



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 3 - Number 5
Friday 23 August 2024

From the Principal

Wednesday night marked the 60th Anniversary of our College Singing Competition. Established in 1964, the Junior Vocal and Senior Vocal Cups were awarded to S Harrison and F Reid. Since then, these cups have become two of the most sought after and prestigious awards in the school.

This year we have recognised the Senior Vocal Cup by establishing an honours board. This board hangs in our gym in the hope of inspiring our junior students to continue following their passions.

Thank you to the staff who organised this week's Singing Competition. This evening was a huge success. Congratulations to our winners: Junior - Losi Kimmons; Intermediate - Elliana North; and Senior winners (tied) - Tahlia Rehm and Siena Hannay. Their performances can be viewed [here](#).

This week we celebrated Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga – Tongan Language Week. Celebrations have included wearing cultural attire, special presentations and performances at assembly and a variety of in class activities. Students have been engaged and everyone has been encouraged to try learning and speaking new words.

Throughout the school year we attempt to celebrate as many languages as possible. Celebrating language weeks is important for several reasons:

- **Cultural Awareness and Appreciation:** Language weeks highlight the rich diversity of languages and cultures. This build understanding and acceptance between people of various backgrounds.
- **Preservation of Languages:** Many languages throughout the world are at risk of disappearing. Celebrating language weeks raises awareness about the importance of preserving these languages, which are crucial to maintaining cultural identity.
- **Educational Benefits:** Language weeks can enhance language learning and literacy by encouraging students and staff to engage with languages in creative ways.
- **Community Building:** Language weeks often involve events and activities that bring people together and create a sense of belonging.
- **Connection to Tradition and History:** Language is deeply tied to history and tradition. Celebrating language weeks helps individuals and communities connect and understand their heritage.

Thank you to the staff and students who organised activities to celebrate Tongan Language week.

Congratulations to the students who danced in this week's Stand Up/Stand Out dance competition. This was the largest group of students we have ever had attending this event.

Thank you to the staff and student leaders who made this possible.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Tauhi, Principal/Tumuaki

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KEY DATES

Term 3 2024

Week (6A)

26 Mo Y7 Cybersafety P1, 219/220
Y8 Cybersafety P2, 219/220

27 Tu **Lockdown Practice P2**
Auckland Uni Info, B2 134

28 We Y10 - 12 Options Close

29 Th Y13 Mass, B2, St Mary's
Y7&8 Cross Country Champs,
Waiatarua Reserve
Pasifika Mentoring Program
3:20pm - 5pm, 134

30 Fr Assembly/Student Council/
Library
Rotation 5 - 4

Sep 1 Su Father's Day
1 - 6 Tournament Week

Week (7B)

2 Mo **Mid Term Break,**
school closed

3 Tu **Kids Sing, Marybelles Choir,**
Holy Trinity Church 6:30pm

4 We Assembly/Liturgy LBG/
Environmental
Y13 Massey Uni Info, B2 134

5 Th Assembly/Visual Arts
8T SR Mass, B2, St Mary's

6 Fr **Y12 and Y13 Students Learn**
from Home Day
Whanau time
Y11-13 Dance Trip
11:15am - 1:45pm
Rotation 1 - 5

8 - 13 AIMS Games

Upcoming Events:

Sep 11 We **Visual Arts Showcase**

16 - 22 Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

16 Mo **Screenplay Premiere**
St Luke's Cinema, 6pm

PTFA Meeting 7pm

17 Tu Sports Photos from 8:30am

17 - 18 **Screenplay shows**
St Luke's Cinema, 6pm

19 Y10 Numeracy CAA exams

Māori Mass 6pm
Christ the King

Canterbury Uni Info, B2 134

20 Y10 Literacy CAA exams

23 - 27 **Senior Exam Week**

24 Tu Y10 Market Day, B1

Music Dance Showcase
Rehearsal 3:30 - 5pm

25 We Music Dance Showcase
6:30pm, 219/220

27 Fr Last day Term 3

Oct 14 Mo First day Term 4

16 We Sports Awards evening

18 Fri Y7&8 Social, Gym

20 - 22 Y13 PE Camp

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

Mary, Queen of heaven and earth

Thursday 22nd August, the Catholic Church celebrated another important belief about the life of Mary, Mother of God. Pope Pius XII established this feast day in 1954 as 'The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin'. This special day has roots in Scripture. For example, in the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. Similarly, in the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." Mary's queenship is thus essentially a sharing in her Son, Jesus' kingship.

