



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 9
Friday 28th March 2025

From the Principal

Engagement in learning

Parent-teacher interviews allow parents to talk to their daughter's teachers about their learning and engagement in school. The interviews provide a platform to gain insight into your daughter's progress, provide strategies that support her education at home, and give an insight into classroom dynamics that contribute to her success. At home, this information can be used to set goals, address challenges, and demonstrate an interest in her academic programme that is supportive and productive.

There are many advantages to teenage girls seeing their parents interested and engaged in their learning. It increases their motivation to complete homework, enhances achievement, and positively affects attendance.

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who attended Tuesday's Parent Teacher interviews. This was one of the most attended interview meetings we have ever seen.

Thank you to our Year 11 families who attended our NCEA information evening. I hope this provided an opportunity to become familiar with senior assessment structures and procedures.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Tauhi, Principal/Tumuaki



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

KEY DATES

Term 1 2025

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, 6pm

Y9 Ki o Rahi tournament, P3-5

2 We Polyfest - Kapa Haka Rōpu

NPL Assembly

3 Th 12SR Mass, 8:20am
St Mary's Church
Evacuation Practice P2
Uni of Canterbury Info B2
Sheilah Winn Comp, from P5
Self Defence Club 4-5:30pm

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

Week (11A)

7 Mo Sister Act 3:45-5:15pm, 218

8 Tu Senior Touch Champs,
Cox's Bay

9 We Y12/13 Drama - Play
Te Ara o Maria Awards
100% Attendance Certificates

10 Th Staff Mass, 8:20am
St Mary's Church
Y13 Ball Meeting in Gym
at Whanau time

11 Fr Last Day Term 1

Assembly NRD/Head Girls
Sister Act, from 4pm, 220

Rotation 5 - 4

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

Upcoming Events:

Mar 27 - Apr 11 Lumino Dental onsite
Apr 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
18 Fr Good Friday
19 Sa Holy Saturday
20 Su Easter Sunday
21 Mo Easter Monday
22 - 26 Sister Act 1 - 6pm, 220
23 We Y11-13 Netball Skills 9am-1:30pm
25 Fr ANZAC Day
28 Mo Term 2 Starts
St Peter Chanel Feast Day
Apr 28 - May 7 Lumino Dental onsite
Apr 30 - May 2 Y8 Camp, Motutapu
May 3 - 5 MYL, Marist College Hosts

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



Lent gives us a renewed Hope in God

As we continue our journey towards the most important event of our Christian faith, the Resurrection of our Lord, it is pivotal that we take time to reflect on our journey so far. We started this season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, and we were reminded then by the Church to turn away from our sinful ways and be faithful to God. Thus, it is a Christian practice that we reflect on our relationship with Christ daily and strive to renew and strengthen it.

The Catholic Church celebrates the Fourth Sunday of Lent this weekend and we will hear the beautiful parable of the 'Merciful Father' or what is known as 'The Prodigal Son' from Luke's Gospel. The parable highlights the hope that we must have in God the Father who has unconditional love for us, as was certainly experienced by the younger son.

As a Marist College community, we pray for the gift of renewed hope in God as we continue our Lenten journey as "pilgrims of hope".

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.



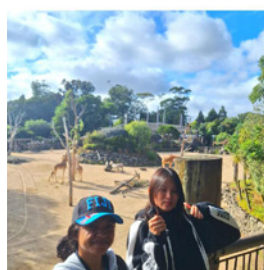
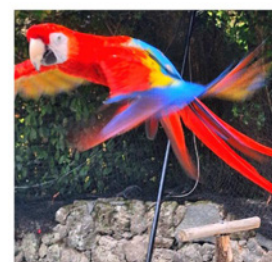
Registration for 2025 is now open. Students can collect the programme form from 304, the RE Office.

MARIST COLLEGE
Family Festival

THANK YOU
to everyone
and every family...

that donated, baked, volunteered, cooked, supported a performance or simply came along. The 2025 Family Festival was a huge success, and we appreciate and acknowledge all contributions.

The DTFA and Marist community



International Students' Day Out

19 students and staff had a great day on Wednesday at the zoo. The highlight was seeing the kiwi roaming around its enclosure. There were animals that some students hadn't seen before and visiting the geographic regions of the zoo was rewarding and familiar. It was a real treat to have Khun Zeen with us, as well as students from Rosmini College, who joined us for the trip. It was a hot day so we decided to go to Wynyard Quarter and relax with an ice-cream at the end of the day. Thanks to Ms Hsu who was an integral part of the trip and to the homestay families for agreeing to the trip for their students.

Ms Kingsbury, International Student Director

Year 13 leadership in action

Year 13s took some time out of whanau time this week to catch up with our new students and continue to build the Marist sisterhood. We love seeing our tuakana (older sisters) support their teina (younger sisters) through the year.

