



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 12  
Friday, 9 February 2024

## From the Principal

This week students received their scholarship results. Scholarship exams and portfolios are additional assessment opportunities which students who demonstrate an aptitude for a subject complete.

To be awarded a Scholarship, students are expected to show deep understanding of the subject, demonstrate high-level critical thinking and the ability to apply their understanding to complex situations. On average only 2-3% of each cohort entered into a subject achieve scholarship. Even fewer achieve an outstanding scholarship. Congratulations to the following students who gained scholarships in 2023:

Rose Bennett	English, Drama, and History
Jade Werner	Outstanding Scholarship in Physical Education and Health
Laci Simpson	Physical Education and Health
Alexandra Cherkasov	Physical Education and Health
Ella Cowan (Year 12)	Physical Education and Health
Princy Karumalil	Technology
Lucy D'Young	Painting
Sophie Sorenson	Music

### Swimming Sports

Swimming sports is one of the highlights of Term 1. With over 200 students participating, the sound inside Mt Albert Wave Pool is deafening. Well done to all the students that got involved and thank you to the staff who organised this event. Congratulations to the Year 13 who won this years highly contested staff versus students relay.

### A Prayer for Waitangi Day

At Wednesday's morning assembly liturgy, we reflected on the importance of Waitangi Day and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We prayed as a school for the ability to continue to live Te Tiriti by remembering the past and working together to live out our obligations in our present and future.

*God of reconciliation, You made people in your likeness, and you call us to hohou rongo - reconciliation - with you, and hohou rongo with each other. Let us give thanks for the good will and aroha that New Zealanders have for one another, and for the progress made in healing the things that divide us. Steel us. Give us kaha - strength - for the challenges ahead and the work yet to do in our nation. Like a covenant that unites us together for all ages, help us to use the Treaty to build bridges across our ignorance. Help all New Zealanders to join hands in friendship and seek the way of peace together. As we protect each other's interests, as we partner each other in our mutual needs, as we participate together in our common good, may we remember the high intentions our founders had for each other.*

Mā tō mātou Ariki mā Hehu Karaiti, Āmene (Published in Caritas Companions February 2011)

Te Aroha o Te Atua, *Raechele Taulu*, Principal/Tumuaki

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## KEY DATES

### Term 1 2024

#### Week 3A)

Feb 12 Mo	30 x Marist Film Crew to Mt Albert Baptist Church
13 Tu	Staff Dedication Mass Christ The King Church 7pm
14 We	Ash Wednesday Assembly Valentines Day
16 Fr	<b>Inaugural Mass, 9:30am St Patrick's Cathedral</b>
16 - 18	School Production auditions, Rm 219/220 Rotation 3 - 2

#### Week 4B)

19 Mo	PTFA Meeting 7pm
20 Tu	PTFA New Parents Mixer 6pm
21 We	Y7 Retreat, 7M & 7S
22 Th	Y7 Retreat, 7R & 7T
23 Fr	Y7 Zoo Trip Rotation 4 - 3

### Upcoming Events:

Feb 26 Mo	BOT meeting 6pm staffroom Photo & House day
28 We	Athletics Day, Trusts Arena
29 Th	Fono, 6:30 - 8pm staffroom
Mar 5 Tu	Open Day Tours 9am & 11:30am
6 We	Hui 6:30pm staffroom Y11 Drama - Te Tangi a Tui Corbans Art Centre 10am - 2pm
7 Th	Y13 Bowling 12:30 - 1:40pm Y10 Camp zoom info session 6:30pm
8 Fr	Y9 Whakawhanaungatanga P3 - 5 PTFA Golf day
14 Th	Family Festival Y11 Art trip, Unitec Marae 8:55 - 11:15am Y13 Bowling 2 - 3pm
18 Mo	PTFA Meeting 7pm
20 - 23	Polyfest
22 Fr	<b>ACCKA Conference School Closed for students Learning from home day</b>

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

# ASB Polyfest Leaders Conference

Leading up to the 49th ASB Polyfest festival we were blessed to have attended the annual Polyfest Leaders Conference in January 2024, alongside over 150 other senior students from schools across Auckland.

This was a great stepping stone, giving us the opportunity to meet new people, participate in challenges and grow our knowledge to strengthen our skills as we prepare for the four day festival in March.

One key learning I have taken out of this conference is the importance of upholding our ancestral gifts and being proud of who we are. The 'I AM Workshop' led by Le Va reinforced the significance of incorporating our Pacific values through our leadership this year and how our Pasifika Culture can nourish self-worth and help unleash our full potential. A few of these values being love, service, respect and spirituality.

Polyfest is more than just a competition. It's a space for different cultures and communities to come together, celebrate and showcase their love for their culture while also acknowledging the journey of our ancestors through singing, dancing, speech and costume.

*Serena Matara*

Year 13 - Samoan Polyfest Leader



Pictured above: Celestebella Mika, Serena Matara, and Jaydene Muliaga (Samoan Polyfest Leaders)

## Open Day Tours

Tuesday, 5th March 2024

Tour 1 - 9am, Tour 2 - 11:30am

A centrally located non-zoned Catholic girls secondary school, Years 7 to 13

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

## It's Fono Time!

Presence in Mary's Way  
Aroaro i Te Ara o Mēri



Thursday, 29 February  
6:30 - 8:00pm

Focus: Talanoa Planning

Meet in the staffroom. Please feel free to bring a plate of food to share. Come and talanoa and share a delicious meal together.