At the Annunciation Mary trusted in God's divine plan for her and said "yes". Mary did not only agree to be the mother of Jesus she also put her trust in God's will wholeheartedly and remained faithful till her death. Last Friday, here at Marist College, we celebrated the event of the Assumption of Mary in our Marist Day Mass. It makes sense that after the event of Mary being taken up to heaven, body and soul in the Assumption, the Church now celebrates her 'Coronation as the Queen of heaven and earth'.

It is clear from our Catholic Tradition, that Mary truly deserves the title of Queenship because she is the Mother of God. Mary is such an inspirational person in our Marist College community because we strive to imitate her in all the things we do daily.

Perhaps in our own way we can ask Jesus our loving God to help us so we can be filled with faith and courage and resolve to be a "Presence in Mary's Way" in keeping with our Core Value of this year.

Ad Jesum per Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai sm, Director of Religious Education



New Zealand Engineering Science Challenge

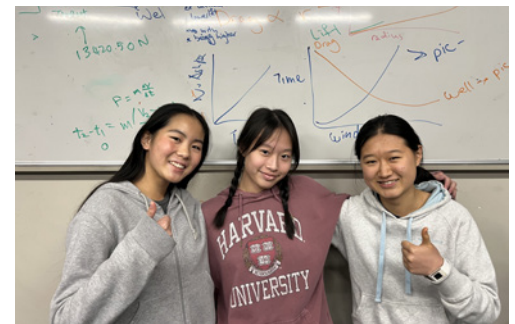
On the 10th August, 3 teams of senior students competed in the New Zealand Engineering Science Challenge. Our goal was to find a mathematical model that could answer a proposed open-ended question. This year's question was "How many airships would it take to replace the Cook Strait Ferries?" We had 8 hours to come up with our mathematical model and write a report detailing our findings.

The challenge entailed interpreting the question and finding a way to solve it, creating the mathematical model considering all the different variables, and doing research on current airship capabilities. All of this was neatly summed into a scientific report where we defended our decisions and more importantly, showed how our mathematical model worked, and the number of airships required to replace the ferries.

This was an incredibly challenging competition but it has been a rewarding experience, allowing me to engage in a form of engineering and all the hard work that goes into it. I would highly recommend any students interested in engineering to have a go at this competition next year!

Thanks to Mrs Smith, Mr Smit and Mr Wong for their support over the 8-hour intensive working period!

Sophie Lin



Congratulations

to **Azrielle Perez**, Year 9, who was recently awarded silver in the 'Karate World Champs' in Sydney. Congratulations Azrielle, your hard work and commitment to Karate is truly impressive, no doubt you are a worthy recipient of such a prestigious result. The school is very proud of your achievements.

Mrs Julia Mandeno



Breakfast Parfait Art

We have been identifying the connections between Food Technology and various school subjects, such as Mathematics, Literacy, and Visual Arts. We used art to create our delicious breakfast dish. We had fun creating our parfaits by using layering, slicing, and garnishing techniques. The different elements balanced each other in terms of flavour, colour, and texture.

TT & Mrs Verschuur, Food Technology

Congratulations

to **Siena Addis and Charlotte Paul** in Year 12 whose artworks have been selected for the Pat Hanly Creativity Project by the gallery. They will have their respective artworks in an exhibition in the Auckland Art Gallery from the 30th August to the 13th October. Well done to all the students who participated in the project, we are so proud of you all!

Mrs Jacobsen and Mr Schon

PAT HANLY
CREATIVITY PROJECT AND AWARDS

Congratulations

to **Lucy Hassan**, Year 9, who has done it again by becoming a finalist in The Play it Strange National Secondary School Songwriting Competition with her song, Willow. This competition is the flagship competition for New Zealand secondary school students Years 9 to 13.

The prize for all finalist songs chosen is a day in a professional recording studio (one day to the value of \$800 plus gst) to record your song for the annual digital album, plus a \$50 Rockshop voucher and a certificate.

Mrs Molly Devine



Weekly Workshops

CAA Literacy Level 1 Workshops Break 2, Fridays 240 with Ms Hoyle to prepare for the next round of Literacy CAAs. Take your lunch. The exam is on Week 9, 20th September.

CAA Numeracy Workshops Break 2, Mondays & Tuesdays in 301 with Mr Smit to prepare for the next round of Numeracy CAAs. Take your lunch. The exam is in Week 9, 19th September.

2025 Homestay Families Needed

If you're keen to be a homestay family for one or two (different nationalities) international students, please [complete the form here](#).

Homestay families receive between \$375-380pw and provide a student with their own bedroom with storage and desk to work on; three meals a day and snacks; a fun, safe and loving home environment as their NZ family.

