



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 4
Friday 21st February 2025

From the Principal

Please, Thank you and Sorry.

Today at Inaugural Mass Fr Mark reminded our young women about the importance of demonstrating family spirit and sisterhood through their words and actions. He challenged our Marist College community to remember the power of three simple words **please, thank you and sorry** as a meaningful way to show kindness, respect and aroha to others.

Thank you, Fr Mark, for celebrating our Mass and blessing our Year 13 as they take on the responsibility of leading the school.

A huge thank you to the staff and students who organised today's Mass. Your effort and commitment to creating such a beautiful and meaningful celebration have not gone unnoticed. It is through moments like this that we see the true spirit of Marist College, one that is deeply rooted in faith, service, and community.

As we embark on this new school year, let us remember the essence of Family Spirit in Mary's Way. Mary teaches us to be brave in our choices, compassionate in our actions, and committed to our faith. She reminds us that we are stronger together, as a family, supporting and uplifting one another in all that we do.

May we carry this spirit into our classrooms, our friendships, and our daily lives, ensuring that Marist College continues to be a place where every student feels valued, supported, and inspired to grow.

Thank you all for a wonderful start to the school year. May we continue to walk this journey together with faith, hope, and love.

Te Aroha o Te Atua
Raechelle Tauku, Principal/Tumuaki



KEY DATES

Term 1 2025

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, 203 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 Kapa Haka 9am - 3pm, 128 Tongan Group Rehearsal
2	Su	Sister Act Rehearsal 11am - 5pm, 220

Week 6B)

3	Mo	Y7 Zoo Trip
4	Tu	Y7 Netball trials 3:15 - 5pm
5	We	Ash Wednesday Assembly/Special Character Y10 Camp Info Zoom 6:30pm
6	Th	Open Day, Tour 9am 12SR Mass, B2 St Mary's Church Kapa Haka 3:15 - 5pm Y8 Netball trials 3:15 - 5pm
7	Fr	Open Day, Tour 9am
7	Fr	PTFA Golf Day, 12pm tee off Rotation 5 - 4
8	Sa	Tongan Group Rehearsal
9	Su	Sister Act Rehearsal 11am - 5pm, 220

Upcoming Events:

Mar 11	Tu	Y7&8 CZ Cricket
13	Th	Athletics Day, Go Media Stadium
14	Fr	Casual Clothing Day - Caritas Lenten Appeal Y11 - 13 Dance trip
16	Su	Sister Act Rehearsal 11am - 5pm, 220
17	Mo	PTFA Meeting 7pm
20	Th	Family Festival Y7&8 CZ Swimming
21	Fr	Y7&8 CZ Tag
22	Sa	Kapa Haka 9am - 3pm
23	Su	Dragon Boating 8am - 3pm Sister Act Rehearsal 11am - 5pm, 220
25	Tu	Y7 - 13 Student/Parent/ Teacher Interviews
26	We	NCEA Info Evening 6:30pm

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

Class Prayer – “God calls us to pray always!”

Prayer is encouraged, taught, shared and nurtured within our Marist College community and in a special way with our students in every Religious Education class. Prayer is an encounter with God. In brief, Jesus who is our Holy and Loving God asked us to pray because He desires always that we share His holiness through prayer. It is a normal practice in our school to help students in our RE lessons to prepare and to lead a class prayer at the beginning of our RE lesson.



Here is an example of a class prayer:

Theme: Empowerment

Our vision: *'Empowering young women to make a difference in the wider community.'*

Introduction: Sign of the Cross in English.

Scripture Passage: Philippians 4:13
'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'

Reflection: In Philippians 4:13 we are reminded that our strength and empowerment are gifts from Christ. Mary, the mother of Christ and our best model of empowerment demonstrated this quality throughout her life. When we seek to empower others, we can encourage them by sharing this truth, that they too can find strength and empowerment from Christ our Lord if they ask for it in prayer.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, as we humbly come before you to reflect on our lives, help us to live a life full of your strength, faith, love of service and the ability to empower others. May we be dedicated to carrying out your word and deeds in our daily lives. Help us to abide by your word and truth to do all things through you who strengthens us and to empower others to follow your example. Grant us the wisdom and compassion to be a source of empowerment for others. Help us to see those around us who need encouragement and support. May our words uplift, and our actions inspire, reflecting Your love and grace. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

End with the Sign of the Cross in English.

Class Prayer by
Kris Mann & Svetlana Pritchard, Year 12

Ad Jesum per Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai, sm, Director of Religious Studies



Swimming Sports

Swimming sports this year was a great success with over 180 students participating and filling the pool area with lots of laughter and noise! The students were eager to get into the pool, with many entering five plus races to help their House accumulate points. The mix of competitive and non-competitive events gave the opportunity for all to participate.

