



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

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From the Principal

What is personal excellence? Personal excellence is a concept that encompasses the continuous pursuit of one's highest potential and the commitment to achieving the best possible outcomes in various aspects of life. At Marist College we strive to provide opportunities where our young women can achieve personal excellence in all aspects of their school lives. It is through these various and widespread opportunities that we see passions ignited and talents discovered.

This week's athletics day was one example of providing an opportunity for our students to shine. Seeing our athletic students take to field and track events and give it 100% in front of their school is inspiring. These students are recognised and celebrated by their peers by the deafening cheers coming from the spectator stands. Other students demonstrated their personal excellence entering non-competitive events. Students who feel athletics is not their passion, challenged themselves by giving something that they find uncomfortable and challenging a go. Well done to the students (and staff!) who participated on the day.

Thank you to the Physical Education and Sports department for organising such an efficient and fun day! Ngā mihi nui.

Another example of students achieving personal excellence is academically. At this week's Academic achiever's assembly, we recognised students who achieved Merit and Excellence Certificate Endorsement, and students who achieved scholarships in 2023. These students reached their personal excellence through setting goals, commitment to study and being present and engaged in class.

Congratulations to all the students who were acknowledge for their achievement.

Our young women go digital!

If you happened to be driving through St Lukes, Morningside, or Newmarket this week, you may have noticed our fabulous students on JCDecaux digital billboards, advertising our upcoming open days. A huge thank you to Victoria and Darryl Parsons and Paul Jones for gifting your expertise to the school! We are lucky to have talented and generous parent and community supporters helping us showcase our school across wider Auckland.

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



KEY DATES

Term 1 2024

Week (6B)

- Mar 4 Mo Y11 Drama - Te Tangi a Tui Corbans Art Centre 10am - 2pm
Y10 & 11 NCEA evening 6:30pm in the Gym
- 5 Tu **Open Day Tours 9am & 11:30am**
- 6 We **Open Day Tour 9am**
Hui 6:30pm staffroom
- 7 Th Y10 Camp zoom 6:30pm
- 8 Fr Assembly/Performing Arts/Cultural/Social Action
PTFA Golf day
Rotation 1 - 5

Week (7A)

- 13 We Assembly/Liturgy/Environmental/Wellbeing
Y11 History Museum Trip 9:15am - 2:15pm
Production rehearsal 3:30 - 5:30pm
- 14 Th 12KG Mass, Break 2
College Sport Athletics WZ
Family Festival 4 - 7:30pm
- 15 Fr Assembly/Library/Visual Arts/Student Council
Evacuation Practice P2
Rotation 2 - 1
- 17 Su Production rehearsal 1 - 5pm

Upcoming Events:

- Mar 18 Mo 7R Homeroom Parent Teacher Day
PTFA Meeting 7pm
 - 20 We Y11 Art trip, Unitec Marae 8:55 - 11:15am
 - 21 Th Casual Clothing Day - Caritas Lenten Appeal
 - 20 - 23 Polyfest
 - 22 Fr Polyfest Samoan Stage
 - 22 Fr **ACCKA Conference**
School Closed for students
Learning from home day
 - 25 Mo BOT Meeting 6pm
 - 25 - 26 Y11 PE Camp
Y9 Retreat MIT Marae
 - 27 We Y7 M, T, S Homeroom Parent Teacher Day
Y9 Ki o Rahi Day
 - 28 Th Holy Thursday Liturgy
Lumino Dental onsite
Y7&8 HPV/Boostrix Talk
 - 29 - 2 Easter Holiday Break
- For a full school calendar go to <https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/calendar>

Athletics Day Success

We had a fantastic day out at the Trusts Arena for our annual Athletics Day. There were many students who stood out for their individual efforts in the competitive events and even more who stood out for their incredible Marist Spirit – this including students helping on events, supporting their peers and getting fully involved in the house March Past.

