



From the Principal

People often assume that schools wind down at the end of the year – seniors have left so surely it is quiet, calm and not much is happening. No, November is a busy time for schools. It is when staff review and plan for the year ahead. Conversations focus on new curriculums, staffing, budgets and property, all while preparing our students for the final few NCEA exams, teaching our junior students and cramming in as many extra-curricular activities as possible to make the most of the changing weather.

It is actually remarkable how much we fit into the last three weeks of term. The focus for some of the activities is careers based – for example the visit to Year 10 Science classes by a forensic technician showed a practical career pathway for the sciences. Next week's University of Auckland Arts day will give Year 10 a taster of the incredibly wide range of subject areas available at a tertiary level. This is timely as they step into NCEA studies next year and begin to shape their journey towards higher learning. Also through UoA, the Year 9 Future Me small group day gets students underway with thinking about their learning pathways. Year 7 Aquatics aims to prepare students for summer in a city surrounded by ocean.

Knowing some basic survival techniques is absolutely vital as our whanau start thinking about beach days. With that in mind, Year 9s trip to Omaha will pave the way for safety in the surf. Perhaps a few more boogie boards will be appearing under the Christmas tree this year.

Thank you to the PTFA for organising Year 9 Dads and Significant Dudes bowls. As always this was a highlight of the year. It was great to see the girls interacting with such strong role models.

Thank you to the staff who organised this week's Year 7 aquatics programme. This was a fun and extremely important learning opportunity for all those involved.

Prizegiving on December 9th at the Auckland Town Hall is a compulsory school event, and all students are expected to attend. Full tidy school uniform is required (no sports jackets). Students should arrive by 5:45pm for 6:00pm entry. Parents and whānau need to be seated for a 6:30pm start. Performers' sound check is at 3:30pm - entry via the Grey's Ave back entrance. Prize winner's lists are posted at the Town Hall on the night on the digital noticeboards.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Taulu, Principal/Tumuaki

Year 9 Dads and Daughters Bowls

A fantastic evening for our Dads and Daughters of Year 9 on Tuesday night. Great turn out lads. Thank you so much to Gerard Thompson and the incredible PTFA for putting on a fun evening and meal for those involved. We hope the Dads managed to pass on some "bowling wisdom" to the next generation of players.

Julia Mandeno, Teacher In Charge



KEY DATES

Term 4 2024

Week (7B) NCEA Exams

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

Week (8A) NCEA Exams

- Dec 2 Mo Evacuation Practice P4
BOT Meeting 6pm
- 4 We Assembly/Liturgy Y7
Future Me UoA (selected Y9)
- 5 Th Y8 Tiritiri Matangi trip 8R/8S
10M Mass (RD) B2, St Mary's
- 6 Fr Y8 Tiritiri Matangi trip 8M/8T
BOT/PTFA Dinner 6pm
Rotation 2 - 1
- 8 Su Ex-Students morning tea
11am, Marist Sisters' Convent

Upcoming Events:

- Dec 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
- 27 Mo Auckland Anniversary Day
- 29 We International Student Orientation day
- 30 Th Y13 Retreat
Y13 Tech Setup
- 31 Fr New students & Y13 start
- Feb 3 Mo All students start Term 1 2025
Assembly 8:30am
- 3 - 4 Y7 Homeroom days
- 4 Tu P1 Student Teams training
- 6 Th Waitangi Day
- 13 Th PTFA New Parent Mixer

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



2024 Prizegiving Ceremony
Monday 9th December, 6:30pm
Auckland Town Hall



Artwork by by Sunny Xia, Year 8

Ad Jesus per Mariam - To Jesus through Mary

The expression "To Jesus through Mary" which is our Marist College motto has also been in our Catholic tradition for a very long time. This important expression can be observed in various events in the Scripture between Jesus and Mary.

In the Wedding Feast of Cana (John 2: 1-11), for instance, Mary noticed that the host family did not have enough wine to offer to their invited guests and quickly presented the matter to Jesus. The positive outcome from Jesus' changing the water into the best wine highlights our Christian foundational belief that Jesus is truly God. Mary on the other hand does not seek to be the centre of attention in this situation. She essentially points to Jesus and seeks to make connections between those in need and Jesus.

