



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 7
Friday 14th March 2025

From the Deputy Principal

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini kē
This success is not mine alone, it is the success of the collective

“Education is a work of love” St Marcellin Champagnat

We have begun the school year celebrating the academic success of our senior students, recognising the achievement of those who gained a Merit or Excellence endorsement and NCEA Scholarship at our whole school academic assembly. As a college we are proud of the outstanding results all our students continue to achieve each year in NCEA and recognise that this success is achieved through the collective effort of our students, their whānau and the teachers and staff at Marist College. As Marist educators we follow in the footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat, walking alongside our students, caring and supporting them so that they can achieve their personal excellence.

Increasing achievement in NCEA Scholarship is a key focus of our strategic plan for 2025. Scholarship examinations are an excellent way for students to challenge themselves in subjects they are passionate about. Scholarship candidates demonstrate high level critical thinking and the ability to apply knowledge, skills and understanding to complex situations.

Marist College offers scholarship in the following subjects: Art History, Accounting, Biology, Dance, Drama, English, French, Geography, History, PE and Health, Maths with Statistics, Maths with Calculus, Religious Education, Technology and Visual Arts.

I encourage any current Year 12 and 13 students who are keen to extend themselves to talk to their teachers about how they can work towards NCEA Scholarship in 2025.

Parent- Student-Teacher interviews take place on Tuesday 25th March. These interviews play an important role in supporting the educational partnership between students, their whānau and teachers. They offer an opportunity to build relationships and to identify the ways staff can support your daughter to achieve her full potential. Please make time to book an interview with your daughter’s teachers on your [SchoolBridge](#) Student Conferences page.



We will also be holding our NCEA Information Evening on Wednesday 26th March in the school gym at 6.30pm. This evening is targeted at Year 10 and 11 students and whānau who are new to NCEA and/or will be sitting the Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisite in 2025. We look forward to sharing key information with you about NCEA and how to support your daughter as she begins her journey with this qualification.

Finally, the Marist Family Spirit is never more on display than at our annual Family Festival! We look forward to seeing all of you at this special event where we celebrate everything that makes Marist College a special place to be.

A big thank you to all the staff and students who supported Athletics day – it is always inspiring to see our students succeed and challenge themselves outside of the classroom.



Ngā manaakitanga

Dr Bronwyn Houlston, Deputy Principal Curriculum

KEY DATES

Term 1 2025

Week (8B)

Mar 17	Mo	Senior Kilikiti Tournament Komar Sports Centre Sister Act 3:45 - 5:15pm, 218 PTFA Meeting 7pm
18	Tu	Y11 Art Unitec visit 12:45 - 2:30pm Y7 Boostrix & Y8 HPV, catchup Y9 - 13 Athletics Champs Mt Smart Stadium, Day 1
19	We	Assembly/NDW/ Environmental/Family Festival Tongan Group 3 - 5pm, 220
20	Th	Family Festival, 4 - 7:30pm 12LT Mass, St Mary's Church 8:20am - 8:50am Y7&8 CZ Swimming Y9 - 13 Athletics Champs Mt Smart Stadium, Day 2
21	Fr	Assembly/Head Girls Y7&8 CZ Tag Rotation 2 - 1
22	Sa	Kapa Haka 9am - 3pm, 128 Tongan Group 11am - 3pm, 220/Turf
23	Su	Dragon Boating 8am - 3pm Sister Act 11am - 5pm, 220

Week (9A)

Mar 24	Mo	Y7&8 CZ Tag Tournament Sister Act 3:45 - 5:15pm, 220
25	Tu	Y7 - 13 Student/Parent/ Teacher Interviews, 8:30am to 7:30pm, School Closed
26	We	Level Assemblies International Students Zoo trip 9am - 3pm Tongan Group 3 - 5pm, 220
26	We	NCEA Info Evening, 6:30pm
27 - 28		Y11 PE Camp
27	Th	Y9M & T Retreat
28	Fr	Y9S & R Retreat Assembly/NCR Rotation 3 - 2
15	Sa	Kapa Haka 9am - 3pm, 128 Tongan Group 11am - 3pm, 220/Turf
16	Su	Sister Act 11am - 5pm, 220

Upcoming Events:

Mar 27 - Apr 11		Lumino Dental onsite
31	Mo	BOT Meeting 6pm Y11 History & Geo trip Auckland Museum Y7 - 10 Cybersafety, P1 - 4
Apr 1	Tu	Fiafia Night, Gym Y9 Ki o Rahi tournament, P3-5
2	We	Polyfest - Kapa Haka Rōpu
3	Th	Evacuation Practice P2
4	Fr	Y11 Commerce Zoo Trip
4	Fr	Polyfest - Tongan Group
5	Sa	Relay for Life 10am - 10pm AUT Millenium Track
11	Fr	Last Day Term 1

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

**Please Note: Our school tuckshop
will be closed until further notice.**

Second Sunday of Lent

(Lk. 9:28-36) A Reflection on the Gospel

The Gospel narrative from Luke for this coming Sunday outlines the extraordinary event of the "Transfiguration of the Lord."



