outcome, so just be patient. Please don't let little failures in life set you back. It will be learning from these failures that will lead you to a life you are proud of. So, as you venture forth from the corridors of Marist College, remember that your journey has not solely been defined by your grades. It's the friendships you have made; it's the relationships you have formed; it's the countless groups – councils – teams you have been a part of that shaped who you are today. It's the hundreds of hours you have spent laughing while at this school, and the people around you who helped lift you up. It's these Marist experiences that will set you on the path to success.

So, here's to the bright futures awaiting each and every one of you no matter what you choose. Congratulations on completing 13 years of school and all its challenges, 13 years of asking permission to go to the toilet and 13 years of outstanding dedication to your education – YOU DID IT! We will miss you team.

Nga mihi nui and Ka Kite ano Class of 2023.

Julia Mandeno, Year 13 Dean

A special thank you to Mrs McGillivray and her team of helpers who organised the Leavers Mass; Mrs Mandeno and her team of helpers who organised the Graduation Dinner; and Mrs Verschuur and her team of helpers who organised this year's Pacifika Graduation.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Taulu, Principal/Tumuaki

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KEY DATES

Term 4 2023

Week (5A) NCEA Exams begin

Nov 8 We VCH Assembly for Y7, 8 & 10 at St Mary's Church, 10:30am

Y9 Noho trip meeting during assembly, 219/220

9 Th 7R Liturgy 8:15am at St Mary's Church

10 Fr Assembly at St Mary's Church 10:30am
Rotation 6 - 3

12 Su Y10 Camp leaves

Week (4B) Y10 Camp

14 -15 Noho Marae trip Y9

15 We Jean-Claude Colin Feast Day
Level Assemblies

17 Fr Y7 Birkenhead trip
Extended whānau
Lockdown practice Break 1
Y10 Camp returns
BOT/PTFA Dinner
Rotation 7 - 4

Upcoming Events:

Nov 6 - 30 NCEA Exams

20 Mo Staff Only Day

23 & 24 Y8 Tiritiri Matangi trips
Y7 Aquatics P4 & 5

24 Fr Second Hand Uniform Day

27 Mo Prizegiving 6:30pm
Auckland Town Hall, CBD

28 - 1 Awa Run at Cullinane College

29 We Y9 Dads & Daughters
Bowls & BBQ 5:30 - 8pm

30 Th Y10 Junior Arts day

Dec 4 Mo BOT Meeting 6pm

5 Tu Advent Liturgy & Monte
Cecilia Gift giving
End Term 4

Jan 16 - 22 Marist Youth Leader

24 We Second Hand Uniform Day

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

All Saints' Day

The Solemnity of All Saints occurred this week on the first of November.

There is a long history around this feast day and what we have learned is that these men and women were recognised by the Church as models of love who tried hard to follow the teaching of the Beatitudes in their day-to-day lives. Jesus calls us to do the same – help us to see and admire the saintly qualities in others!

All Souls' Day followed on 2 November, a day we commemorate all the faithful departed. God bless all those in our community who are grieving for loved ones.



Almighty God,
your saints are one with you
in the mystical body of Christ:
give us grace to follow them
in all virtue and holiness
until we come to those inexpressible joys
which you have prepared for those
who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.



We celebrated the Leavers' Mass for 2023 on Monday. Sophie our Head Girl in her welcome, reflected on the girls' futures pointing out that for all the inevitable 'trials and tribulations' that they are likely to face, we are reminded of the scripture from Philippians this year that "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me"- and so we are called to let that future include God. Girls each received a candle to remind them of God's assurance that He will remain with us til the end of time and to keep that flame of faith alive as they leave Marist College. They go with our love and prayers.

Ad Jesum per Mariam

Mrs Katherine McGillivray, Assistant Principal/DRS



Pasifika Graduation

Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Malo ni, Kia Orana, Ni sa Bula & warm Pacific greetings!

It was with immerse pride and joy that we gathered last night to celebrate the graduation of our Year 13 Pasifika students. This is a milestone that signifies hard work, dedication, perseverance, and achievement.

