



From the Principal

This week at junior assembly, I spoke about the importance of finishing well. Whether it's the school year, exams, dance performances, sports, or any of the many activities our young women participate in, finishing well is a commitment that can make all the difference in future success. It's about bringing our best effort to the very end and setting the stage for a strong new beginning.

Why finish well? There are a few key reasons:

- Building strong habits: when you commit to seeing things through to the finish, you cultivate habits of resilience, responsibility, and discipline. These habits aren't just important for school, they are the foundation for success in every aspect of life.
- A sense of achievement: finishing well gives you a sense of pride and satisfaction that comes only from knowing you gave it your all.
- Leaving a positive legacy: each student is a role model for others. Finishing well shows respect for your peers, teachers, and the Marist community, helping to set a positive example for younger students who look up to you.

As we enter the last four weeks of the school year, I urge every student to stay focused and committed by attending every class, completing all homework activities and assignments, being on time and in full school uniform.

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending." C.S. Lewis

Congratulations to our music department, digital technology department and students on your upcoming release of two music albums. Both albums have now been delivered by the distributor and are ready for release on the dates below. The links are 'pre-save' links so you can add them to your Spotify or other platforms ahead of time. Feel free to share them. The same links will work after they're released too. Well done. I can't wait to hear them.

Title	Release date	Link
Epilogue (MarMus)	Thurs 28th Nov	https://gyro.to/2024Epilogue
Willow's Song (single)	Fri 22nd Nov	https://gyro.to/WillowsSong
Chasing Stars Soundtrack	Fri 29th Nov	https://gyro.to/ChasingStarsOriginalSoundtrack

Congratulations to our Ex-Students on your successful hosting of the pre-screening of *Never Look Away* - a documentary directed by our very own Lucy Lawless. Reports were that the evening was a huge success. Ngā mihi nui.

Thank you to all the staff who attended Year 10 Camp last week. It was wonderful to see all our students return to school so positive and inspired. A special thank you to the staff who organised this camp.



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KEY DATES

Term 4 2024

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 Y9
CZ Athletics, Mt Smart
Y7 Aquatics 12:45 - 2:45pm
Mt Albert Pools
- 21 Th 7T Mass (AM) B2, St Mary's
- 22 Fr Assembly/Singing Practice
Y7 Aquatics 12:45 - 2:45pm
Mt Albert Pools
Rotation 5 - 4

Week (7B) NCEA Exams

- 26 - 29 Awa Run, Cullinane College
- 27 We Assembly/Liturgy Y8
- 28 Th Y9 Fun day, Omaha
10M Mass (RD) B2, St Mary's
Y10 Chinese trip, P3 - 4
- 29 Fr Y10 Arts day onsite
Y7 Birkenhead trip
Rotation 1 - 5

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 5 - 29 NCEA Exams
- Dec 2 Mo BOT Meeting 6pm
- 5 Th Y8 Tiritiri Matangi trip 8R/8S
- 6 Fr Y8 Tiritiri Matangi trip 8M/8T
- 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
- Dec - Jan School Holidays
- Jan 20 Mo School Office Reopens
- 21-23 Second Hand Uniform Shop Open, hours tbc
- 24 Fr Senior Course Confirmations
- 28 Mo Auckland Anniversary Day
- 31 Fr New students & Y13 start
- Feb 3 Mo All students start Term 1 2025
Assembly 8:30am
- 3 - 4 Y7 Homeroom days

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

The Marist Way - Living the Gospel in a "hidden and unknown" manner

Marist College has been nurturing the Marist values which have been passed down since the founding year of our school in 1928. When the Marist Sisters began our school, they introduced a unique way of serving God which we now relate to as the "Marist way".



Image credit: <https://www.jeanclaudecolin.org/>

Every year on the 15th of November, the Marist Family commemorates the anniversary of the death of the founder of the Society of Mary, Father Jean Claude Colin. One of our school Houses is named after him, Colin House. Father Colin would describe the Marist way, or the Marist Charism, as a "a certain way of living the Gospel in the way Mary lived it ... or to be engaged in the work of Mary."

