



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 9
Thursday, 28th March 2024

From the Assistant Principal

For the past six weeks, we have been called to embrace prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare for Easter. While Easter marks the beginning of a long weekend and holidays, it is also the highlight of the liturgical year for us as Christians. Easter is not just a one-day celebration though; it's an entire season! The time of celebration begins on Easter Sunday and goes all the way through to Pentecost.

As Catholics, the one thing we do more than anything else is celebrate. We celebrate life, death, new life, and eternal life. We celebrate education, innovation, discovery, love, truth, beauty, goodness, forgiveness, reconciliation, unity, family, and new life. We are a people of celebration. And here's the thing—you become what you celebrate. If you celebrate death and destruction, you will become death and destruction. If you celebrate life and creativity, you will become life and creativity. The church's constant invitation is to celebrate the right things with great vigor, enthusiasm, and regularly.

So, we wish all our Marist families a safe, blessed and very happy celebration this Easter!

If you are wanting to get along to any of the Easter services in Auckland, see link here:

[Easter Services Auckland Diocese](#)

Ad Jesum per Mariam

Mrs Katherine McGillivray,
Assistant Principal/DRS

Year 9 Retreat

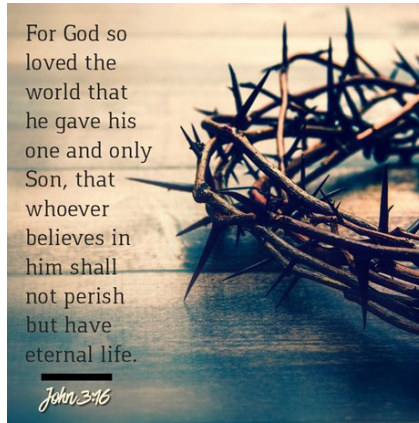
On Monday and Tuesday this week Year 9 students travelled by bus to Ngā Kete Wānanga Marae for a retreat run by Fr Mark Walls and the Marist team. Retreats are an important part of our programme and is a lovely opportunity for students to learn about our Catholic faith and this week about our Marist history and founders.

We also welcomed the opportunity to enjoy the hospitality of the marae beginning with a formal pōwhiri and learn about marae protocols.

Thank you to Fr Mark, Angela, Matt, and Seamus for a fantastic retreat.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



KEY DATES

Term 1 2024

Week (10B)

- Apr 2 Tu Easter Tuesday holiday
Production rehearsal
1.30pm - 5pm
- 3 We Assembly/Liturgy NDW
Production rehearsal
3:30 - 5:30pm
- 3 - 5 Y8 Camp - Motutapu
Lumino Dental onsite
- 4 Th Mass 12SC, Break 2
Y13 Leaders - Praise & Pizza
at SPC, 4pm
- 5 Fr Assembly/Deputy Head Girl
Academic/NZ Defence Force
Rotation 4 - 3
- 6 Sa Relay for Life 10am - 10pm
- 7 Su Production rehearsal
1:30pm - 5pm

Week (11A)

- 8 - 12 Lumino Dental onsite
 - 9 Tu Women In Trades trip
Y12/13 Class Play rehearsal
3:30 - 5pm
 - 10 We Assembly NCJ Chanel
Patrons' Liturgy
College Sport Senior Kilikiti
Y12/13 Class Play 6:30pm
VUW Focus Group 3:30-5pm
 - 11 Th 10S ES Mass, Break 2
Y13 PILOT trip
Y8 HPV (1) & Y7 Boostrix
 - 11 - 14 Aotearoa Youth
Declaration trip
 - 12 Fr Assembly/Te Ara o Mēri
Awards
- Last day Term 1**
Rotation 5 - 4

Upcoming Events:

