



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Number 3  
Friday 16th May 2025

## From the Deputy Principal

Tēnā koutou,

This week we continued to celebrate our beautiful mothers at the annual mother-daughter breakfast with our Year 13 students on Thursday. I want to send my heartfelt thanks to Jen Martinez for being our guest presenter. She got us up to dance and presented an honest reflection of what is, the roller coaster of motherhood. Our Marist mothers are doing a fabulous job, so thank you, for creating, guiding and shaping the wahine toa we feel privileged to have in our care.

Thank you to our PTFA for providing a lovely spread of food and drink and to the staff and students who volunteered their service to put this event together.

*"Me aro koe ki te hā o Hine-ahu-one"  
Pay heed to the dignity and  
power of women*

Today, we recognised Pink Shirt Day. Marist is fully supportive of this movement to spread aroha and kindness and end bullying. It was a sea of pink in assembly this morning! Let's keep working together to enact family spirit in Mary's way.

Lastly, good luck to our production team over the weekend (students and staff) as they continue to impress their audience. There is still time to see this wonderful performance of Sister Act (in theatre until the 24th May - tickets available here <http://www.trybooking.com/nz/wmt>).

Have a lovely weekend.

Ngā manaakitanga

*Tess Murphy,*

Acting Deputy Principal Pastoral Care



## KEY DATES

### Term 2 2025

#### Week (4A)

- 19 Mo Y10 Market Day B2  
Y11 CAA Literacy  
PTFA Meeting 7pm
- 20 Tu Numeracy CAA
- 21 We PPT 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**

#### Week (3B) Rotuman Language Week

- 26 Mo Y7-8 Drama performance P5  
BOT Meeting 6pm staffroom
- 27 Tu **Y11-13 Academic Tracking  
3:30pm-8pm**  
Y11-13 Te Reo guest speaker P2  
Y7 Central Zone Football
- 28 We Catholic Schools Day  
House Leaders Assembly/  
Samoan Language Week/  
Catholic Schools Day  
Waikato Uni Info B2
- 29 Th **Fono 6:30-8pm staffroom**  
Y12-13 Ball meeting at  
whanau time  
Y8 Central Zone Football
- 30 Fr **Patrons' Mass (no P1 & 2)**  
Y11-13 Fabric trip 11am-2pm  
**Rotation 5 - 4**

### Upcoming Events:

- May 19 - 30 Life Education onsite
- June 2 Mo **King's Birthday Holiday**
- 4 We **Music & Dance Showcase**  
Y13 Bio Zoo trip  
Cross Country Champs
- 5 Th **Hui 6:30 - 8:30pm**
- 6 Fr **Champagnat Feast Day**  
**Ex-Students Assoc. Mixer**
- 10 Tu Big Sing  
ACCKA Pasifika Fono 4-5:30pm
- 11 We **Cultural Clothing Day**  
Y11-13 Drama trip  
11am-2:30pm
- 12 Th Gymsports Champs
- 13 Fr Y12 PE Tough Gal  
Ngāruawhāhia 7am-2:30pm
- 14 Sa **School Ball, Alexandra Park**  
Bollywood Showdown
- 15 Su Samoa final trip meeting  
3pm staffroom
- 16 Mo PTFA Meeting 7pm
- 17 Tu Samosa pickup day  
Singing Cup 6:30pm, Atrium
- 18 & 19 Y11 Retreat & Future Focus
- 18 We Pasifika Mass 6pm,  
St Joseph's Church
- 19 Th **Matariki Hiko**  
**Casual Clothing Day - Ranong**
- 20 Fr **Matariki Holiday**

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



# Honouring God's Gift of our mother

We have a special annual occasion at Marist College, where the Year 13 students and their mothers, or mother figures, come together for a Mother-Daughter Mass. Here is a lovely reflection shared by one of our student leaders at the Mass:

*To you, our beautiful mothers, our Marist whānau, our teachers and staff, and my fellow Year 13 sisters—what a blessing it is to be gathered here today.*