Ms Schön, Year 13 Dean



Central Zone Softball

It has been two years since Marist entered a team into the annual Central Zone Softball Competition. For several students participating in the tournament, softball was uncharted territory. Many had only recently picked up a bat or glove in the weeks leading into the competition.



With minimal training sessions, our coach focused on the basics—throwing, catching, hitting, and understanding the game's rules. The competition provided an opportunity for our experienced players to take on leadership roles and our newcomers a chance to challenge themselves.

In the end, Marist were tied equal with two other schools to compete for 3rd and 4th place and so it came down to total runs. Although Marist didn't walk away with the top prize, their journey was far from a loss. The unwavering support between teammates was a standout theme. Marist has not had a softball team in a while, so we hope this experience has encouraged the students to continue building the sport at school.

Central Zone Cricket

Last week a Marist Year 7 and a Year 8 team went to Keith Hay Park Mt Roskill to compete at the 2025 Central Zone Cricket tournament.



These young teams were able to benefit from the expertise of parents Alex Thompson, Mike Blanch and Ben Snedden who kindly offered to coach.

Marist is blessed with many naturally gifted athletes. The combination of this, with the support cultivated by our knowledgeable coaches, led to incredible performances even in the face of tough competition. For some, it marked their debut as they stepped out onto the field with little to no experience. Our Year 8 team had it tough, with a full schedule against teams who were club cricketers. Our Year 7 team had many close calls but ended the day on a high by finishing 1st in their grade! Our girls proved that determination and a willingness to learn can push past their doubts, learning valuable lessons in sportsmanship and team work.

Senior Kilikiti

The College Sport Senior Kilikiti tournament was held at Kolmar Recreation grounds Papatoetoe this year. Kilikiti is the Samoan version of cricket where a pate, triangular wooden bat is used with a hard rubber ball uniquely made by continuously wrapping pandanus leaves. The traditional sport is played competitively alongside entertaining singing and dancing.

Marist stood out in their blue and pink ensemble which enhanced our very lively and spirited team. The Captain and senior members, lead the team on and off the field with strategy, words of encouragement and fun chants. Our kilikiti team recruited two Year 8 students who were experienced cricketers, Greta Thompson and Isabella Snedden. This was a strong move by coach Mrs Togamoia-Papali'i because their skills in bowling and batting were vital in the team making it through to semis and then placing 3rd overall in the finals.

Central Zone Swimming

Marist dived right into the Central Zone Swimming competition recently. Nine of our Year 7 and 8 Marist students qualified to compete in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and two teams



entered the freestyle relay. Competition was fierce as many of the opposition swam club. All we could ask was that our girls gave it their best and that's exactly what they did. They left it all out in the pool. With a stroke of some serious skill, Year 7 student Mila Smith qualified for finals in backstroke and breaststroke and just missed out placing. We witnessed some incredible swimming from both our team and other schools. Overall it was a fantastic day. We couldn't have done it without the help of some supportive parents who were able to assist with timekeeping and managing the team schedule.

Athletics Championships

There were some amazing results last week at the College Sport Auckland Championships held at Mt Smart stadium across two days, Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March. These were our most successful results to date. We would like to congratulate the following students on their massive achievements:



Kate Danaher

- Winner of both Senior Para Athlete 100m and 200m events setting new College Sport Auckland records for both events.
 - Girls 16-18 100 Meter Dash Para Athletes, 16:67
 - Mixed 200 Meter Dash Para Athletes, 35:06

Isabella Snedden

- 1st place 3000m Junior Girls, and youngest competitor.
- 9th place 1500m Junior Girls
- 12th place 800m Junior Girls

Savannah Campen

- 4th place 300m Junior Girls

Congratulations to Savannah and Isabella who will go on to compete as part of the Auckland Secondary Schools Team at the North Island Secondary Schools' Track and Field Championships held in Hamilton on the 5th-6th of April.

Waka Ama

On Saturday 1st March two Marist Waka Ama teams, U19 and U16 entered into the Senior Waka Ama Regatta held at Ian Shaw Park in Mt Wellington. For the majority of our girls this was the first Waka Ama Regatta they have attended and the lead into the competition was a fun and short campaign. Under the guidance of Waka Ama legend Coach Lou Henderson and our team manager Jane Matangi, our girls went out confidently onto the water and had a great time.



Congratulations to our students that participated and a huge thankyou to our student volunteers that assisted College Sport at the Loading Bay.

RELAY FOR LIFE 2025



We're joining Relay For Life to celebrate, remember and fight back against 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.

We are currently in 3rd place as top fundraisers in Auckland. With your help we may get to \$25,000!

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.

\$20,884.56
raised of Marist College 2025's \$100,000.00 goal

1 Amount 2 Details 3 Payment

How much would you like to give?