- Apr 16 - 17 Plunket Course, 134
- 20 - 23 Production rehearsal 1-5pm
- 23 - 24 Plunket Course, 134
- 25 Th ANZAC Day
- 25 - 27 Production rehearsal 1-5pm
- 28 Su St Peter Chanel Feast Day
- 29 Mo **First day Term 2**
- 29 - 3 Lumino Dental onsite
- 30 - 1 Production rehearsal
3:30 - 9:30pm
- May 1 We Y11 Drama & Y12/13
History trip - Ihumatao
- 2 Th Staff Mass, Break 2
Production rehearsal all day
- 3 Fr Pompallier Shield
Competition, hosted by
Rosmini College
- 4 - 5 Production rehearsal all day
- 7 - 9 Production rehearsal
3:30 - 9:30pm
- 8 We Y13 Mother Daughter
Breakfast 7:15am
- 10 Fr Production Opening Night
- 11 - 25 Production Wed - Sat nights
- 12 Su Mother's Day
- 16 - 17 Y11 Retreat & Future Focus
- 20 Mo PTFA Meeting 7pm

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

ACCKA Conference 2024



'Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toirua'
Let's stay close together, not far apart.

On the 22nd March the Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako held a staff conference at St Paul's College. Our guest speakers were none other than our dynamic duo, 'Double Trouble' – Monsignor Bernard Kiely and Pā Peter Tipene. Their main message centred around being positive, encouraging teachers ... what as a teacher do you want to be remembered for. The importance of our faith and connections. They shared their humour, joy and stories of their past teachers and the impact they had on their lives. A key question they left us to ponder was – What difference will each of us make in the life of each child in our care?

Staff participated and engaged in two sessions of their choice and ended the day with some mix 'n mingling over food and drinks. It also included some cool give-aways. A special thank-you to our own staff who ran workshops, Ellie Going, Judi Leman, Julia Mandeno and Tess Murphy.

Makerita Tagomoa-Papali'i
Across School Leader



The four finalists of the Race Unity Auckland Regional Heats will all be competing at the National Race Unity Speech Competition in May.

Race Unity Speeches

Last week Melenaite Falekaono (Year 13), Anna Jose (Year 11) and Soeun Park (Year 11) took part in the regional heats of the Race Unity Speech Awards. The theme for this year's speeches was "Te Taura Tangata: The Rope of Unity".



Anna Jose (Year 11), Melenaite Falekaono (Year 13) and Soeun Park (Year 11) at the Race Unity Auckland Regional Heats

All three students spoke with conviction about how we can promote social cohesion in Aotearoa, offering practical solutions to foster inclusion and empathy. Melenaite, Anna and Soeun were commended by the judges for their thoughtful and well-crafted speeches.

Melenaite was successful in both her regional heat and the semi-finals and was one of four students from across Auckland to speak in the regional final. She will now head to the National Race Unity Speech Awards held in May at Ngā Kete Wānanga Marae, MIT. Congratulations to Melenaite, Anna and Soeun participating in the event and having the courage to speak out on such an important issue.

Dr Houlston, Deputy Principal Curriculum

Participating in the Race Unity Speech competition was nerve-wracking, but I embraced it with positivity and made sure to keep an open mind even through all the nerves. It turned out to be an amazing experience, with friendly faces and enlightening speeches. I learned a lot from others and felt a genuine desire for positive change. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be part of it and I am excited to be competing at Nationals in May.

Melenaite Falekaono, Year 13

Participating in the Race Unity Speech Awards has challenged me to think about the idea of racial unity in a more practical way. Instead of going on and on about the realities of racism in our world today, we had to include ideas in our speech that would help to advance race relations in Aotearoa. We learnt a lot from hearing others' speeches and I particularly enjoyed hearing the wide range of analogies that people used to describe our society.

Soeun Park, Year 11



International Students Update

Kia ora, as we come to the end of Term 1, we start saying farewell to more international students as they return home. It's a sad time for us to farewell our lovely students but we know they'll be back with their families and have lots of stories to tell about their time at school and in

Auckland. Thanks once again to the buddies, their teachers and homestays for looking after them so well. We had a little get together to celebrate the students' time with us!



