



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Number 9
Thursday, 27 June 2024

From the Deputy Principal

Matariki brings us a wonderful opportunity to welcome whānau to school to join us on our annual Hikoi up Owairaka Maunga just before dawn to see the Matariki stars. On our return from this spiritual reflective journey we are nourished with a hot breakfast, good company and lovely waiata before embarking on our day. The skies were clear and the stars visible on Wednesday morning and the breakfast was delicious – thank you to our Kapa Haka Rōpū for your waiata, Brooke Sorenson and Māori committee for sharing mātauranga and karakia for the stars, and the staff who prepared our breakfast.

Our Kaiawhina Brooke Sorenson spoke beautifully at our Matariki assembly. Here is an extract from her speech:

For Māori, the rising of Matariki signals te Mātahi o te Tau, the Māori New Year. The appearance of Matariki in the morning sky is a sign for people to gather, to honour the dead, celebrate the present, and plan for the future. Historically, the stars of Matariki were also closely tied to planting, harvesting and hunting. If the stars appeared clear and bright, it signified an abundant season ahead.

Matariki can be translated as 'little eyes' or 'small eyes.' The name comes from the phrase 'Ngā mata o te ariki Tāwhirimātea', 'the eyes of the god Tāwhirimātea'.

According to this korero the name finds its origins in the separation of Ranginui and Papatūānuku. After Tāne separated the sky from the earth, Tāwhirimātea waged war against him and the other gods, for he wanted his parents to remain together. In a display of rage against his brothers and a sign of love for his father, Tāwhirimātea plucked out his eyes, crushed them in his hands, and threw them into the sky where they stuck to his father's chest and became the stars of Matariki.

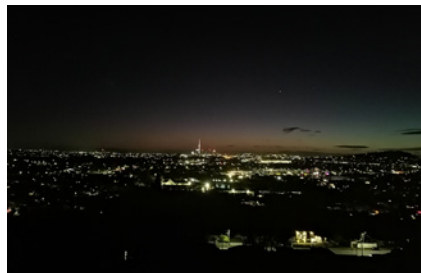
This morning myself, some students, teachers and our families made the trip up to Owairaka to go see the matariki stars. It's quite a spiritual experience and this year we were able to see the Matariki stars. On the Maunga we spent some time reflecting and setting our goals and dreams for our new year. I suggest you have your own reflection, to think about your loved ones who have passed, to appreciate the present and plan for the future.

We wish you and your whānau a restful long weekend, ready for a busy final week of term.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Lucy Hill,

Deputy Principal Administration



KEY DATES

Term 2 2024

Week (10A)

Jul	1	Mo	BOT Meeting 6pm staffroom
	2	Tu	Y11 Class Play Rehearsal 3:30–5pm, 219/220
	3	We	Assembly/Te Ara o Mēri awards Frida Kahlo Cake Bake, B2 Y11 Class Play 6:30pm
	4	Th	Academic Tracking Evening 2 Pasifika Mentoring Prog 3:20–5pm, Room 134
	5	Fr	Assembly/Chavoin House Leaders Last day Term 2 <i>Rotation 4 - 3</i>
	6 - 21		School holidays
	16 - 18		First Aid & Safety Course, 134

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Week (1B)

22	Mo	First day Term 3
25	We	Assembly/Liturgy VEH
25 - 26		Y13 Geography Trip to Rotorua
26	Fr	Y7 Grandparents Mass St Mary's Church 11am <i>Rotation 5 - 4</i>

Upcoming Events:

Jul	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
	10	Sa	PTFA Comedy Quiz Night
	13	Tu	NCEA Option Evening
	16	Fr	Marist Day
	19	Mo	BOT Meeting 6pm PTFA Meeting 7pm
	19-20		Y12 PE Camp
	20	Tu	Stand Up Stand Out Dance Competition
	21	We	Singing Cup Y9 & 10 Mathex 7pm Barfoot & Thompson Stad.
	22	Th	Y7 & 8 Mathex 7pm Barfoot & Thompson Stad.
Sep	1 - 6		Tournament Week
	2	Mo	Mid Term Break, school closed
	3 - 4		Y11 Hokianga experience tbc
	8 - 13		AIMS Games
	11	We	Visual Arts Showcase

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



Young Marist Neighbours

The YMN trip provided an opportunity for an eye-opening experience to the less fortunate places in Aotearoa which we are often blind toward. It allowed me to step outside my daily routines and patterns in life and take the road less travelled. As a group, we were challenged to step out of our comfort zones and be open to completely new ideas and experiences. Although we participated in YMN as a team of 14, some challenges called for us to overcome as a capable individual who can fulfil the potential to be a future leader.


