



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Number 5  
Friday, 31st May 2024

## From the Deputy Principal

May is a month of many things – Mary, multiple sports teams, major tests and music. Last week’s newsletter paid tribute to those involved in the musical, but they are not the only musical talent in the school. Throughout this month, the sound of string instruments, pianos and sweet vocal harmonies have rung out through the school from a variety of venues. The new-ish stage area, with its vibrant mural, was christened during break times this month. A small intimate venue, it provides our talented musicians with a new space to play, with surprisingly good acoustics.



Our Patrons’ Mass, with a focus on The Work of Mary, was a joyful yet serene event on Thursday. While there may be debate over whether to describe Champagnat, Chavoïn, Colin and Chanel as Patrons or Founders, there is



no question that the impetus of their calling was the work of Mary and that in following their footsteps, we too can aim to live, think and act as Mary would in the world today. We thank all of those students, particularly House Leaders, staff and religious who worked so hard to make our Mass a celebration of faith for our school community.

The school celebrated Samoan Language week with many activities provided for the girls to engage with and appreciate the beauty of Samoan culture. It was wonderful to see so many puletasi being worn with pride on Friday.

A testing event for all Year 10 and a number of Year 11 students was the CAA Numeracy and Literacy digital examinations held on this week. Students appeared well-prepared by both the Maths and English Departments. These NZQA provided examinations do raise the levels of stress in both staff and students due to the sometimes fickle nature of NZQA’s digital platform. Our aim is to ensure that if a student does experience being ‘locked out’ of an exam, that we will always provide them with a fresh opportunity to sit and succeed and will follow up with NZQA. Learning in a digital world can have challenges but our job is to make sure that gaining access to this type of assessment is available to all.

Multiple sports teams is a feature of Marist. We are lucky to have a wide range of codes available to the girls despite our small size comparative to our rival sporting schools. Marist Rugby has started their season and are showing great determination and drive. As some of the team leave my English class on a Monday, my request is always “three tries and at least one conversion please.” Their win against Papatoetoe this week is testament to their speed and attacking game. The three tries definitely happened – still waiting on that conversion.

Marist Netball Premier team is the other hot topic around the coffee machine in the staffroom. Their recent games have been well-attended by staff, whanau and student supporters on Saturday mornings at St Johns. We certainly appreciate the enthusiasm with which our supporters back our girls, however, always aim to show respect, good sportswomanship and consideration for the opposition. It’s just another good opportunity to think and act as Mary would.

Our Staff Only Day on Tuesday 4 June will be an opportunity for us to engage with Ka Hikitia, the Maori Education Strategy. It will be an opportunity for you to enjoy another day’s holiday with your daughter. Wishing you a safe and relaxing long weekend,

Te Aroha o Te Atua, *Lucy Hill*, Deputy Principal Administration

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## KEY DATES

### Term 2 2024

#### Week (6A)

- Jun 3 Mo **King's Birthday holiday**  
Samosa orders close
- 4 Tu **Staff Only Day**
- 5 We Extended whānau  
**Hui, 6:30pm, staffroom**  
**Final day for Ball payments**
- 5 - 10 MYN
- 6 Th 9T ES Mass B2  
Champagnat Feast Day  
ACCKA Pasifika Mass 6pm  
St Joseph's Parish Grey Lynn  
Y12 Relationships with  
Attitude 219/220  
**Wine orders close**
- 7 Fr Assembly/Champagnat  
House Leaders  
Y12 Loves Me Not  
*Rotation 1 - 5*
- 8 Sa *Malisi Melodies Choir  
Workshop 10am - 2pm  
218/219/220*

#### Week (7B) International Language Wk Cybersafety Wk

- 11 Tu Malisi Melodies &  
Marybelles Choir Perform B2
- 12 We Assembly/Liturgy PCY/  
International Language Wk
- 12 We International Kākahu Casual  
Clothing Day - no gold coin  
Music Dance Showcase  
Rehearsal 3:30–5pm 219/220
- 13 Th 9J Mass SR, B2, St Mary's  
Pasifika Mentoring Prog  
3:20–5pm, Room 134  
*Rotation 2 - 1*
- 14 Fr **Samosa & Wine collection  
day 12pm–4pm, 134**
- 15 Sa **PTFA Movie Night 6-8:30pm**