Labo In-Japan Homestay Programme 2024-2025

This programme is for students who are interested in travelling, meeting new people and have an interest in Japan. Students do not have to be studying Japanese or be able to speak Japanese, however it would be an advantage. The programme does require a level of resilience and positive attitude.

Key points about the programme

- Applications close Friday 31st May 2024
- Departs Thursday 12th December 2024
- Returns Sunday 5th January 2025
- \$7,560 per student, including return flights on Air New Zealand, accommodation throughout, all meals, 3 night winter youth camp, homestay with a host brother or sister and the support of the Labo International Exchange Foundation

To apply, enquire and see the information about the programme, please click here <https://nzstudytours.co.nz/lab/> and please see information about Labo here <https://labo-exchange.com/>

Sports Update

Marist made a splash at the Central Zone Swimming Competition at Diocesan Aquatic centre on the 14th March 2024.



Our students that competed were Evelyn Farrar (Y8 – 50m & 100m Freestyle, Breaststroke), Alessandra Halliwell (Y7 – 50m Free, 50m Backstroke), Kate Kelly (Y7 - 50m Free, 50m Back) and Leni Macaffer (Y8 – 50m & 100m Free, 50m Breaststroke).

There was some tough competition but our Marist Swim team competed well against some of Central Zone's very best swimmers with Alessandra and Leni making the finals in their events. Great to see some young strong swimmers coming through as we prepare our Marist Senior Swim team for the College Sport Central West Zone Champs next week at West Wave Aquatic Centre!

Congratulations

 to Kara McGillivray. Kara is just back from competing at the OFC Women's Champions League in Honiara, Solomon Islands as a member of the Auckland United FC team. This is the second year of the tournament which covers the Oceania region. The competition was tough including playing conditions as it was averaging 30C daily. The Solomon Islands was a bit of an eye opener, the team were hosted by the NZ High Commission one afternoon and were ably assisted by NZ Police Liaison Team in the Solomons for safety and were accompanied on the local visits.

AUFC won the tournament and Kara was awarded player of the match in the game against the Tongan side Veitongo.



7M's Breakfast Parfait Art

*The homemade granola was amazing.
The granola was crunchy and had a lot of flavour.
The granola was sweet, and the sour yoghurt and berry sauce balanced the flavours.
The flavours were all different but when put together it was the perfect combination.
Everything was well balanced and complimented each other.
It was tempting to put a lot in my jar, but it was very filling.
It was fun to make and layer the ingredients.
The berry sauce made the parfait POP!
It was really healthy.*



By 7M



Year 10 Drama fight workshop

Year 10 Drama students were taught some sword fighting techniques for their upcoming drama assessment. Alexander from the New Zealand Stage and Screen Combat School took students through a series of movements with particular emphasis on safety. He taught students that intense focus is required to create an engaging and accurate fight scene. Some students will perform a fight scene from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Charlie understood from the workshop that, "Nowadays you would be close to your opponent, within punching range but in Elizabethan times you had to keep away from your enemy, the distance of a rapier."

Students learned how to move with the swords and found that the rapiers/swords were, "Really heavy" said Rishmikaa. "Being called a liar" they discovered, was one of the greatest insults a person could receive in Shakespeare's time. Students will apply this new knowledge and more as they make decisions about acting techniques to communicate the feelings and objectives of their characters and the writer's intent. Gregory (and others) will remember his/her/their 'swashing blow' but now in an informed, entertaining, and safe manner.

Kirsty Hamilton, Drama Teacher

Pasifika Matters – 49th ASB Polyfest – Samoa Stage

“Tepa i le tuana’i e fuafua ai le lumana’i” – Looking to our past to determine our future.

61 polished performers, 61 supportive families, 7 talented tutors, 3 staff in charge, 2 amazing seamstresses (Mrs Anna Senio’s mother and sister), 10 generous staff supervisors, a team of mother/ staff hairstylists, a team of father security, a family organising our tents ... is the VILLAGE behind a very successful campaign.