One of the beautiful liturgical events which we celebrate on the 21st of November every year is "The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary". Just like our Catholic tradition of commemorating the grandparents of Jesus, Saints Joachim and Anne, the Church also upholds the belief that Mary was presented to God in the temple by her parents. "This experience prepared the young girl from Nazareth to become the 'temple of the Son of God'." (Pope Francis, Vatican News Online).

Let us continue to reflect on the significance of our Marist College motto "To Jesus through Mary". May we always look to Mary as our source of inspiration and always ask her to present to Jesus our individual needs and the needs of our wider community.

Ad Jesum per Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai sm,

Director of Religious Education

Whakapiki Ake Project Te Whē day at Auckland Uni Medical School

The Whakapiki Ake Project (WAP) operates out of University of Auckland with the "Vision 20:20" goal of increasing the level of participation of Māori in New Zealand's health workforce. WAP creates opportunities for Māori students to meet health professionals and visit the university, to provide inspiration and awareness of options in these fields. Whakapiki Ake also encourages students to continue taking science subjects so they will be prepared for the necessary study at university, and give extra study and transition support to senior students before they start university.

Whakapiki Ake's "Te Whē" event for Year 10 students was well-attended by eligible students from Marist, along with students from many other schools around Auckland. Students were shown around Whakaaro Pai (the medical museum), the Optometry Clinic and the Vision Bus, plus did biology and chemistry experiments in the lab. More information about this programme is available at [Whakapiki Ake website](#) and [University of Auckland - Whakapiki Ake](#)

Jenni Catley,
Careers Advisor

I enjoyed seeing all the biology elements and also learning about stuff to do with the eye. I liked working with other schools and hearing more about what they do and how they see things. *Daisy Love*

It was really interesting to see the inside of organs and I also liked the Optometry Centre. It made me think more about optometry as a possibility for the future.

Zoey Tugaga

It was fun meeting lots of students from other schools.

Mereana McCallum

I found it fascinating looking at all the preserved body parts. *Santana Ihaka*

I enjoyed looking around the Whakaaro Pai with the anatomical samples and reading about the ones that interested me. *Shae Findlay*



Marist College Music Releases

Our talented music students are excited to announce three 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" from the school film 'Chasing Stars' is now available on Spotify and all other platforms:

<https://gyro.to/WillowsSong>

Or if you prefer something visual, check out the music video created with original clips from the film.

<https://youtu.be/4EJCS73M1u0>

Don't forget, the annual school album from the music department, which is called

'Epilogue' this year, will be coming out on Thursday 28th November and then on Friday 29th, the full soundtrack from

Chasing Stars will also be released.

Pre-save links below:

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

<https://gyro.to/ChasingStarsSoundtrack>



The full school film will be available on YouTube from 6th December onwards. But if you can't wait that long, you can also buy a ticket and watch it online in the Features category of the Sydney Lift Off Film festival along with other films, and you can vote for your favourite to go through to the next round.

<https://liftoff.network/sydney-lift-off-film-festival-2024/>

Check out the updated Chasing Stars website

<https://mctech.nz/chasingstars>

Central Zone Athletics

On Wednesday 20th November, five Marist College students competed at the Central Zone Athletics competition held at Mt Smart. The students were Anna Berryman (Year 7), Tegan Davies (Year 7), Isabella Snedden (Year 7), Hana Butchard (Year 8), and Savannah Campen (Year 8). For some it being their first time competing at CZ Athletics, they did amazingly well and gained some valuable experience.

Despite part of the day being delayed due to the weather, the event was a great day for our Year 7 & 8 students across Central Auckland to showcase their talents.

A special mention to Savannah Campen who qualified for the 200m final despite having a foot injury. Congratulations to Isabella Snedden winning first place in the Year 7 Girls 1500m and 800m which were straight final events. She ran at a blistering pace which was very close to the CZ Athletics records which have been long held since 2016! Isabella will now go on to compete at the Interzone Athletics competition next Thursday 28th November at Mt Smart Stadium.



7Rs Breakfast Buffet

To end our Food Technology unit, each group designed, planned, and created a breakfast dish for our breakfast buffet. There were waffles, chocolate pancakes, savoury pastries, blueberry muffins, tarts, fruit smoothies, and fruit dipped in chocolate. We used all the skills that we had learned and applied them to our dishes. What a breakfast feast!



