



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term - Number 2  
Friday 25 October 2024

## From the Principal

Spirit Week is a special opportunity for our Year 13 students to celebrate their final year at school by engaging in acts of kindness that bring joy and fun to those around them. It has been heartening to witness the emotional journey these young women undergo as they prepare to leave the College. While we will formally bid them farewell next week, I would like to take this moment to thank them for their leadership and presence. They have all led with the grace of Mary and embodied the Gospel Values through their actions.



Anything but a bag!



Congratulations to our Year 13 ākonga Māori who received pounamu blessed by the Marist Sisters to recognise the end of their school journey. At this graduation on Wednesday evening, we also acknowledged those Year 13 students who have made a significant contribution to Te Ao Māori at Marist College through their participation in Kapa Haka and studying Te Reo Māori. It has been inspiring to watch our students work in partnership to ensure Te Ao Māori thrives at Marist.

On Thursday we also celebrated the Performing Arts at Marist College with our Performing Arts Awards evening. This was a wonderful opportunity to recognise the talents and achievements of our students - congratulations to all our prize winners. 2024 has seen the introduction of new opportunities such as performing on the Hip Hop stage at AIMS Games and the Bollywood Showdown. Next year promises to be just as exciting for the Performing Arts with the annual St Peter's College and Marist College school production being announced sometime next week! Keep an eye out on our school social media accounts and upcoming newsletters for the exciting announcement. You will also find details on where to sign up for the audition pack for what will be a fantastic 2025 production!



Video of 2024 Performing Arts highlights

In our Friday morning assembly we also had the opportunity to celebrate the students who contribute their time and effort to support members of our community through the Young Vinnies. These students have contributed over 3000 hours of service to Vinnies, cooking meals and organising can drives among other activities. We are so proud of the ways that Marist students serve their community and act as Mary would to support others. We encourage all our students to take part in some form of service for their community as we move into the advent season.



Finally, good luck to all our senior students who go on exam leave next week – may you be calm in the face of challenges, confident in your abilities and trusting that the preparation you have done will carry you through with strength and grace. Go with our prayers and blessings.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Tauhu, Principal/Tumuaki

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## KEY DATES

### Term 4 2024

<b>Week (3B)</b>	<b>Tokelau Language Wk</b>
<b>28 Mo</b>	<b>Labour Day holiday</b>
29 Tu	Seniors last day/Assembly/Farewells Leavers' Mass, St Mary's Leavers' Dinner, Sorrento
30 We	Assembly/Liturgy LRM New Y7 2025 Orientation 9:30am - 12pm BOT Meeting 6pm
31 - 1	Y10 Exams - Gym Y8 HPV (2) & Y7 Boostrix catchup
Nov 1 Fr	Y12 Leadership Day Mt Albert Baptist Church Y10 Camp meeting P3-4 <i>Rotation 2 - 1</i>
3 - 8	Y10 Camp Tongariro

### Week (4A)

4 Mo	Y9 Options open
4 - 5	Y9 Exams
5 Tu	NCEA Exams begin
6 We	Assembly/Liturgy LMV/ Cadet
6 - 7	Y9 Inspiring the future P3-4, 220
7 Th	7S Mass (ES) B2, St Mary's <i>Rotation 3 - 2</i>

### Upcoming Events:

Nov 5 - 29	NCEA Exams
<b>11 Mo</b>	<b>Staff Only Day</b>
12 Tu	Ex-Students Movie Night 'Never Look Away' 6:30pm St Luke's Cinema
15 Fr	Jean-Claude Colin Feast day <b>Evacuation practice P4</b>
19 Tu	CZ Athletics, Mt Smart Y9 Dads & Daughters Bowls & BBQ, 5:30pm - 8pm
26 - 30	Awa Run, Cullinane College
28 Th	Y9 Fun day, Omaha Y10 Chinese trip, P3 - 4
29 Fr	Y10 Arts day Y7 Birkenhead trip
Dec 2 Mo	BOT Meeting 6pm
5 Th	Y8 Tiritiri Matangi trip 1
6 Fr	Y8 Tiritiri Matangi trip 2
8 Su	Ex-Students morning tea 11am, Marist Sisters Convent
9 Mo	Advent Liturgy / Final day for students 12pm finish Prizegiving, Town Hall, 6:30pm, all students

For a full school calendar go to

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/calendar>

### Graduation Dinner Tuesday 29 October

Mass at St Mary's parish at 5pm  
Arrive at the Sorrento in the Park from  
6:30pm for dinner.

