



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 6  
Friday, 8th March 2024

## From the Principal

### Girls who thrive become women who lead

Today is International Women's Day - a day to celebrate the barriers we have overcome as women to participate in and contribute positively to a more inclusive world.

An educated woman is a powerful woman. She can shape her destiny and influence the world around her. Education empowers women by providing them with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions, pursue their passions, and contribute meaningfully to society.

An educated woman is equipped to break through societal barriers and challenge stereotypes. She becomes a role model for others, inspiring fellow women and girls to pursue education and strive for personal excellence in their chosen fields. Education opens doors to opportunities, allowing women to explore diverse career paths, engage in leadership roles, and participate in decision-making processes.

On International Women's Day, let's celebrate the achievements of educated women and acknowledge the importance of continued efforts to ensure equal access to education for women worldwide. By supporting women's education, we build a more inclusive and equitable world where everyone, regardless of gender, can thrive.

Good luck to our very own Eseta Rasmussen who is heading to New York to attend the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Eseta is the youngest of 10 delegates selected to travel with P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A Inc and the only representative still at school. This year's commission focuses on "Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective." Good luck, Eseta. We are looking forward to you sharing your experience when you return.



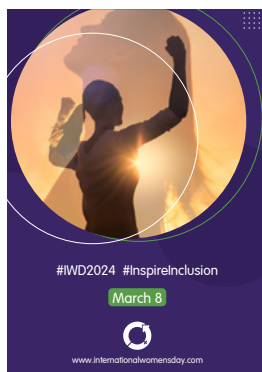
Thank you to Mischa Fritter, our Head Librarian, for organising this year's International Women's Day activities. You included many staff and students in inspirational activities that recognised important and strong women role models in our lives. Well done!

### Important Information

- This is a reminder that next week is our Family Festival. All students are expected to supply a baked good to be sold on the day. Students will bring home a cake box with further instructions.
- We are still accepting donations for raffle items for the Family Festival. All donations need to be dropped off at the school office before Thursday 14th.
- Enrolments are now open with limited spaces for 2025. If you have a sibling who needs to enrol at the college, please do so now. Thank you to all the families that attended this year's open day tours.

Te Aroha o Te Atua,

Raechelle Taulu, Principal/Tumuaki



## KEY DATES

### Term 1 2024

#### Week (7A)

- 13 We Assembly/Liturgy/Service Leader/Environmental 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

#### Week (8B)

- Mar 18 Mo 7R Homeroom Parent Teacher Day PTFA Meeting 7pm
- 20 We Assembly/Liturgy/Sports Leader Y11 Art trip, Unitec Marae 8:55 - 11:15am Polyfest - Kapa Haka Production rehearsal 3:30 - 5:30pm
- 21 Th Casual Clothing Day - Caritas Lenten Appeal 12RD Mass, Break 2 Polyfest Y11 RE Guest Speaker
- 22 Fr Polyfest - Samoan Stage
- 22 Fr **ACCKA Conference** **School Closed for students** **Learning from home day** Rotation 3 - 2
- 24 Su Production rehearsal 11am - 5pm

### Upcoming Events:

- Mar 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 Photo Catchup 11am (128) Y7&8 HPV/Boostrix Talk
- 29 - 2 Easter Holiday Break
- Apr 2 Tu Production rehearsal 1.30pm - 5pm
- 3 - 5 Y8 Camp - Motutapu
- 6 Sa Relay for Life 10am - 10pm

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



## In Memory of Faustina

On Thursday many of our staff and students gathered to celebrate Mass for a much-loved friend and classmate of last year, Faustina Tagiilima, who passed away recently. We are fortunate to be able to draw comfort from the rituals of our faith, to honour her memory and find solace in each other's company. We have been blessed to have known her and are reassured that she now rests in peace.

