



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 3 - Number 1  
Friday 26 July 2024

## From the Principal

As we start the term it is important we take time to remember this year's school value, Presence in Mary's Way, Aroaro I Te Ara o Mēri. At Wednesday's assembly we reflected on this value and how as young Catholic women, we allow Christ to be present in our lives.

Through prayer, accepting everyday challenges, caring for ourselves and others, and being present, we role model Mary and allow Christ to be present through our actions.

May we be blessed with a term that allows our students to be present, engaged and focused on achieving their own personal excellence.

Today we celebrated the Feast Day of St Anne & St Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus, with our annual Grandparents' Mass. Grandparents provide the unconditional love that make our young people feel safe and secure. They teach our young women about culture, tradition, and history. They listen without judgement, provide wisdom that comes from experience, and provide stability in a very uncertain and fast-paced world. Thank you to all our grandparents both present and in spirit for their aroha.

Congratulations to Brianna Gregan (Year 13) who has been selected to attend the United Nations Youth Global Development Tour at the beginning of 2025. She will join 19 other students from around New Zealand to visit cities at the forefront of sustainable development – the tour includes Boston, New York, London, Brussels, and Paris. This is an impressive opportunity that we hope Brianna will be share with the school when she returns. Have a wonderful trip!

Congratulations to Sr Seini Fatai who is taken on the responsibility of Director of Religious Studies. We are privileged to have a Marist Sister supporting the leadership of our Catholic Special Character.

Welcome back to Sophie Lin who has returned from Barcelona after attending an International Science Camp. It was fantastic to hear you share this experience with our students.

Good luck to ex-student Kaiya Brown who has headed to Paris to compete for Samoa in swimming at the Olympic Games. We will be cheering you on from afar.

Our NCEA Option Evening for current Year 10 - 12 students takes place on Tuesday 13 August at 6:30pm in the school gym. Students and parents should attend to find out about option choices for 2025.

Check out the trailer for our school film "Chasing Stars" in this weeks newsletter.

It's official. The Marist Day theme for 2024 is... Marist Day the work it way! With so many career options to work with, we know that this theme will inspire our girls to dream big for their futures.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Tauku, Principal/Tumuaki



## KEY DATES

### Term3 2024

#### Week (2A)

Jul 29 Mo BOT Meeting 6pm staffroom  
30 Tu MAGS Careers Expo 4-7pm  
31 We Assembly/Liturgy VKN  
31 - 5 Aug MYN

Aug 1 Th Mass 11SR & 11AM, B2 St Mary's Church  
Pasifika Mentoring Program 3:20-5pm, 134  
Y7-10 Parent/Student/Teacher Evening 1  
2 Fr Level Assemblies  
Rotation 1 - 5

#### Week (3B) Cook Island Language Wk

7 We Assembly/Liturgy VKA/ Cook Island Language Wk  
Catholic Caring Foundation Mass 11am-1:30pm  
Y11 Pasifika Wayfinders UoA  
Art Guest Speaker B2, 224  
8 Th Assembly/NCEA/Options  
Mass 11ES, B2, St Mary's Church  
Y7-10 Parent/Student/Teacher Evening 2  
9 Fr Y13 PE Tough Gal Challenge, Kumeu  
International Student Party St Mary's College, 4:30pm  
Rotation 2 - 1  
10 Sa NZ Engineering Science Comp 10am - 6pm, 301/303  
PTFA Comedy Quiz Night 6:30pm, Gym

### Upcoming Events:

Aug 12 Mo Final day for Samosa orders  
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.  
23 Fr Samosa order collections  
27 Tu Lockdown Practice P2  
Sep 1 - 6 Tournament Week  
2 Mo Mid Term Break, school closed  
8 - 13 AIMS Games  
11 We Visual Arts Showcase  
16 Mo Screenplay Premiere St Luke's Cinema, 6pm  
17 - 18 Screenplay shows St Luke's Cinema, 6pm  
19 Y10 Numeracy CAA exams  
Māori Mass 6:30pm Christ the King  
20 Y10 Literacy CAA exams  
23 - 27 Senior Exam Week

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



## Saints Joachim and Anne – 26th July, 'We honour our grandparents'

Every year, we honour the gift of all grandparents on the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus our God. According to Catholic tradition, Saints Joachim and Anne passed on to Mary, family warmth, love, and faith. She later passed this on to Jesus in her womb and gave him to us and all of humanity. In 2021, Pope Francis spoke about the significance of this feast day, commenting on how we can sometimes forget about our grandparents and yet they "are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young."