Last night is just the beginning of a promising future. The education and experiences that they have gained will prepare them for success.

Parents unwavering support and love has been instrumental in their daughter's journey. Thank you.

Teachers' dedication to education has shaped these young ladies and their influence is immeasurable.

They will cherish the bonds and knowledge acquired here and embrace the future with confidence, holding onto their cultural values and Marist values and never-ending thirst for learning.

Proverbs 16:3 *"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."*

Congratulations, graduates and thank you parents and teachers for your support.

Veronica Verschuur (Pasifika Liaison Teacher)



Year 10 PILOT

Last Thursday a group of 10 Pasifika Year 10 students attended their first "PILOT", Pacific Island Leaders of Tomorrow event. PILOT events for senior high schoolers are organised by volunteers from a range of tertiary education providers, with support from the Ministry of Pacific Peoples. The aim of the events is to build pride in Pacific culture and encourage rangatahi to step up and become leaders with a firm foundation of their heritage and values. Here are reflections from some of the attendees:



Pacific Island Leaders of Tomorrow was a memorable experience cultivating and acknowledging the importance of knowing your cultural identity and connecting with your people. Attending PILOT has been one of my highlights of the year as I felt it was an eye opener knowing amongst our Pacific Island people, there are people who strive to achieve and advance in life both academically, socially, and politically through seizing opportunities and making a change in their lives. A key understanding that stuck out for me was honouring our country and family through our education. We are all given an education, but it's up to us to dictate what we do with it. 'We are way finders and dictators of our future' - Meeting people of all ethnicities among the Pacific, aspiring to achieve the same goals, meant finding a home and place of belonging here in Aotearoa New Zealand. Finding a place is one thing but finding a sense of belonging amongst your people who strive for success in life showed that together we Islanders can achieve good for ourselves, our country and family through the potential each and every one of us possesses. "If you wanna make the world a better place, take a look at yourself and make the change" - Micheal Jackson
Svetlana Pritchard

I really enjoyed learning about the different ways Pacific countries call the Tapa mat, its meaning, where it originated from, how it is made, and the type of material and equipment used to make it. Most importantly I learned more about my culture.
Mele Feao

The pilot program was such an amazing experience. We had a fun packed day that forced us to step outside our comfort zones and try new things such as, playing Lape, singing, and playing games with people that weren't in our inner circle of friends. One thing that I took away from this day was that being a good leader doesn't always mean being the loudest, flashiest person in the group but instead can be someone who leads silently at the back making sure that the group is going in the right direction.
Aslan Docking

Something I learned from my experience, was the importance of dedication to yourself. That how even though you may come from so little, or a background where not much was ever anticipated of you - you can still become anything and everything you never thought ever possible. If you truly believe.
Arnica Milford

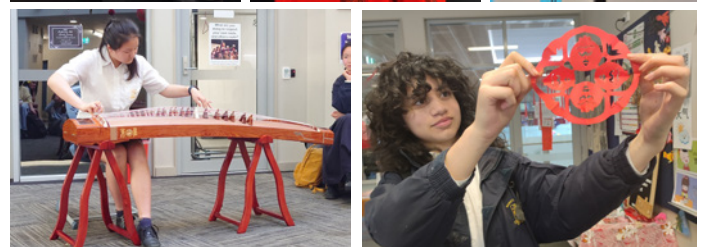
PILOT was amazing. Very enjoyable and I related to a lot of people. I felt very welcomed and included. One of things we did was play lape. A Samoan game. It was so much fun. It was my favourite workshop. Everyone was fair and it was a great game.
Stella Maris Wulf-Meafua



Chinese Language Week

Last week was Chinese Language Week and while it was hectic with all the other events and things that come with the last week of school (for the seniors), it was super amazing to see the participation for our school community. It was awesome having people try out calligraphy and learn the deeper spiritual meaning behind it. We are so grateful to have the chance to share a little bit about our culture with our Marist Community and I'm so thankful to all the girls who came in and gave our activities a go. *Sophie Lin, Year 12*