### Upcoming Events:

- Jun 17 Mo Y13 Biology Zoo Trip  
PTFA Meeting 7pm
- 18 Tu Y10 Market Day, B1
- 19 We Big Sing, Town Hall
- 20 Th Academic Tracking Evening 1
- 21 Fr Y12 Tough Gal Challenge,  
Ngaruawahia
- 22 Sa **School Ball, Grand Millenium**
- 26 We Matariki Hikoi 5:30am  
Casual Clothing Day - Caritas
- 27 Th Y7 PE & Whanau - Te ao Kori  
unit P2
- 28 Fr **Matariki holiday**
- 30 Su Chavoïn Feast Day
- Jul 1 Mo BOT Meeting 6pm staffroom
- 2 Tu Y11 Class Play Rehearsal  
3:30–5pm, 219/220
- 3 We Y11 Class Play 6:30pm
- 4 Th Academic Tracking Evening 2
- 5 Fr Last day Term 2
- 6 - 21 School holidays
- 16 - 18 First Aid & Safety Course, 134
- 22 Mo First day Term 3
- 25 - 26 Y13 Geography Trip to  
Rotorua (tbc)
- 26 Fr Y7 Grandparents Mass  
St Mary's Church 11am

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

On Thursday we celebrated our annual Patrons' Mass where we honoured our House Patrons Jeanne-Marie Chavoïn, Marcellin Champagnat, Jean-Claude Colin, and St. Peter Chanel. We continue to reflect on their vision and the impact they have had on all those who strive to 'act, think, feel, and judge' in Mary's way today. It is these Marist values that continue to guide and shape our school community every day.

Thank you for Fr Mark Walls, Fr Marchellino Park, our Marist Sisters, and guests for joining us for this special Mass. Read on for Melenaite's summing up of our theme.

Ad Jesum per Mariam

*Mrs Katherine McGillivray,*  
Assistant Principal/DRS



## *The work of Mary*

'The work of Mary' was a phrase used by the early Marists including our House Patrons, Fr Colin, Marcellin Champagnat, Sr Jeanne-Marie Chavoïn and St Peter Chanel which we can understand now as doing everything with the attitude that we are serving God in the way Mary would do it.

The conditions that apply to doing Mary's work are not conditions set by Marists but by Mary herself. It is work done on her terms. So, what kind of work that Mary would do?

It could be the difficult and the less attractive work, for example, saying sorry to someone whom you have hurt by your words or actions. Speaking up for the person who seems scared or lonely. Being honest and bringing your coins to our fundraising to help people in greater need. Being kind and prayerful. Being forgiving and seeing Christ in everyone.

The way Mary lived her life and went about her work inspired Colin, Chavoïn, Champagnat and Chanel and so should we ALL do the same here.

At the heart of Mary's work is an openness to all people. It excludes no one and is designed to enable men and women to grow and develop according to their truest calling.

If Colin, Chavoïn, Chanel and Champagnat are here today they would tell us to cheer up, be proud of being a Marist student, a Marist staff, a Marist Sister, a Marist parent, a Marist priest and do everything as Mary would in our Marist school today and always.

*Melenaite Falekaono*



# Samoan Language Week

*"Tautua I le alofa, e manuia ai le lumana'i"*

Serve in love for a blessed future was this year's theme for Samoan Language Week / Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa

This theme focuses on 'love being the driving force of service. No matter what service looks like or who is doing it, service is accomplished through the power of love.' This works perfectly with our Marist idea of service and so to celebrate our Samoan culture and our Marist identity, we had so much fun planning a week's activities!

