



From the Deputy Principal

NCEA exams have begun in earnest this week. While sitting external examinations can be nerve-racking, they also offer students the opportunity to put into practice the learning and knowledge they have developed throughout the year. We began this week with a new initiative – a Year 11 Study Day where over 40 students took the opportunity to study together in the library with teachers volunteering their time to supervise and answer questions. This was a successful day, and I enjoyed listening to the wonderful learning conversations that took place. I have also had the pleasure of talking with our senior students before their exams as we wait to line them up, and I have been impressed not only by the high levels of attendance across all cohorts, but also the positive attitudes that students have taken into their exams. As they continue through this season of examinations, there are some important ways you can support your daughter to achieve her to her highest potential:



- Provide a quiet place to study and help her to create a study plan, such as a wall planner that includes the dates of exams and when she should be studying different subjects.
- Discuss the diverse ways she can study for a subject - including reviewing notes, making study cards, memorising formulas or quotes, and writing practice essays.
- Encourage her to take breaks! Getting outside for fresh air, exercise or meeting with friends is important to maintain healthy study habits and manage stress.

Developing effective study habits begins long before our students start their NCEA journey. Meeting assessment deadlines and experiencing examinations in the junior school helps to set students up for success in the future. Congratulations to our Year 9 and 10 students who also completed their end of year exams over the last two weeks.

Our Year 9 cohort had the opportunity this week to consider their future career options as they took part in the "Inspiring the Future" programme run by the Tertiary Education Commission. Students heard from a range of role models who discussed the challenges and opportunities they have faced in their areas of work. The goal of the programme is to broaden the horizons of students to the kinds of jobs that are available to them after school. It was wonderful to hear the thoughtful questions students asked our visitors and to witness the excited buzz in the classroom as the programme took place. Thank you to Mrs Jenni Catley for organising this wonderful opportunity for our students.

Finally, our school film, 'Chasing Stars' continues to receive accolades from across the world. The film has received an Honourable mention at Athens International Monthly Art Film Festival, placing in the Top 3 BEST FEATURE FILM picks for this month, outshining 42 projects in the same category. "Willow's Song", written by Lily Schoone, Maddy Low and Elsie Barrett, was also judged 'Best Song of the Month' for October in the Gothamite Film Awards in New York. An amazing achievement! We continue to be proud of the creative talents of our students and teachers and congratulate them on their success.

Ngā manaakitanga

Dr Bronwyn Houlston, Deputy Principal Curriculum

KEY DATES

Term 4 2024

Week (5B) NCEA Exams

Nov 11 Mo Staff Only Day

- 12 Tu Ex-Students Movie Night 'Never Look Away' 6:30pm St Luke's Cinema
 - 13 We Assembly/Liturgy LSH
 - 14 Th 7R Mass (CH) B2, St Mary's
 - 15 Fr Jean-Claude Colin Feast day Assembly
- Evacuation practice P4
Awa Run Bake Sale, B2
Rotation 4 - 3

Week (6A) NCEA Exams

- 19 Tu Y9 & 10 Kilikiti Tournament BOT Finance 7:5am
- Y9 Dads & Daughters Bowls & BBQ, 5:30pm - 8pm**
- 20 We Assembly/Liturgy Y10 CZ Athletics, Mt Smart Y7 Aquatics 12:45 - 2:45pm Mt Albert Pools
 - 21 Th 7T Mass (AM) B2, St Mary's
 - 22 Fr Y7 Aquatics 12:45 - 2:45pm Mt Albert Pools
- Rotation 5 - 4

Upcoming Events:

Nov 5 - 29 NCEA Exams

- 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>



God's Gift of Eternal Life

It is an important tradition in the Catholic Church that we pray for the holy souls during the month of November. This special month begins with the feast day of "All Saints" on the 1st and on the 2nd, we commemorate "All Souls" in purgatory. The two significant liturgical events are reminders that God desires us to be holy and live our earthly life as a preparation for sharing eternal life with Him after we die. Essentially, it was through Jesus' passion, death and resurrection that God made it possible for us to inherit eternal life. In John's Gospel Jesus proclaims: *"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation but has passed from death to life"*. (John 5: 24).

As a Marist College community during this month of November we commit ourselves to praying for the souls of our loved ones who have died. May Mary, mother of our merciful God, pray with us in communion with all the saints for the divine gift of eternal life.

