

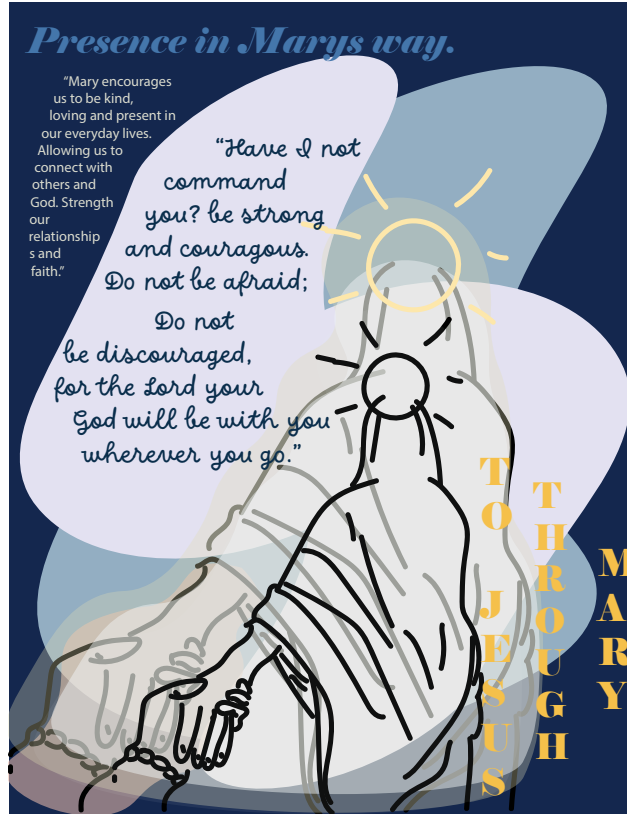


From the Principal

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent - the time where we prepare our hearts and minds as we await the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a time to acknowledge our shortcomings and imperfections, seek repentance for our sins and seek spiritual renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Advent encourages us to reflect deeply on the journey of life—our past, present, and future. We give thanks for the lessons of the past, find joy in the blessings of the present, and remain hopeful for a future where Christ walks beside us, shaping our life's story.

This season also calls us to connect meaningfully with one another. By being truly present and listening to each other's stories with open hearts, we create space for God to dwell within us, deepening our faith and unity. May this Advent bring peace, hope, and a renewed sense of purpose to us all.



Artwork by Kayleigh West, Year 12

Presence

*It is not what you do but how you do it. It is not what you see but how you see it.
It is not what you say, what you know or achieve. But it's the Presence, the presence you are.*

Jan Novotka – The Presence You Are

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3W6zo7OVG0I>

Thank you to the staff who took our Year 9 surfing on Thursday. It was a day of hanging loose and having fun in the sun.

Thank you to the staff who took our Year 7 on this year's Birkenhead trip. A day of new experiences and challenges allowed our students to connect with their peers.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Tauhi, Principal/Tumuaki

KEY DATES

Term 4 2024

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 10R 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

Week (9B)

9	Mo	Advent Liturgy / Final day for students 12pm finish Prizegiving, Town Hall, 6:30pm, all students Rotation 1 - 5
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Upcoming Events:

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

Advent: Our Season of Hope

The new Church year begins this Sunday the 1st of December with the Season of Advent which continues for a four-week period until Christmas Eve. During Advent, we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer, reflection and deliberate works of mercy. Our rich Christian tradition reminds us at the beginning of every new Liturgical Year, the Advent season, about the great importance of living our life with a deep sense of hope in God.

Our Advent focus is essentially about remembering the closeness of God, who became one of us. So, amid the busyness of Christmas preparations, we Christians look for practical ways to observe the holiness of the season in our everyday lives. We renew and profess our faith and hope in Jesus, the Emmanuel, whenever we pray the Apostles Creed at every Sunday Mass: *"I believe in the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary..."*. Christians believe that Christ is the reason for our days of Advent and our Christmas celebrations. Pope Francis reminds us that the Christian virtue of hope can *"open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile,"* ("Fratelli Tutti," 55).

