



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 10  
Friday 4th April 2025

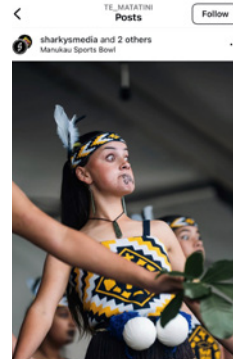
## From the Principal

After months of preparation, our school's Kapa Haka Rōpū and Tongan group have competed in Polyfest this week. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the festival, and the Polyfest theme reflects this special milestone:

*"LEGACY – a treasure handed down"  
"He oha nō tua, he taonga tuku iho!"*

While the buildup to Polyfest can be stressful, with hours of practice and preparation, seeing our students take the stage to share their talents is a proud moment. Their dedication, passion, and commitment to their cultural heritage shine through in every performance, showcasing not only their skills but also their deep connection to the traditions they represent. The energy, grace, and pride they bring to the stage are truly inspiring, and we celebrate their efforts in keeping these beautiful cultural expressions alive.

**Congratulations to all the students, staff, and numerous volunteers who made Polyfest a reality!**



We also congratulate our students who participated in this year's Sheilah Winn Regional Festival of Shakespeare on Thursday evening. Sheilah Winn is a student-directed competition where students create their own five-minute Shakespeare play without adult direction. A special thank you to the Performing Arts department for supporting these students in attending.

Good luck to the 112 students hitting the track on Saturday for this year's Relay for Life. Thank you to Mrs Mandeno for organising and supporting the girls. If you wish to contribute to this group's fundraising efforts, please use the link below. All money raised goes directly to the Cancer Society <https://relayforlife.org.nz/marist-college-2025>

Te Aroha o Te Atua  
*Raechelle Tauhi*, Principal/Tumuaki



Year 9 students get together for their Ki o Rahi tournament on Tuesday

## KEY DATES

### Term 1 2025

#### Week (11A)

- 7 Mo International Students trip to Ambury Farm/Bastion Pt  
Sister Act 3:45-5:15pm, 218
- 8 Tu Senior Touch Champs, Cox's Bay
- 9 We Y12/13 Drama Play, 6:30pm  
Te Ara o Maria Awards
- 10 Th Staff Mass, 8:20am  
St Mary's Church  
Y12/13 Ball Meeting in Gym at Whanau time  
Self Defence Club 4-5:30pm

#### 11 Fr Last Day Term 1

- Assembly NRD/Head Girls/  
Kapa Haka Rōpū Perform  
Y11 Commerce Zoo Trip  
Sister Act, from 4pm, 220  
**Rotation 5 - 4**

### School Holiday Events

- 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
- 18 - 21 Easter Break
- 22 - 26 Sister Act, 1 - 6pm, 220
- 23 We Y11-13 Netball Skills 9am-1:30pm
- 25 Fr ANZAC Day

### Term 2 2025

#### Week (1B)

#### Apr 28 Mo Term 2 Starts

#### St Peter Chanel Feast Day

- Sister Act 3:45-5:15pm, 218  
BOT Meeting 6pm

- 29 Tu Sister Act, 3:30 - 9pm at Playhouse Theatre

- 30 We Assembly/Chanel Leaders/  
Performing Arts  
Y11-13 Drama Speaker P1-2

Apr 30 - May 2 Y8 Camp, Motutapu

- May 1 Th Pompallier Shield, Sacred Heart  
Staff Mass, 8:20am  
St Mary's Church  
Victoria Uni info B2 & P5  
Self Defence Club 4-5:30pm

- 2 Fr Assembly/Sign Language Week/Head Girls  
Sister Act, all day, Theatre  
**Rotation 1 - 5**

- May 3 - 5 MYL, Marist College Hosts
- 3 & 4 Sister Act 9:30am - 6pm

### Upcoming Events:

Apr 28 - May 7 Lumino Dental onsite

- 8 Th Sister Act Opening Night 7:30pm Playhouse Theatre

- 11 Su Mother's Day

- 12 Mo Hui 6:30 - 8pm, staffroom

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

# Jesus' gifts of mercy and forgiveness – Fifth Sunday of Lent

We are reminded in John's Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (6th of April), that Jesus always longs to restore hope and goodness in our lives. The narrative (Jn 8: 1-11) tells us that the scribes and Pharisees tested Jesus by bringing him a woman believed to have committed a grave sin. To respond to such public humiliation, Jesus wrote on the ground: "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Interestingly, one by one they left quietly without stoning the woman.