Students will receive tickets Tuesday morning.

## “Go and invite everyone to the banquet” (Mathew 22: 09)

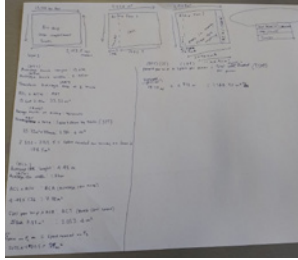
The Catholic Church dedicates the month of October to God’s Mission in our world. This year’s theme is “Go and invite everyone to the banquet!” Pope Francis gave the Church this theme which is a Christian message rooted in Jesus’ great commission to his disciples. There is a sense of urgency in this command from Jesus which requires action and universal participation. The banquet is God’s love in abundance, and everyone is invited to experience this divine life.

We have been fortunate to have Father Frank Bird SM who is a Marist priest, and a former chaplain of our Marist School, speak to us in our Wednesday Assembly about his missionary work in Thailand in the past 10 years. Father Frank spoke about the project which he managed, working with Burmese migrant families and children in education, HIV health, and migrant support programmes on the Thailand / Burma border in Ranong. Father Frank expressed his gratitude for the financial support offered by our college over the years to this important mission. He reiterated the difference that we have made as a school community to the many young people in that struggling country, providing them the opportunity to have formal education.

Let us pray that as a Marist School community we will continue to respond generously to Jesus’ call by always participating in his Mission, locally and globally, no matter how little our contribution may seem.

Ad Jesum per Mariam

*Sr Seini Fatai sm,*  
Director of Religious  
Education



## We are in the Top 10 Teams in NZ! NZ Engineering Science Competition 2024

In August, we (four ambitious Year 12 students) took part in the NZ Engineering Science competition hosted by Auckland University, alongside 274 other teams from schools all over New Zealand.

**This year the problem given to us was:**

**“How many airships are needed to replace Cook Strait ferries?”**

We spent eight hours that Saturday and researched, calculated and wrote a formal report and mathematical model to answer the open-ended question given to us. The competition put our skills in mathematics/physics, logical thinking, computing and writing, together with the ability to work in a team, to the test. Though this was a completely new experience for all of us, we gave it our best. It has been a rewarding experience, allowing us to engage in a form of engineering and all the hard work that goes into it.

We are so grateful and pleased that we got the highly commended award – being one of the top 10 teams in New Zealand! We are excited to do this again next year and encourage any students interested in engineering to have a go at this competition next year. Bring on 2025!

*Isabel Broderick, Catherine Don, Vanessa Gnomes & Sinhana Kumar*

## Year 11 Study and Question Day Monday 4th November, 9am - 3pm, in the Library

On Monday 4th November we will be running a Year 11 Study and Question Day in our school library. This is an opportunity for our students new to NCEA external exams to ask last minute questions and seek any support they need. If you are a Year 11 student who would like to attend this day, please indicate your interest in the form below. Ngā mihi, Dr Houliston

[Year 11 Study and Support Day](#)

**Congratulations** to **Isabella Holley (Year 12)** for being awarded the rank of 6th best speaker in the Senior Open grade Debating. It is an amazing achievement being in the top 10 among the hundreds of debaters in Auckland region.

## 2025 School Production

The annual St Peter’s College and Marist College school production will be announced sometime next week! Keep an eye out on the school social media accounts and the next school newsletters for the exciting announcement. This will also give details on where to sign up for the audition pack with more information on what will be a fantastic 2025 production!