Student Leaders:

Kaitlyn Alo, Lasita Maletino, Serena Matara, Celestebella Mika, Jaydene Muliaga, Milla Senio, Elise Stark, Rochelle-Niki Suesue and Elena Wulf.

Tutors:

Tamā Fauega Sione, Frances Wally Sione, Via Sione, Brian Matai, Ipu Lagaia, Kingston Sauaga-Uale, Maselino Maselino.

Staff in charge of Performance – Miss Anastasia Matai.

Special parts of the group’s performance:

Fuataimi (Conductor) – Julizah Maeo, who gained 2nd place overall.

Fa’aluma (Jester) – Mercy Nu’u

Taupou (Samoa Princess) – Sina Lemana

Results:

3rd Placing – Pese o le Aso (Song of the Day) composed by Tamā Fauega Sione

3rd Placing – Ulufafo (Exit)

The group were invited to perform to government officials in support of keeping Polyfest funding alive. This is one of the biggest Māori and Pasifika events in the world showcasing performances from many of our Pacific nations.

‘University of Auckland Assistant Pro-Vice Chancellor Pacific, Salapima Everdina Fuli, emphasised the importance of supporting the festival to help maintain cultural traditions.’

Marist College – the media hype:

NZ Herald

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/talanoa/polyfest-2024-big-crowds-turn-out-early-as-pacific-stages-open-for-day-three/OIBHSSJSX5E5VIDX67L6BTR76M/>

Samoa Observer

https://www.samoobserver.ws/category/samoa/108538?fbclid=IwAR1pjQJDBDCNx_csd7df2BzQhYf9GJARek8V4_qpJgACsHw4Y4jhWwcoB8_aem_AU4GJ1JwRfxZyftXbKWx-HOJz7jCeA-gcFLDBx-60ivcQp7GcPycHjsVoou84AAVqLM

ASB Polyfest Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/731580445769246>

ASB Polyfest

<https://www.asbpolyfest.co.nz/marketplace/1178696-samoa-stage>

MoE (Ministry of Education) Tik Tok

<https://vt.tiktok.com/ZSFa9Ckb3/>

Performance for Government Officials

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1654497448290520>



Student Leaders reflections

What an amazing journey it's been! I am incredibly proud of how far Malisi has come this Polyfest season. A highlight of this experience was not only the captivating final performance but also the lasting friendships we created along the way. We built a family over the past 8 weeks. Together, not only did we celebrate our love for our culture, but we also created enduring memories and connections that will transcend beyond Polyfest. *Serena Matara* (Year 13)

There are no words to describe how proud we are of our little sisters. The journey we have had with our Malisi family throughout these past few weeks will definitely be one to remember. Just like the theme for this year's polyfest, *“Tepa i le tuana’i e fuafua ai le lumana’i”*, this experience will be one to look back at to help pave the way of our future. *Celestebella Mika* (Year 13)

Unfortunately I wasn't able to perform in the Samoan during Polyfest due to injury, but I was still able to support them. I watched the Samoan group grow together in their culture and in their confidence. At the start, they were very shy and stayed within their own groups, 8 weeks later the group turned into a big family. The girls improved so much in their journey and brought many to tears on their big performance as the opening act for Samoa stage. I am so blessed to have met all these beautiful girls in this group and am forever grateful for being part of it. *Milla Senio* (Year 13)

My journey as a Samoan group leader was an amazing experience with my Malisi sisters. One of the best experiences I've had at Marist. Throughout 8 weeks of hard work, dedication and practices I connected with girls from other year levels and have gained many friendships. This experience will forever be an unforgettable experience. I can't express how proud I am of all of my Malisi sisters. Thank you for all the help, especially our tutors, the Sione and Matai family, whose work was impeccable and so amazing. The Samoan group did an outstanding job. *Jaydene Muliaga* (Year 13)

Ma lo'u fa'aaloalo tele.

Makerita Tagomoa-Papali'i,

Polyfest School Cultural Group Coordinator



Relay for Life 2024



Marist College are currently 3rd place in Auckland for fundraising for the Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Congratulations Marist Team who have collectively fundraised over \$18,000, this is outstanding!

