



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Number 2
Friday 9th May 2025

From the Principal

This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day. A special occasion dedicated to recognising the significant women in our lives. Mothers play a vital role in shaping character and values, and in supporting the overall wellbeing of others with empathy and grace. They often carry the emotional load of a family without seeking recognition.

May all our mothers and the significant women who inspire us be blessed with a day filled with aroha.

We also open our hearts in welcome to Pope Leo XIV, the new leader of our Catholic Church.

*Loving God,
We thank You for our new Pope, Leo XIV.
Guide him with wisdom
and fill his heart with courage and compassion.
May he lead the Church in truth and love.*

*Blessed Mother Mary,
Wrap Pope Leo XIV in your gentle care.
Help him to follow Jesus with humility and strength,
and protect him always under your mantle.*

*We pray that his words bring hope,
and his actions reflect the love of Christ.
Amen.*

Congratulations to our production team on a very successful opening night of Sister Act! I am always so proud and amazed by the talent and courage of all the students involved. Tickets are selling out fast, so get in quick! Tickets can be purchased at

www.trybookings.com/nz/WMT.

Te Aroha o Te Atua
Raechelle Tauhi, Principal/Tumuaki



KEY DATES

Term 2 2025

Week (3B)	Rotuman Language Week
May 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
16 & 17	MUNA (RM)
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

Week (4A)

19 Mo	Y10 Market Day B2 Y11 CAA Literacy PTFA Meeting 7pm
20 Tu	Numeracy CAA
21 We	Assembly/House Leaders/ Patrons' Mass/Environmental
22 Th	10T Mass 8:20am, St Mary's Church
23 Fr	Assembly/Cultural & House Leaders/Singing Rotation 4 - 3
24 Sa	FINAL Sister Act shows at Glen Eden Playhouse

Upcoming Events:

May 19 - 30	Life Education onsite
27 Tu	Academic Tracking
28 We	Catholic Schools Day
29 Th	Fono 6:30-8pm staffroom
30 Fr	Patrons' Mass
June 2 Mo	King's Birthday Holiday
4 We	Music & Dance Showcase Y13 Bio Zoo trip
5 Th	Hui 6:30 - 8:30pm
6 Fr	Champagnat Feast Day Ex-Students Assoc. Mixer
10 Tu	Big Sing
11 We	Cultural Clothing Day Y11-13 Drama trip 11am-2:30pm
12 Th	Gymsports Championships
13 Fr	Y12 PE Tough Gal Ngāruawhāhā 7am-2:30pm
14 Sa	School Ball, Alexandra Park Bollywood Showdown

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

Mary, Mother of our Saviour

In our Catholic tradition, the month of May is specially dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus. We know from Luke's Gospel (1: 26-38) that Mary humbly accepted God's will for her to be the mother of

Christ. After that event, Mary set out to live and share her life

in supporting her Son's Mission with great trust in God's leading. Apart from being the 'Mother of Christ, she is also regarded in the Church as the perfect disciple of Christ, thus deserves to have the entire month of May in her honour. In John's Gospel (19: 26-27) Jesus gave us Mary, his mother to be our mother too: "Behold your mother". With that in mind, Catholics over the centuries turn to Mary for her motherly care and support. Our late Pope Francis had a special devotion to Mary and always entrusted his intentions throughout his Pontificate to her motherly care and wisdom.

In Marist College we strive to imitate Mary and entrust all our schoolwork and ourselves to her. Every Wednesday at Break 2, for example, a group of staff members and students gather in 320 to honour Mary by praying the rosary for our 'needs'. Let us continue to look to Mary as our source of inspiration and allow her to show us how to encounter Christ daily.

God bless. Ad Jesum per Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai sm, Director of Religious Studies



Year 8 Camp at Motutapu

Year 8 school camp to Motutapu Island was an unforgettable adventure packed with excitement, challenges, and team bonding. From the moment we arrived, the fresh sea air and scenic views set the stage for an amazing experience. The campsite was surrounded by native bush and open spaces, providing the perfect setting for two full days jam packed full of outdoor activities. Everyone was buzzing with energy and ready to push their limits. One of the highlights of the camp was the high ropes course. The high ropes challenged us to face our fears and trust our teammates. Balancing on thin wires and leaping across platforms took real courage, but the feeling of accomplishment at the end was worth every shaky step. The survivor challenge tested not just our physical strength but also our problem-solving skills, as we worked in teams to complete obstacle courses and strategy-based tasks. *Mila Omundsen*