We began with a Kahoot on Monday to test everyone's language skills, On Tuesday we had a Samoan game, 'lape' in which everyone could join. Thursday our culture was woven into our Patrons' Mass and a Samoan dance party during the lunch break and on Friday, how could we not finish off with food?

Here is a video from Samoan Language Week:

Fa'afetai tele lava, manuia Le Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa.... CHEEHOOO!!

*Eva Ah Chong Vakalahi,  
Rochelle Sivesi'e, La-Rania Pasina  
and Mercy Ni'u*



## Partnership Fono

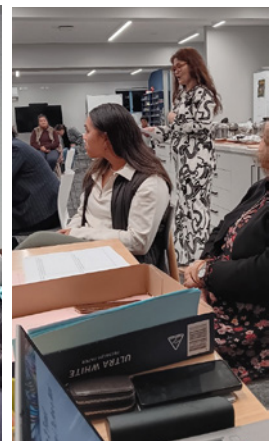
Last Thursday, we came together as a Pasifika community to celebrate partnership—the cornerstone of our collective efforts in education. Whether you're a longtime member or new to our Marist community, our presence showed our commitment to collaboration.

We journeyed together to embrace partnership wholeheartedly by listening, collaborating, and supporting each other.

Partnership is vital, as it brings together the unique strengths and perspectives of each group. What do teachers bring? What do students bring? What do parents bring?

Students, parents, and teachers engaged and collaborated to share thoughts, ideas, and concerns to further strengthen our partnership moving forward.

Fa'afetai lava, *Veronica Verschuur*



# Chinese Speech Competition

Melenaite Falekaono (Year 13) wowed at the Chinese speech competition with her resilience. She delivered a powerful 3-minute speech in Chinese, embodying the theme of overcoming challenges in her Chinese learning journey. During the competition, Melenaite charmed judges with her witty response to a question about Chinese language and culture, earning laughter from all. In a captivating finale, she sang a beautiful Chinese song, portraying the language as a lifelong friend.



Melenaite's performance inspires us to embrace challenges with courage and strive for excellence. Stay tuned for the competition's outcome. Melenaite Falekaono has left an unforgettable mark on all with her extraordinary talent and resilience. Click on the image below to get a snapshot of the competition.



## Sports Update



### Central Zone Football 2024

Our Marist Year 7 & 8 Football teams competed at their respective Central Zone tournaments last week at Seymour Park, Royal Oak. Tuesday's Year 7 competition started off well until a band of cat's and dog's arrived to put a damper on the day. That did not however dampen our team's spirit who revelled in the mud and slippery conditions. Marist came away with a couple of competitive wins and a new appreciation for umbrellas and dry socks.

On Thursday, our Year 8 Football team enjoyed their day of football in the sun. Marist came up against some fierce opposition but we are fortunate to have experienced football players and it showed with their pre-game planning and field tactics.

Both teams competed well with sparks of individual brilliance and moments of victorious strategic team play.

# Careers Hub

## Tertiary Information Events

The main universities and tertiary providers host campus open days and information evenings for prospective students to attend. Parents, caregivers and whanau are always welcome at these. Attending these kinds of events is helpful for students at all stages of thinking about their next steps beyond school.

For those who are just starting to think about their future, the information on offer can help to spark ideas of the options for study and training available. Those who have some clarity about their goals and interests are able to find more detail, in order to hone in on their choice of programme or institution. Sometimes students gain completely new ideas and insights just from hearing the questions and discussions of others. Ideally students will start visiting a few events in Year 11, and ensure they attend their preferred institutions events in Year 12 and 13. Students who have visited several open day events have more confidence in their decision-making. *Jenni Catley*, Careers Advisor

## Events in June:

**June 10 (Monday)** – Victoria University of Wellington information evening – Aotea centre, 5:30 - 8:30pm [Register](#)



**June 13 (Thursday)** – University of Otago Law information evening – Otahuhu College school library, 6:30 - 8pm [Register](#)



