

## From the Principal

Our College mission statement reads "The Marist College Community is committed to fostering excellence in education founded on living Catholic values and the Spirit of Mary." For every young woman excellence in education is personal. Each student has their own talents and passions that shape their own success journey.

One of our College strengths is our commitment to the academic achievement of every student. We understand that for some students, personal excellence in academic achievement is working hard and focusing on tasks in class to achieve. For others it is aiming for Merit and Excellent NCEA endorsements. Both are equally as valuable, and our students can be proud of the commitment they show to their learning. As staff we are exceptionally proud of them all.

Every year Marist College consistently achieves outstanding results in University Entrance, the National Certificate in Educational Achievement at all levels and the new Common Assessment Activities in English and Mathematics. Our school goal is for 100% of our young women to leave Marist College with University Entrance. This goal is significant as it allows our young women to close the gender wage gap and pursue their aspirations with confidence.

In 2024 100% of our students who completed Year 13 gained their NCEA Level 3 certificate with 70% of these students gaining endorsement.

In addition, 97% of those students gained University Entrance.

We are looking forward to recognising the success of our achievers at our Academic Assembly on the 26th of February.

A special thank you to the PTFA for hosting last week's new parents evening. It was lovely to see so many new families connecting and forming new relationships. Thank you to our Year 12 and 13 students who supported this event with their service.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Paechelle Taulu, Principal/Tumuaki



Student	Year Level	Scholarship Subject	Teacher
Sara Gijo	12	Outstanding Scholarship - Health and Physical Education	Ms Tess Murphy and Ms Ellie Going
Zoe Celeste Judd	13	Scholarship - Media Studies	Mrs Hazel Brook
Mischa Fitter	13	Scholarship - History	Dr Bronwyn Houliston
Mischa Fitter	13	Scholarship - Classical Studies	Mr Ross McIlwrick
Sophie Lin	13	Scholarship - English	Ms Kate Hoyle and Miss Kelsey Aldersley
Sophie Lin	13	Scholarship - Biology	Mr Nigel Horne
Maxine Shaw	13	Scholarship - Statistics	Mr Daniel Wong
Isabel Broderick	12	Scholarship - Technology	Mr Keith Paterson
Isabella Holley	12	Scholarship - Health and Physical Education	Ms Tess Murphy and Ms Ellie Going
Sienna Addis	12	Scholarship - Health and Physical Education	Ms Tess Murphy and Ms Ellie Going

### **KEY DATES**

#### Term 1 2025

#### Week 4B)

17 Mo Polyfest Meeting 5:30pm Kapa Haka & Tongan Groups Fono, after Polyfest Mtg, Gym Hui, after Polyfest Mtg, Library

18 Tu Swimming Sports, Mt Albert Aquatic Centre (competitors only) Y9 - 10 Netball trials 3:15 - 5pm, Gym

19 We Assembly/Singing Practice Y9 Whakawhanaungatanga P4 - 5

20 Th Mass 12SR, B2, St Mary's Church Y9 - 10 Netball trials 3:15 - 5pm, Gym

21 Fr Inaugural Mass, 9:30am at St Patrick's Cathedral

Rotation 3 - 2

23 Su Sister Act Rehearsal 11am - 5pm, 220

### Week (5A)

Feb 24 Mo BOT Meeting 6pm
PTFA Meeting 7pm
Y13 Marist Day planning P5

25 Tu Y7&8 CZ Softball Y8 Netball trials, 3:15 - 5pm

26 We NES/Academic Assembly 7M & 7S Retreat

27 Th 7R & 7T Retreat
12RD Mass, B2,
St Mary's Church
Y8 Netball trials, 3:15 - 5pm
ACCKA Pasifika Networking

4 - 5pm Samoa trip meeting

5:30 - 6:30pm, 203 Fono 6:30 - 8pm, Staffroom

28 Fr Photo & House Day Rotation 4 - 3

Mar 1 Sa Waka Ama 8am - 3pm

2 Su Sister Act Rehearsal 11am - 5pm, 220

### **Upcoming Events:**

Mar 3 Mo Y7 Zoo Trip
5 We Ash Wednesday
Y10 Camp Info Zoom 6:30pm
6 - 7 Open Days, Tours 9am
7 Fr PTFA Golf Day, 12pm tee off
9 Su Sister Act Rehearsal
11am - 5pm, 220

13 Th Athletics Day, Go Media Stadium

14 Fr Casual Clothing Day - Caritas Lenten Appeal Y11 - 13 Dance trip

20 Th Family Festival

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

# **2025 - Jubilee Year Together as Pilgrims of Hope**

The Catholic Church holds a Jubilee Year or a "Holy Year" every 25 years. The theme for this Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope", which demonstrates Pope Francis' desire for the whole world to foster a deeper sense of brotherhood and sisterhood. Thus, at the heart of this jubilee year is the



Christian call to live in solidarity with the poor and to care for our common home or our environment. In fact, all of us are called by God to put our faith into action and to be "signs of hope" for those who live in despair, both locally and globally.

Some suggestions of what we can do together as Marist College community:

- We commit ourselves to treat every person with respect and kindness daily.
- We re-establish a proper relationship with God actively participating in class, whanau, school prayers, liturgies and masses.
- We care for our common home every day by picking up rubbish, placing it into correct bins and reminding each other that it is everyone's responsibility.
- We each bring a gold coin when we have school fundraising to help the poor.
- We join groups like Vinnies, Logos, Craft Group and Caritas Champs and get actively involved in planning and running various events.
- Re-commit to living in peace and harmony with each other

   ask for forgiveness when you are in the wrong and hurt
   others, participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and
   pray for peace in our hearts, in our families and in our world.