Our Marist College community marks the great importance of this feast day by welcoming the grandparents of our Year 7 students. Together, they enjoy a Eucharistic celebration in the parish Church, St Mary's, followed by sharing their learning in their homerooms.

**Prayer:** *Saints Joachim and Anne, you were blessed with the incredible privilege of being the grandparents of Jesus. We pray that our grandparents too may be blessed with the warmth and compassion of Jesus' presence in their lives.*

Ad Jesum per Mariam

*Sr Seini Fatai sm*, Director of Religious Education



The school film production is in its final days of filming and post-production is well underway. A number of students are continuing to create music for the film, and some are learning about colour grading and sound mixing too as they get nearer to the finish line. Our student producer Ava Crowe has made a trailer to give a glimpse into what you will be seeing at the premiere on September 16th at St. Luke's cinema which is linked below:

<https://youtu.be/zxHWjDULqvo>

There are also screenings on Sept 17th and 18th

Tickets for all screenings available on the school website at <https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/etickets/school-film-production>

## Barcelona International Youth Science Challenge (BIYSC)

In the recent holidays, I spent 10 days in Barcelona attending the 8th edition of the Barcelona International Youth Science Challenge (BIYSC), hosted by Fundació Catalunya La Pedrera. The research group I worked in was Planarian Stem Cells: The Genetics of Immortality, hosted by the University of Barcelona's Department of Genetics, Microbiology and Statistics. The research was split into three projects. Project one was to investigate the intricacies of Planarian regeneration.

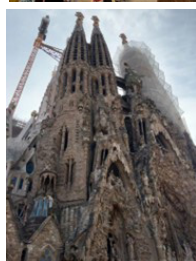
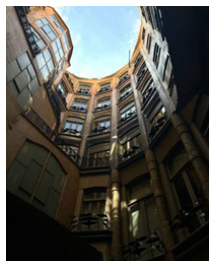


We did this by cutting the planarians and observing how different cuts ended with different regeneration. We were able to achieve planarians that regenerated two tails, and two heads. Project two was observing how regeneration reacted to gene inhibition and radiation. We observed this through a technique called immunostaining, where the bleached planaria were stained with antibodies phosphorus-histone-3 and synapsid, as well as a solution called DAPI. Different genes were inhibited in the Planaria, causing phenotypes with multiple brains, or phenotypes with no nervous system or eyes at all. When exposed to high levels of radiation, we observed the reduction in stem cells and the decreased rate of regeneration. The third project was to microinject planarians with a colourant to expose the digestive system, which goes all around the body of planarians.

Besides the lab, BIYSC gave opportunities to explore Barcelona's many UNESCO Heritage Sites. The opening ceremony was held at La Pedrera, and for my Barcelona Experience, I visited the Sagrada Familia. These experiences were all held on the weekend, and we were also able to visit the science museum CosmoCaixa and take a walk through the old city of Las Ramblas.

BIYSC has been a wonderful program that has allowed me to meet and connect with 135 other students from 27 different countries and territories who all want a future in science. All of the people there have such amazing aspirations and it was an incredible chance to hear about other students 'why' and what made them spark. They continue to inspire me with their drive, ambition and curiosity to learn and find out more about the fields they're passionate about.

*Sophie Lin*,  
Year 13





# Sports Update

Welcome back to Term 3 Sports! We have a jam-packed term ahead with the final rounds of competitions and Tournament week and AIMS Games in weeks 7 & 8.

While most of our school were having a relaxing school holiday several of our student athletes were competing at tournaments at representative level throughout New Zealand.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved some amazing results in their chosen sport.

## Karate – Johanna Jojo

Johanna competed at the 2024 NZ Open and NZ Secondary School Championships on the 6th-7th July in Christchurch.

NZ Secondary Schools U14 Female Kumite Open 2nd place

NZ Opens Kata Female 12/13 Open 5th place, Kumite Female 12/13 years -50kg 1st place and Kumite Female 12/13 years – Open 2nd place.