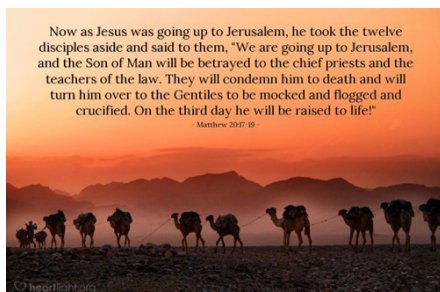
Jesus said:

***"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house. I am going to prepare a place for you..."***

**John 14: 1-2**

## Lenten reflection

Our students are invited to imitate Jesus' courage and love every time they face something difficult in life, especially the loss of a loved as



we have experienced in our school this past week. 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 sadness and despair.

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 presence in Mary's way to help each other to lighten the load of those carrying a heavy burden?

Ad Jesum per Mariam, *Katherine McGillivray*

## International Womens Day

As an all girls school celebrating International Women's Day is incredibly important. We celebrated by reflecting on the women who inspire us and who build us up, forming our foundations. Thank you so much, everyone, for getting involved. Happy International Women's Day!

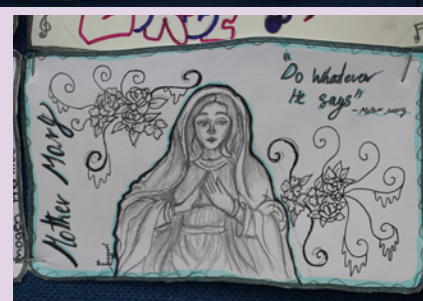
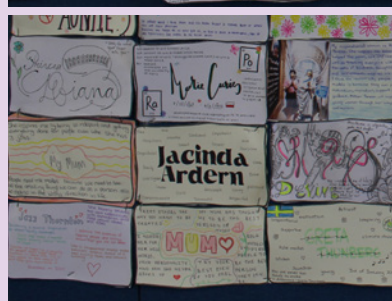
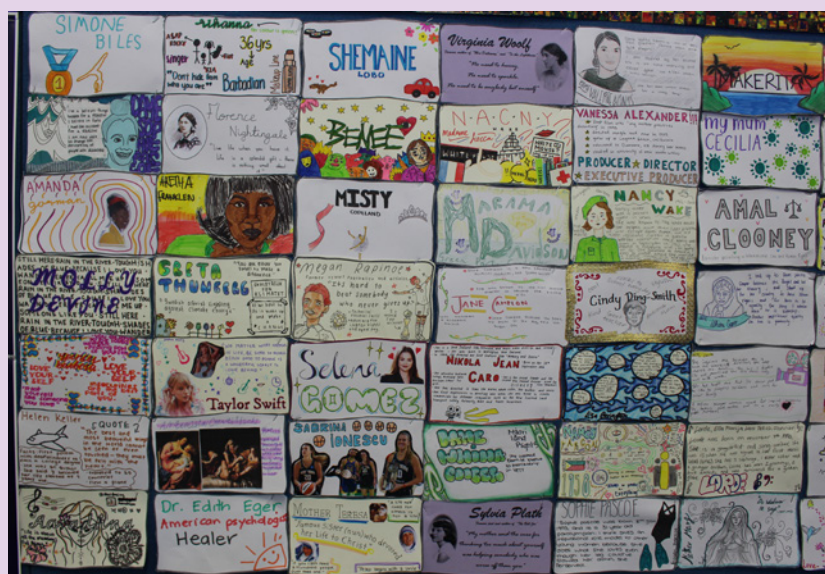
*Mischa Fitter*

**Strong Women,  
Strong Foundations**

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024



Read Strong Women, Strong Foundations at <https://tinyurl.com/StrongWomenStrong-Foundations>





品川の学生を歓迎

*Welcome to the 24 students from the Shinagawa High Schools! We're so happy to welcome them here to Marist College and know they'll have a great time at school with their lovely buddies! It's a testament to the students that they've been so brave to leave home and experience somewhere different. Well done to you all.*



*Pictured are Year 9 students baking cookies for our recent Open Day tour groups. The students also enjoyed eating the cookies!*

## NCEA Level 1 Information Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 10 and 11 NCEA Level 1 Information Evening on Monday. We hope that the evening was informative and we appreciated the thoughtful questions that were asked on the night.