Ad Jesum per Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai sm, Director of Religious Education



Chasing Stars Recognitions

Congratulations to the filmmakers, cast and crew of 'Chasing Stars' the school film which has recently picked up the following recognition:

- Best Song of the Month in the Gothamite Monthly Film Awards in New York for October.
- Nomination for 'Best First Time Filmmaker' in the Montreal Independent Film Festival seasonal competition.
- Honourable Mention in the Feature Film category of the Athens International Monthly Art Film Festival, placing in the top three feature films of 42 entered worldwide.

There is a lot of fabulous student created music in the film, so keep a look out for the soundtrack album which will be released towards the end of November.

The film itself will also be released on the Marist College Media YouTube channel at the same time. In the meantime though, check out the updated trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BvNVg-fzLFE>

Chinese Calligraphy Competition

Chinese calligraphy, a revered art form with a history spanning over 3,000 years, remains a symbol of intellectual and aesthetic achievement. Today, it continues to be celebrated for its balance of beauty and spirituality. We are proud to announce that Melenaite Falekaono has won First Prize and Aisling Bryne has earned Second Prize in the prestigious New Zealand Chinese Calligraphy Competition. Both students showcased exceptional talent and dedication to the art form. Their success is a testament to their hard work, discipline, and passion for preserving this ancient tradition. Congratulations, Melenaite and Aisling, on your outstanding accomplishments!

Ellen Hsu



Inspiring the Future

This week an *Inspiring the Future* event was held for the Year 9 cohort. This programme involves inviting mystery guests (role models) to the school for a large group activity. Students need to try to guess the occupations of the guests by asking closed questions – they can only answer “yes”, “no”, “maybe” or “sometimes”. Initially, the guests wear casual clothing with no clues to give away what line of work they may be in. After asking 20 questions, the role models leave the room while the students brainstorm possible jobs or industries for each guest. When the visitors return to the session, there is a “reveal”, as they are dressed in their work clothing and have props to help illustrate the work they do. This generated a lot of surprise and excitement as the students saw how close their guesses were – or weren’t! After the “reveal” and an initial explanation from each guest to the group about their job, the role models then each go to sit with a small group of the students for a more detailed chat, with students free to ask whatever questions they have. Each group gets a chance to meet each role model in their session. With two classes in the session on Wednesday, and three classes on Thursday, there was a total of 14 different guests with occupations ranging from police, building, aircraft engineering, supply chain, firefighting, jockey, fisheries officer, to cyber security, financial crime, digital design, audiology, pharmacy and food technology. All of the role models were females, from a range of ethnicities and backgrounds. The aim of the event is to expose students to career ideas they may not have heard about, and enable them to hear a wide range of people’s career journey stories, to gain understanding of how career paths can change and develop over time, building on skills from different roles. In addition, students are learning how to engage with others to find out about jobs, study, and training options, to enable them to make enquiries to help their future decision-making.

Jenni Catley, Careers Advisor

Student feedback

- I liked hearing about what different jobs there are and what gave them the idea to join this job.*
- We got to see people’s jobs and how they came to get there. It’s funny that none of them knew they wanted to be that when they were younger.*
- I liked how we got to ask them questions about how they got where they are and what their job involves.*
- Finding out about a vast variety of different jobs and getting a perspective of each aspect of jobs available. It was really helpful and very interesting, not to mention fun!*
- I liked how nice the people were and how I got to learn about jobs I had never heard of before.*
- I enjoyed guessing the peoples' jobs with my friends and getting them completely wrong.*
- I liked how it gave us a taster of different jobs that we would not usually know about.*
- Learning about all the different jobs. I never thought there were so many.*
- I like the people who had unique jobs that were shown to us and it also gave us new knowledge to know jobs we haven't heard of before.*





Central Zone Touch

It was a beautiful spring day at the Central Zone Girls Touch tournament at Cox's Bay Reserve this week. Marist took a team of Year 7 and 8 players to compete against 11 other Intermediate teams.

Our team had players who were new to Touch and some who weren't which made for an exciting day. We saw moments of stunning team work and instances of individual brilliance.

There was dodging and diving, stepping and skip passes and even phantom touches! In the end Marist placed seventh. However, it was great to see the amazing talent coming through. There was a lot of metres gained that day but even more so in our hearts.