\$30 **\$55** **\$100**

Or enter your own amount: \$

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

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

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

Co Lab

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

See the [roster](#) for teachers available to support your daughter in her learning. The roster is also available on SchoolBridge.

2026 Enrolments close on 11 April 2025

Sibling enrolments need to be completed as soon as possible to ensure you have a place in 2026.

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 – an online programme for New Zealand female students aged 15–21, over 10 days, 11–20 April, 1-2 hours per day. Free to apply.


There will be inspirational female speakers and interactive activities. **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 – a virtual exchange programme for NZ and Australian students aged 15–17.5. Online over 12 weeks during Term 2, 3-4 hours per week. Free to apply, but entry is competitive. There will be online

interactive activities and 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](#)



 **MARIST COLLEGE**
proudly hosting Year 13

Mother Daughter Breakfast

for Year 13 and their Mothers
(or another significant woman in their life)

Thursday 15th May 2025

7:15am – 8:45am

Liturgy - St Mary's Church, 7:15am Breakfast & Guest Speakers - Marist College

Tickets \$10 per student, \$10 per guest
from our online store at <https://tinyurl.com/MDBFast2025>

Online sales close at 5pm on Monday 12th May.
Limited Numbers.

Daughters of Heaven

Year 12 and 13 Class Play
Written by Michelanne Foster
9th April 6.30 pm Drama Rooms



 **Travelling overseas soon?**

You must do a New Zealand Traveller Declaration when you come back

TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz

New Zealand Traveller Declaration | Whakapuakanga Tangata Haere ki Aotearoa

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa | New Zealand Government

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 vyates@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 vyates@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 vyates@maristcollege.school.nz.

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



Lost Property Update

Please clearly name all belongings, uniform, laptop bags etc.
This helps us to return items to the correct students quickly.
Uncollected lost property gets donated to charity at the end of Term.



	New Zealand Sign Language Week	5-11 May	Art Due Date: Fri 11th May - 5pm
	Gasav Ne Fäeag Rotuam Ta ROTUMA	11-17 May	Art Due Date: Fri 16th May - 5pm
	Gagana Samoa SAMOA	1-7 June	Art Due Date: Fri 6th June - 5pm
	International Language Week	9 - 14 June	Art Due Date: Fri 13th June - 5pm
	Te Taetae ni Kiribati KIRIBATI	6 - 12 July	Art Due Date: Fri 11th July - 5pm
	Vanuatu Bislama VANUATU	27 Jul - 2 Aug	Art Due Date: Fri 1st Aug - 5pm
	Te Reo Māori Kūki 'Airani COOK ISLANDS	3 - 9 August	Art Due Date: Fri 8th Aug - 5pm
	Lea Faka-Tonga TONGA	17 - 23 August	Art Due Date: Fri 22nd Aug - 5pm
	Papua Niugini Tok Pisin PAPUA NEW GUINEA	7 - 13 September	Art Due Date: Fri 12th Sep - 5pm
	Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori	14 - 21 September	Art Due Date: Fri 20th Sep - 5pm
	Te Gana Tuvalu TUVALU	28 Sep - 4 Oct	Art Due Date: Fri 3rd Oct - 5pm
	Vosa VakaViti FIJI	5 - 11 October	Art Due Date: Fri 10th Oct - 5pm
	Vagahau Niue NIUE	19 - 25 October	Art Due Date: Fri 24th Oct - 5pm
	Te Gagana Tokelau TOKELAU	26 Oct - 1 Nov	Art Due Date: Fri 31st Oct - 5pm
	Solomon Aelan Pijin SOLOMON ISLANDS	23 - 29 November	Art Due Date: Fri 28th Nov - 5pm



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/>



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

AUCKLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC KĀHUI AKO SPEECH COMPETITION 2025

SIGN LANGUAGE NEW ZEALAND



5 May - 11 May

Fäeag Rotuam Ta ROTUMAN



11 May - 17 May

Gagana Samoa SAMOA



1 Jun - 7 Jun

Te Taetae ni Kiribati KIRIBATI



6 Jul - 12 Jul

Vanuatu Bislama VANUATU



27 Jul - 2 Aug

Te Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani COOK ISLANDS MĀORI



3 Aug - 9 Aug

Lea Faka-Tonga TONGA



17 Aug - 23 Aug

International Languages Week



9 June - 14 June

Papua Niugini Tok Pisin



7 Sep - 13 Sep

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Te Wiki o te reo Māori



14 - 21st Sep

Te Gana Tuvalu



28 Sep - 4 Oct

TUVALU

Vosa VakaViti



5 Oct - 11 Oct

FIJIAN

Vagahau Niue



19 Oct - 25 Oct

NIUE

Te Gagana Tokelau



26 Oct - 1 Nov

TOKELAU

Solomon Aelan Pijin



23 Nov - 29 Nov

SOLOMON ISLANDS



'Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toirua'
Let's stay close together, not far apart.