Please fill in this form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11uaVGUu-44u7ld1X9vrNDIXOaUj1xmHuXCAfFDSbQdl/edit> to RSVP your attendance.

## Year 7 Homeroom update



It's a new year which means we have some wonderful new Year 7's who have completed their first couple of weeks at Marist College. Pictured is 7R enjoying their Homeroom days with their new classmates!

*Mrs Lopez*

7R Homeroom Teacher

## Marist School & Marist College Golf Day

Maungakiekie Golf Club

Friday 8th March 2024

12pm for a 12:30pm Shotgun Start

Format: 4-Person Ambrose

Tickets are available online at

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2023-golf-day>

Price:

Individual Player: \$105

Team of Four: \$380

Team of Four & Hole Sponsorship: \$480

Price includes course fees, on-course sausage sizzle and snacks, non-alcoholic drinks, and dinner afterwards.

Cash bar throughout the day. Raffles and auctions in the clubhouse from 5pm.

Golf carts \$75 each – limited numbers so first in, first served.



## Athletics Day

The school Athletics day will be held at The Trusts Arena, Henderson, on 28th February. This is a whole school event and there will be no classes on this day. Your daughter will need to wear her PE gear and/or House colours and bring her lunch, a sun hat and sunscreen.

For more information and to register for competitive events:

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

## CoLab is back for 2024!

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3.10 – 4.15pm in the library.

All students are welcome!

See the roster below for teachers available to support your daughter in her learning from week 3 onwards.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1emod4RkyG-Bb7Jbm5VyteB1wkjbgxDoaq8LlnT8Lxu8/edit?usp=sharing>

## IT tip of the week:

Download google chrome app for the best learning experience.

## Unidentified Payment

We have received a payment with no reference details. The only details we have is that this has come from "Salary ADHB". If you think this is your payment we will need to verify this using the amount and the payment date. Please contact Veronica Yates 892 2803 or via email [vyates@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:vyates@maristcollege.school.nz).

## School Charges

We offer the following payment options for school charges:

**Automatic payment** - weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

**Per Term** - divide the total amount by four and pay at the beginning of each term.

**Parent Portal** - select an amount to pay on your account.

We ask that the account is cleared by the 31st October each year.

Please contact Veronica Yates on [vyates@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:vyates@maristcollege.school.nz) to arrange a payment plan.

## CHOIR SIGN UP

*Do you want to build connection and community through collective singing?*

Tuesday is Choir Day with Ms Nicklin-Crone!

**Year 7 - 8 students** – Marybelles choir B2 Tuesday, no auditions or experience, just commitment required. To see if it's for you - turn up at our first meeting Tuesday 13 Feb B2 in the Music room.

**Year 9 - 13 students** – Senior choir 3.30-5pm, come to our first rehearsal Tues 13 Feb 3.30pm to sign up and see if this is for you. There will be a relaxed audition process for new members, to help us place you in the correct voice part. Be courageous!



## LIBRARY REMINDER

Please be return all books issued in 2023 to the Library as soon as possible so other students can enjoy them.

Many thanks

*Mrs Dushon*

## SPORTS REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristcol/sports/sports-1>

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

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



## AUDITIONS: PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT: SCHOOL EDITION OUR 2024 SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Marist College and St Peters College are delighted to accept the invitation from Origin Theatrical to produce the New Zealand Premiere of the new School Edition of this fantastic and fun musical, Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.

Filled with great music from the 80s and 90s this show has been adapted for a school audience but still celebrates the crazy Aussie characters on a journey of fun, friendship and acceptance.

**Auditions are by year group over the 16th and 17th of Feb at Marist College.**

We have produced a full audition pack with all the information on the show, its content and how we manage that, what to prepare for auditions and info on the show commitment.

To receive the pack simply complete this google form: <https://forms.gle/wYhNn1sYba56SkRU8>

Come and be part of a fantastic experience that fosters amazing lifelong friendships, grows new skills and let's get our audiences dancing in the aisles!

## Catholic Special Character Contribution

SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS



The Catholic Special Character contribution is used to fund the staff and services provided by the Catholic Education Services Board who are responsible, on behalf of the Proprietor, for safeguarding and strengthening the Catholic Special Character of our schools.

The contribution is \$15 per term per student or \$60 per student per year.

The contribution is tax deductible and a 33% refund can be claimed from the IRD.

### For more information:

[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-education-services/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-education-services/)

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## WOMEN'S FUTSAL

A1

A2

NEW SEASON

REGISTER NOW



### New Women's Futsal Leagues starting... Term 1, 2024

Mondays from 6pm, Marist College Gym

Season 1: 12 Feb - 13 May 24 - No games: Public holidays

Individuals & Teams (5 - 7 players)

All levels welcome - Beginner to Competitive.

Categories:

- A1 & A2 Women... suit Year 10-13 Girls

- Majestys O35... suit Marist Mum's keen to play Futsal !!

> Info & Registration here: [www.aucklandfutsal.org](http://www.aucklandfutsal.org)

## Providing for Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese



## ATTENDANCE DUES

Attendance Dues are used to pay for building related costs at Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese.

Paying Attendance Dues is a condition of enrolment for all students attending New Zealand Catholic Schools.

Attendance Dues are compulsory – there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education and Training Act 2020.

### ATTENDANCE DUES ARE:

2024	PRIMARY STUDENTS	SECONDARY STUDENTS
per year (incl. GST)	\$516	\$1,016
per term (incl. GST)	\$129	\$254

### For more information:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

Phone: (09) 360 3040

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Mō tā tou, ā, mō ngā uri ā muri ake | For us, and our children after us.