## Badminton - Joanna Ellimoottil

NZ Badminton Junior Team Championships 2024 held from the 7th - 10th July in Palmerston North.

Joanna was part of the North Harbour U15 team who won U15 National Championship. (photo to right, Joanna is far right).

NZ U15 National Championships held from 17th to 20th Jul at Hamilton - Joanna & Michael finished runner up in the mixed doubles category (photo to right, Joanna & Michael on the left side)

Joanna is currently in the New Zealand U15 Development squad of 32 U15 players across NZ.



## Netball – Elise Senio

NZ Junior Netball Championships 2024 is a 3-day tournament held in New Plymouth from 7-9 July.

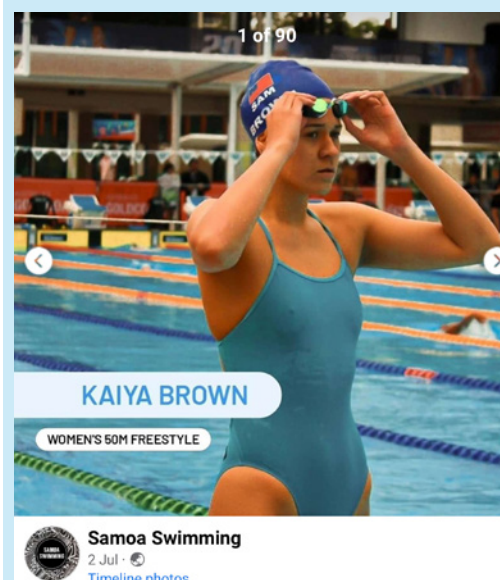
Congratulations to Elise Senio who made the tournament team representing Auckland U16 team. This team was selected across 16 teams competing in U16 grade at the tournament.

Well done to Santana Ihaka and Jernee Mika who also represented Papakura U16 team at the tournament.



## Netball – Milla Senio

Netball NZ U18 Championships was held on the 15th – 18th July in Dunedin where 38 Representative teams competed across 4 days of netball. Congratulations to Milla Senio, who represented Auckland, who defeated Waitakere in a thrilling overtime final 45-44 to become U18 National Champions. Well done to Lasita Maletino who represented North Harbour, who finished 6th in the tournament.



## Go Kaiya!

Best of luck to ex-student Kaiya Brown who is heading to the Paris Olympics to compete in the 50m freestyle.

## Indoor Netball - Olivia Fatialofa, Niana Mose and Prayze Tapu

This week we have 3 Marist Students competing at the Junior 2024 Tri-Nations Indoor Netball tournament 20-27th July held at Henderson Auckland.

Youth teams are representing New Zealand, Australia and South Africa across a weeklong tournament. All the very best to our students to Olivia, Niana and Prayze.

NZ U13 Black – Niana Mose

NZ U15 Black – Olivia Fatialofa and Prayze Tapu



## MARIST SPORTS INFO

For up to date information on sports, coaching and registrations go to our sports website

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristcol/>



## Congratulations

to Mrs Shelley McGeorge who has reached her 20th anniversary serving selflessly as a Learning Assistant (Teacher Aide ) at Marist College.

Thank you Shelley for making such a positive impact on our students learning journeys.



# Careers Hub

## Events in July:

### CAREERS EXPO – Tuesday 30 July 4-7pm

Mt Albert Grammar invites Marist students and families to join their careers expo. Meet with reps from a wide range of tertiary providers including: All Universities; Unitec; Police & NZ Defence Forces; trades training; private training; providers for computing, beauty therapy, tourism and more.

Please contact *Jenni Catley*, Careers Advisor with any queries.

## First Aid and Mental Health & Wellbeing courses

During the holidays two extra training courses were held at school, a First Aid course, and one learning about Mental Health & Wellbeing. More than 30 Y12 and Y13 students were involved in one or the other with a few students completing both courses. While some were participating as part of their Gateway programme, the majority elected to do this extra learning to gain these important life skills, plus some extra credits.

Trainers from First Aid NZ taught the “DRS ABCD” first response protocols and students practiced CPR, use of an AED, and applying bandages as well as learning the signs and best actions to take in the event of stroke, heart attack, asthma attack, anaphylactic shock, diabetic conditions, burns, broken bones, and bleeding. All of the students participated very well, impressing the trainers with their attentive participation and respectfulness.

