



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Number 6  
Friday, 7 June 2024

## From the Deputy Principal

*Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei.  
Pursue excellence, should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain.*

This whakatauki challenges us all to pursue our goals, to persevere and to ask for help when we need it. As the school year continues to get busier with learning and assessment, we have been talking with our Year 11 students about how to set goals that stretch and challenge them. We discussed setting SMART goals – specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timely goals that will help them to stay motivated, even when obstacles may get in their way. I encourage you to talk with your daughter and ask her what goal, big or small, she has set for herself this week, term or year at Marist College. What steps does she need to take to achieve it and how she can be supported in her endeavours?

Our newsletter is filled with Marist College students who have set goals and said yes to new opportunities and challenging tasks, from participating in the United Nations Model Assembly to running the equivalent of a marathon to raise funds in the battle against heart disease. We are incredibly proud of all our students and the different ways they seek to realise their own personal excellence.

Our staff also continue to challenge themselves and their teaching practice as life-long learners. On our Staff Only Day, we had the privilege of listening to a keynote address from Professor Mere Berryman, focused on the ways Marist College can empower our ākonga Māori to enjoy and succeed as Māori in their educational journey. It was an inspiring morning of professional learning followed by time to work in our subject departments to explore her research further and identify actions we can take as staff.

Finally, I would also like to acknowledge our whānau and school community who enrich and strengthen the education and support we offer at Marist College. From those who attended our Whānau Hui on Thursday, to the families that generously gave up their time last week to cook 80 meals for our wider community. Your contribution to our kura is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to engaging further with our parents and whānau in the weeks to come at key events such as:

- PTFA Movie Night – Saturday 15th June
- Academic Tracking Evenings (Year 11-13) – Thursday 20th June and Thursday 4th July
- Matariki Hikoi – Wednesday 26th June, 5:30am
- Year 7 PE and Whānau – Te ao Kori Unit – Thursday 27th June, period 2

Ngā manaakitanga,

*Dr Bronwyn Houlston*, Deputy Principal Curriculum

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*Congratulations to Harriet Thompson (Year 8) who ran 42.9km (the equivalent of a marathon!) - while raising \$412 for the Heart Foundation. Well done Harriet - an impressive effort and something to be very proud of.*

*Harriet is a member of our running club – we meet every Thursday morning at 7:30am in the gym foyer. All welcome!*



PTFA volunteers making meals

## KEY DATES

### Term 2 2024

<b>Week (7B)</b>	<b>International Language Wk Cybersafety Wk</b>
Jun 11 Tu	Malisi Melodies & Marybelles Choir Perform B2
12 We	Assembly/Liturgy PCY/ International Language Wk
<b>12 We</b>	<b>International Kākahu Casual Clothing Day - no gold coin</b>
	Music Dance Showcase Rehearsal 3:30–5pm 219/220
13 Th	9S/11RD Mass, B2, St Mary's Pasifika Mentoring Prog 3:20–5pm, Room 134 Y8-12 Gymsports Comp
14 Fr	Assembly/LOGOS <b>Samosa &amp; Wine collection day 12pm–4pm, 134</b> <i>Rotation 2 - 1</i>
<b>15 Sa</b>	<b>PTFA Movie Night 6-8:30pm</b>

### Week (6A)

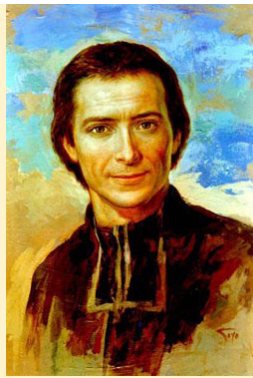
17 Mo	Y13 Biology Zoo Trip PTFA Meeting 7pm
18 Tu	Y10 Market Day, B1 Y7&8 CZ Hockey
19 We	Assembly/Liturgy PMN Big Sing, Town Hall
19 - 24	MYN
20 Th	Y7&8 CZ Table Tennis Pasifika Mentoring Prog 3:20–5pm, Room 134 Academic Tracking Evening 1
21 Fr	Y12 Tough Gal Challenge, Ngaruawahia <i>Rotation 3 - 2</i>
<b>22 Sa</b>	<b>School Ball, Grand Millenium</b>

### Upcoming Events:

26 We	Matariki Hikoi 5:30am Casual Clothing Day - Caritas
27 Th	Y7 PE & Whānau - Te ao Kori unit P2
<b>28 Fr</b>	<b>Matariki holiday</b>
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
<b>5 Fr</b>	<b>Last day Term 2</b>
6 - 21	School holidays
16 - 18	First Aid & Safety Course, 134
<b>22 Mo</b>	<b>First day Term 3</b>
25 - 26	Y13 Geography Trip to Rotorua
26 Fr	Y7 Grandparents Mass St Mary's Church 11am
29 Mo	BOT Meeting 6pm staffroom
30 Tu	MAGS Careers Expo 4-7pm
31 - 5 Aug	MYN
Aug 1 Th	Y7-10 Parent/Student/ Teacher Evening 1
8 Th	Y7-10 Parent/Student/ Teacher Evening 2
9 Fr	Y13 PE Tough Gal Challenge, Kumeu

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

St Marcellin Champagnat, born on May 20, 1789, in the village of Le Rosey, France, was the founder of the Marist Brothers, originally known as the Little Brothers of Mary. Coming from a French peasant family, Marcellin faced educational challenges early on, dropping out of school before joining the seminary at 16.