As we begin this season of hope/ Advent on Sunday, we pray that we can commit ourselves to be instruments of Christ's hope to others, especially those who are sick with terminal illnesses, in poverty, or in a violent situation.

We pray also that Mary, our Blessed Mother and Mother of God helps us recognise in the smallness of the infant Jesus the greatness of God who is coming to dwell among us.

Ad Jesum per
Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai sm,
Director of Religious Education



Year 10 Science Forensic Talk

Last Friday ESR forensics came to Marist, spending an hour with each of the Year 10 Science classes. Kate, Charlie and David from ESR spoke to our young women about the work they do, from assisting the police at crime scenes to DNA profiling for cold cases. The students also got a chance to be hands on; matching shoes to prints, examining bullet trajectories & impact marks, and looking at real life Cluedo- DNA profiling. A huge thank you to ESR for sharing this part of the STEM field with our young women.

Personally, I found the forensic science talk on Friday last week very intriguing, inspiring and interesting. It gave me a whole new insight on what science could be and it opened another potential job opportunity for me in the future. Leilani Senio

Year 10 had the privilege of having the forensic team teach us about their amazing fields of work. Learning about their contributions to solving crimes and seeing how they can do so many things with science was really cool. Marie

I really enjoyed the forensic science talk. It made me more interested in that field of work. The activities were very fun. Viola Ah-Kuoi Peleti

The forensic science talk was really intriguing and inspirational. All the activities were fun to participate in. After the talk I've been interested in a wider range of careers. Zera Latu



Marist College Open Days

Tours available on the mornings of

6 and 7th March 2025

Marist College Music Releases

Our talented music students are excited to announce three music releases, showcasing their hard work this year. Each release is available on all major streaming platforms. To support our student artists, stream their music, share it, or even buy it on iTunes.

- The **Chasing Stars Soundtrack** album



is out today. <https://gyro.to/ChasingStarsSoundtrack>

- The annual school album from the music department, **'Epilogue'** is out now!



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

- The full school film **Chasing Stars** 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>



- **"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>

Sports Update

Central Zone Ki o Rahi

A team of Year 7 & 8 students crossed the narrow sea of the Hauraki to Waiheke this week to play Ki o Rahi. The game of Ki o Rahi is a fun, fast-paced game becoming increasingly popular amongst our students with it's origins based on Maori legend. The weather was close to perfect as Marist competed against 10 schools at the annual Central Zone tournament.

Marist had it tough being the only girls school playing against mixed teams. That however did not stop them from being competitive and came away with two early wins. As the day went on, the other teams found their feet and Marist finished the day placing eighth. It was such a great day that the final placing seemed of minor significance. The event organiser Shelley from Waiheke High School did an amazing job getting the teams over, as well as supplying food and drinks. We look forward to being back next year!



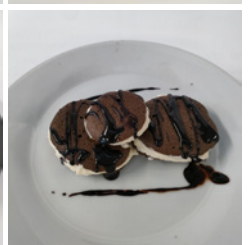
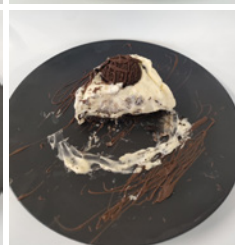
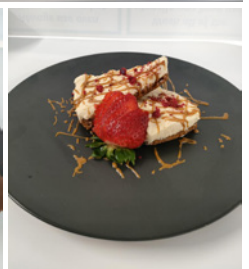
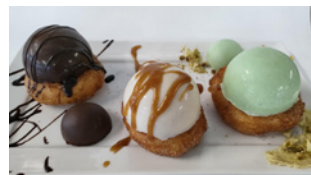
Interzone Athletics Championships

Two Marist students have qualified to compete at the 2024 Interzone Athletics Championships this Thursday 28th November. Year 8 student Savannah Campen (200m) and Year 7 student Isabella Snedden (800m, 1500m) will be racing their way to athletic glory as both students qualified with the fastest times in their events. Young promising athletes from around Auckland will be competing at this event. We wish them both the very best of luck.