LifeCare Consultants provided the training for the course on Wellbeing, which included the factors involved in maintaining good mental health plus learning about the effects of drugs and alcohol. Once again the students were exemplary, enabling completion in record time. It was wonderful to see so many making the effort to attend these courses in their holiday time and being so engaged.

*Jenni Catley*, Careers Advisor and Gateway Coordinator



## Māori Mass

19 September  
6pm  
Christ the King  
Church, Ōwairaka

## Library Reminder

Please return any library books issued before the holidays so other students may enjoy them too. Automatic overdue book emails will start from next week. Thank you.

## Centenary Celebration

St Mary's Parish Mt Albert  
Design a Cover Competition  
Open to all Senior Students

Winning artist will receive a \$250 Westfield gift card plus a free copy of the publication.

2nd Place will receive a \$50 Westfield voucher.

We aim to display all submissions at our centenary events

### Requirements:

- A3 size
- Landscape orientation
- Capturing symbols of our church
- Must feature Mother Mary
- Must be in colour
- Have name and year level on back

Create the front cover to the right of the page. There will be a centre fold in the middle of your art piece, so please design accordingly

Please hand in all entries to your school office by Friday 30th August 2024

1st prize Sponsored by On Site Autos Mt Albert Ltd  
2nd prize by Mary Smitha (Parishioner of St Mary's)

## Year 10(82A) Food Technology

For our dessert unit, we had to research, plan and execute the creation of a three-element dessert, demonstrating the use of planning tools, resource management, stakeholder feedback, and specification alignment. We learned a lot of skills such as recipe adjustments and refinements, better time management and the importance of team work.





MARIST COLLEGE PTFA PRESENT

# 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

Buy tickets: [www.maristcollege.school.nz/quiz-night](http://www.maristcollege.school.nz/quiz-night)

Donate auction items to make the night a success!  
Collecting until Friday 2nd August

- Donations from businesses or families
- Quality goods or unwanted gifts
- Wine & spirits & gourmet foods
- Vouchers for local businesses or experiences
- Tradies/Therapists/Specialists - donate your time!

Help make our main fundraiser a success. Drop donations into school office or contact [michelle@satellite.co.nz](mailto:michelle@satellite.co.nz)



## Round 2 Year 10 Camp 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 23rd August (Week 5, Term 3) 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.

Last date to place your order is:  
Monday 12th August (Week 4, Term 3)



Please order and pay online:  
<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2024-samosas>

**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.

**Collection:** All orders must be collected on Friday 23rd August (Week 5, Term 3) between 12 noon and 4pm, from Room 134 (Opposite the gym foyer). Each Marist family is responsible for collecting and distributing any samosa orders they have taken on behalf of other people.



Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Parent, student, teacher interviews

Year 7-10 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 3.30pm-7pm and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 3.30pm-7pm.

The interviews are 5 minutes per teacher. You will be able to book those appointments via School Point (instructions below). Please **only** book to see your daughter's teachers for **1** of the dates above. If a teacher does not appear on the list they are unavailable for that day.

We encourage you to bring your daughter to these sessions.

These will be held in the school gymnasium. Please enter the school via the Alberton Ave entrance.

**You are now able to book for 1st & 8<sup>th</sup> August** sessions by using this link <https://marist.bridge.school.nz/> or via our SchoolBridge app.

- Log in to SchoolBridge by using your school registered email address. This is the email address we use to communicate with you.
- Click on the Student conferences icon
- Select which date you want (*pick only one*)
- Click on Book your Time.
- Select your times.
- View your summary at the top of the booking page.
- You may print, update, cancel and save the bookings to your calendar from here.
- Log in at any time to edit your bookings if required. Bookings will close at 9am on the day of the interview.
- If you have any issues, please email [admin@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:admin@maristcollege.school.nz)



Student Conferences

We want to be available so you can keep up with your daughter's progress. Please only book for one evening. We would like to see you if you have a concern or just want to touch base regarding your daughter's achievement.

Kind regards

*L Hill*

Lucy Hill  
Deputy Principal Administration