



# MARIST COLLEGE

*Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13*

Term 3 - Number 6  
Friday 30 August 2024

## From the Acting Principal

As our ākongā get older and engage more with what is going on in the world, it is encouraging to see them become civic minded and interested, if not in party politics per se, then in how local Government operates. This year's Student Council, ably led by Krystal Li and her committee, have taken a slightly different approach to leaders from previous years. Yes, they are actively listening to student requests



for better lockers for sports equipment (imagine finding a place to put a hockey goalie's gear for the day) and the pleas for more respectful use of bathroom spaces and toilet paper by other students. However, the issue they have taken up with a passion and focus, is that of the 'courtesy crossing' which sits decoratively to the left of the back pedestrian gate.

Armed with photos, observational data of daily near misses and an analysis of possible alternatives, the Student Council wrote a detailed and well-informed letter to Auckland Transport's Strategic Programmes department and got not only a reply, but a visit from a road engineer and a senior strategic programmes specialist. On Wednesday 21st, the Student Council received a presentation which showed the benefits of the current 30km speed zone around school areas, the increasing impact of speed on pedestrians if hit and the types of physical measures that are available to Auckland Transport to improve road safety. Joining us was Mrs Suelto, Deputy Principal from Marist Primary, who faces the same challenges we do in getting her ākongā safely across the road.

After school, Krystal and members of the committee met at the back gate with the AT representatives to watch as both schools poured out the gates onto Kitemui Ave. In just 15 minutes we saw: students and parents running out into traffic to cross, parents parking in and across driveways, cars mounting the pavement to park on yellow lines, parents calling their child to cross into traffic to get in the car. Six people in total used the courtesy crossing and, in all cases, the oncoming cars did not courteously stop for them but accelerated past.

The result? Yes, the road engineer agreed that our courtesy crossing was not safe and not positioned well for either school. Yes, he saw the possibility of altering the existing speed bump between the schools into a raised crossing. But, and this is the hard part, as no one has yet been reported as hit, injured or killed on our stretch of Kitemui, even when he puts us on his list of future potential jobs, we won't rate as high enough a risk to warrant the full local area consultation and investigation that a new crossing would entail.

Our take away was not defeat. Now the Student Council will approach the Albert Eden Local Board, to see whether they can get any traction there. These young people know that in this situation, asking once and getting a 'no' is not a reason to stop pushing for a safer environment for both schools. I am heartened that they won't let this lie and won't wait for a fatality to change how we are prioritised. Kia Kaha Student Council – you are working to make the world a better place.

We wish our sports women in our Football, Netball and Hockey Tournament teams a fine week of weather, fair play and lots of wins in the coming week. Go with our blessings behind you.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

*Lucy Hill*, Acting Principal/Tumuaki

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## KEY DATES

### Term 3 2024

#### 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  
BOT Student Rep Nominations close
- 5 Th Assembly/Visual Arts  
8T Mass (SR) B2, St Mary's  
Ex student guest speakers  
UoA experience, B2 134
- 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

#### Week (8A)

- 9 - 13 YMCA FYFOD Sports camp
- 11 We **Visual Arts Showcase**  
Y13 AUT Uni info, B2, 134
- 12 Th 8M Mass (AM) B2 St Mary's  
Y13 Victoria Uni info, B2 134  
UE Literacy Catchup Day  
Pasifika Graduation
- 13 Fr Assembly/Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori/Academic/ Performing Arts  
UE Literacy Catchup Day  
*Rotation 2 - 1*

### Upcoming Events:

- Sep 16 - 22 Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
- 16 Mo **Chasing Stars Film Premiere St Luke's Cinema, 6pm**  
PTFA Meeting 7pm
- 17 Tu Sports Photos from 8:30am
- 17 - 18 **Chasing Stars School Film St Luke's Cinema, 6pm**
- 19 Y10 Numeracy CAA exams  
Māori Mass 6pm  
Christ the King  
Canterbury Uni Info, B2 134  
BOT Student Rep Voting
- 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
- 23 We Māori Ākongā Graduation
- 24 Th Performing Arts Awards

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

## “Gratitude grew out of an encounter with Jesus” Pope Francis

In one of Pope Francis’ teachings, he emphasises that thanksgiving is a hallmark of an authentic Christian life which is essentially rooted in Christ. We observe in the Gospels that in several events, people who met Jesus usually responded with joy, praise, and thankfulness. The story of the ten lepers for example, reveals the immense joy experienced by them after they were healed by Jesus (St. Luke’s Gospel 17:11-19). It is interesting to note that the story reveals that only one person, however, remembered to come back and say “thank you” to Jesus for the gift of healing.