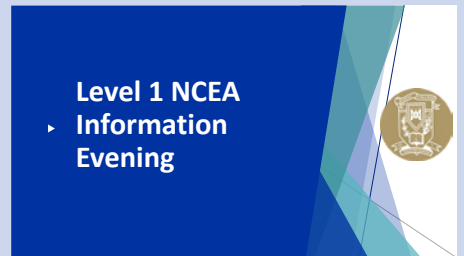
If you could not attend the evening, the presentation and handbook can be found here. Both documents contain key information about the structure of NCEA,

including the Literacy and Numeracy Co-Requisite.

You will also find the contact details of staff who will be supporting your daughter as she begins her NCEA journey.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch.

Ngā mihi,  
*Dr Houlston*



### NCEA Level 1

NCEA stands for the National Certificates of Educational Achievement. It is the main qualification for secondary school students and it's available at Levels 1, 2 and 3. NCEA is internationally recognised. NCEA Level 1 focuses on building skills and knowledge in specific learning areas, providing students with the foundation they need to achieve in specialised subjects as they move through NCEA Level 2 and 3.

NCEA has been recently refreshed to ensure it is a robust, coherent and inclusive qualification. Students will be taught a broad range of knowledge and skills in each subject area, with assessment falling out of the learning that takes place in class. It is important that students understand that only some of the learning that takes place in the classroom will be assessed, however all the learning that takes place in class is important. A year long programme has been developed by teachers to provide students with the foundational knowledge and skills required to move forward with each subject area in NCEA Level 2 and 3.

This handbook will outline the structure of NCEA Level 1 at Marist College.

Every subject that your daughter takes in Level 1 is assessed by standards. The standards describe different areas of knowledge and skills in a learning area. Each standard is worth credits. When your daughter achieves a standard, she will earn credits towards her NCEA qualification. Talk with your daughter about what she is learning in class and the standards she is working towards. This will support her with her learning.

To gain Level 1 NCEA students need to achieve the following:

- 60 credits at Level 1
- 10 Literacy co-requisite credits
- 10 Numeracy co-requisite credits

# "Chasing Stars"

A high-school film production

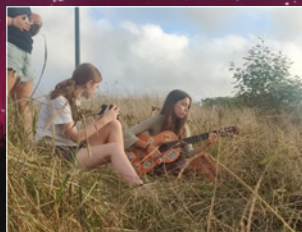
**Tickets available now!**

Screenings at St Lukes Cinema from  
September 16th - 18th, 2024

The Grand Premiere will be screened on 16th September and will be limited numbers. Be in quick. These are \$32 each.

Tickets for additional evening screenings are \$21 each.

All tickets are available now at  
<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/etickets/school-film-production>



# Sports Update

## Waka Ama

Great day overall for paddling with our three Marist College senior students Alessandra Haydon, Hannah Lynch and Kayano Vogels alongside our two sister schools St Mary's College (Nina & Tiara) & St Dominic's Girls Catholic College (Isabella & Kanoa) to form the Marist Tuahine Waka Ama team for this years Senior Regatta 2024 Saturday 2nd March at Ian Shaw Park, Mt Wellington.

We also partnered with Westlake Boys High School for a mixed W12 race. We had a total of 12 races on the day. Our team did so well, having had minimal training leading up to the day (blessed that four of our girls paddle for club).

- Special thanks to Mama Lou & Vanita from Aratika Waka Ama for coaching and steering our novices.
- To St Mary's and St Dominic's Principals and our own principal Mrs Taulu for allowing our girls to come together and fill the waka alongside our three Marist College seniors.
- Anna & Jacqui for supporting our waka ama team throughout training and on the day!
- Our parents & families for being present and volunteering at admin and on the pontoon at the regatta.