We are told that Jesus took three of his apostles: Peter, John and James up to the mountain to pray. While praying, Jesus' face was "changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning". The apostles also saw two men (Elijah and Moses) who appeared in glory and spoke with Jesus about what was yet to happen to him in Jerusalem. That encounter led to Peter's request for all of them to remain up on the mountain. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them and voice from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him".

As we continue to reflect on the Gospel, we look to Jesus who is God for divine inspiration on how we can grow closer to Him during this Season of Lent. In Luke's account, Jesus models to us God's dwelling in our lives through prayer. His apostles witnessed to God's glory while He is in prayer, so they longed to remain in those moments forever. Every day, we are called by Jesus to make time to encounter Him in prayer despite the business of life. Just as the apostles experienced the transfiguration of Christ during moments of prayer, we are also invited to encounter Him in the same way and be transformed.

Here are some brief reflections on the Gospel by students:

The Transfiguration narrative tells us that Jesus is the fulfilment of both the Prophets and the Law of the Old Testament, through Elijah and Moses. Olivia Siju Jose, Year 13

Luke reveals to us in his Gospel that the divine identity of Jesus, shows that He is the Son of God. Charlotte Hartley, Year 13

The Gospel Reading reminds us of the importance of experiencing God while working amongst our community and spreading the Good News through words and actions. Ashley Skinner, Year 13

God bless. Ad Jesum per Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai sm, Director of Religious Studies

Sacramental Programme

– A Journey of Faith

Our Sacramental Programme prepares students to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, First Eucharist.

These sacraments will be conferred by Bishop Steve in our Marist Day Mass on Thursday 14th of August.

Registration for 2025 is now open. Students can collect the programme form from 304, the RE Office.



A picture of Athletics Day



Congratulations

to **Charlotte Hartley**, Year 13, who came second in her grade (C) for a trophy shoot at Clay Shooting Nationals recently. Awesome work Charlotte!



Materials Technology Special Guest

On Ash Wednesday we were extremely fortunate to be able to host renowned New Zealand costume designer Elizabeth Whiting. Our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 Materials Technology students enjoyed hearing about Elizabeth's expansive costume design career. Elizabeth had some great advice for the students, and we were all very inspired by her beautiful, creative costume design illustrations. Some of the students had fun trying on Elizabeth's costumes, the gorgeous corset being a big hit.

You can enjoy Elizabeth's latest costume designs in the upcoming Auckland Theatre Company's presentation of Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express. I've already bought my ticket! Thank you Elizabeth for visiting. You are an inspiration.

Rachel Kirkland, Curriculum Leader Technology



International Women's Day Dinner

To celebrated International Women's Day, Waikato University hosted a dinner at the prestigious Northern Club in the city and invited delegations of Year 13 students from girls' only schools to attend. A delicious dinner was served and three inspirational women (faculty and alumni of Waikato University) spoke about being true to yourself and your values and working for equality, equity, and inclusion.

Jenni Catley, Gateway Coordinator

Attending the International Women's Day dinner held by the University of Waikato was such an honour. It was so inspiring to hear three women from different backgrounds and careers talk about their life and encourage us to accelerate action. We learnt about the gender gap and how it won't be fixed until 2158. We learned about their stories and heard from a student who was currently attending the university. We were surrounded by 10 other all girls' schools in Auckland, celebrating being a woman. The theme for the 2025 International Women's Day was 'Accelerate Action'. Being hosted at the Northern Club made the night even more special, and the food and environment was incredible. Thank you to Mrs Catley and Miss Foster for accompanying us and the University of Waikato for putting on such an amazing event. Students attending were Jaimee Sam, Rosa Whitehead, Siena Carter, Harper Lawson, Amber Henshaw, Franziska Wood, Elizabeth Tomy and Lasita Maletino.

Jaimee Sam, Year 13



Sensational Success

Congratulations to Kate Danaher for her results at the NZ National Track & Field Champs in Dunedin recently.

In the 100m she placed Bronze for the Open Women Para, and Silver for the U20 Women Para (Personal Best time).

In the 200m she placed Silver in the Open Women Para, and Silver in the U20 Women Para (Personal Best time).

Outstanding results Kate. Well done!



Hockey Muster

On Saturday the 8th of March, we gathered at Mt

Roskill Grammar School turf for our new, and hopefully inaugural, Give-it-a-go Hockey Muster. There was a great turn out of students and whānau, from experienced players to those picking up a stick for the first time. We had over 30 students participating in three stations of skills and drills lead by our senior students: Sophie Snedden, Year 12; Meg Endeacott, Year 13; Milla Gollings, Year 13; and Lillie Hancock, Year 13; as well as playing a game to finish.

It is really pleasing to see hockey grow here at Marist, which is testament to the hard work and dedication of students and parents to keep this going. Thank you to the students and whānau who attended. We are holding trials for 1XI, 2XI and U15 on Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th of March at Mount Roskill Grammar School (MRGS) Turf from 6.45-8am and Year 7 and 8 trials at school on Friday the 4th of April from 7-8am. We are looking forward to another successful season of Marist hockey!

Ellie Going, TIC of Hockey



Year 13 Lawn Bowls

Pictured are our 13PE students in action at the Mt Albert Bowls Club. This is a well received new skill amongst our Year 13 PE students. This sport is used as a practical assessment option.

Tess Murphy



RELAY FOR LIFE 2025

Once again, we're joining Relay For Life to celebrate, remember and fight back against cancer!

We're joining thousands of others in the unstoppable fight to create a future with less cancer. With your support, we'll make a real difference for New Zealanders with cancer and their whānau. The funds we raise will go to the Cancer Society's supportive care services, education programmes, prevention policy, and life-saving cancer research. Our team of over 100 students will be hitting the AUT Millenium track to take part in nonstop walkathon for 12 hours (rain or shine) on the 5th of April.

If you believe you would like to show your support via a donation, please click on the link provided. 100% of the fundraising goes to the Cancer Society.

Good luck to our students taking part in what really is an incredible cause.

<https://relayforlife.org.nz/t/marist-college-2025>



Student/Parent/Teacher Interview Bookings

are now open for Tuesday 25th March between 8:30am - 7:30pm

Year 7 - book a 10 minute appointment with your daughter's homeroom teacher.

Year 8 - 13 - book 5 minute appointments with your daughter's subject teachers.

Book online via our SchoolBridge App. Instructions on how to do this have been emailed out to all caregivers.



Bookings close March 24th at 2pm.

Please note: School is closed to all students for teaching on this day, but please bring them along to their interviews. Students must be in correct school uniform at their interview.

Co Lab

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.

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

17-25 March 2025

Celebrating the strengths of neurodivergent brains...

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Our brains are as unique as our fingerprints. Each of us experiences the world differently, from how we sense and process information, to how we feel and communicate. This may be more obvious for neurodivergent people, but it applies to all of us.

With the right support, neurodivergent young people bring a wealth of creativity, fresh thinking and focus that employers are increasing valuing and seeking out.

An estimated **320,000** neurodivergent children and young people in NZ.



10% are dyslexic.
5% have ADHD.
5% are gifted.
2% have autism.
Many have multiple neurodiversities.

IMPORTANT:

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

Orders: www.myfundraiser.co.nz/support/marist

Marist Ex-Students' Association Fundraiser

We are excited to partner with MYFUNDRAISER to bring you a box of household essentials ...

- What are we fundraising for?**
- Annual Ex-Students' Grant for a current student
 - Marist College's 100 Jubilee celebration (2028)



What's in the box?
48 rolls of quality 2 ply 400 sheets per roll toilet paper
Equivalent to 96 standard rolls



What's the cost?
\$55 plus shipping (see below)

How My Fundraiser works

- Step 1** **Step 2** 10% goes to our group **Step 3** Your toilet paper is delivered to your door



www.myfundraiser.co.nz/support/marist

How much is shipping?

Tiered shipping rate: Free or \$5 flat fee
Rural delivery \$5 extra per box
Delivered to your door within 3-5 days

You're doing a good thing for the environment!

- Sustainably sourced & plastic packaging free
- No unnecessary packaging, individual rolls are unwrapped
- The box itself is 100% recyclable

Marist Ex-Students' Association receives \$5.50 per box
Double your donation to go in the draw to receive a free box!

Thank you for supporting Marist Ex-Students' Association



This fundraiser is so much easier than anything I've needed to do to support groups in the past. I didn't have to use any extra time or money to help out.
Melanie Heap - Supporter

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**Family
Festival
2025**

**Thursday
20 March
4pm - 7:30pm**

Kitenui Ave entrance only

Pre-pay options available now at our online store <https://tinyurl.com/FamFest2025>

PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW!

We need parents to help on stalls during the event – taking payment, serving food, managing lines. 2 hour shifts. Staggered so you can watch/enjoy performances and spend time with family!

Register here: <https://volunteersignup.org/PEKTF>

Students wanting to earn service hours have received a separate registration link emailed this week.

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.

Come along and bring your friends and family.

Fabulous food, student performances, raffles and more...

A community event not to be missed!

Please Note:
No onsite parking available.

Pasifika Stall Menu

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

Cost \$12 a plate (one size only)

Urgent donations needed please

Cooked or uncooked taro (frozen is fine too);

Cooked or uncooked bananas ;

Cans of coconut cream; and Surimi salad

Cooked food to be dropped off by 12pm on 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

**MARIST COLLEGE
Family Festival 2025**

**Pre-Pay Options
Pasifika Plates**

Click here to Buy now online

Pre-pay and then pick up at the event. Full name (first and last) plus number of plates is required on your order for pick up process. \$12 per plate.

**MARIST COLLEGE
Family Festival 2025**

**Pre-Pay Options
Tokens & Raffles**

Click here to Buy now online

Pre-paid tokens & raffle tickets can be collected on the day at the entry gate; or students can collect these at Thursday 20th, Break 2, Room 206.

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 Year 11-13 students. For more details go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/open-days>

Online Programmes available for students interested in STEM, Sustainability, Climate Change, Social Impact, Leadership: Applications are open NOW.

GirlBoss – this is an online programme for New Zealand female students aged 15–21. It is happening online over 10 days during the April holidays (11–20 April). It is free to apply. Participants will need to go online for workshops during the April holidays, 1-2 hours per day. There will be inspirational female speakers on these topics and interactive activities to do.

More information here: [GirlBoss Edge: Sustainability](#). GirlBoss offers workshops like these each holidays, a different theme each time. This is the only one for STEM/ Sustainability/ Social Action.

AFS Virtual Exchange – this is a virtual exchange programme for NZ and Australian students aged 15–17.5. It is happening online over 12 weeks during term 2, 3-4 hours per week. It is free to apply, but entry is competitive. There are only 50 places on the programme for all of Australia and NZ and 20% are reserved for Māori, Pacific and indigenous people so these students are especially encouraged to apply. There will be online interactive activities and working on a project. Successful completion will earn the Advanced Certificate on Global Competence for Social Impact from AFS and the University of Pennsylvania CSIS. **More information here:** [AFS Global STEM Changemakers: Australia - New Zealand | AFS Intercultural Programs](#)



School Charges

Term 1 is now due for payment

Please ensure you have a payment plan in place. If you need to discuss the account, please do not hesitate to contact Veronica Yates by email on v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz.

Extra-Curricular Activities

If your daughter joins up for any extra-curricular activity, a statement will be issued and a due date for payment given. You are welcome to set up a separate payment plan for these activities. If you wish to do so, please contact our Accounts Administrator, Veronica Yates by email on v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz.

Tax Donation Certificate 31/03/2025

The Tax Donation Certificate for the year ending 31st of March 2025 will be emailed out in the first week of April. Please use this form to claim back up to 33.3% from the Inland Revenue. You can claim back as far as 2021 (4 years). If you require previous year's Tax Donations Certificates, please email your request to v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz.

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HOCKEY - KEY DATES

- 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

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 7:30am

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MAR 28-30, APR 4-5 | Eastgate Christian Centre, Pakuranga

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'S 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.ws/>

Gently Loved Markets
Curry

10AM - 1PM
SATURDAY 5TH APRIL

Mt Eden War Memorial Hall
487-489 Dominion Road, Mt Eden

Preloved Market • Free Entry

A market for everything curvaceous women's and men's preloved clothing, shoes and accessories

Size's start from 16+ (fem) and XL+ (masc)

FIND US AT @GENTLYLOVEDMARKETSNZ

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