Year 8 camp was an adventure. Causal swimming, the flying kiwi, high ropes, the Burma tunnels, colouring, a movie and much more were some of the amazing activities. For me, my favourite activity was the Burma tunnels. Holding on to a rope so we didn't get lost, we wandered through dark tunnels used in World War 2. Some of us held a flashlight on the first exploration of the tunnels, the second time most of us did not hold one. This was such a fun and slightly scary activity. I am grateful I got to do it. One of the things I am most grateful for from camp is the kindness of those around me. My activities group, friends and the adults were all so kind and supportive. Camp was the best and something that we'll never forget! *Ella Shamy*

On Wednesday morning we hustled onto our crowded ferry and excitedly waited to arrive at Motutapu Island for our adventure to Motutapu camp. As soon as we arrived it was a flurry of hauling bags into a truck and preparing ourselves for the long walk ahead to our camp. The next morning we got up and prepared for our activities and had a delicious breakfast. I can say that in my opinion, my favourite activity out of so many, was the flying kiwi. Year 8 Camp was an unforgettable experience and it really improved our bonding and exercise skills. *Sarah d'Young*

On Wednesday the 30th of April, we were all excited to start our Year 8 Camp journey with a ride on the ferry. As the ferry arrived, all our faces filled with excitement, forgetting about the one hour walk ahead. On the way there, we used the strength in our legs and minds to motivate ourselves and each other to keep going. We were welcomed to camp with the 'Motutapu Challenge'. Four different teams challenged each other. We went through a mud creek and a duck pond, which was very disgusting and challenging, but it was fun. After all of that, we were excited to go for a swim in the ocean. Overall, the camp was really fun! *Emacyn Lemalu & Tupoumohefo Manukia*

International Student News

As we get ready to farewell some of our students who are returning to Thailand and for those that left after Term 1, I would like to say a big thank you to our homestay families. We are so grateful that you welcome international students into

your home and look after them so well. It makes the experience for our students all the more enjoyable and comforting to know they have a family that cares for them here. The parents offshore are also extremely grateful and love the updates that they receive from their daughters. Thank you so much for helping the international students ease into life in your home and including them as part of your whānau.

Vivienne Kingsbury, International Students Director



Dancing Together

In week 1 this term the Year 11 dance students joined up with 7M to teach them a dance for the Year 7s upcoming performance assessment. It was awesome to see the Year 7s working hard and the Year 11s taking on the challenge of teaching with kindness and enthusiasm.



Ms Finlay, Curriculum Leader Performing Arts

Drama Workshop

Recently Year 11, 12 and 13 Drama students had the privilege of working with Logan Cole from Red Leap Theatre Company. Logan took the students through a two hour drama workshop.



The workshop was fun, creative and playful. The students played a joyful game to warm up that enabled them to feel light, happy, ready to employ their imaginations and express story through physicality. They learned about the most basic finger puppet you can employ in physical theatre. They learned how simply changing scale can make a theatre piece impactful eg a finger puppets view of a landscape (made by using their bodies) versus the larger human body's point of view of that same landscape. They created a walking stick with their own body for a character, a forest using their hands, Red Riding Hoods hood with hands and fingers moving as chorus, all whilst devising to music that infused the workshop with energy and levity.

They engaged their imaginations and continued to develop their abilities to interpret and dramatise existing texts as well as create new ones. By making their work physical, therefore visually engaging, their pieces grew into magical, surprising versions of well-known fairy tales. I know their Term 3 devising physical theatre will be enhanced because of this wonderful opportunity to work in the Red Leap manner.

Miss Hamilton, Drama



Performing Arts Technology

In preparation for a make-up assessment the Year 12 and 13 performing arts technology students took part in a special effects workshop run by BodyFX. They learnt how to create cuts, bruises, burns and other wounds.

Ms Finlay, Curriculum Leader Performing Arts

Sports Update

Central Zone Futsal

Marist recently competed at the Central Zone Futsal competition for Year 7 & 8 students at the Auckland Netball arena in St Johns. Futsal is a five-a-side version of football and is played indoors. We had a team of seven who were mostly new to futsal. Their quick thinking, speed and skills, in such an enclosed space sparked their creative approach to the game.



In the end Marist made it through to the semi-finals! The students said they've always wanted to give futsal a go, so it was great that they had the opportunity to play in a competitive environment. It was a fun day and a great turnout for the sport of futsal.