For Father Colin, his vision for the Society of Mary was influenced by his challenging experience of the French Revolution in the 1800s. He insisted that the Marist way is attending to the needs of others rather than being preoccupied with self and doing so in a "hidden and unknown" manner. Father Colin also believed that Marists are to use their talents for the work of Mary, not looking for personal fame, influence or prestige, but preferring to be in the background, remaining hidden and unknown. (Adapted from an excerpt from the Marist Messenger by Fr Denis Mahony SM).

Here are some practical ways of living the Marist way in a hidden way: *I live the Marist way by*

- *praying every day to grow my faith in God.*
Michaela Lam, 8T
- *helping others when they need assistance without drawing attention to myself.*
Jadyn Fernandez, 8T
- *showing respect to others and actively contributing to the community around us.*
Sunny Xia, 8T
- *being supportive and kind to everyone. When someone is in need, I will help and do it like Mary in story at Cana.*
Maddy Meyers, 8T
- *being kind to all my classmates.*
Nivah Cox, 8T

Ad Jesum per Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai sm, Director of Religious Education

Year 10 Camp Reflections

Cool experiences with my friends and new friends.

Always helping each other with difficult challenges.

My sense of self has become stronger with these new experiences.

Perfect time for everyone to make new friends. *Sophie Stinn*

Although it seemed challenging and hard; camp was an interesting, positive and fun experience! What I thought I would struggle with turned out to be my highlights, like caving. It was a wonderful time with my group, trying new things and encouraging each other. All the scenery was beautiful and the dingle slice was superior! This will be a memorable time for our year group. *Sophia Fonua*

I found camp to be a very amazing enjoyable experience. I especially loved getting to do lots of fun new and engaging activities with my friends and my group. Some of the activities were very challenging and scary for me, but after the support of those around me I gave everything a go and felt super accomplished afterwards! Some of my best memories of Marist will be of Year 10 camp, especially getting to do a 30 metre abseil and jumping off a waterfall! *Eva Skinner*



Marist College Music Releases Coming Soon

Our talented music students are excited to announce three upcoming music releases, showcasing their hard work this year. Each release will be available on all major streaming platforms, so be sure to pre-save and support our student artists.

Willow's Song: Available Friday, 22nd November

A live acoustic recording captured on the day of filming for the school film, "Willow's Song" is performed by Maddy Low, who also co-wrote it along with Lily Schoone and Elsie Barrett.

Pre-save "Willow's Song"

here: <https://gyro.to/WillowsSong>

Epilogue:

Available Thursday, 28th November

Epilogue, our annual school album, presents original compositions by our senior music students. From indie to rock to disco, each track highlights the diverse talents and creativity of our talented musicians. Pre-save Epilogue here:

<https://gyro.to/2024Epilogue>



Chasing Stars Soundtrack Album:

Available Friday, 29th November

Featuring music written for our feature film Chasing Stars, this album includes film recordings, studio versions of the main songs from the film (including Willow's Song), and student composed score. Pre-save the Chasing Stars Soundtrack here:

<https://gyro.to/ChasingStarsOriginalSoundtrack>

Be sure to check out the pre-save links and join us in sharing and celebrating their achievements.

Year 7 Girls Mean Business

On the 13th of November, Abigail, Olivia, Nina, Olivia, and I got the amazing opportunity to go to the University of Auckland and learn from the Girls Mean Business team. The Girls Mean Business company aims to teach young woman about business and inspire the next generation of future business woman. From entrepreneurial mindsets to finance and marketing, we had great fun, learnt a lot, and got to mix with other Year 7 girls from different schools. The incredible women there gave us tips, teachings, and advice that we will never forget and hope to use in the future.

Rosa Baker

On Wednesday, a few girls including myself got the opportunity to visit the University of Auckland and explore things about business. Marist and a few other schools got to discover new business skills from entrepreneurship to marketing and finance. There were fun activities and tasks that everyone enjoyed. We are all so grateful we got the chance to learn new things and skills.