"He waka eke noa" - "We are all in this together"

Results:

- U19, Mixed W12 (250m) 2nd, Bowl Final
- U19, Novice Mixed W6 (250m) 1st, Plate Final; 3rd, Plate Final
- U19, Girls W6 (500m) 3rd, Bowl Final
- U16, Novice Girls (250m) 1st, Plate Final
- U19, Novice Girls W6 (250m) 1st, Plate Final

*Jane Matangi* (Manager and parent of Alessandra Haydon)



## College Sport Athletics

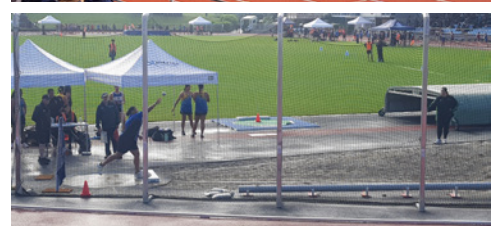
Marist competed in the College Sport Central East and West Zone Athletics Competition this week, Tuesday 5th March at Mt Smart Stadium.

We had a small squad this year, three Juniors and one Senior student: Sophia Browne (1500m), Isabella Snedden (1500m, 800m), Maria Zanzottera (100m, High Jump) and Annunciata Wairasi (Shot Put, Discus).

The rain delayed many events but when the sun came out so too did our squad's resilience.

It was a tough comp where experience was evident but our girls pushed through and didn't give up! Our Junior squad competed against older and some of the best young athletes in Auckland but learnt alot and were able to gain valuable experience. Our Senior member Annunciata did amazing and placed top 6 in shot put."

*Jacqueline Slade*, Sports Co-ordinator



## SPORTS REGISTRATIONS 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/>

## Year 11 Drama Trip

On Monday our Year 11 Drama class went and watched a beautiful circus theatre piece called Te Tangi a te tui. This Performance was held at Corban Estate Arts Centre in the Te Pou theatre. The main plot follows a tama who interacts with the Patupaihere and a creature known as the bird man. This Māori Cirque theatre was fascinating. The physicality had us on the edge of our seats the entire time, devouring their incredible skills on the silks, high-ropes, and circus equipment. It was Te Reo focused throughout. A jaw-dropping, standing ovation concluded the performance, and one school even performed a haka tautoko for them!

A big thank you to the staff who arranged this memorable day, Mrs Coupar-Wanoa, Mrs Smith, and Happy for driving us in style!

*Esther Ceato*, on behalf of Year 11 Drama



# University of Canterbury Science Summer Camp

Over the summer holidays I attended the Science Summer Camp at University of Canterbury. 2023 was also the 150th anniversary of the University, and this played a big part in our group project for the camp. The 5-day programme gave a broad introduction into the fields of Physics, Chemistry, Ecology, Biosecurity, Engineering and Biological photography. I especially enjoyed Chemistry where we were able to investigate pharmacology by synthesising aspirin using salicylic acid.

The science camp also included a day excursion to the Cass Field Research Station situated in the Southern Alps. We learnt about the connections local Tangata Whenua had to the land and the problems faced by the area. We worked in groups solving a problem the Cass area faced and we presented our solutions in a Dragons Den, making sure to use our 15-month, 15-year, 150-year timeframe.

This was my first time leaving home and going into an unfamiliar situation with no one I knew, and I was able to meet and connect with so many driven and amazing students who were interested in similar and different things to me. Attending the UC Science Summer Camp has certainly increased my confidence, leadership and teamwork and I am incredibly grateful to have been offered the opportunity to go.

*Sophie Lin*, Year 13

## Nerd Camp

In January, I was given the incredible opportunity to spend two weeks at the 34th Rotary National Science and Technology Forum, otherwise dubbed affectionately as Nerd Camp. I learnt about 13 different STEM disciplines offered by the University of Auckland, AUT and Massey University which felt like an absolute whirlwind and I am so grateful to have been able to experience it. The tech visits were certainly a highlight of this Forum, being able to look deeper into fingerprinting and forensics with NZ Police, learning more about environmental science at Living Labs and experiencing non-invasive testing and other cutting-edge engineering at HERA was certainly something I could never do without the Forum. Every day was filled with our academic modules, evening activities, and team-building and I am so incredibly grateful to have shared it with 167 other Year 13 students from across NZ.