Please apply directly or contact Vivienne on international@maristcollege.school.nz if you'd like more information. Thank you.

THE BARKERY
PUPCAKES COOKIES DONUTS
woofin' good dog treats!
25 AUG, 1 & 8 SEP
GREY LYNN FARMERS MARKET 8:30-12PM
@_Thebarkerynz

CoLab

Each week Tues,
Wed & Thurs
from 3:10 –
4:15pm in the
library

All students are welcome! See the [roster here](#) for teachers available to support your daughter in her learning. This roster is also available on SchoolBridge.

Sports Update



Badminton Championships

Over 200 students from 28 schools competed in the recent College Sport Badminton Singles & Doubles Championships held at the Auckland Badminton centre. Svetlana Pritchard and Leanne Tao represented Marist in the Senior Girls Doubles division. Our team currently play in the secondary schools social grade so this was a great opportunity to give them some experience at a more competitive level. Marist just missed out making it through to finals however they had a great team dynamic with some great tactical moments and flawless technique but most of all had fun!



Marist College Sports

Junior Football 2024

This season started off a bit rocky but with lots of determination and passion we got there in the end. Throughout this season we have all become a lot closer and everyone's skills improved so much by the end. Even though we lost almost every game, we kept our heads up and never gave up. We will go to the next game stronger and more ready to give it our best effort. The amount of sportsmanship each player showed was truly amazing. I think everyone had a great season this year, maybe not with the scores, but all came together to play a game we all truly love. I hope it has made others want to continue their football journey. I hope I'll see all of them again for next year's season!



Aoife Toland, Year 9

Careers Hub

University of Auckland

Open Day Saturday 24

August, Register here:

[Register for Open Day](#)

Get map and programme here: [Map and Programme](#)

Book free bus to UoA here: [Book free bus](#)



AUT LIVE

AUT Open Day - Saturday

24 August. Register here:

[Register for AUT Live](#)

Get programme here:

[AUT Live Programme](#)



Unitec Open Day

Saturday 31 August, 10am-

2pm, both Mt Albert and

Waitakere campuses open.

[Register for Unitec open day](#)



MIT Open Day

Saturday 14 September

[Register for MIT open day](#)



Laidlaw College information evening

On campus Wednesday 18 September

7pm, 3 Smythe Road Henderson.

[Register here](#) Or Online 7.30pm Mon

23 September [Register for online.](#)

Laidlaw offers study in Theology,

Counselling, or Teacher Training.

Teacher training – Primary, or

Secondary diploma – is FEES FREE in 2025. [Info about Fees](#)

[Free Teacher Training](#)



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

Chasing Stars

Check out the new centre for everything to do with the school film production 'Chasing Stars', a feature film created by the students and staff of Marist College.

<https://mctech.nz/chasingstars>



16th (Premiere), 17th, 18th Sept
Tickets available on school website

As well as getting a sneak peek at screenshots from the film which will have its premiere at St. Lukes Cinema on 16th September, you can also see behind the scenes videos and new content relating to the film as it is created.

School feature film trailer: <https://youtu.be/zxHWjDUlqvo>

Chasing Stars will screen in St Luke's Cinema, Auckland on Sept 16 - 18.

Tickets can be booked at the link below:

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/etickets/school-film-production>



VISUAL ARTS SHOW CASE

Image credit: Riley McMahon

Marist College VISUAL ARTS SHOWCASE

FEATURING PAINTED AND DIGITAL WORKS • PERFORMANCES BY THE MARIST PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER FROM 4PM

2024



Te Miha Māori

Thursday 19th
September, 6pm

Christ the King Church
Ōwairaka

Refreshments provided after



Payments Reminder

Extra-curricular Activities: All extra-curricular activities (sports, production, kapa haka etc) should now have been paid in full. Payment via the parent portal would be appreciated.

Term 2: School charges for Term 2 are now due, please arrange for payment of these. If you have an automatic payment, please review the amount to ensure it is sufficient to clear the account by the 31st of October 2024.

If you wish to discuss the account, please do not hesitate to contact Veronica Yates v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz



**Good Shepherd
Parish**
Balmoral, Auckland
**Parish Secretary
– Part-time**

*Looking for a
rewarding, part-time
secretarial role?*

Good Shepherd Parish, Balmoral is looking for a friendly, confident, computer- and accounts-savvy person for 15 hours a week to keep the parish's admin and finances ticking over.

Please forward your CV and covering letter (along with two professional referees) to Jane Hahn. Email: janehahnz@gmail.com

By Monday 2 September