May our Loving God bless us as we re-commit ourselves to work collaboratively to bring renewed Hope to all our brothers and sisters in need.

Ad Jesum per Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai, sm

**Director of Religious Studies** 

## Senior Volleyball

The Marist Senior Volleyball season has been set with games against Lynfield College and ACG Parnell College last week.

Lynfield College were the epitome of 'don't judge a book by it's cover'. The team did not look intimidating at first glance but as the game progressed their dominance and skill



were something to respect. The next game against ACG was more of a level playing field and Marist dug in deep. We made some impressive spikes and spectacular blocks and fought through some tough rallys. Overall Marist displayed fantastic team spirit and had a great start to the season.

Jacqueline Slade, Sports Department



### It's Fono Time!

Family Spirit in Mary's Way - Aroaro i Te Ara o Maria

### Thursday 27th February, 6:30 - 8pm

Focus: Talanoa Planning

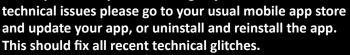
Meet in the staffroom. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Vinaka Vaka Levu



### SchoolBridge Update:

Our SchoolBridge App has recently been updated. If you are having any



To download the app Search 'SchoolBridge' on your mobile AppStore; or click 'Sign In' from our website www.maristcollege.school.nz

# **Open Day Tours**

March 6th and 7th 2025 at 9am

## Sports 2025

### Sports registrations open

https://www.sporty. co.nz/maristcol/ sports/sports-1

## Athletics Day:

Students to register for Athletics Day: https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/193987

Students who compete well on these days may go on

to represent Marist at Interzone.



## Trials & pre-season information for Winter sports

For any team trials and pre-season Winter sport information -

https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristcol/newsarticle/1497 22?newsfeedId=1387939

## Coaches and Managers are needed for the following sports:

- Badminton Senior
- Basketball Senior & Intermediate
- Netball Senior A & all year levels
- Touch Junior & Intermediate
- Volleyball Senior & Junior

Please share your experience and expertise with us. If you are interested in being a coach or manager, register here - <a href="https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/273147">https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/273147</a>

## **Careers Hub**

#### **University of Otago open days**

Sunday 4 and Monday 5 May.

With a huge range of courses available and 15 different residential colleges, it is recommended that students who are interested in studying at Otago go to visit their open day in order to get all the information needed to make a good decision. Suitable for Y11-13 students.



For more details go to <a href="https://www.otago.ac.nz/open-days">https://www.otago.ac.nz/open-days</a>

For queries contact Jenni Catley, Careers Advisor

### **School Charges**

Please arrange to have a payment plan in place for the 2025 School Charges. Payments can be made via the parent portal – accepting credit card (no surcharge applies) & account to account payments. You can also set up an automatic payment (weekly, fortnightly, or monthly). We accept cash, EFTPOS and credit card payments at the office. Please note that credit card payments at the office incur a 2.0% fee. If paying per Term, please arrange for payment at the beginning of each new Term.

We ask that all accounts are fully paid by the 31st of October, each year.

If you have any queries or wish to set up a payment plan, please contact our Accounts Administrator, Veronica Yates.

v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz or direct Ph 09 892 2803.

### **Spain Immersion Trip**

Hola! An amazing opportunity is available for Marist students to experience life in Madrid, Spain. We are very excited to invite students to come on this adventure and are planning the trip for the Term 3 break. You'll learn to make tortilla; discover your dancing skills with flamenco; visit historical sites; participate in a day of service; experimentar misa en la iglesia (experience Mass in church); attend a Catholic school and so much more! As the schools are co-educational, we are joining with Rosmini College (boys' school) who will be accompanying their students as well.

Thank you for all the applications so far. We don't want students to miss out so please apply here <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rfoYMr6Trfl0LY6rnqTk0t5zh7mEHWo3WQuJ-Vn7Lk/edit?pli=1">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rfoYMr6Trfl0LY6rnqTk0t5zh7mEHWo3WQuJ-Vn7Lk/edit?pli=1</a> if you're interested.

If you would like to discuss this trip before applying, please email <a href="mailto:international@maristcollege.school.nz">international@maristcollege.school.nz</a> and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have. Gracias.

Vivienne Kingsbury, International Student Director





### Family Festival Pasifika Stall Menu

- Chop Suey
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- · Bananas in coconut cream
- Surimi salad
- · Chicken drumstick

Cost \$12 a plate (one size only)



### We are kindly asking for these items to be donated please:

- 10 x 5kg chicken drumsticks (uncooked)
- 15 x pots of 30 cooked bananas in coconut cream
- 20 x pots of 5 whole cooked taro (sliced)
- 10 x large surimi salad

Please contact Agnes Milford if you are happy to donate any of the above items. Much appreciated.

Email: agnes.milford1@gmail.com Mob: 0210 567 379

### ATTENDANCE DUES





### MEETING #3 for TRAVELLERS

THURSDAY 27th February 2025 5.30-6.30pm **Marist College** ROOM 203 (beside the staffroom)

TRIP ORGANISER - Mrs Makerita Tagomoa-Papali'i

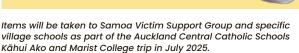
## **Donations wanted:** Stationery and Hygiene packs.

#### **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.



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/



### **IMPORTANT**:

Please clearly name all belongings, uniform, laptop bags etc. This helps us to return items to the correct students quickly.