An important teaching of the Catholic Church highlights another deep meaning of God’s gift of thanksgiving, which is for the gift of the Holy Eucharist. The term “eucharist” comes from a Greek word eucharistia which simply means ‘thanksgiving’. Essentially, the Catholic Church proclaims that the Eucharist is Jesus’ gift of Himself, his Real Presence. Therefore, in the Eucharist, we give thanks and praise to God for all he has done out of love for us.

Here at Marist College, we are called daily by Jesus to encounter Him through prayer and through our interactions with each other and to be filled with joy and gratitude. We pray and hope that we become like the leper in the Gospel of Luke, remembering to give thanks to Jesus who is the “healer” and the “source” of all the wonderful things in life and in a special way, in the Holy Eucharist.

Since the beginning of this academic year, 8T RE class has been doing a “Gratitude Journal Entry” as a “Do Now” for every lesson. And gradually, other RE classes such as 9R and 9J started every RE lesson with a similar activity. Here are a few examples of what the students have written down in their RE Notebook:

*Today, I want to thank you Lord for another day and all the opportunities. I’m thankful for a school that I can come to five days a week to learn and grow. I’m so grateful for all the teachers here at Marist who have the patience to teach us and everything they do to make us feel safe and help us achieve the best grades. I’m thankful for the strong education that Marist provides and the beautiful cultures and traditions we share.*  
*Evina-Jaye Garcia-Yalima 8T*

*Dear God, I am grateful for my eyes. Shining blue that can see all of you. With my eyes, I see the beautiful views. My eyes help me to make and store funny and happy memories. My eyes are the most splendid thing God has given me. Thank you, God.*  
*Maddy Meyers 8T*

*I’m grateful for all my amazing friends, for always making me laugh and helping me out when I need them. I’m grateful for my family because I know at the end of the day, I have someone to lean on who will always be there for me. I also appreciate all the simple pleasures in life, like having warm clothes to wear, Mum making my favourite food, having access to the internet and countless other things. I’m also eternally thankful for all the doctors, police and teachers for always helping us and other people.*  
*Trudy Daseka 9R*

*Dear God, I am grateful for the clouds that hold the liquid which sustains me. Thank you for the unconditional love which binds friends and family. I am grateful for the trees that clear the air of pollution. I am grateful for nature’s alarm clock, the birds. I am grateful for the expression of joy that is laughter. I am grateful for the sleep which rejuvenates me after a long day. I am grateful for the health workers who treat every patient like family while nourishing them to health. For these things and so many more, I am grateful.*  
*Fenn Prichard 9R*

Ad Jesum per Mariam

*Sr Seini Fatai sm*, Director of Religious Education

## Student Representative Election for the Board of Trustees

Nominations are invited for the election of one student representative to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form can be obtained from the school office (Opening Hours 8am to 4pm).

**Nominations close at noon on Tuesday, 4 September 2024** and should be accompanied by a candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during the hours the office is open.

There will also be a list of candidates’ names for inspection, as they come to hand, on the notice board outside the Library. **Election Day will be Thursday, 19 September 2024.**

*Margaret McKinney*

Returning Officer



## Year 10(82C)'s Healthy Eating Campaign

We have been hard at work planning and executing our healthy eating campaigns. As part of our practical experience, we took on the challenge of creating nutritious and delicious meals that align with the goals of our campaigns. From concept to cooking, we showcased our creativity and understanding of balanced nutrition. We planned, prepared, and presented meals that not only tasted great but also promoted healthier eating habits amongst our peers. We’re proud of our efforts and excited to see how our campaigns will inspire others to make healthier food choices!

*Mrs Verschuur & Y10(82C) Processing Technology*

## IMPORTANT:

Please clearly name all belongings, uniform, laptop bags etc. This helps us to return items to the correct students quickly.



# Mathematics Competitions



Congratulations to our Otago Maths Competition Winners



## Mathex 2024

Last week, we got the amazing experience of taking seven teams to Mathex Competition at Barfoot and Thompson Stadium in Kohimarama. Here our teams ranging for Year 7 to 10 competed in a difficult Maths competition but still managed to experience success in their attempts in completing the tough problems. We are very proud of their effort and hope many of them will continue doing it next year. Here is what some of the participants say about the competition:



What I like most about Mathex is the thrill of tackling challenging math problems in a intense environment. Enjoyed working with my team to think quickly and solve problems together. The competitive atmosphere motivates us to push our limits and do our best. I find Mathex both fun and educational, making it a memorable and rewarding event. *Sunny Xia, Year 8*

