



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Number 1
Friday 2nd May 2025

From the Principal

This week we celebrated the lives of Pope Francis and St Peter Chanel. Both were humble men who led by example. They remind us to be servant leaders who serve others with love and compassion, to be inclusive of others, care for our environment and to live a humble and full life. May their spirit and actions continue to be visible in the way we live our daily lives.



We ask the Lord to guide the Cardinals with wisdom, hope, and unity as they choose our new Pope. May the Holy Spirit lead them to a faithful shepherd for Your Church.

Term Two is well and truly underway with students already completing assessments in the senior school, winter sports grading starting, our school production packing in to the Glen Eden Playhouse, Year 8 camp at Motutapu Island and all the other opportunities that ensures school is a hub of activity.

With this in mind, it is important that students practice good time management to reduce unnecessary stress and anxiety. When a student has good attendance and is prepared, they can fully engage in all aspects of school. Co-Lab will be running in the school library Tuesday - Thursday afternoons from 3:15 - 4:15pm for students who need additional subject support.

- Thank you to the staff who worked over the holidays providing additional opportunities for our students and preparing the school for Term Two.
- Thank you to the staff and parents who organised and attended our Year 8 camp. It sounds as if you all had a wonderful time.
- Tickets are on sale now for our musical production of Sister Act. Tickets can be purchased at www.trybookings.com/nz/WMT. Get in quick so you don't miss out!

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Tauku, Principal/Tumuaki



Year 8 enjoying camp at Motutapu Island

KEY DATES

Term 2 2025

Week (2A)	Sign Language Week
5 Mo	Assembly/MYL 8:30am Sister Act 3:45-5:15pm
6 Tu	Y13 PILOT trip (MCJC) Sister Act 3:30-9:30pm CoLab resumes for Term 2
7 We	Level Assemblies Y7&8 Central Zone Futsal Uni of Auckland info B2 & P5 Otago Uni Juinor Maths P5 Sister Act 3:30-9:30pm
8 Th	Sister Act Opening Night 7:30pm Playhouse Theatre 10R Mass, 8:20am, St Mary's Church Self Defence Club 4-5:30pm Pasifika Wayfinders 11 x Y11
9 Fr	Whanau time (No assembly) Y12 Loves Me Not, all day International Student trip 5:30pm, Rosmini College Sister Act show 7:30pm Rotation 2 - 1
10 Sa	Sister Act shows 2pm, 7:30pm <i>Please see advert for further details and ticket sales</i>
11 Su	Mother's Day

Week (3B) Rotuman Language Week

12 Mo	Learn from home day Hui 6:30 - 8pm, staffroom
13 Tu	Central Zone Water Polo Y10-13 Te Reo students Guest Speaker 10am Y12-13 Art/Y12-13 ARP Art Gallery Trip
14 We	PDH Assembly/Rotuman Language Week/Wellbeing Massey Uni info B2 Y10 Ugly Shakespeare P5
15 & 16	Y11 Retreat & Future Focus
15 Th	Y13 M&D Breakfast 7:15am Y13ENL Writers Festival 8:30am-3pm Auckland Swimming Zone Champs, West Wave Self Defence Club 4-5:30pm
16 Fr	Pink Shirt Casual Clothing Day Assembly/Wellbeing/ Pompallier Shield/Head Girls Y12 Geography trip 9am-3pm, Auckland CBD 13MWC/13PHY trip Rainbow's End Rotation 3 - 2

Upcoming Events:

May 7 - 12	MYN
19 Mo	Y10 Market Day B2 Y11 CAA Literacy
20 Tu	Numeracy CAA
27 Tu	Academic Tracking
28 We	Catholic Schools Day
29 Th	Fono 6:30-8pm staffroom
30 Fr	Patron's Mass

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

Legacy of Hope & Mercy – Pope Francis & Saint Peter Chanel

This week in our Liturgical Assembly, we celebrated two great figures of the Church and our Marist College community. Here is a reflection put together by our Chanel House leaders:



St Peter Chanel: *Oh Pope Francis, how lovely to see you! Welcome to heaven!*

Pope Francis: *Thank you, Saint Peter Chanel. A true son of the Pacific and of the Society of Mary. I've often thought of your quiet courage in the islands. You planted so many seeds of faith.*

St Peter Chanel: *And you watered them, Francis. The Church owes much to your gentle strength, your love for the poor, your care for the Earth, your mercy which provides great Hope to all. The world has changed since my time, but the Gospel remains.*

Pope Francis: *Indeed. The Gospel always renews. The Church today is facing storms—division, indifference, disillusionment—but also moments of grace, especially through the young and those on the margins. I placed my hope there.*

St Peter Chanel: *And they heard you. Even in places far from Rome, like New Zealand. Have you ever heard of Marist College in Auckland?*

Pope Francis: *Yes, I have. A Marist school of young women, grounded in the spirit of Mary—strong, humble, compassionate. They're part of the hope I saw and students striving for justice, respect, and service in a noisy world.*

St Peter Chanel: *It touches me deeply. The mission began in simplicity in the Pacific and continues in such vibrant ways. The Marist network lives on—through the young people, the teachers, and the community. Even in uncertainty, they carry the Gospel.*

Pope Francis: *They remind us of the Church's heart. Not structures, but people. Pilgrims. I saw that in Latin America, in Africa, and in Asia. The Spirit speaks many languages now.*

St Peter Chanel: *And yet one message: mercy, hope, and love. We Marists were called to be "instruments of mercy," and you lived that out.*

Pope Francis: *Now it's their turn. I pray that the young Marist women will keep walking with courage. The world needs more hearts like Mary's—humble, listening, and open to God's surprises.*

St Peter Chanel: *Come, Francis. There are so many here who want to greet you—men and women you've inspired, some you've canonized, others unknown to the world but known to Heaven.*

Pope Francis: *Then let us walk together and from above, we will keep praying for the Church, for Marist College, and for all who walk in the light.*

May Saint Peter Chanel and Pope Francis pray for us from heaven. God bless.