Savannah Sobil

ACCKA – Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako Speech Results

This term we celebrate the first lot of speech language week competitions. Thank you to all the amazing participants who took part from our kāhui ako and also to our esteemed judges. We congratulate two of our very own, Randinie Cadellis and Melenaita Falekaono for winning their category.

*Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toirua
– Let us stay close together, not far apart.*

Sign Language Week results

 [Senior category winner – Randinie Cadellis \(Marist College\)](#)

Samoa Language Week results

Years 3 & 4 winner – Anastasia (Christ the King)
Years 5-7 winner – Joanne V (Christ the King)

International Language Week results

Chinese

 [Senior category winner – Melenaita Falekaono \(Marist College\)](#)

Filipino

Years 5-7 winner – Brianna C (Christ the King)

Indian

Years 3-4 winner – Aarya Shah (St Dominic's Primary)
Years 5-7 winner – Dhvanit (Christ the King)

Sri Lankan

Years 3-4 winner – Shirosh K (Christ the King)

Exciting Entrepreneurial Endeavours: Year 10 Market Day

Preparation for Market Day started weeks in ago. Students conducted market research to identify viable business ideas, developed business plans, and even learned about budgeting and cost management. The process was not without its challenges, but overcoming these obstacles taught invaluable lessons in problem-solving, resilience, and adaptability.

Tuesday, 18 June 2024 saw our students bringing their products to real life situations. They had to engage with customers, manage transactions, and adapt their sales strategies in real-time. This practical experience is crucial in building confidence and communication skills, which are essential for their future careers.

As the day concluded, students gathered to reflect on their experiences. Many expressed newfound appreciation for the complexities of running a business and were eager to apply these lessons to their Year 11 products and plans. The event not only enriched their understanding of accounting, economics and business but also ignited a passion for entrepreneurship in many of them.

Looking ahead, the skills and experiences gained from Market Day will undoubtedly benefit our students in their academic and professional lives. We are incredibly proud of our Year 10 students and look forward to seeing how they will continue to grow and succeed in the future.

Maryka De Swardt

Tough Gal Challenge

On Friday the 21st June, the Year 12 PE class were at school bright and early at 6.15am to travel down to Ngāruawāhia Christian Camp to smash the hilly 6km Tough Gal Challenge. The class have been preparing for this event by following an intense 5-week training programme as a part of the 2.3 and 2.4 internal NCEA assessments.

It was a chilly, but sunny day, which made for perfect conditions to race in. Everyone smashed it and were super proud of their efforts despite more hills and mud than expected.

The top 3 finishers in the class were Kaitlyn Alo, Aaliyah Haiu and Milla Gollings. A huge thank you to Kelly Hancock and Kat Alo for coming along and helping with the trip - we couldn't do it without the support of whānau.

Elle Going



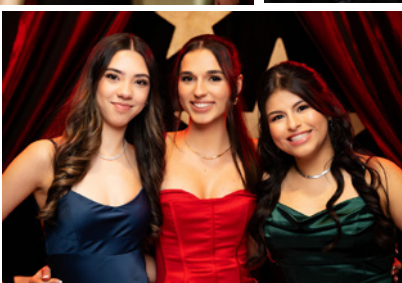
Hollywood Glam School Ball

The Marist Ball 2024 took place on the 22nd of June at the Grand Millennium Hotel. The theme was Hollywood Glam. The Ball was an unforgettable night, full of glitz and glamour.

We had a prize giving at the end of our ball. Congratulations to Melenaita Falekaono - Most Glam, Alyssia Toa'fa - Life of the Party, Oliver Reinsfield - Best Dancer, Franziska Wood - Princess, Maria McMurray & Flynn Russell - Cutest Couple, Mercy Nu'u - Sexy Single, and Katie Dallow & Miles Turner - King & Queen.

Thanks to Mrs Leman and Mrs De Swardt for all of their hard work and dedication, the ball committee, the staff who came to support our girls on this special night. You all looked fabulous.

Katie Dallow, Head Girl



Year 7 Poetry

In Year 7, we have been focussing on poetry.
Here are a few poems from 7T:

1. This poem has been influenced by a conversation my mum and I had with a homeless person last week:

I do not need

The bird's flapping of wings,
The only comfort I have.

I look at the sturdy houses with envy.
And admire the strong shoes on the passing people's feet.

The warmth I have experienced
Is not physical,
But I do not mind.

If it means I can see smiling faces,
When I strum my guitar,
Coins clink,
And faces grin.

I do not need the money.
As the people might expect,
I want the smiles.

Written by Ella Shamy

2. This is a Narrative poem about a fantasy pet cat.

My pet cat

I had a pet cat who was fluffy like wool,
She usually sleeps with me every night before school.
One night I wake up to feel claw marks on my sheets,
Then I looked up to see bright eyes and sharp teeth.