Olivia Lee

The Girls Mean business trip was an amazing opportunity to see how to create a small business. We learnt how to market and sell products. It was really fun to spend the day at Auckland University. I got to meet lots of new people from schools all over Auckland and hear about other people's small businesses.

Nina Johnston

I really enjoyed the Girls Mean Business workshop because I learnt how to think like an entrepreneur. You need to be positive, creative, brave, open-minded and have a growth mindset! I also learnt the four P's in marketing: Product, what you're selling; Price, how much you want to sell it for; Place, where you are selling it; and Promotion, how you are going to tell people about your product. We had a delicious morning tea and lunch. It was a really fun day! At the end we got certificates, and my group won second place for our business idea and sales pitch.

Abigail Williams



I had an incredible opportunity to attend the Girls Mean Business programme on the 13th of November. We got to deep dive into the key points of running a business. We explored both fixed and growth mindsets and how a

growth mindset will help you start a business. I discovered more on revenue, expenses and profit which helped me understand the risks taken and decisions that an entrepreneur has to make. In our groups we generated a product idea and presented it with a one sentence pitch. This was really cool because I got to listen to everybody's creative ideas. This experience gave me valuable insights to business ownership, and I will never forget the fun and educative time I had at Auckland University.

Olivia Marshall



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.

2025 School Charges

A statement has been emailed this week for the 2025 School Charges.

If you have any queries or wish to set up an automatic payment or payment plan, please contact the Accounts Administrator, Veronica Yates, on v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz

Some parents may have received another statement as a correction had to be made.

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.**



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/ll/marist-schools-awa-run-2024>

Please select Marist College when donating.

MARIST SPORTS INFO

For up to date information on sports, coaching and 2025 registrations go to our sports website <https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristcol/>

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>

**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

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Donate or sell your used uniform

We take all uniform items such as long skirts (all sizes), cardigans (all sizes), blouses (all sizes), hats and scarves.

Please ensure all items are in good condition or they will not be accepted. These can be dropped into reception with your name/daughter's name and a bank account number if you are selling any items.

For queries please email useduniforms@maristcollege.school.nz

MARIST COLLEGE SPORT 2025

Registrations for Sport 2025 are now open on our sports website. Register today at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristcol/>

Marist College and St Peter's College proudly present

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Music by ALAN MENKEN Lyrics by GLENN SLATER Book by CHERI STEINKELLNER & BILL STEINKELLNER


Additional Book Material DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE

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May 2025

Auditions February 2025
Sign up now for an audition pack

<https://forms.office.com/r/pynAEshSub>



MARIST COLLEGE Family Festival 2025

Save the date

Thursday 20 March 4 - 7:30pm

Pop the date in your diary now - a highlight of our school calendar.

Join us to celebrate the start of the new year and all the cultures of Marist College. Share in food, cultural performances and experience the unique Marist spirit. Keep an eye out for info on how to volunteer or contribute in early 2025.

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.

\$25 each at our online store

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



MARIST COLLEGE LUNCH TIME SPORT 2024

Starting Thursday 7 November Break 2

All students welcome!

- Thurs 7 Nov - Dodgeball
- Tues 12 Nov - Scrimmage
- Thurs 14 Nov - Football
- Mon 18 Nov - Touch
- Thurs 21 Nov - Dodgeball
- Mon 25 Nov - Cricket
- Thurs 28 Nov - Netball
- Tues 3 Dec - Tag
- Thurs 5 Dec - Dodgeball

All activities on the turf or field
Weather dependent

Please remember to wear sports shoes if playing on the turf

Would you like to be a Marist College Coach in 2025?

We are looking for passionate Coaches and Managers to lead and inspire our sports teams

Coaches & Managers are needed for these sports in 2025:

- Badminton - Senior
- Basketball - Senior
- Cricket - Senior
- Futsal - All year levels
- Hockey - Senior & Junior
- Netball - All year levels
- Touch - Intermediate & Junior
- Volleyball - Senior & Junior

We would love for you to share your expertise with us!
If this is you, please send your expression of interest by clicking on the link

Senior student coaches welcome!
Contact the sports dept via sports@maristcollege.school.nz