It was really cool to see all the other schools participating and super exciting overall, even though we didn't get a place. At least I know to practice more for next year! *Vaibhavi Soni, Year 7*

I liked the active participation of everyone during the competition and the supportive atmosphere with everyone cheering on their teammates during the competition. I learned new techniques for solving questions faster and I also discovered that working together made it easier to answer the challenging questions. *Chloe Cheng, Year 7*

Mathex was so much fun! We worked really hard together, and it felt amazing to see our teamwork pay off. Even though we didn't get 100 points, we still all tried our best which is always important. The event was full of excitement and challenges that made it a day I'll always remember. *Amelia Cheng, Year 8*

I really enjoyed participating in Mathex because it was a challenging experience. I was also able to get to know my friends better and learn from them. Overall I enjoyed Mathex and I would definitely be participating in the following years. *Abigail Thomas, Year 9*

Wow, this is overwhelmingly positive feedback. We can't wait to see more to take part next year.

*Ella Broderick, Randinie Cadelis, Vanessa Gomes and Anna Hampton Year 12, Student Coaches*

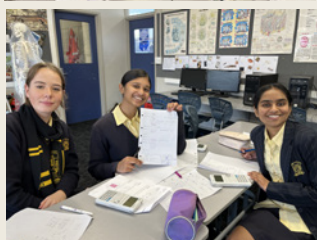
## NZAMT - Senior Maths Competition

On Tuesday 13 August, five teams from Marist College participated in the Senior Mathematics Competition run by the NZAMT. This 90 minute competition involved answering 15 questions from all areas of maths including algebra, geometry, mathematical induction, and logic.

The 15 questions were made much easier to solve due to the fact that we were working in groups. This allowed us to discuss the questions with our teammates or distribute the questions based on each team member's strengths. Throughout the competition, you could hear triumphant high-fives as groups tackled a particularly difficult problem, and sense the building tension in the last 10 minutes.

Thank you to the maths teachers for giving us the opportunity to do this. It was a lot of fun, especially if you are able to conquer a challenging problem or two! I look forward to taking part in this competition again next year and encourage any students interested in maths or problem solving to take part!

*Soeun Park, Year 11*









# Sports Update



## Badminton 2024

A massive congratulations to our incredible badminton teams for their outstanding achievements in Term 3! The girls showed incredible skill and determination throughout this term. Their hard work has brought home gold and silver medals in their divisions. We couldn't be prouder of their hard work and dedication.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Anna, Jacqui, Ms Schön, and Mr Wong for their incredible support throughout Term 3. Their hard work in organising and driving us to our badminton games was invaluable. Thanks to their dedication, our team had a successful and enjoyable season.

*Minduli Senadheera*

## First XI Football

Our team had a great season this year, although we may have not finished on the table where we wanted, everyone in the team gave their all each game. It was so nice seeing us all grow closer and stronger as a team through the wins and losses. I think that we have all improved as individual players this season thanks to our great coaches. It has been a very memorable and enjoyable last season for myself, Ruby Smith, Millie Crowe, Renee Rodgers and Ally Lunjevich. Thank you to our coaches Maureen Fitzpatrick and JP Mowat. We head to tournament next week to finish off our season.

*Isabella Gwin*



## Call for donations - charity Awa Run 2024

Students from schools in the National Network of Marist Schools (NNMS) will be running 102km over three days to help reduce educational inequality in Aotearoa.

Five Year 10s and one Year 12 have been selected to participate in this charity running event down in Whanganui, they are: Ella Bayly, Isabel O'Brien, Daisy Dautermann, Rosie Smith, Emily Trask, and Harper Lawson. As a team they are aiming to raise over \$2000 prior to the event at the end of November.

Donations can be made through the official Give-a-little page:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/l/marist-schools-awa-run-2024>

Please select Marist College when giving your donation.

Thank you in advance for your support.

# Careers Hub

Unitec Open Day

Saturday 31 August,  
10am-2pm, both Mt Albert &  
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.



**PAT HANLY**  
CREATIVITY AWARDS 2024

Fri 30 Aug 2024 – Sun 13 Oct 2024

Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki

22 young artists share their  
stories through creativity.

From Birkenhead College, Henderson High  
School, James Cook High School, Macleans  
College, Marist College, Michael Park School,  
Papatōtōe High School, Pinehurst School,  
St Cuthbert's College, St Dominic's Catholic  
College, Southern Cross Campus, Tangarua  
College and Waiheke High School.