Tess Murphy

CLT Physical Education
& Health





This week on Thursday 29th February at Break 2, we celebrated our first class Mass of the year with Fr Marchellino Park, who has been welcomed recently into the parish of St Mary's. Thank you to Sr Seini and her students for their preparation and we thank you Fr Marchellino. It was a lovely Mass and we are looking forward to getting to know you more over the coming weeks. Welcome!

Fun fact: Catholic origins of Leap Year

On February 29, many conversations the world over may conjure the name of Pope Gregory XIII – widely known for his reform of the calendar that bears his name. The need for calendar reform was driven by the inaccuracy of the Julian calendar. To correct this, Gregory convened a commission of experts who fine-tuned the leap-year system, giving us the one we have today.

The Gregorian calendar reform signified a monumental shift in timekeeping. In 1582, October 4 was followed directly by October 15, correcting the calendar's alignment with astronomical reality. This adjustment, slowly adopted by Protestant nations, has had a lasting impact on how the world measures time.

Pope Gregory made many contributions to the life of the Catholic Church and his tenure was characterised by the interaction of faith, intellect, and reform – and which can now be marked as a cornerstone in European history.



Ad Jesum per Mariam

Mrs Katherine McGilivray,
Assistant Principal/DRS

Year 7 Retreat

On Wednesday, 7M and 7S went on retreat to the LOGOS Centre in Ponsonby. We had so much fun! The theme of the retreat was Kinship. At the start of the retreat the leaders asked what kinship was. Nobody knew. By the end of the retreat, we had learnt so much. We all could have answered that kinship is your relationship with people, animals and nature. We prayed, learnt about ourselves and each other, made art, befriended potatoes and, most of all, had fun.



Imogen Baudinet



2025 Sibling Enrolments

Please get your sibling enrolments completed as soon as possible as there are limited spaces available in 2025. Please complete the enrolment application online [here](#).

www.maristcollege.school.nz/enrolments

Open Day Tours

Tuesday 5 March 2024, Tour 1 - 9am, Tour 2 - 11:30am

Extra tour added →

and Wednesday 6 March 2024, Tour 1 - 9am

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

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Year 7 Zoo Trip

My favourite part about the zoo trip last Friday was going to see the serval. I loved seeing the serval because through my many years of going to the zoo I have only seen them twice. The one I saw looked extremely adorable and playful. It looked like a mix between a domestic cat and a cheetah. *Macy Rogers*

On Friday the 23rd of February, my science class and I went to the zoo. My favorite part of the zoo was not the spider monkeys or the tamarin. It was most likely ... the otters. I liked the otters because they all came out and swam around the enclosure and we watched them for ages. *Emily d'Young*

My favorite part about the zoo trip was basically everything, but most of all I like everyone being together. *Elma Rajesh*

On Friday we went to the zoo, and saw many animals. My favorite was the porcupine exhibit because I loved their long thin spikes, and the way they walk around. I found out many interesting things about the two porcupines at the zoo, like how one of them doesn't like being that social, and one loves people. *Alicia Mathew*

What I liked about the zoo was getting to see the meerkats up close, seeing the alligators, porcupine (and knowing that one of the porcupines had the same name as me), and the kiwi! Although it was frustrating that I wasn't able to take a photo of it due to how dark it was. *Carly Chea*

I have four favourite parts of the zoo trip. The first one was when two emus started walking towards me and stood right on the other side of the fence from me. Another favourite was seeing the baby giraffe and the mother giraffe together. The baby giraffe was lying down on the ground and the mother was standing up behind it cleaning the baby giraffe's head. Also, I liked when I was inside where the kiwi area was and I saw a kiwi running along the windows, there was also another kiwi hiding in the back. My final favourite was two orangutans climbing along the ropes. I saw one climb down to get off the ropes or get on a lower rope. *Ella Birkbeck*