As we approach the end of this holy season of Lent, it is important to remember that God longs to give each one of us His divine gifts of mercy and forgiveness. Jesus did not condemn the woman in the story but offered her an opportunity to live a just and holy life. Similarly, we too are called by God to do the same and strive to live a just and holy life. In this last week of Lent, we may take the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation within our own parish community and receive God's mercy and healing.

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.



## Open Mic Begins

We had the first open mic for 2025 on Tuesday! It was such a great way to spend the break time, celebrating the talents of our students. We had performances from a range of year levels, all the way from Year 7 to a special guest Mr Allen! I loved seeing all the students so keen to watch, as it was the most packed open mic I have seen. Hearing them cheer for everyone made the event so special. I can't wait for next open mic and to see more of our talented students perform!

*Maria McMurray*, Performing Arts Leader

## Year 10 Silk Screen Prints

This week Year 10 Materials Technology students completed making their cushion covers to showcase their unique silk screen prints and applique. They look amazing!

During the term the students have learnt how to silk screen print, how to create interfacing-backed applique, how to insert a zip and how to create button holes.

*Ms Kirkland*, Curriculum Lead Technology



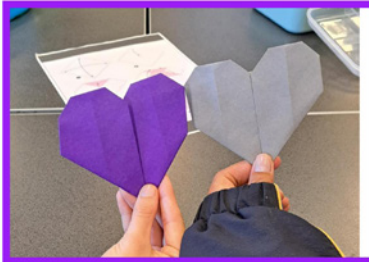
## A Crafty Group!

The students have been enjoying making stuffed, felt hearts in Craft Group this term, just for fun, and to build up some hand-sewing skills.

Student leader Hayley Gilich is currently making plans for next term's Craft Group social action craft project - watch this space for more news on that.

As always, we welcome donations of unwanted haberdashery and fabric. Please drop these off to the school office - attention Ms Kirkland, Technology. Thank you.





## International Students

Earlier this term, we hosted the Shinagawa students from Japan for two weeks. The students were welcomed to school with a mihi whakatau and were quickly absorbed into school life with their buddies. The Shinagawa students were active across school and they hosted a Japanese craft and games session at school. Thanks to the 80+ students that came along and supported the Shinagawa students.

On their last day, we had a farewell party. The Shinagawa girls performed a dance for us and we all enjoyed pizza afterwards. As always, our Marist students showed their manaakitanga and leadership to our visiting Japanese students. A big thank you from us to you and we look forward to the next group of Shinagawa students coming to school in 2026!

*Vivienne Kingsbury*, International Student Director



## Auckland Museum Trip

Year 11 Geography was lucky enough to go to the Auckland War Memorial Museum on Monday. We walked and talked through the migration journeys across the Pacific. We covered the origins of the Māori people and what would have been their first experiences on settling in Aotearoa. I was glad I

was fascinated with everything we talked about. This has pushed me to be more interested in Geography. *Marie Hoglund*, 11GEO

On Monday, we visited the Auckland Museum to explore and learn about World War 1. Walking through the displays and different parts of the galleries, we were inspired by the variety of letters, photographs, and uniforms. The trench exhibit was one of the many highlights of the trip - it felt like we were stepping into the past, with the different sounds we could hear throughout the tour. We were particularly moved by the stories about the soldiers who fought during the war and what they did during those times. It was a trip that deepened our appreciation for those who lived through the war.

*Rhianne Carpio & Samaira Shah*, 11HIS



## Year 10(82A) Burger Competition

The day finally arrived for us to showcase our final burger flavours, creativity, and flair. The room was tense but exciting, especially when our judges arrived to judge our burgers. Many skills were learned such as planning, communication, testing and trialling, giving and getting feedback, making improvements, and working under pressure.