Basketball Development Sessions

Open to all Year 7 - 8 players who registered for basketball but were not selected for the team, as well as Year 9 and 10 players who registered for the competition. The sessions will be held in the Gym on Friday afternoons at 3pm. There will be 15 minutes of warm-ups and drills, followed by a basketball game. Session concludes at 4:15pm. This is a great opportunity to sharpen your skills, build teamwork, and enjoy playing the game in a supportive environment. Come ready to give it your best effort, and bring your enthusiasm to the court. *Jacob Cameron*

Term 2 Sports

Term 2 sports are a go! Our Senior Rugby team did extremely well in their first game of the season with an astounding win against Waitakere, 44 - 12.

The Marist Netball season started on the weekend with a pre-season tournament and most of our teams have their first games under their belt.

Our Marist Premiere netball team have their first game against Westlake 11:30am at St Johns this Saturday and would love to have your support!



All our Football teams have had a great start to the season with their first games this week. The teams have had an awesome build up with their training sessions.

Our U15 Hockey played Baradene this week with 5-2 loss so no doubt they'll be all sticks blazing for their next game.



The remaining Hockey, Lacrosse, Badminton and Basketball teams will have their respective games by the end of the week.

We wish all our teams the best of luck for the season!

Hazard and Risk Management course

A record number of students enrolled to a holiday course on hazard and risk management. The topic of health and safety is not usually top of mind for high school students, but it is an issue that is very important for young people to be aware of when entering employment, as 16% of work-related injuries occur in the 15-24 year age group, the second highest rate of all workplace accidents. On the course students learned about health and safety and how easily things can go wrong when people do not abide by safety instructions, either for themselves, their colleagues, or even bystanders or members of the public. They also had to work out a risk management plan for a "Colour Run" activity using Marist College premises as a venue.



I had the honour of attending a health and safety course alongside other girls during the first week of the school break. This was really instructive on a lot of levels, including how to manage your time effectively, stay safe at work, and always be aware of your surroundings, among many other things. I gained a great deal of knowledge regarding the critical role that safety plays in every workplace, whether it be retail, an office, or construction site. We participated in enjoyable exercises and individual work focused on safety. Our tutor made sure to break down topics for us, to make it more understandable. He also made the course enjoyable, interesting, and engaging for all of us. Overall, I would advise anyone to enrol in this experience in the future. It teaches you about topics you might not have known before and will be very useful knowledge when you're at the stage of applying for jobs. *Ma'ata Toutaiolofo, Year 13*

My favourite part of this course was watching a video on the harrowing statistics of workplace hazards; for every two million near misses, there is one death. *Soeun Park, Year 12*

The Health and Safety course which I completed over the holidays made me aware of our surrounding dangers and how to avoid being at risk of these things. Everything I learnt on this course will forever stick with me and help me to make our communities a safer working place. *Savannah Sobil, Year 13*

One fact I learnt is that proper planning and prevention is key to ensuring safety in every workplace. *Catherine Don, Year 13*



First Aid course

In the April holidays 25 Year 12 and 13 students doing Gateway and STAR programmes completed a First Aid course. Students learnt how to do CPR, as well as first response treatment for bleeding, burns, and broken bones. How to recognise the signs of asthma attack, allergic reaction, stroke, heart attack, epileptic seizures, and care for these patients until help arrives. These are essential life skills, as well as being important for many career paths.

The First Aid Course was a great educational experience for me as it taught me more about how to handle medical situations like how to calm a patient down, how to treat burns, and give CPR. This course was life changing for me. *Anna Jose, Year 12*

I always thought first aid was complicated, but this course showed me that anyone can be a lifesaver with the right knowledge. *Ursula Chinchay, Year 13*

I really enjoyed the First Aid course and learned lots of new things like treating shock, what to do with burns, how to make slings for a broken arm and much more. The experience was truly amazing, and the environment was comfortable. I would recommend this course as it is beneficial in real life. *Hanna Sheji, Year 12*

The course was so beneficial. I learned how to do CPR properly for the first time and now I feel more confident if an emergency ever happens. *Mele Feao, Year 12*

The first aid course which I completed over the holidays taught me so much about the possibilities of dangers around us and how to avoid them. This was such a useful and interesting course that'll always be applicable to me in my life. *Savannah Sobil, Year 13*

For me, the highlight of this course was when our instructor told us about her real life experiences working as a paramedic. One time, she had to perform CPR on an eight year old for one hour! *Soeun Park, Year 12*

I enjoyed learning about the different health situations we may face, how to combat them, and how to assist the person until help arrives. This course also taught me about different diseases I previously had no knowledge of. *Abby Coutinho, Year 12*

This course taught me so many practical skills for all types of everyday emergencies. It was interesting, informative, and I think everyone should learn these important skills! *Catherine Don, Year 13*



Women In Engineering

School Holidays Camp

Zoey, Michalle, Kristina and I had a great time at the Women In Engineering Camp at the University of Auckland during the school holidays. We joined many girls from all over New Zealand and were given the opportunity to experience the different types of engineering on offer at the University. It was very eye opening.