**June 18 (Tuesday)** – University of Otago information evening – Ellerslie Event centre, 6:30pm

**June 21 (Friday)** – Waikato University Open Day, Tauranga campus [Register](#)



**June 25 (Tuesday)** – University of Auckland Manawa Mai open evening – online 6 - 9pm, range of info sessions to choose from [Register](#)



**June 26 (Wednesday)** – University of Canterbury Hui Tairanga information evening – Life Venues Mt Eden, 6 - 8:30pm [Register](#)



**July 19 (Friday of the second week of July holidays)** – Lincoln University Open Day, Canterbury



## Cross Country Champs

The Cross Country Championships were held at Lloyd Elsmore Park Pakuranga on Wednesday 22 May and Marist were proudly represented by eight running rockets! There was a record number of competitors registered this year, over 700 students from around Auckland. The laps comprised of a marked outdoor trail with hills, unpredictable terrain and jumping obstacles, all while taking on a field full of very determined and experienced long distance runners. We are very proud of our Marist team who held their own with some of our girls finishing with personal bests. Great work ladies!

# Extra Curricular Groups

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		<b>Bible Studies Group</b> Room 320 All welcome	<b>String Orchestra</b> Music Room 218 7:30am	<b>Running Club</b> Gym Foyer All welcome	
Break 1		<b>Book Club</b> Library All welcome			
Break 2	<b>Caritas Champs</b> Room 312 All years (fortnightly)	<b>Marybelles Choir</b> Music Room 218 Juniors	<b>Craft Group</b> Fabric Room 318 All welcome	<b>Chess Club</b> Room 303 All welcome	<b>Kahoot</b> Library (every 4 weeks) All welcome
	<b>Debate Club</b> Room 134 Year 7 & 8		<b>Junior Vinnies</b> Room 244 Years 7-10 (fortnightly)	<b>Class Mass</b> St Mary's Parish All welcome	
	<b>Open Dance Class</b> Dance Room 128 Year 7 & 8		<b>Rosary Group</b> Room 320 All welcome	<b>Drawing Club</b> Art Room 226 All welcome	
	<b>String Orchestra</b> Music Room 218 All years		<b>Student Council</b> Art Room 226 Years 9-13 (fortnightly)	<b>Drama Club</b> Drama Room 220 Year 7 & 8	
	<b>Board Game Club</b> Art Room 226 All welcome		<b>Jazz/Blues Band</b> Music Room 218 All years	<b>Environmental Group</b> Room 313 All welcome (fortnightly)	
After School		<b>CoLab</b> Library 3:10pm - 4:15pm All welcome		<b>CoLab</b> Library 3:10pm - 4:15pm All welcome	
		<b>Malisi Melodies Choir</b> Music Room 218 3:15pm - 5pm	<b>CoLab</b> Library 3:10pm - 4:15pm All welcome	<b>Self Defence</b> 4pm - 5:30pm All years	
			<b>Kapa Haha</b> Dance Room 128 All years		

**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/eftpos)  
Bring cushion, or bean bag to sit on. Alberton Ave entrance only - enter through the gym foyer.

Questions? Contact Carol Troy on 0211501534

## Vinnies Can Drive

**Week 6 – Week 10 this term**

Girls can earn House points. Please bring them to Whanau.

## Reminder:

**Ball payment due by 5th June**

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2024-marist-college-ball-tickets>

Kia ora e te whānau, nau mai, haere mai

# Whānau Hui

**Wednesday, 5th June 2024**  
**6:30pm in the staffroom**

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

Kaupapa: Planning Matariki Hikoi, Tumuaki's Update, Māori Committee Report. Any patai please email [e.couparwanoa@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:e.couparwanoa@maristcollege.school.nz)

# Chasing Stars

**A high-school film production**

**Tickets available now!**

**Screenings at St Luke's 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>

AUCKLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC KĀHUI AKO

# Pasifika Mass

June 6, 2024 | 6:00 PM  
St Joseph's Parish Grey Lynn

Psalm 119:105  
'Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.'