*Year 10(82A) Food Processing Technology*



### The winners are:

- **Tastiest Burger** - The Taco Burger by Payton Abercrombie & Imogen Prentice
- **Most Appealing Burger** - The Hot Honey Burger by Prayze Tapu, Lola Birkbeck, & Hannah Lillywhite
- **Most Creative Burger** - The Territus Burger by Trudy Paseka, Evie Cowan, Christina Samuel, & Santana Soalii-Taulu



# Year 11 PE Camp

Last week the Year 11 PE students went on camp to Action Matakana to build kotahitanga (unity) amongst their teams and cohort. This is a portion of the practical component to the NCEA PE 1.2 Achievement Standard.

We had a packed two days with team building, low ropes, boat building/racing and a very muddy obstacle course.

We were very impressed by the teamwork and resilience demonstrated by the students.

A huge thank you to the parents who took time out of their schedules and whanau time to help out: Leanne Dunning, Jock MacCauley and Pete Veukiso, as well as parent and staff member, Anna Senio. Without their help, camps like this are unable to go ahead. We are so appreciative.

*Ellie Going and Cora Lee Holmes, 11PE teachers*



## 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.

## MARIST SPORTS INFO

For up to date information on sports, coaching and 2025 registrations go to our sports website  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristcol/>

Marist College and St Peter's College  
present

# SISTER ACT

Music by ALAN MENKEN    Lyrics by GLENN SLATER    Book by CHERI STEINKELLNER & BILL STEINKELLNER  
Additional Book Material DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE  
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australia)

Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre  
8th - 24th May 2025

Purchase your tickets from:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/WMT>

Proudly supported by:

The Philharmonic Society Orchestra  
presents

# EGMONT

a family concert  
featuring music by Beethoven, Kalinnikov, Vaughan Williams and more...

Saturday 5 April 2025 at 3 pm  
Mt Albert War Memorial Hall  
773 New North Road, Mt Albert

Conductor: Joanne Johnston  
Concert Master: Mei Fong Edgar  
Violin: Harris Leung

Admission by donation  
[www.philharmonic.org.nz](http://www.philharmonic.org.nz)

# JAZZ BAND

Held every Wednesday break 2 in the music room!  
ALL ABILITIES ARE WELCOME!!!

## Careers Hub



### Engineering and Design Info Evenings


University of Auckland's Faculty of Engineering and Design welcome Year 12, Year 13 and their whanau to info evenings. These evenings provide an introduction to the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), Bachelor of Design (BDes), Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours) and Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS) degrees. They cover entry requirements, study support, scholarships and other key information to help future students plan their studies. Faculty of Engineering and Design, 20 Symonds St, Auckland Central, **13 May & 29 May 2025** (both sessions are the same). The events are free, but registrations are essential as numbers are limited. [Register here](#)

## 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 Millennium track to take part in nonstop walkathon for 12 hours (rain or shine) on the 5th of April. **Good luck to our students taking part in what really is an incredible cause. 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.**

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



**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.

# 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.

## School Charges

**Term 1 is now due for payment**  
Please ensure you have a payment plan in place.

**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.

**Tax Donation Certificate 31/03/2025**  
Tax Donation certificates for the year ending 31/03/2025 have been emailed out. Parents/caregivers need to use this certificate to claim from the Inland Revenue. You can claim back up to 33.3% from the Inland Revenue, as far as 2021 (4 years).

If you have queries or require assistance with accounts, payment plans or previous year's Tax Donations Certificates, please email our Accounts Administrator on [v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz).

# 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](mailto:n.smit@maristcollege.school.nz)

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

## Second Hand Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays & 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](mailto:useduniforms@maristcollege.school.nz)



## Travelling overseas soon?

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

[TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](http://TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz)

**New Zealand Traveller Declaration** | Whakapuakanga Tangata Haere ki Aotearoa

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa New Zealand Government

Orders: [www.myfundraiser.co.nz/support/marist](http://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](http://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





	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](mailto: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 PAPUA NEW GUINEA**



**7 Sep - 13 Sep**

**Te Wiki o te reo Māori**



**14 - 21st Sep**

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**26 Oct - 1 Nov**

**Solomon Aelan Pijin SOLOMON ISLANDS**



**23 Nov - 29 Nov**



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