# COUPAR & WANOA



Year 13 student prank only - School not actually for sale

## School For Sale

\$2024

- fully staffed and furnished
- very blessed
- Covid free
- students and nuns included

Katie Dallow  
Estate Agent



## Awa Run 2024 - donations

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, Rosy 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//marist-schools-awa-run-2024>

Please select Marist College when giving your donation.

## Ex-Students Association Fundraiser for Ex-Students Scholarship Fund Movie Night

'Never Look Away'

Tuesday 12th November, 6:30pm

St Luke's Cinema

Information and ticketing available from

<https://events.humanitix.com/preview-screening-never-look-away>

## Ex-Students Association Christmas Morning Tea

Sunday 8 December, from 11am

(after Mass at St Mary's Church)

Marist Sisters Convent, Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert

Tickets \$5 each,

please bring a plate to share for morning tea

<https://events.humanitix.com/christmas-morning-te>

# Year 9 Dads\* & Daughters Lawn Bowls and BBQ Dinner

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 5:30pm - 8pm

Mt Albert Bowls Club, 10 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert

An opportunity to meet other families

A fun evening just for Dads\* & Daughters

\*or significant other Dude

This is a social tournament with no experience necessary.

Bowls and coaching will be provided.

Ticket includes a BBQ dinner. Cash bar available.

\$30 per Dad

& Daughter pair

\$40 two or more

daughters in family

Tickets available online at:

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2024-year-9-dads-daughters-lawn-bowls>



# The *Blue & Gold* Bulletin

WEEK 2 - FIFTH EDITION

## YEAR 13 FAREWELL ☆. \*. ☆.



From a fairytale-esque Athletics Day to Marist Day the Career Way, this year has been filled with incredible, fun events. Of course, this couldn't be done without our leaders - the Class of 2024, this year's Year 13 cohort; and what a cohort they've been! We couldn't have asked for better role-models to lead us this year. Thank you for always having a smile, kind words or helpful tips to give. As Year 12s, we hope we will be able to follow your footsteps. The entire Marist community will miss your presence, and we wish you luck for the future.

## YEAR 7 AND 8 SPORTS AWARDS

Last Tuesday, the Junior Sports Awards celebrated the success of our Year 7 and Year 8 athletes in the various team and individual sports Marist offers. The prize-giving included great displays of teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship. Teams and individuals were recognised for their outstanding performances across a range of sports, with several students taking home awards due to their commitment and value to their team. The juniors put in an immense amount of work and dedication throughout their respective sports seasons, with some students even participating in at least two different sports. These awards were inspiring and further motivated other juniors to engage in any form of sport, as the confidence and skill shown up on stage was both admirable and encouraging. Congratulations to all the award-winners, and to all teams for their dedication, discipline, and passion both on and off the field.

## SPORTS AWARDS

After the seasons of success for our Marist athletes drew to a close, the Sports Awards evening was an amazing night to celebrate the accomplishments of our talented sportswomen. From hearing the achievements of students at tournament weeks to international competitions, it was a wonderful opportunity to give recognition to the girls who have gone above and beyond in their sport, truly emulating Marist spirit. Seeing everything our girls have put into sport this past year was truly special - from hockey to kilikiti to, of course, netball, just to name a few. The night was full of vibrant laughter and smiles as we were able to gather together and celebrate our girls. Truly a night to remember and I hope many more get to experience the night once again next year.



# FINAL ISSUE FOR 2024 ☆. \*。 ☆

As we approach exams, this will be the final issue of our student-run newsletter for the year. Over the past year, we've proudly released five editions, each highlighting the incredible work of students across the school.

This initiative will be back next year, so stay tuned! We plan to continue this momentum, bringing you even more engaging content and opportunities to get involved. Whether you're passionate about writing, editing, designing, or photography, we encourage you to contribute and be part of the newsletter next year to share your talents with the school community.

Thank you to everyone who has supported and contributed to the newsletter this year. We look forward to seeing what next year brings—so stay tuned!