AUCKLAND  
ART GALLERY  
TOI OTAMAKI

**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.



# 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>

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>



**Only \$15**

## STUDENT DISCOUNT

Wed, 18th September

Link to purchase is on Year Level Google Classrooms, and is also in the Notices



Image credit: Riley McMahon

VISUAL  
ARTS  
SHOW  
CASE

## Marist College

# VISUAL ARTS SHOWCASE

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

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER FROM 4PM

# 2024

## 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.

## 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 3:** School charges for Term 3 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 [vyates@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:vyates@maristcollege.school.nz)



# MIHA MĀORI

-Māori Mass-

Taite 19 Hepetema

19th September

6.00 pm

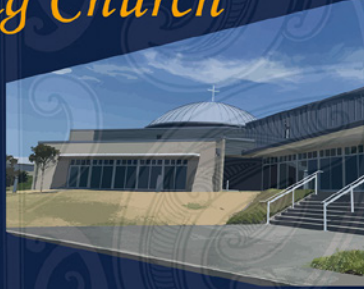
Christ the King Church

Owairaka

Nau mai haere mai ki te Kāhui  
ako Miha Māori.

Join us in celebrating our Māori  
community within our Auckland  
Central Catholic Kāhui Ako with  
a Māori Mass. Students from  
across our 14 schools will be  
participating in the mass.

-All are welcome to attend-



Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako



Orders: [www.myfundraiser.co.nz/support/marist](http://www.myfundraiser.co.nz/support/marist)

## Support the Marist Ex-students' Association Toilet Paper Fundraiser!!

Marist Ex-students' Association is excited to have partnered with My Fundraiser.  
Please support us in our Toilet Paper Fundraiser!

### WHAT ARE WE FUNDRAISING FOR?

We are fundraising to support Marist College's 100th Jubilee celebrations in 2028 and for provision of Ex-Students Scholarship each year.

### HOW MUCH DOES MARIST RECEIVE IN DONATIONS?

10% of your full purchase price - that's \$5.50 per box!

\*\* New feature \*\* If you opt to double your donation, you will go in the draw to win a free box!

### How My Fundraiser works

Step 1

Place your order & select  
Marist as your Good Cause



Step 2

10% goes to our group



Step 3

Your toilet paper is  
delivered to your door



### WHAT PRODUCT AM I BUYING?

It's something we all use and wouldn't like to be without - Toilet Paper! 48 Rolls of quality 2 ply, 400 sheet loo paper. Most toilet rolls are around 200 sheets, so this is equivalent to 96 standard rolls. Each box sells for \$50.

### PERKS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:

My Fundraiser toilet paper is FSC certified and plastic packaging free, right down to the paper tape that seals the box. The box itself is 100% recyclable and the rolls are unwrapped to avoid extra waste.

### HOW MUCH IS SHIPPING AND WHEN WILL IT ARRIVE?

We offer tiered shipping rates defined by area (ranges from FREE to \$5 flat fee). Please see MF website for further details. Delivery to rural addresses adds a \$5 rural delivery fee per box. Orders are shipped and delivered to your door within 3-5 working days.

Thanks for supporting Marist Ex-students' Association



This fundraiser is so much easier than anything I've needed to do to support groups  
in the past. I didn't have to use any extra time or money to help out.

Melanie Heap - Supporter

## Ex-Students Association Pasta & Wine Mixer

Friday 20 September, 6pm - 9pm (ish)

Marist College Staff Room

Drinks on arrival with food to be served from 6.30pm  
Tickets \$15 each, includes a welcome drink and delicious Italian  
(GF is being catered for). Additional wine and nonalcoholic  
beverages will be available to purchase on the night.

All ex-students & staff welcome. Tickets available at:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/marist-mixer-sqt566r8>

## Givealittle for Abigail

Ex-student Abigail Perillo attended Marist College  
in 2021 for Year 7. She has many fond memories  
from that time, especially the friendships she built  
and the wonderful support she received from her  
teachers. Marist College truly had a significant and  
positive impact on her.



Her family are currently facing a challenging time as Abigail  
needs to undergo critical medical treatment overseas. In light  
of this, they have set up a Givealittle page to help cover the  
associated costs. Every bit of support, whether big or small, can  
make a difference.

You can view Abigail's story and Givealittle page here:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-abigails-fight-against-spinal-avm>



Join  
**ST JOHN  
YOUTH**



Young people developing their potential through leadership,  
hauora and engaging in their communities.

St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come  
and learn, connect and grow with us.

St Lukes Division



Tuesday



6:30pm - 8pm



Fickling Convention Centre  
546 Mount Albert Road,  
Three Kings, Auckland

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