8Ts new Tuckshop item

We enjoyed designing and making our new tuckshop food item to improve our school lunch experiences. These sandwiches were delicious and had a variety of fillings with different types of breads. The prices we were willing to pay for our sandwiches ranged from \$3.00 to \$5.50.





Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako Matters

Staying Connected

Tylah-Grace Mu, a former St Dominic's Primary School student was invited to speak at the Year 6 Pasifika Celebration event this week.



Not only was this special for the students who would have been Year 3 when Tylah-Grace was last there as a Year 6, but also for her former teachers and Principal to witness the growth and development which Tyla-Grace speaks about in her speech. Staying connected is pretty special.

*'Waiho i te toipoto, kawa i te toirua'
Let us stay close together, not far apart.*

Nāku iti noa, na *Makerita Tagomoa-Papali'i*

2024 School Charges

Full and final payment of the school charges including extra-curricular 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.

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/>

Year 9 Omaha Trip

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.**

2025 School Charges

A statement has been emailed out 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.

Library Reminder

Please promptly return all overdue library books so other students may enjoy them too. Any library books you wish to borrow any over the school holidays need to be issued before December 2nd. *Thank you.*



Lunch Cooler Bags For Sale

Handy 5L lunch cooler bag made from tough 600D polyester.

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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



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.

Marist School & Marist College
Golf Day
 Maungakiekie Golf Club
Friday 7th March 2025
 12pm for a 12:30pm Shotgun Start
 Format: 4-Person Ambrose

Tickets are available online at <http://tinyurl.com/2025GolfDay>

Price:
 Individual Player: \$130
 Team of Four: \$480
 Team of Four & Hole Sponsorship: \$580

Price includes course fees, on-course sausage sizzle and snacks, beer and non-alcoholic drinks, and dinner afterwards.

Raffles and auctions in the clubhouse from 5pm, with cash bar.

Golf carts \$75 each - limited numbers so first in, first served.



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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 donating.

2025 International Student Homestay Families Needed

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

Homestay families receive approx \$380pw and must provide a student their own bedroom, storage and desk; three meals a day and snacks; a fun, safe and loving home environment.

Please apply directly or contact Vivienne on international@maristcollege.school.nz for more information.

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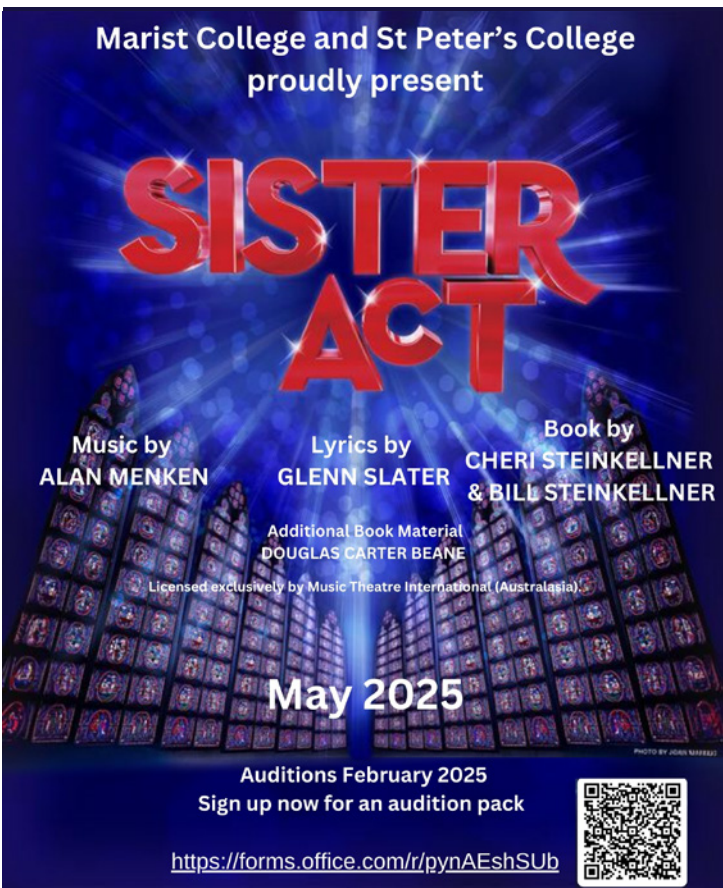
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