



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 5
Friday 28th February 2025

KEY DATES

Term 1 2025

Week 6B)

Mar 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 Tongan Group Practice 3 - 5pm, 220/Turf

6 Th Open Day, Tour 9am

12SR Mass, 8:20am
St Mary's Church
Kapa Haka 3:15 - 5pm, 128
Tongan Group Practice
3 - 5pm, 220/Turf
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	Kapa Haka 9am - 3pm, 128 Tongan Group Practice 11am - 3pm, 220/Turf
9	Su	Sister Act Rehearsal 11am - 5pm, 220

Week (7A)

Mar 10	Mo	Production Rehearsal 3:45 - 5:15pm, 218 Stephen Dallow's farewell, 6pm Staffroom
11	Tu	Y7 Boostrix & Y8 HPV, 8:30am Photo ID catchup, 128 Y7&8 CZ Cricket
12	We	Assembly/NCJ/Social Action /Wellbeing Tongan Group Rehearsal 3 - 5pm, 220/Turf
13	Th	Athletics Day, Go Media Stadium Kapa Haka 3:15 - 5pm, 128 Tongan Group Practice 3 - 5pm, 220/Turf Self Defence 4 - 5:30pm, 220
14	Fr	Casual Clothing Day - Caritas Lenten Appeal Assembly/Student Council/ Library/Cultural/Perf. Arts Y11 - 13 Dance trip Rotation 1 - 5
15	Sa	Kapa Haka 9am - 3pm, 128 Tongan Group 11am - 3pm, 220/Turf
16	Su	Sister Act Rehearsal 11am - 5pm, 220

Upcoming Events:

Mar 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 8:30am - 7:30pm, School Closed
26	We	NCEA Info Evening 6:30pm

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

From the Board of Trustees

Farewell & Welcome: Board Chairperson Change

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Michelle Daley as our new Board Chairperson of Marist College. Michelle brings a wealth of experience in the corporate, community and education sector to the role and is no stranger to hard work here on the school PTFA and Board of Trustees.

As I look back on my last 8 years in the role, I could not have wished for a better experience. While there were some challenging times, especially during the Covid outbreak, it was always balanced by a wonderful school community who worked so hard to follow in Mary's footsteps.

I am very grateful to Monica and Raechelle, as the two Principals I have worked with, for their endless commitment to the school and Catholic education. To our fabulous Board Members over the years, especially James and Tracey who served as Deputy Chairs, and to Gerard our PTFA Chair, thank you for your endless support and hard work.

As this wraps 15 years of service to two school Boards, I leave with the safe knowledge the school is in a great place. Our Catholic and ERO reviews are consistently at a high level, our academic results stand out strong and our Board works hard to ensure the best education for our girls, putting them first in every discussion.

I wish Michelle, Raechelle and the entire school every success for the future and look forward to supporting them through until the Board elections and continuing to work on the school productions.

God bless, *Stephen Dallow*

Greetings all and thank you Stephen for your kind welcome. Your talent, compassion and tireless enthusiasm will be sorely missed.

A little bit about me:

I am passionate about Marist and the wellbeing of students and staff. I feel this has been reflected both as a Board member and in my heavy involvement with the PTFA. Through the PTFA and working with teachers, parents and students, I have gained a good understanding of the school and the challenges and opportunities we face, both as a whole school and also within the different school departments.

I bring a significant amount of management experience, currently 16 years as CFO for a corporate company, and prior to that as a Production Accountant for both local and global productions, reporting to the US and the UK and managing large teams and significant budgets.

My mission for the Board:

- To support our educators and staff to succeed in their roles with resources and support.
- To advocate for student success - not just academic, but emotional wellbeing and overall success.
- Monitor fiscal responsibility and ensure resources are used effectively.
- Encourage open communication - to ensure all voices are heard and valued.
- Ensure Marist maintains its unique character, this year focusing on the essence of Family Spirit in Mary's way.

I look forward to meeting you all in due course.

Blessings, *Michelle Daley*



United in prayer for Pope Francis...