Marcellin devoted his life to educating and upholding young people's spiritual growth, especially those who lived in underprivileged, rural areas. His legacy continues in the Marist communities' constant commitment to school life and the principles of hard work, humility, and simplicity. His life serves as an example of how hard work and faith can change people's lives.

His guiding motto was, "All to Jesus through Mary, and all to Mary for Jesus." Champagnat passed away in June 1840 and was later beatified and canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1999. Today, and 25 years after his canonisation, his legacy lives on through the Marist Brothers' mission, with educational institutions in over 80 countries continuing his work. His feast day is celebrated on 6 June.

Thank you to the Champagnat House Leaders, Izzy and Rochelle and their team for organising and leading the whole school liturgy today.

**Prayer:** O God, who for the spreading of your Church crowned St Marcellin Champagnat with martyrdom, grant that, in these days of paschal joy, we may so celebrate the mysteries of Christ's Death and Resurrection as to bear worthy witness to newness of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Amen.

Ad Jesum per Mariam

*Mrs Katherine McGillivray,*  
Assistant Principal/DRS

## Legal Mooting Competition

For the first time, Marist has been competing in the Auckland Student's Legal Mooting Competition. This competition aims to provide high school students with the opportunity to learn and further develop their debating skills with a stronger focus on legal thinking and argument building. The goal is to foster interest in the study of law and the wider legal profession, while providing students with the skills they need to be critical thinkers. Each round our Year 12 and 13 students were provided with a case file which they used to prepare opening and closing submissions and examination questions for witnesses. They then acted as the Plaintiff or Defence in a mock trial, in front of a judge who gave detailed feedback on their argument and presentation of the facts of the case. It was wonderful to see our students challenge themselves and build their confidence and they learnt the process of addressing the court and thinking on their feet to counter the other team's arguments.

We were lucky enough to have the support of litigators who provided our teams with advice on the competition and how to prepare for it. We would like to say a big thank you to Jonathan Wood and Rosie Allison at Court One, and Ariana Stuart at Hesketh Henry for so generously sharing their time and expertise with our students.



Year 13: Mischa Fitter, Ivory-Joan Peauvasa, Rose Tooman and Lucia Butler



Year 12: Franziska Wood, Molly France, Rosa Whitehead and Ella Broderick

*Dr Houlston*

## Model United Nations Assembly

Two teams of Year 12 and 13 students from Marist College attended the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) hosted by Rotary New Zealand at Rosmini College. Our students represented the nations of Austria and Uruguay, speaking on important issues such as territorial sovereignty and their country's commitment to the equality of women. It was a fantastic opportunity to hear different perspectives on global issues and to meet like-minded students from around Tamaki Mākaurau. Our students also gained valuable insights into how the United Nations operates and the opportunities available to work for the organisation in the future. Marist College would like to say a big thank you to Rotary Westhaven for sponsoring our teams to attend. We look forward to sharing our learnings with them next week at their club meeting.

*Dr Houlston*

MUNA was such a great experience. I was so grateful to have had the opportunity to attend and discuss plenty of international issues, while representing the country of Uruguay. It was a great way to get confident in public speaking skills, and meet new people from all around different schools in Auckland.

*Harriet MacGregor, Year 12*





# Library Week

Last week we celebrated Library Week. Our theme this year was Fantasy, a genre that teaches students that anything is possible if only they can imagine it. For the whole week, the Library was a busy hub, with students coming in for the various activities and competitions we were running. The Library was specially decorated for the week by the fantastic team of student librarians. We had a fire breathing dragon, Alice's Tea Party, a castle/tower made with books and woodland flowers.

During Break 1 each day, we had a very successful photobooth set up. We wish to thank the Visual Arts Department for lending us their camera and the photographers: Sharon, Laura and Ilyish. Thank you to the team of student librarians for putting on this fantastic event and thank you to all the students who participated!