## CURRENT EVENTS QUIZ ☆

### What language week is celebrated this week?

1. Maori Language week
2. Niue Language week
3. Fijian Language week
4. Chinese Language week

### Who won the America's Cup (sailing)?

1. Ineos UK
2. Luna Rossa Italy
3. Emirates Team New Zealand
4. American Magic

### What House won the overall House award?

1. Chavoin
2. Colin
3. Chanel
4. Champagnat

### Why was a lady stuck in between 2 boulders for 7 hours?

1. She wasn't looking where she was walking
2. She was trying to grab her phone
3. She was pushed
4. She went there on purpose

### Which billionaire is following Trump on his campaign trail for the 2024 U.S. election?

1. Jeff Bezos
2. Elon Musk
3. Taylor Swift
4. Bill Gates

Answers: 4,4,2,3,2

FUN FACT

Bananas are berries, but strawberries aren't! Botanically speaking, bananas fit the berry definition, while strawberries don't—because their seeds are on the outside.

## YEAR 9 SUBJECT CHOICES ☆

Are you in Year 9 and unsure of which option subjects to pick next year? We know your options don't open for a while however this is our last issue so to help you make your decisions, we've had some of our option subject teachers give an overview of what you need to know before taking their subject. Overall, the best way to ensure that you are happy with your options is to take subjects that you genuinely enjoy learning about and not letting peer pressure affect your decisions.

### Drama

- Drama is a subject in which you use your creativity to communicate ideas
- Every is able to make progress and build their confidence - whether you already come from a background of performing or are completely new to performing
- There may be the misconception that drama is just games, but it is not. Just like any subject, it requires focus, diligence, hard work. However, compared to other subjects, drama does enable you to get on your feet and move around
- Drama involves a lot of groupwork, which can be different to other subjects. You will need to learn how to negotiate with people that have different ideas and backgrounds.

### Music

- Allows you to improve your performance skills on a chosen instrument.
- Involves a solo performance of one song of your choice and a group performance of a song by a New Zealand artist of your choosing
- You will also have the opportunity to write your own music including a blues song as well as a science fiction soundtrack.

### Te Reo Māori

- Year 10 Māori involves learning vocabulary about sports and home. It also involves some reading and research like making a timeline of the Māori language from 1840 to 1970 as well as learning about a famous Māori person.
- There are many benefits to taking a language as a subject as learning about the cultures of others broadens out your mind, and expands your horizons.

### Credits

Year 13 farewell - Oliva Siju Jose | Year 7 and 8 sports awards - Elsie Barrett | Sports Awards - Isabella Holley | Final Issue - Ella Broderick | Current events quiz - Anna Hampton, Maddie Clark | Year 9 subject options - Soeun Park, Isabelle Kane

# Donations wanted: Stationery and Hygiene packs.

## PACK A PENCIL CASE:

Donate a pencil case of stationery equipment for a learner ready to learn.

## YOUNG WOMEN SANITARY ITEMS:

Donate a pack of sanitary items for a resident at the SVSG Campus of Hope.



Items will be taken to Samoa Victim Support Group and specific village schools as part of the Auckland Central Catholic Schools Kāhui Ako and Marist College trip in July 2025.

Drop off donations to a trip participant or at the Marist College front office during term time. (Before end of Term 1, 2025)

Samoa Victim Support Group provides residential care for abused women and children in Samoa. Learn more at: <https://svsg.org.ws/>



For more info please contact Makerita at [m.tagomoa@gmail.com](mailto:m.tagomoa@gmail.com), or 0212314367  
Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako

# FAMILY MINISTRY SURVEY



## About Us

Do you have school kids and want to connect with other families?

Help us work out what you need and want so that we can support and grow faith in families.

## Family Survey

Please take a moment to complete our short survey.

## FAMILY SURVEY

SCAN ME!



Call us for more info Hannah 021 793854  
Fr Frank 021 597-080

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## Christ the King Catholic School

Te Kura Katorika o te Karaiti te Kingi  
Respect - Compassion - Service - Peace & Joy

# TWILIGHT FAIR

FRIDAY 6TH  
DECEMBER

5:30pm to 9pm

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Food trucks •
- Games •
- Bouncy castles •
- Cake stall •
- Face paint •
- Raffles •

and much more!



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?

20% 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 toilet 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