Catholics and many people all over the world have been praying for Pope Francis since he fell quite ill about two weeks ago in Rome. It has been a Catholic practice for over 2000 years that the faithful or members of the Church are praying for the pope when they are in danger or fall ill.



As a Marist Catholic School, it is our responsibility to pray for the Holy Father at this time of physical sickness. There are so many opportunities in our school life which we as a community can use to pray for our Spiritual Leader. For example, the Thursday Class Mass, weekly Liturgical Assembly, a class prayer during an RE lesson, a whanau prayer at Whanau time and staff prayer. Here is a Prayer that we can use at School or with your family at home:

For Pope Francis, Vicar of Christ

Gracious God, we gather with hearts filled with gratitude,
For the gift of your servant Francis,
the head of your Church here on earth.

Look with favour and mercy upon our Pope,
As he continues to rely on your gentle and healing touch
In these days of her grave illness.

Mary, mother of our Saviour, pray with us to your Son,
That your faithful servant may encounter the depth of
God's love in his life.

We pray too that Your Will be done.
We ask this in God's Holy Name, Amen.

Ad Jesum per Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai, sm, Director of Religious Studies

These photos and comments are from 12RD who celebrated our first class Mass of the year this week:

"We enjoyed the mass and thought that we spoke/played well and that the mass ran smoothly." *Sophie and Frances*

"The mass went well and everyone enjoyed listening to Father and his readings." *Tahlia*

"The mass was great! It was lovely to see our class come together and start the day with faith." *Olivia Nia and Eliana*

"I felt like our class was united especially when we were singing" *Tilly*



Celebrating Students Academic Success

On Wednesday we celebrated the academic success of our Year 12 and 13 students in Assembly. A significant number of our senior students achieved NCEA with a Merit or Excellence endorsement. We also recognised our students who achieved a Scholarship. We are very proud of the effort all our Marist students put into their studies!

Dr Bronwyn Houston, Deputy Principal Curriculum



Year 9 Whakawhanaungatanga

On Wednesday, February 19th, the Year 9 cohort took to Owairaka Mountain for a day of team-building, bonding, and welcoming new students. The rain held off just in time, allowing the students to enjoy an afternoon filled with laughter, fun, and meaningful connections. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to get to know each other and strengthen their sense of community.

A big thank you to Mrs Nair, Mrs Mandeno, Mrs Murphy, and Mrs Coupar Wanoa for their support and for guiding the students through the various activities. It was a memorable day for all involved!

Mrs Anastasia Matai-Savelio, Year 9 Dean

7R's Processing Food Technology

We are learning about why breakfast is important for brain function and overall health.

Our lesson was on designing and creating our own Brain-Boosting Breakfast.

Planning, preparation, and teamwork was key to creating these delicious breakfast meals.

Year 7R and Mrs Verschuur



8T Food Technology



We kicked off our Food Technology topic on 'Sustainable Lunches' by making quick, healthy, and minimal waste wraps.

The other learning objectives were: Practicing basic kitchen safety and hygiene and understanding how ingredient choices affect sustainability.

These wraps were so delicious, tasty, colourful, and healthy.

Year 8T & Mrs Verschuur



Term One Fono

Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Ni sa Bula, and warm Pacific greetings to you all.

Our focus was on planning and goal setting for the year ahead and ensuring that our daughters are set up for success—not just in their studies, but in their confidence, wellbeing, and cultural identity. As Pasifika families, we understand that success is more than just academic results; it is about nurturing strong, resilient, and proud young women who know who they are and where they come from.

There is a Samoan proverb that says, *"O le ala i le pule o le tautua"*—the path to leadership is through service. As parents, caregivers, and mentors, we serve our daughters by guiding them, setting high expectations, and walking alongside them on their journey. The evening was an opportunity for us to come together, share ideas, and discuss how we can best support them in reaching their full potential.

Thank you, for your presence and filling the evening with meaningful discussions, unity, and warm Pasifika spirit. Mālō 'aupito, fa'afetai lava, vinaka vakalevu, and thank you.