Our new target is to hit \$20,000 in the next two weeks. All the seniors involved in this team believe they can do this, but would love your support. Our team of over 100 students will be hitting the AUT Millenium track to take part in nonstop walkathon for 12 hours (rain or shine) on the 6th of April. If you believe you would like to show your support via a donation, please click on the link provided. 100% of the fundraising goes to the Cancer Society.

Goodluck to our students taking part in what really is an incredible cause.

<https://relayforlife.org.nz/marist-college-2024>



Marist College 2024

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.

MARIST COLLEGE
proudly hosting Year 13



Mother Daughter Breakfast

for Year 13 and their Mothers
(or another significant woman in their life)

Wednesday 8th May 2024

7:15am – 8:45am



Mass

St Mary's Church, 7:15am

Breakfast & Guest Speakers
Marist College

Tickets \$10 per student, \$10 per guest
from our online store at <https://tinyurl.com/Y13MumBfast>
Online sales close at 5pm on Friday 4th May. Limited Numbers.

School Charges

Term 1 should now be fully paid, or an automatic payment set up that will clear the account by the 31st of October 2024. Thank you to all who have made payment.

Please feel free to contact me on v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz if you have any questions regarding the school charges.

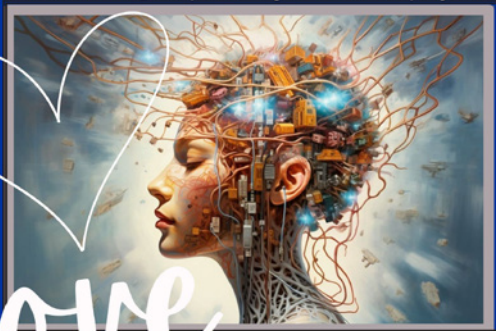
Y12 & Y13 CLASS PLAY

WED APRIL 10TH

DRAMA ROOM

6.30 PM

Book tickets @ <https://bit.ly/maristclassplay2024>



**Love
& INFORMATION**

2025 Sibling Enrolments

Please get your sibling enrolments completed as soon as possible as there are limited spaces available in 2025.

Enrolments close at the end of Term 1, 12 April 2024.

Please complete the [enrolment application online here](#).

www.maristcollege.school.nz/enrolments



"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. Tickets 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>

MONTE CECILIA EGG DONATIONS

Receiving a chocolate egg on Easter is something many of us took for granted during our childhoods. Being able to take part in this tradition alongside their friends is important for giving children a sense of connection and normality. But for many of the low-income families living in Monte Cecilia Housing Trust accommodation it's a tough expense to justify during a difficult period in their lives.

Monte Cecilia wants to make sure none of the kids in our homes miss out, but with over 600 families staying in Monte Cecilia accommodation, it's a big job. So, we're putting out the call for Easter eggs, whether big or small, hollow or filled with marshmallow, we know our kids will love them all. Donations can be dropped off at our 30 Windrush Close office, or you can help us with a monetary donation through our website, which we can then use to purchase eggs from local stores. Put a smile on a young face today, and help our kids take part in a wonderful tradition!



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Public transport

Fares are changing for under 25s from 1 May

Find out if you are still eligible for discounts

AT.govt.nz/fareschanges

Rosary

Wednesdays,
Break 2,
Room 320

Download the Marist College SchoolBridge App

at <https://marist.bridge.school.nz/app>

Marist College PTFA Movie Night 2024

PITCH PERFECT

Saturday 15th June

Doors open 6pm, 6.30pm Start - Pick up 8.30pm
\$15 per person, includes drink & snack

Tickets available now at <https://tinyurl.com/Marist-Movies>

Additional lollies, drinks and popcorn will be available to buy (cash/efpos)
Bring cushion, or bean bag to sit on. Alberton Ave entrance only - enter through the gym foyer.

Questions? Contact Carol Troy on 0211501534

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