It's eyes narrowed at me, I felt out of place.
This wasn't my cat as I saw it's distorted face.
It hissed and scowled at me as I screamed in fear.
The creature stopped growling and then it peered.

As the creature shrunk,
I was left stumped.
For it was my cat,
Now I feel like a fool.

Written by Marley Lewa Monroid

3. This is Haiku poem about Matariki.

Matariki

Matariki Stars
Blazing beautifully up high
They come once a year.

The Maori New Year
Public Holiday in June
Fun celebration

A special cluster
They shine as bright as the moon.
Reflect and rest.

Written by Sophie Billings

Vinnies Can Drive

Week 6 – Week 10

Earn House points, please bring cans to Whanau.

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.

Jenni Catley, Careers Advisor

Events in July:

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



Shadow a Leader Day

Each year AUT offers a “shadow a leader” event where AUT students are able to spend a day in a participating commerce or law firm, meeting people from the organisation and learning about their business. AUT also extend an invitation to selected Y13 students to participate. Students involved must attend an online workshop beforehand outlining expectations of the day in terms of dress code, punctuality, communication, and behaviour. They are also given pointers about networking to make the most of the opportunity. Three students from Marist were able to participate this year, each spending a day at a different organisation. *Jenni Catley*, Careers Advisor

I spent the day of my AUT Shadow a Leader program at Gilbert Walker, where I learned about the life cycle of a litigated claim, what day-to-day careers in litigation consist of, exploring the Auckland University law library, and campus, as well as observing a High Court hearing, and sitting in on client meeting. I found this experience useful, and informative, with the experience teaching me about the day-to-day work in a litigation firm. *Lucia Butler*



My day at Pead PR was spent learning about the inside work of Public Relations. I got to spend the day talking with different people from the agency, learning about what they did on a day-to-day basis. Overall, I had a extremely valuable experience. *Rose Tooman*

I was fortunate enough to be nominated for the AUT Shadow A Leader programme and was able to spend a day at CAANZ (Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand). This opportunity was immensely inspiring as a student who wants to pursue accounting, as it helped me understand how versatile the profession is. In contrast to other Shadow A Leader experiences, CAANZ arranged a unique day that allowed me to network with several professionals and gain a deeper understanding of what it meant to be a CA. I am incredibly grateful for this experience and would recommend this programme to anyone who is interested in business or law. *Christeena Shaju*



Congratulations to Lily Ryan, Year 9.

Lily has been incredibly successful this year at Pony Club, even with having three knee surgeries throughout the season.

She is the winner of the Kerry Mayers Trophy for Sportsmanship; 1st Showjumping Hack; 1st Most improved rider; Runner up Instructors Award; Runner up highest points at an open ribbon day; and C Certification.

Well done Lily, on some outstanding achievements.



Marist College Physiotherapy Clinic

Kia ora everyone,

I am excited to be the new Physio at Marist College and to meet you all. The Clinic hours are going to be on Mondays and Wednesdays for July. I will have some physio appointments available during the school holidays at Marist College, or at my Parnell clinic. The clinic is super busy and fully booked most days.

I am finding that there are lots of people feeling sick or super busy and forgetting to let me know or cancel their appointments. **Can you please make sure that you give as much notice as possible if you need to change times. This allows us to book in other students.**

My best contact details are: Tanya.browne42@gmail.com
Mobile 027 4990539

(You can use the online booking system to cancel/reschedule- but also please let me know)

Thanks, *Tanya*



Staff Vs Year 7 & 8 Basketball

In the spirit of the 'Girl's Got Game Festival' held at Marist College last Friday, our Year 7 & 8 Basketball team played a fun game of B-ball against Staff. It was an intense, fast paced battle between student and teacher. The Staff held their own through Ms Murphy's smooth lay ups, Mrs De Swardt's incredible assists, Mrs Mandeno's amazing steals and Mrs Tagomoa-Papali'i's epic slam dunks however it wasn't enough to counter the extraordinary talent of this energetic and skillful Year 7 & 8 Basketball team. Till next year...

Jacqui Slade

School Charges

Sports & Extra-curricular Activities and charges for Term 2 are now due, please arrange for payment. If paying by automatic payment please review the amount, ensuring payments are sufficient to clear the account.

If you need to discuss the account, please do not hesitate to contact
Veronica Yates

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Marist College Singing Cup

Auditions



PLEASE VISIT THE LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

<https://bit.ly/maristsingcup2024registration>

Crack Up Comedy Quiz Night & Fundraising Auction Saturday 10th August 2024

6:30pm til late, Marist College Gymnasium
Tickets \$40 each or \$400 per table of 10,
includes supper. Bar facilities available

We require donations of quality goods and/or services for the fundraising auctions, plus parent helpers for our Event committee.
Please contact michelle@satellite.co.nz for further details.



Chasing Stars

A high-school film production

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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>