Two of my favourite modules were biomedical science, where we dissected a sheep lung and heart and looked at plasticised human hearts and torsos. We also looked at sports science, where we were able to undergo physical tests and experience equipment professional athletes use, such as a VO2 machine. Alongside the academic work, the Dragons Den challenge and volleyball competition were an amazing way to get to know the 27 other people in my team. I can truly say that the people I have met here are some of the most amazing and driven people I have ever met. Since attending the Forum, I have gained insight into the incredible range of careers and fields offered in STEM and being able to experience University life was an incredible eye-opening and informative experience. If you are in year 12, I would highly recommend you apply to RNSTF as it was one of the most amazing life-changing experiences I have had the opportunity to have.

*Sophie Lin*, Year 13



## Pasifika Fono

Last Thursday we came together as a Pasifika community, and it was an honour to welcome all our returning and new families. It was a wonderful evening full of laughter, joy, bonding, connecting, reconnecting, and feasting.

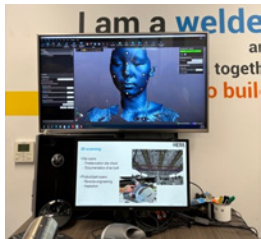
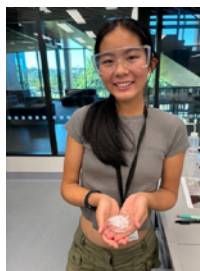
As the Pasifika Liaison teacher, I am here to ensure that you feel supported and valued within our community.

This year, our school's value is "Presence." It's about showing up and being fully engaged in every moment, embodying the Marist spirit of active participation and inclusion. Whether it's in the classroom, or other aspects of school life, let us embrace the value of Presence and strive to create meaningful connections with one another.

Your presence is a treasure, and your contributions are invaluable. Your culture, traditions, and values enrich our community in countless ways. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn from you and with you.

Fa'afetai lava, Malo aupito, Vinaka vaka levu

*Veronica Verschuur*



## 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>

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This roster can also be found on SchoolBridge.



**MARIST COLLEGE**  
**Family Festival**  
**2024**  
**One week to go!**

**Thursday 14th March**  
**4 - 7:30pm**

Counting down to the Family Festival next Thursday.  
 Cake boxes go home Monday, to be filled and brought back to school the morning of the festival.  
 Start to make a plan... parking will be limited, consider catching the train. Kitenui entrance only.  
 Tokens for festival payments can be purchased from 3:30pm at Kitenui entrance. Presales of these can be purchased online at <https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2024-family-festival-tokens-affle-tickets>  
 We hope to see you there!



The Henna & Face-painting teams have been getting ready to adorn you with their gorgeous designs. See you all next week at Family Fest!



## Art Mural Update

Months of design, collaboration and mahi have gone into the production of the new school murals. In 2023, year 10 Art students began the process by exploring Marist's physical, spiritual and cultural contexts. Imagery to represent the people and places of significance, along with the school values has been carefully researched, developed and depicted in these large outdoor artworks. This year, with the return of the sun in the last month or so students returned to the job. Almost complete, but already looking fantastic!

Well done and thank you Art students!

Nāku noa, nā

Jessica Jacobsen



## Marist Ex-Students' Association

We are looking forward to joining this year's Family Festival. We'd love to meet any current parents or whanau of Marist who are also former students. You're invited to join our newsletter list so we can keep you informed of upcoming events, news and plans for celebrating the school's Centenary in 2028. Stop by the water stall to say hi ... perhaps you'll even meet a former classmate! We look forward to seeing you!

## 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](https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/enrolments) here.  
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