International Students Update

Kia ora, we are so pleased to welcome Mahelia back to Marist who has joined us again from Tahiti for a few weeks. Bonjour! Equally, we're so happy to welcome our first Thai student to Marist. Sawadee kaa Neefa! She joins us for the rest of Term 4 and then comes back next year. Our agents are working hard to recruit students and we think they are getting to know Marist well and how good our students are.



I have been meeting agents and education partners across Asia and Europe and next year, we are looking at expanding our international student cohort. As an example, we are working on bringing some students to Marist half-way through Term 1 for anywhere from 3-9 weeks and then in June for a month or so and I'm always happy to welcome new and returning families to the homestay group.

Some students who come in March will be able to share a room even so there are lots of options and the weekly rate is approx \$375pw per student.

If you're keen to sign up, please do so here <https://forms.gle/fDRJitXChLLsbb9p9>

Please email international@maristcollege.school.nz if you have any questions. Look forward to talking with you. Thank you,

Vivienne Kingsbury

7R Food Technology

We had fun planning and creating our own choice of breakfast dishes from waffles to smoothie bowls, French toast, and toasties.

We love being creative and experimenting with flavours and textures.

7R Food Technology



Year 9 Omaha Beach Day

Our Year 9 cohort will be travelling to Omaha on Thursday the 28th of November. Please be aware there has been a time change in leaving. **The buses will now leave Marist at 7:30am.** This is to allow our Surf instructors more time for each activity. **Please organise morning travel for your child to be at school by 7:15am, Thursday the 28th of November. Buses will return to Marist by 4pm.**



2024 School Charges including extra-curricular

Full and final payment of the school charges are now due unless an arrangement has been made with our Accounts Administrator, Veronica Yates.

The 2025 Year 10 camp does not need to be paid until October 2025. If you wish to set up an automatic payment for this, please contact me.

If you have any queries, please contact Veronica Yates on v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz



Lunch Cooler Bags For Sale

Handy 5L lunch cooler bag made from tough 600D polyester. Water-resistant PEVA lining with PE foam insulation. Woven carry handles. Zippered main compartment and a slip pocket.

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<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/lunch-cooler-bag>

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NEVER LOOK AWAY

Tuesday 12 November, 6:30pm
Event Cinemas, St Lukes



ADVANCE FILM SCREENING!

A documentary on Margaret Moth - TVNZ's first female camera operator and war journalist for CNN

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

Directed by Lucy Lawless
(Marist head girl 1985)

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR MARIST EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Year 9 Dads* & Daughters Lawn Bowls and BBQ Dinner

Tuesday 19th 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](https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2024-year-9-dads-daughters-lawn-bowls)



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, or 0212314367
Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako

Awa Run 2024 Donations please

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 donating.

Student Uniform Reminders

Our students are regularly reminded of our uniform rules. **Any incorrect uniform items brought or worn to school may be confiscated by a Pastoral Dean.** Confiscated uniform items can be collected by students during the last week of each term.

See our web pages for rules information.
[Uniform Rules](#) | [School Rules](#)

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

SAT 9TH NOVEMBER
1.00PM - 7.00PM

PERFORMANCES

- 1.00pm Welcome
- 1.15pm Kelly School of Irish Dance
- 1.45pm Marist Mt Albert Kapa Haka Group
- 2.15pm Marist Herne Bay Kapa Haka Group
- 2.45pm Connolly School of Irish Dance
- 3.00pm Paul O'Hara, Deputy Ambassador
- 3.05pm Live music with David Haslett
- 4.00pm Marist Mt Albert Pasifika Group
- 4.30pm Good Shepherd Kapa Haka Group
- 4.45pm - Live Music with David Haslett

KIDS' ENTERTAINMENT

- 1.00pm Bouncy Castle
- 1.30pm Facepainting
- 3.00pm Soccer Skills with Metro FC
- 4.00pm Superhero & Princess

STALLS

- Airihī Design Studio- Albert Eden
- Climate Action - Helena's Candles - Irish Comhra - Irish Gold - Irish Mammies - Mapura Studios- Marist Herne Bay - Marist Mt Albert - Metro FC - Swigger - Urban Ark Manaw Taio

A SPECTACULAR CONCERT

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7PM SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024

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