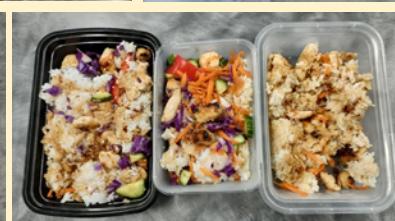
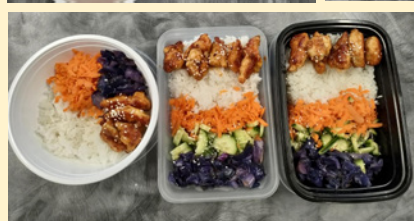
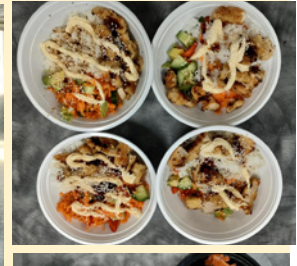
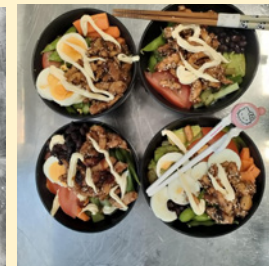
*Mischa Fitter*, Head Librarian



## SR Rice Bowls

We created our customised rice bowls that allowed for personal choice and nutritional balance. There were so many skills involved such as seasoning, chopping, slicing, grating, crumbing, marinating, frying, designing, garnishing, and keeping our stations clean and tidy. Our rice bowls were so delicious and tasty.

*SR Food Technology*





# Aotearoa Youth Declaration

At the end of last term, 10 Marist College senior students attended the Aotearoa Youth Declaration. This was a 4-day conference that brought together over 170 young people from across New Zealand. We were sorted into 12 different rōpū, with each group focusing on a different area of policy. Together, we created a document which outlined how we wanted the future of our country to look like. The 2024 declaration is now available to read here <https://www.unyouth.org.nz/post/aotearoa-youth-declaration-2024>.

Mischa Fitter, Year 13



# Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako Pasifika Mass 2024

*(Psalms 119:105 in Other Translations) 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

This was the theme for last night's Pasifika Mass gathering at St Joseph's Church, Grey Lynn. A spectacular evening of beautiful prayers in English and Pasifika dialect, meaningful scriptures, glorious and harmonious worship hymns sung and serenaded by our colleges, Marist and St Paul's and a very important message/homily delivered by Father Tino Toleafoa of how to be pillars of salt among our community, within our schools and to ourselves. It was well received by the congregation.

As much as it was a wonderful and auspicious occasion, there were many hands in our village to make this happen. A very special thanks to Mrs Sinai Philipp and Miss Anastasia Matai who worked hard alongside our kāhui ako behind the scenes to make the mass amazingly beautiful. Their attention to detail and their mighty 'hands on deck' approach is deeply appreciated. Thank you to our incredibly talented St Paul's musicians who took on the role and responsibility of the congregation hymns and to our Malisi Melodies choir, who sang with such poise and composure made it extra, extra s-p-e-c-i-a-l. Finally, to all our kāhui students across the fifteen schools who took on special parts of the mass, stood up and delivered this little light of ours, shone, shone, shone throughout the evening. We are truly blessed!!

*Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toirua  
— Let us keep close together, not far apart!*

Mrs Makerita Tagomoa-Papali'i





# Pasifika On Campus Experience at Otago University

On Saturday 25th May, myself and three other Year 13 students from Marist flew to Dunedin with approximately 80 other Pacific students from across New Zealand, on a fully funded scholarship for four days. The Pacific on Campus Experience at Otago University was an intensive four day program filled with new discoveries and challenges.

POCE was an excellent opportunity to explore Dunedin and all the awesome things Otago University has to offer. A highlight of this trip was getting to meet the dedicated support teams for Pacific students and sitting in on lectures and tutorials in chosen areas of interest.

This experience also provided valuable insights into the daily lives of university students helping us understand routines, challenges, and opportunities that come with university life.

Overall, I deeply enjoyed this programme and look forward to applying these new learnings and experiences gained in my future academic journey.

*Serena Matara,*  
Year 13



# 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



## Year 8 PE

For our Term 2 topic, we have been learning about the circus.

We have had the chance to explore and learn about different circus acts, practicing and growing our skills in items like Diablo, Juggling and Devil Sticks. We also worked in teams to practice a variety of balance poses and are now working in groups to create a Circus Performance for our assessment.

It has been exciting learning new skills and working with different people.

*Mrs Lopez*





## Vinnies Can Drive

Week 6 – Week 10 this term

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



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# Matariki Hikoī

Wednesday, 26th June, 5:30am

Meet for karakia outside the front gate, Alberton Avenue, at 5:30am. Following karakia, we will hikoī 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)

## 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>

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

**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.

## Second Hand Uniform

The second hand uniform shop is open on  
Wednesdays and Thursdays Break 1.

For queries please email  
[useduniforms@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:useduniforms@maristcollege.school.nz)

## School Policies & Procedures

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