Ad Jesum per Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai sm, Director of Religious Studies

Homestay Families Needed

We will be welcoming more short-term students in Term 3 from North Asia who will enrol with us for up to five weeks. If you'd like to be homestay family for a shorter enrolment time, please [complete the form here](#) or email international@maristcollege.school.nz if you'd like some information, thank you.

Vivienne Kingsbury, International Student Director

ANZAC Day

On Friday 25th April Delilah Sika and Randinie Cadelis represented Marist College at the Mt Albert War Memorial ANZAC Commemoration.

Delilah read an ANZAC poem during the service and both students placed a wreath at the foot of the memorial to commemorate the lives lost in World War One and later conflicts.

*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.*

ANZAC Display at Waitangi, Bay of Islands



International Student News

We enjoyed a day out at the WETA Unleashed Workshop and were taken on a tour by a very enthusiastic team member who gave us an interesting insight into digital design, costume design, graphic design and a sneak peek at three new movies



that WETA are working on at the moment. It was a good hands-on experience with the robotics and digital illusion machines plus a few scary and funny aspects!

For Term 2, we welcome a new international student Asuka who is from Japan. Welcome Asuka! Thanks to her buddies for helping her settle in and showing her how school works.

Today, we represented Marist College superbly at the Rosmini College assembly. Georgia, Holly, Simran and Alex spoke about the upcoming trip to Spain and were keen to emphasise the amazing opportunity for their students. A big thanks to the students who bravely faced a whole assembly. Mr Cooper thanked the girls for coming and speaking at assembly.



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 (Australasia).

Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre
8th - 24th May 2025



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

Proudly supported by:



MARYBELLES CHOIR

YEAR 7 AND 8 - DO YOU ENJOY SINGING? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW
EXTRA CURRICULAR PROJECT NOW THAT FAMILY FESTIVAL, POLYFEST AND
(NEARLY) SISTER ACT ARE DONE? JOIN THE MARYBELLES CHOIR!



What: Y7 and 8 Choir, competing in the
Kids Sing choir competition in August.

Where: Music Room 218

Who: Any Year 7 and 8 students who enjoy singing - no
auditions for this group. Ms Nicklin is your choir teacher.

When: Tues Lunchtimes - to try it out : Tues May 13, 20, 27
Sat Workshop - if you are keen to commit : Sat 31 May
Tues after school - intensive rehearsal period -
Tues 3 June-29 July 3.15 - 4.30pm.

Competition - Monday August 4th, during school day,
and in the evening.

Interested?:

If you think this is for you, and don't have any clashes with the
rehearsals, please show your interest by emailing Ms Hatfield
performingarts@maristcollege.school.nz, or writing your name on
the list on the Performing arts notice board.

2025 Marist College Singing Cup

Tuesday 17th June

AUDITIONS



AUDITION REQUIRES TWO SONGS,
ONE OF YOUR CHOOSING, ONE TEST SONG.
THE LINK WILL BE IN THE
DAILY NOTICES MONDAY 5TH OF MAY ONWARDS
AUDITIONS DUE
FRIDAY 30TH MAY



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.

Craft Group - Essentials Drive for Women's Refuge

Do you have any new, unwanted, wrapped-soaps
sitting in a drawer at home? If so, we would like
them from you to pop in our hand-made drawstring
bags. These bags will be delivered to our local
Women's Refuge this term. Please drop off your
wrapped-soap donations to Ms Kirkland in room 318
during the month of May. Any other new toiletry
items such as small deodorants, mini shampoos and
conditioners would also be gratefully received.

*Every small donation makes a big difference!
Thank you.*



Good Vibes Company will be partnering with Marist College to bring an exciting new tuckshop. Follow the link below, select the "Online Orders" button in the top right corner, and choose Marist College to browse the menu and place orders.



The online portal will allow parents to view the full menu, place orders in advance, and even customise meal options to ensure their children enjoy a satisfying and nutritious lunch.

Online ordering will be available here: <https://thegoodvibes.co.nz/marist-school-ordering/>

Please note for our Good Vibes team to prepare your food with care, we require your order processed 9pm the day prior. Orders will be available for pick up from 11am until 12:30pm

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.

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 and 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](#)



Laidlaw College open evenings

Find out about tertiary training options in primary or secondary teaching, counselling, or Biblical studies. On campus **Wednesday 14 May 7pm**, 3 Smythe Road Henderson. Online **Monday 19 May 7.30pm** via Zoom. More details and register: [Laidlaw College open nights](#)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest, or Auckland Common Fund Ltd at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 09-360-3040 for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

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Mō tātou, ā, mōngā uri ā muri ake – For us, and our children after us.

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

Library Notice

All library books issued before the school holidays are now due back promptly please.

Many thanks, *Mrs Dushon*,
School Librarian



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/>