House relays were entertaining to say the least, where competitors had to swim with a ball, pool noodle or flutterboard. The booming House chants would have shattered any decibel reader. The Staff vs Year 13 race was a thriller with our PE department edging out the competition. In the end, total House points were very close but our 2025 Swimming Sports House winners were CHAMPAGNAT!

Everyone had a swimtastic time with some friendly rivalry. Students who competed well here will represent Marist at the Auckland Swimming Zone Champs in Term 2.

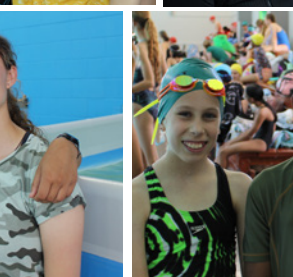
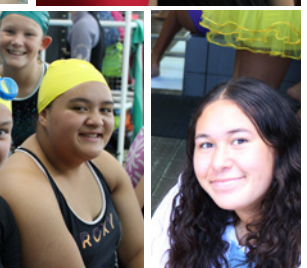
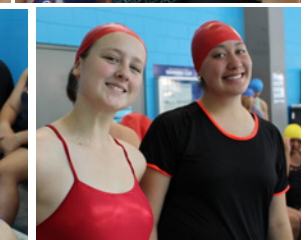


1st - Champagnat

2nd - Colin

3rd - Chavoin

4th - Chanel





COME AND JOIN

MARIST STRING ORCHESTRA

JOINING THE ORCHESTRA IS A CHANCE TO MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL YEAR LEVELS, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND ENJOY PLAYING MUSIC TOGETHER. WHETHER YOU PLAY VIOLIN, VIOLA, FLUTE, CLARINET, CELLO, OR ANY OTHER ORCHESTRAL STRING INSTRUMENT.

COME JOIN NOW!

REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS FROM 7:30



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.
[Please RSVP your attendance here.](#)

Vinaka Vaka Levu



SchoolBridge Update:

Our SchoolBridge App has recently been updated. If you are having any technical issues please go to your usual mobile app store and update your app, or uninstall and reinstall the app. This should fix all recent technical glitches.

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



Open Day Tours

6th & 7th March
at 9am

Marist School & Marist College

GOLF DAY

Maungakiekie Golf Club

Friday 7th March 2025

12pm for a 12:30pm Shotgun Start

Format: 4-Person Ambrose



2025 SPORTS



Registrations are open

HEAD TO OUR SPORTS WEBSITE TO SIGN UP FOR 2025 SPORTS

Proudly sponsored by

Lisa Courtney 027 242 8888
 Karen Gianotti 021 137 4152







MARIST COLLEGE Family Festival 2025

Thursday 20 March 4 - 7:30pm

Our annual Family Festival celebrates our diverse school community and special character with cultural performances and tasty cuisines.

How can you help to make it a success?

- 1 Come along** – and invite friends and family.
- 2 Do you get wholesale rates, or can donate specific foods in bulk?** – ice cream, sausages, mince, cheese, bread. Please contact Gerard Thompson if you can help, email: gerardt@barker.co.nz or mob: 029 474 6660
- 3 Volunteer to help on the day** – set up, help on a stall, or pack down.
- 4 Donate raffle prizes** – gourmet food, bottles of wine/spirits/vouchers/new unwanted gifts.

2025 Family Festival Pasifika Stall Menu



- Chop Suey
- Lu
- Taro
- Bananas in coconut cream
- Surimi salad
- Chicken drumstick

Cost \$12 a plate (one size only)

We need these items 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

Chicken drumsticks: Drop off date-10-18 March to the office or to the Food Tech room.

Cooked food: Drop off by 12pm – 20 March to the Office or Food Tech room.

Please contact Agnes Milford if you are happy to donate any of the above items. Many thanks.
E: agnes.milford1@gmail.com M: 0210 567 379

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>

Trials & pre-season info for Winter sport
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristcol/newsarticle/149722?newsfeedId=1387939>

Coaches & Managers needed:
Register here to be a coach or manager
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/273147>

AUCKLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC KĀHUI AKO & Marist College

SAMOA MALAGA TAUTUA #5 2025

28 June - 7th July



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
m.tagomoa@maristcollege.school.nz

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 Kahui 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@maristcollege.school.nz or 0223234367
Auckland Central Catholic Kahui Ako

Careers Hub

University of Otago open days
Sunday 4th and Monday 5th 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
<https://www.otago.ac.nz/open-days>

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.