My highlight was the wind turbine in the Newmarket campus and making our own hand sanitizer in Biomedical engineering. We made a name tag and soap dish using 3D printing in the mechatronics lab. The camp was an incredible opportunity and I would recommend that future Year 11s who are interested in STEM apply for it!

<https://womeninengineering.auckland.ac.nz/>

Ruby Crowe

One Day Workshop

Recently I went with a few others to a Women in Engineering workshop at Auckland Uni. We got to try lots of different things like coding robots, designing modes of transport, and my personal favourite: building spaghetti-marshmallow towers! An added bonus was the snacks, drinks and Pizza Hut provided by our hosts!

It was a really fun day, and a great experience being able to learn about opportunities for women in engineering and collaborate with girls from other schools.

Maia Doran, Year 10

Girl Boss Edge

On the 3rd of April, 2025, I received an email informing me that I had been accepted into the Girl Boss edge: sustainability programme. Over the course of 10 days, I learnt about networking and personal branding in addition to numerous other teachings.

I was shown the ways that I can achieve my dreams and the programme encouraged me to become more motivated, curious and independent when planning for my future. I made numerous new friendships from all around New Zealand and I cannot recommend the programme enough! The Girl Boss programme was a life changing experience that I will cherish forever.

Harper Lawson, Year 13



Gateway Success in Retail at Mitre 10 Manukau

The Gateway programme is a government-funded initiative to give senior high school students skills and training in an employment field. Three Year 12 students gave up their April holiday break to spend the time learning about working in retail. With training provided by Gold Star Training, the students had a combination of classroom learning and practical work experience in the Mitre 10 Manukau store. They learned about customer service, teamwork, merchandising of products, stock checking, how to prevent against theft and fraud and much more.

Gateway was such a good opportunity! I learned all types of new skills from how to stock shelves to greeting customers in a friendly manner. Another great thing that came from this experience was the connections I made with other people. At Mitre 10 I connected with so many of the staff and even students from other schools. I truly cannot recommend this experience enough to anyone wanting to get into the workforce or even wanting to get some extra credits.
Aslan Poching

During my work experience at Mitre 10, I gained valuable insight into the day-to-day operations of busy retail. I assisted in stocking shelves, helping customers, which taught me the importance of teamwork, communication, and attention to detail. I grew more confident and comfortable interacting with both staff and customers. I enjoyed being part of a supportive team and found it rewarding to contribute to a smooth and helpful shopping experience for others. Overall, the experience made me feel more capable and gave me a clearer idea of what it's like to work in a retail setting.
Vaihola Simoni

I found this experience very interesting and enjoyable. This experience really helped me learn what to do when working and what working feels like. I believe this was really useful and will definitely help me in the future.
Rosa Fuli

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:



Year 10 Camp Samosa Fundraiser

to support our Year 10 students in their journey to Hillary Outdoors in Tongariro National Park. We are fundraising to help cover the costs of this incredible 6-day outdoor education camp.

Order your samosas online here
<https://fundraising.surti.co.nz/t/marist-college-year-10-camp-fundraiser>

For every 10 pack you buy,
\$10 is donated to the camp fundraiser.
Thanks for your support.

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

Haere mai ki te Hui

Family Spirit in Mary's Way - Wairua Whanaungatanga i Te Ara o Maria

Monday 12th May, 6:30 - 8pm

Meet in the staffroom. Please bring a plate of food to share.

All welcome



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.

It's Fono Time!

Family Spirit in Mary's Way - Wairua Whanaungatanga i Te Ara o Maria

Thursday 29 May, 6:30 - 8pm

Focus: Partnership

Meet in the staffroom. Please bring a plate of food to share.
Please RSVP your attendance here.

Vinaka Vaka Levu

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](#)

University of Canterbury Information Evening

On next week in Auckland Central, 6.00-8.15pm, **Wednesday 14th May**, Life Venues, Mt Eden. [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](#)



Victoria University of Wellington Information Evening

Monday June 9, Aotea Centre 6-8pm. Students interested in studying at Victoria University of Wellington are warmly invited to an information evening at the Aotea Centre on Monday June 9, along with their whanau. There will be presentations about some of the degrees you can study, and the opportunity to talk with university staff about courses, entry, accommodation, scholarships etc. The evening is free but they would appreciate registrations for catering purposes: [Register here](#)



University of Otago Information Evening

Tuesday 17th June, 6:30pm, Newmarket Room, Ellerslie Event Centre, Auckland. What's it like to study at the Uni of Otago? Find out about life in a residential college, admission, scholarships, costs, support. Study options include Arts, Law, Business, Sciences and Health Sciences. For further information ph 09 373 9704 or email auckland.liaison@otago.ac.nz



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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A co-operative company representing the Proprietors of Catholic Integrated Schools in the Catholic Diocese of Auckland.

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

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.

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 AND ONE TEST SONG
THE LINK WILL BE IN THE DAILY NOTICES
MONDAY 5TH OF MAY ONWARDS
AUDITIONS DUE
SUNDAY 25TH MAY

JAZZ BAND

Held every Wednesday break 2 in the music room!

ALL ABILITIES ARE WELCOME!!!

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

Co Lab

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

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

PASIFIKA Mass 2025

WEDNESDAY, 18TH JUNE 2025, 6PM
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GREY LYNN

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free"
[Luke 4: 18]

REFRESHMENTS AT CONCLUSION OF THE MASS

JUBILEE 2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

AUCKLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC KĀHUI AKO

Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako LANGUAGE WEEKS ART COMPETITIONS

	New Zealand Sign Language Week	5-11 May	Art Due Date: Fri 11th May - 5pm
	Gasav Ne Fāeag 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.

This ends in Week 6, 2nd June. We would really appreciate your support. No books of any kind. Fa'afetai.

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/>

AUCKLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC KĀHUI AKO SPEECH COMPETITION 2025

	SIGN LANGUAGE NEW ZEALAND	5 May - 11 May
	Fāeag 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 'Airani 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
	Te Gana Tuvalu TUVALU	28 Sep - 4 Oct
	Vosa VakaViti FIJIAN	5 Oct - 11 Oct
	Vagahau Niue NIUE	19 Oct - 25 Oct
	Te Gagana Tokelau TOKELAU	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.



Te Huinga o ngā Pīhopa Katorika o Aotearoa

New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

MEDIA RELEASE May 8, 2025

NZ bishops celebrate election of Pope Leo XIV

The Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand has received news of the election of Pope Leo XIV with great joy.

Bishop Steve Lowe, president of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference, says there is trust in the Holy Spirit and the College of Cardinals that Pope Leo XIV is the right man to lead the global Church at this time.

On Friday morning NZ time, Cardinal Robert Prevost OSA was elected the new Pope, and took the name Leo.

He becomes the first North American Pope, but has spent much of his ministerial life overseas, predominantly in Peru. He is a member of a religious order – the Augustinians – and becomes the second consecutive Pope to have such a background, following the Jesuit Pope Francis.

“While a new Pope is often unknown to most people around the world, we know from his experience in leadership in Latin America, as a leader within his religious order and as prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Bishops that Pope Leo understands the Church and its needs,” Bishop Lowe said.

Bishop Lowe said the choice of the name Leo could offer a glimpse into the type of pope he seeks to be.

“In the coming days, we will learn more about Pope Leo XIV, but the last Pope to take this name helped develop some of the Church’s key social teachings,” he said.

A transformative encyclical letter, *Rerum Novarum*, was published in 1891, and has been the inspiration of many teaching documents in the years since.

In his blessing to the crowds in St Peter’s Square, Pope Leo spoke about the importance of Catholics being willing to proclaim the Gospel, work for justice and peace, to be missionaries in the world.

New Zealand Catholics will immediately take up the practice of praying for the Pope in every Mass celebrated throughout the country.

“In parishes, in Catholic schools, in our outreach ministries and in Catholic homes, prayers will be offered for our new Holy Father, that God will provide him with all the strength needed for this immense task,” Bishop Lowe said.

“There is a real sense among the faithful that the popes that have been elected in recent decades have had the right attributes to lead the Church at that moment. We trust that will be the same with Pope Leo XIV.”