# Year 10 Hillary Outdoors Camp Fundraising Samosas and/or Wine

The following fundraising opportunities are only available until next week.  
Get your orders in quick so you don't miss out.

**Samosa orders close Monday 3rd June, Wine orders close Thursday 6th June.**

Collection date for both Samosa & Wine is Friday 14th June  
from Room 134 (next to the Gym) between 12pm and 4pm.



## Samosa Fundraiser

Samosas are a delicious snack that are great in lunchboxes, for sports days, takeaways...any night!  
There are 3 options to choose from: Lamb, Vegetarian or Butter Chicken – meat is halal.

**Cost: \$25 per bag of 10**

The samosas will arrive on collection day, Friday 14th June (Week 7, Term 2). They are perfect to enjoy straight away, or you can pop them into the freezer at home. Don't miss out! Get your orders in, and ask your family, friends, neighbours and workmates if they'd like to place an order with you as well.

Please order and pay online:

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2024-samosas-fundraiser>

Last date to place your order is: **Monday 3rd June (King's Birthday Weekend)**

**PLEASE NOTE** – when an order is made on the cart, you need to write the student's name that you are supporting into the notes box (all profits will be allocated to this student's camp account). If you are not supporting a particular student, the profit will be pooled by the school and used to support students in financial hardship to attend this camp.

## Wine Fundraiser

Booster Wine Group - \$40 per case (12 bottles) will be provided in sponsorship to Marist College to assist with fundraising for the Year 10 student camp. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please download the order form [here](#)

Complete it and email it with details of your payment transaction to [e.going@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:e.going@maristcollege.school.nz), or drop into the school office. Account details for payment are included on the form.

\*\* Please include your name & phone number in the reference fields when paying \*\*

Last date to place your order is: **Thursday 6th June (Week 6, Term 2)**

**PLEASE NOTE** – when an order is made, you need to write the student's name that you are supporting onto the form (all profits will be allocated to this student's camp account). If you are not supporting a particular student, the profit will be pooled by the school and used to support students in financial hardship to attend this camp.

**Collection:** All orders must be collected on Friday 14th June (Week 7, Term 2) between 12 noon and 4pm, from Room 134 (next to the Gym foyer).

Each Marist family is responsible for collecting and distributing any orders they have taken on behalf of other people.



Currently all students at Marist College have access to Google Read and Write. It is very easy to dictate into and learns you quickly (updating to adjust and understand your individual voice.) Your text can be read back to you in an accent, speed and gender of your choice. Another very popular aspect is the predictive text feature.

It's a great idea to practise learning to use this app at home. The more you use it the better you get at it- and it is highly recommended as it reduces cognitive load. The app is especially helpful for anyone with reading and writing learning difficulties.

We have a special sticker for students to put on their keyboards to remind themselves to use it! Girls: Come and visit Mrs. Smith in 329 or in the playground if you would like one!

1. Look for the purple icon in the top right corner- the purple puzzle piece.

2. These [Skills Checklist](#) and [Verbal Punctuation Command](#) documents are great to refer to.

3. This is a very helpful video: **Intro to Read&Write for Google Chrome**

<https://youtu.be/4CdmlWiLNOU?si=6mBLZOCOjxu7TE5p>



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# Matariki Hikoi

Wednesday, 26th June, 5:30am

Meet for karakia outside the front gate, Alberton Avenue, at 5:30am. Following karakia, we will hikoi together up Ōwairaka/Mount Albert (Te Ahi-kā-a-Rakataura) to have karakia, hear the story of Matariki and see the stars. We will sing a waitata on top of the maunga as the sun comes up.

Breakfast will be held in the staffroom afterwards. We hope you can join us. Please RSVP for catering purposes to [admin@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:admin@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 for teachers available to support your daughter in her learning. <https://tinyurl.com/CoLabRoster>

This roster is also available on SchoolBridge.



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Towards October 2024

Aotearoa New Zealand Synod Consultation



Report of the 2024 Consultation

Te Huinga o ngā Pihopa Katorika o Aotearoa  
New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference