



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 8
Friday 21st March 2025

From the Principal

Thank you Thank you Thank you

Last night's Family Festival was a celebration of culture and community. Our students took to the stage and proudly showed off their talents in front of what I believe is the largest crowd this event has ever seen. While we have had the highest number of students participating in a cultural group than ever before and their performances were nothing short of outstanding.

Family Festival takes months of planning, and I am grateful to the PTFA, staff, and students that work tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event possible year on year. Without your dedication and commitment to service, this celebration of our vibrant community would not be possible.

Heavenly Father,

With hearts full of thanksgiving, we praise You for the gift of our Marist Whānau. We are grateful for the talents You have bestowed upon our students, for the generosity of our staff and parents, and for the Family Spirit that strengthens our community.

Through the intercession of Mary, may we continue to serve one another with love and humility. May we follow her example of faith and courage, always seeking to bring light and joy to those around us.

Mary, our Mother, pray for us.

Amen.

Te Aroha o Te Atua
Raechele Tauu,
Principal/Tumuaki



KEY DATES

Term 1 2025

Week (9A)

Mar 24 Mo PTFA Meeting 7pm
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 & R Retreat
12ES Mass, 8:20am
St Mary's Church
Y12/13 PAT Trip 9:45-11:15am
Savemart New Lynn
Tongan Group 3 - 5pm, 220
Kapa Haka 3:15- 5:30pm, 128
Self Defence 4 - 5:30pm

28 Fr Y9S & T Retreat
Assembly/NCR

Rotation 3 - 2

29 Sa Kapa Haka 9am - 5pm, 128
Tongan Group 11am - 3pm, 220/Turf

30 Su Sister Act 11am - 5pm, 220

Week (10B)

Mar 31 Mo BOT Meeting 6pm
Y11 History & Geo trip
Auckland Museum
Y7 - 10 Cybersafety, P1 - 4
Sister Act 3:45-5:15pm, 218

Apr 1 Tu Fiafia Night, Gym

Y9 Ki o Rahi tournament, P3-5

2 We Polyfest - Kapa Haka Rōpu

3 Th Evacuation Practice P2
Uni of Canterbury Info B2
Sheilah Winn Comp, from P5

4 Fr Y11 Commerce Zoo Trip

4 Fr Polyfest - Tongan Group

Rotation 4 - 3

5 Sa Relay for Life 10am - 10pm
AUT Millenium Track

6 Su Sister Act 11am - 5pm, 220

Upcoming Events:

Mar 27 - Apr 11 Lumino Dental onsite

Apr 7 Mo Sister Act 3:45-5:15pm

8 Tu Senior Touch Champs,
Cox's Bay

9 We Y12/13 Drama - Play

11 Fr Te Ara o Maria Awards
100% Attendance Certificates
Sister Act, from 4pm, 220

11 Fr Last Day Term 1

12 & 13 Sister Act 11am - 5pm, 220

14 & 15 First Aid 8:30am-3:30pm, 134

14 Mo Y7 Netball Skills 9am - 1:30pm

15 Tu Y8 Netball Skills 9am - 1:30pm

16 We Health & Safety Course
8:30am-3:30pm 134

Y9 Netball Skills 9am - 1:30pm

17 Th Holy Thursday

Y10 Netball Skills 9am - 1:30pm

For a full school calendar go to

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/calendar>

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



Journeying with Mary during this Lenten Season

As we approach the beginning of the third week of Lent, we look to Mary, the ‘Mother of God’ to help us with our reflections and learn how to encounter her Son in our lives each day. In the event of the Annunciation, Mary responded to God’s message through the angel Gabriel in these words: *“I am the Lord’s servant. Let everything you’ve said happen to me.”* (Luke 1: 34). In this way Mary models the appropriate attitude towards God’s will in every situation of our Christian lives. It is Mary’s deep faith and trust in God’s will that makes her the perfect model of discipleship. So, how can we imitate Mary in our lives today as Marist students, staff and parents/ guardians in the weeks ahead? Our Marist tradition reminds us that we should constantly ask ourselves this question: How would Mary act, think, feel and judge in this situation? Once we pause to reflect on such a question, we would be able to respond as Mary did in the Annunciation.

We pray as we continue to deepen our relationship with God in our Lenten journey that we may live like Mary, trusting in God leading us and in doing His will each day.

God bless. Ad Jesum per Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai sm, Director of Religious Studies



Blues and Black Ferns

We had the privilege of welcoming Cheyenne Tuli-Fale back to Marist College at our Wednesday assembly this week. She was a Marist College student from 2013 – 2017. She made her debut for the Blues in 2023 and is currently contracted to both the Blues and the Black Ferns. While excelling on the rugby field Chey has also graduated with a Law and Commerce degree from the University of Auckland. She talked to students about setting goals for their future while also being open-minded and willing to accept new challenges that might take them somewhere unexpected!



It was wonderful to hear about Chey's experience picking up rugby at the age of 21 and the role that Marist College played in preparing her for sporting and academic pursuits. She presented the College with a Blues jersey in recognition of the contribution the College made to nib Blues Rugby's success in 2024. We are so proud of Chey and her amazing achievements and hope to see her back at the College soon!

Dr Bronwyn Houlston



Year 11 Art Trip

On Tuesday the Year 11 Artists, along with Ms Schön and Mr Purdy, went to Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae which was built and designed by Te Arawa master carver Dr Lyonel Grant. This visit is not only an important part of the Year 11 Art assessment, but a profound and beautiful experience that leaves a lasting impression.

Mrs Jacobsen

Going to visit the Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae was an unreal experience that really exceeded my expectations. Seeing all the carvings and learning the stories and messages behind each one was so interesting, and it only made me want to learn more about them. I'm so glad I got the opportunity to see the marae, and I definitely want to go back. *Alexis Igoy*

I really enjoyed the Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae trip because not only is it a sacred place but it tells a story of our ancestors. Every pillar on the wall represented a certain part of Auckland's history through incredible carvings and intricate designs. I am truly grateful that I was able to experience the beauty of this marae and would definitely recommend going if you haven't before. *Lucy Todd*

On Tuesday I attended the Year 11 Art Marae trip. The Marae was absolutely beautiful and learning about the stories behind each carving was very interesting. *Zoey Tugaga*



SISTER ACT

Call out for Sponsorship!

Marist College & St Peter's College are staging Sister Act the Musical in May 2025.

We are looking for sponsors to help with the large costs of staging full scale productions. Whether that's a \$300 advert right through to larger scale full marketing packages, it all helps.

If you are able to help with or know someone who can help please email Nick Smit for more information n.smit@maristcollege.school.nz

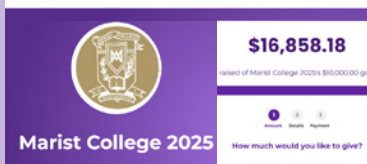
Sacramental Programme – A Journey of Faith

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.



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 Millennium 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>

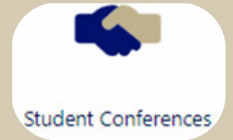
Student/Parent/Teacher Interview Bookings

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.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays and Thursdays
Break 1 (10:55 - 11:20am)

We accept donations of second hand uniform items in clean, good condition. We can also sell items on your behalf, with a 20% commission to the school.

For further information please email useduniforms@maristcollege.school.nz

Safe and legal parking is very important around our school

Please DO NOT park within 1 metre of driveways or on broken yellow lines

This puts our students' safety at risk and causes inconvenience for our neighbours. Please keep in mind that parking illegally can result in fines from Auckland Transport. We kindly ask you to respect the road rules and be considerate of others when parking near the school to help ensure the safety of our students and maintain positive relationships with our community.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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



www.myfundraiser.co.nz/support/marist

Step 2

10% goes to our group



Step 3

Your toilet paper is delivered to your door



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

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

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/>

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