Veronica Verschuur, Pasifika Liaison Teacher

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

Sports Update

Central Zone Tennis

Recently three students represented Marist playing tennis at the Year 7 and 8 Central Zones at Windmill Park. It was a rather hot day and they played with great focus whilst demonstrating their Marist values with excellent fairness and sportsmanship. There were some very close games and all made the finals.



Scarlett Amos came second overall in a nail-biting Year 8 Singles game to St Cuthberts, who she had beaten earlier in the day. Annabelle Barrington-Tulaga, Year 8 and Sophie Ann Wessels, Year 7 made it to the finals of the Year 8 Doubles. They placed fourth overall, although they too had beaten their opponents, Auckland Normal Intermediate earlier in the day. Some really great tennis was played and most enjoyable to watch.

Katie Barrington-Tulaga, Parent Coach

Aquathon

On Tuesday the 18th of February Sophia Browne and I competed in an Aquathon for Marist College. The event was a 500m swim and a 3k run, I swam the swim leg and Sophia did the run. It was a beautiful day with wonderful weather and both of us really enjoyed the race. It was a fun opportunity to represent the school and I can't wait to do it again!



Lucia Katongo, Year 10

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



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HOCKEY

- KEY DATES

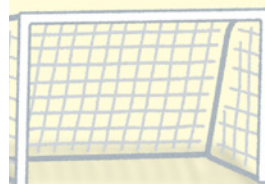


PRE-SEASON:

- GIVE-IT-A-GO DAY (ALL AGES + NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY)
- SATURDAY MARCH 8TH | 9 - 11 AM | MT ROSKILL
GRAMMAR TURF
- OPEN TO ALL AGES FITNESS TRAININGS - FRIDAYS
STARTING MARCH 14TH | 7 - 8 AM | MARIST TURF

TRIALS:

- 1X, 2XI, U15 (U15 OPEN TO YR 7/8 EXPERIENCED/CLUB
PLAYERS) - MON 24TH + WED 26TH MARCH | 6:45-8 AM | MT
ROSKILL GRAMMAR TURF
- YEAR 7+8 - FRIDAY 4TH APRIL | 7 - 8 AM | MARIST TURF



2025 SPORTS



Registrations are open

HEAD TO OUR SPORTS WEBSITE TO
SIGN UP FOR 2025 SPORTS



MARIST COLLEGE

Family Festival 2025

Thursday 20 March

4 - 7:30pm

Donations Needed for Raffles & Prizes!

Donate items from home - gourmet food, vouchers, beauty products, unwanted xmas gifts, wine/spirits, etc. Drop off to the school office, with students House name, so they can earn House points.

Or donate a bulk food bundle: to help serve us tasty cuisines on food stalls <https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2025-donating>

Every little helps, thank you!

2025 Family Festival Pasifika Stall

Menu

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



Price will be \$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.

E: agnes.milford1@gmail.com M: 0210 567 379

Much appreciated.

CoLab

Each week Tues, Wed & Thurs from 3:10 – 4:15pm in the library.

All students are welcome! See the [roster](#) for teachers available to support your daughter in her learning. This roster is also available on SchoolBridge.

The Athletes Foot

shop has a promotion going, for every pair of shoes brought they will give the school of choice \$10.

If you have the opportunity, please support Marist College for this promotion.

IMPORTANT:

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

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.wsl/>



For more info please contact Makerita at m.tagomoa@maristcollege.school.nz or 0223234367 Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui 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>



Projects Abroad Webinar

Projects Abroad is an organisation that arranges overseas trips for 15-18 year olds to gain work experience in third world countries.

A range of projects is available, with the most popular ones being medical and conservation experience.

Projects Abroad make all the arrangements in the destination country. A range of destinations and timeframes is available. Trips occur during school holidays.

Typical costs are around \$4000-\$5000, including all accommodation and programme, but excluding flights, visas, insurance.

A webinar explaining the medical experience programmes is being held on 4 March 4.30-6pm [04-03-2025 AUNZ HSS Medical Webinar](#)