My favourite thing that I saw in the zoo was probably the spider monkeys. Because they are always very playful and cute and if they are not doing tricks around, they are probably just eating peacefully (sometimes). The reason I like these spider monkeys so much is because they are very new to me and I have never seen them before, even though I have been to the zoo about a million times. *Farrak Schaunkell*

My favourite part of the zoo was when we went to the South America track. My mum is from French Guiana in South America and I've never been, but I love seeing the animals she grew up with. We saw all the tiny tamarin monkeys and one girl from another class kept yelling "Tambourines! Tambourines!" We also saw the iguanas and the alligators submerged in algae that looked like grass, but was really water. Macy's mum let us have money for ice-cream and we also saw the otters that were SO cute!

Maele Houston



"Chasing Stars"

A high-school film production

This year, in addition to the school musical, Marist students have also been working on another school production. But this one is not for the stage. It's for the big screen.

In 2023, a group of student screenwriters got together to pitch ideas and start developing possible storylines and characters. Some students and teachers then took this to the point of developing a full screenplay.

Since then, there has been a lot of talk of fancy cameras, tripods, lights, boom mics, sound recorders, and of course - the very important Hollywood style clapper board.

Actors have been preparing, student directors have been planning shots, set and props teams have been hunting and gathering, costumes have been found in wardrobes and costume hire places, and we've already had a full song written for the film with more of the soundtrack on the way.

Filming started at the end of last year and has well and truly kicked into gear in 2024.

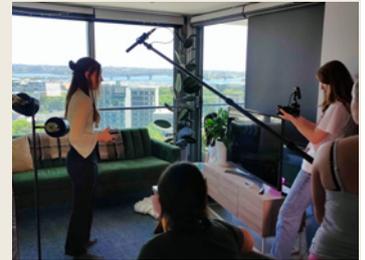
Student producer and director Ava Crowe says she's learning new things on every shoot, from lighting to how to direct teachers and other adults. "So far it's been an incredible journey."

The finished film "Chasing Stars" will be screened at St Lukes Cinema from September 16 - 18. Tickets for the big premiere on the 16th September will be limited and are \$32.

Tickets for the other two nights are \$21 and all tickets will be made available online from the school cart.

Hope to see you all there!

Keith Paterson,
CLT Technology



Year 10 & 11 NCEA Evening Monday 4 March, 6:30pm

We are holding a Year 10 and Year 11 NCEA information evening on Monday 4th March, 6:30pm in the Gym. This will include a Numeracy & Literacy Common Assessment Activity (CAA) information and question time. We look forward to seeing you.

MARIST COLLEGE SAMOA MALAGA TAUTUA 2025

Online information evening 5th March, 6pm

Google Classroom code: 3slo44g

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NjY1OTI0MTQxMzk1?cjc=3slo44g>

Open to Years 9 - 12

Trip organiser: Mrs Tagomoa-Papali'i



MARIST COLLEGE
Family Festival
2024

It's time to volunteer!

Thursday 14th March
4 - 7:30pm

Keep the donations coming in for stalls thanks...
gourmet food, chocolate, bottles, vouchers, unwanted xmas gifts, unused cosmetics. Please drop these at the school office.

Now we seek volunteers to help on Thursday 14th March for stalls or for set up/pack down. The more, the merrier, so the festival runs smoothly and helpers can take breaks to enjoy the event themselves. Get in touch with Kelly kjmclancy@yahoo.com and suggest what time you can help and she'll allocate you a job!

Kia ora e te whānau, Nau mai haere mai

Whānau Hui

Wednesday, 6th March 2024
6:30pm in the staffroom

Please bring a plate of kai to share if you can.

Contact Sarah Cunningham to add items to the agenda s.cunningham@maristcollege.school.nz

CoLab is on 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. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1emod4RKyG-Bb7Jbm5VyteB1wkjbgxDoaq8LlnT8Lxu8/edit?usp=sharing>

This roster can also be found on SchoolBridge.

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/>



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
<http://tinyurl.com/2024GolfDay>

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.

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