Last week, our school gleefully celebrated Chinese Language Week. From the tradition of calligraphy to cutting intricate paper designs, we were transported to the heart of traditional Chinese arts. The mesmerizing Gu Zheng performance and the vibrant photo booth both gave depth to our understanding of our Chinese culture. Chinese Language Week wasn't just a celebration but a journey, showcasing the wonders of the Chinese heritage. *Sunny Xia, 7R*



Year 7 Science Magicians

This week we put on our magician hats and did some magic! We learnt how to bend water using a charged pen.



Science Games

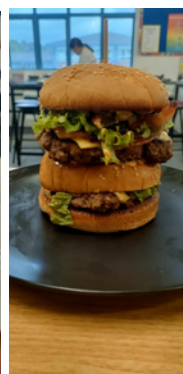
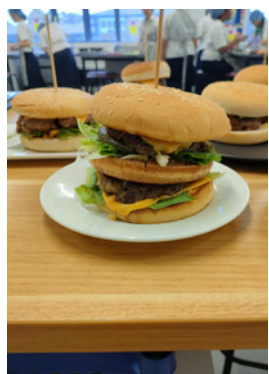
Remember playing operation? We built our own version of the game and challenged ourselves to move from one end of the wire to the other without the buzzer going off.



Year 10 Gourmet Burger Master Class

Year 10s made delicious, mouth-watering gourmet burgers for their practical exam. They demonstrated their ability to execute burger-making techniques accurately and efficiently, apply creative ingredient combinations, analyse flavour profiles, and understand food safety.

Mrs Verschuur, Food Technology



Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open from 10am - 2pm on Friday 24th November & Wednesday 24th January, in preparation for Term 1 2024.

Most items are available and prices start at \$15. Payments can be made in cash or eftpos. You can also donate your old, good quality uniforms to the school or we can sell them on your behalf.

Any questions email useduniforms@maristcollege.school.nz

School Charges

Payment of the 2023 School Charges is now due (31/10/2023). Payments can be made via the parent portal or internet banking. We also accept cash and EFTPOS at the school office.

Please arrange for payment, or if you need to discuss your daughter's account, please do not hesitate to contact Veronica Yates on

v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz

Year 7 & 8 Homework Club

Mahi Ngatahi Thursdays Break 2 in 242

(on wet days in 226 - The Art Room)

A great place to get help with schoolwork, complete homework, study or prepare for any upcoming assessments.

Bring your work and your lunch, see you there!



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To download the app scan the QR code; or Search 'SchoolBridge' on your mobile AppStore; or click 'Sign In' from our website www.maristcollege.school.nz

Year 9 Dads* & Daughters Lawn Bowls and BBQ Dinner

Wednesday 29th November, 5:30pm – 8pm
Mt Albert Bowls Club, 10 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert

An opportunity to meet other families

A fun evening just for Dads* & Daughters

*or significant other Dude

This is a social tournament with no experience necessary.

Bowls and coaching will be provided.

Ticket includes a BBQ dinner. Cash bar available.

\$30 per Dad
& Daughter pair

\$40 two or more
daughters in family



Tickets available online at:

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/year-9-dads-daughters-lawn-bowls>



'TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE!

MONTE CECILIA GIFT GIVING

PRESENTS CAN INCLUDE:

- TOYS
- BOOKS
- ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES
- SECOND HAND TOYS (MUST BE GOOD QUALITY)



COLLECTIONS IN 239 DURING WHANAU TIME | ENDS T4 W6

Making Ends Meet

Tips and strategies to help
balance your budget

Monday 6th November, 7pm – 8:30pm

Presented by Judi Leman

Held at Mt Albert Baptist Church,
732 New North Road, Mt Albert

Learn ways to increase your income
and reduce your expenditure.



CoLab

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:10pm until
4:15pm in the Library. All students are welcome!

See the roster below for teachers available to support your
daughter and her learning for the rest of the term.

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