Year 10(82C) Food Technology

We had to plan and execute a three-element dessert in two periods. It felt like MKR at times, but we enjoyed the opportunity and experience to showcase our creativity. The winning desserts will be announced next week!

Mrs Verschuur & Y10(82C) Food Tech





Year 8 Art

Ms Hsu's Year 8 Art classes have been exploring the traditions of Pacific tapa cloth. Inspired by their research into both historical and contemporary approaches, students have created their own unique pieces.

The artworks featured here are just a small sample from our talented students.

Mīharo Year 8 Artists!



Year 7 Aquatics Reflection

In week 6, the Year 7s had the chance to experience aquatics at the Mount Albert Grammar School wave pools. During this time, we learnt important things like how to save people from drowning, what to do if we feel like we might drown, and what we can use to keep ourselves afloat during situations involving the water. For me, I really enjoyed getting to go in the water and learning these new survival techniques for the water. My favorite part about aquatics was getting to learn and have fun while learning new things. *Willow Goldsack*

This year the Year 7s got to enjoy the splashful joy of aquatics at Mt Albert aquatics center. It was such a great experience to learn how to be safe in the water. We had two days with our fun group filled with laughter and resilience. Oh how much fun we had. We learnt how to conduct a safe entrance into the water from off a shipwreck, As we jumped from the dock our faces were filled with smiles and laughter. We also learnt how to float when stuck in a current and how to float on objects around us. There were also lots of non-safety activities like synchronized swimming, relays and going down the awesome hydroslide. My favourite was the hydroslide. Overall this was a fantastic experience. I can't wait to see if I'll go back with my family in the future. *Olivia Carnie*

Week 6 was a SPLASH! We had an awesome two days at the Mt Albert Aquatics Centre, and those two days were filled with laughter, fun and glee! We learned about water safety and what to do if someone was drowning in the water, we learned how to do synchronized swimming and diving and getting into the water safely. My favorite part of aquatics was when we got to go down the hydro-slide with our friends and experience many new survival skills! *Hannah Jomy*

MARIST COLLEGE Lunch time Sports

Tuesday 3 December: Tag

Thursday 5 December: Dodgeball

Break 2 All students welcome!

Please remember to wear sports shoes if playing on the turf

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.*

2025 International Student Homestay Families Needed

Kia ora, if you'd like to know what's involved and/or are interested in being a Homestay provider and what the responsibilities are, what support is offered and how it works, I'd love to have a chat with you about it.

If you click on the link here <https://calendly.com/maristcollegeinternational-vjs/homestay-information-session>, you can choose a time that's convenient for you from Monday - Wednesday and I'll contact you then.

Thanks very much, Vivienne

email: international@maristcollege.school.nz

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 vyates@maristcollege.school.nz

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

2024 School Charges

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

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

We are looking for passionate
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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

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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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Registrations for Sport 2025 are now open on our sports website.

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<https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristcol/>

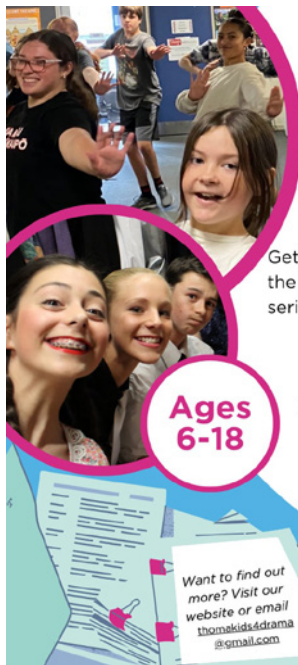
Ex-Students Association Christmas Morning Tea

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-tea>



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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.

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