*Today, we pause. In the busyness of school, of deadlines, and preparing for what comes next, we take this moment to reflect, be truly present and give thanks. Because behind each one of us sits a woman, or women, who carried us not only into this world, but through it.*

*As Marist girls, we've also grown under the example of Mary, our model of courage, compassion, and grace. Through her and through you, we've learned that motherhood is more than a role; it's a calling. It's love in action. You've been our first teachers, our biggest cheerleaders, our safe place to fall.*

*So, to our beloved mothers and mother figures, even though we may hardly show it under our teenage attitudes and tones, we see you. We see the long hours, the silent prayers, the sleepless nights. We see the way you've held us together, even when you were falling apart. We see the way you've believed in us, even when we struggled to believe in ourselves. And today, as we stand on the edge of adulthood, preparing to leave the safety of these walls and step into the world, we carry your love with us. We are who we are because of you, so thank you.*

*And to my Year 13 sisters, as we move forward, may we never forget the hands that held us. May we never forget where we come from. And may we grow into women who give as fiercely and love as unconditionally as the women we honour today.*

*Happy belated Mother's Day  
and thank you for giving us  
the greatest gift we could  
ever receive: a mother's love.*

*Delilah Sika*

God bless.  
Sr Seini Fatai sm,  
Director of Religious Studies



## Second Hand Uniform Shop

**We are very short of winter uniform  
(long shirts, cardigans, blazers etc.)**

If you have any uniform items that are no longer required we accept all donations that are in clean, good condition. We can also sell items on your behalf, with a 20% commission to the school.

Open Wednesdays & Thursdays Break 1 (10:55 - 11:20am)  
For further information please email [useduniforms@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:useduniforms@maristcollege.school.nz)



## Salt & Light Retreat

In the holidays a few house leaders and our head librarian had the privilege of going to Salt & Light which is a Logos youth development retreat for leaders. We spent three days alongside 40 other leaders from other catholic schools who we got to know and share experiences with. The three days were filled with reflection, prayer and laughter through group activities where we learnt to trust each other and build our leadership skills.

The stories shared by leaders who have been on this retreat and leaders in their schools was also inspiring. Hearing about their journeys and the challenges they faced reminded us that leadership is not about being perfect it's about being authentic, resilient, and committed to making a positive difference.

*Breanna  
and Kaitlyn*



## 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.**



# International Student News

Last week was the final week for our Thai students that were at Marist for eight weeks. Most students are from Bangkok, or close by. Some students come from tri-lingual schools and were happy that they could continue their Chinese classes with us.

This is the first group that Marist has welcomed into school and we look forward to continuing with another group next year. It was a busy time with the students, with trips out of school. During their first week with us it was Athletics Day, so they were involved from the beginning of their time with us. Thanks to the buddies, who once again showed their leadership and manaakitanga. We are truly thankful to you and to the homestays that looked after the Thai girls so well.

Last week we attended the annual Catholic Schools' international student party at Rosmini College where 15 Marist students attended. In all, there were 150+ students from six schools. A great night was had with pizza, music and dancing. Thanks to the homestays for collecting your students late into the evening.

*Vivienne Kingsbury*, International Students Director



## Rugby Refereeing Course

During the holidays I had the opportunity to attend a referee course held at Mt Albert Grammar. It was an enjoyable experience because we learned how to be a referee and the



rules of rugby. We did a bit of both practical and theoretical lessons. The theoretical lessons were learning the rules and filling out our assessment. The practical lessons were outside to play a game of touch and use our knowledge from the theoretical lessons during our games against each other. I was very fortunate to receive some Auckland merchandise after the course, as well as some extra little items. I feel happy and grateful that I was able to learn about how referees train physically and mentally. Now, as a player, I can sympathise with the refs if they have made an incorrect call or players are verbally abusing them in a rude tone. Overall, the experience was fun and I learned a lot from it.



*Eva Ah Chong Vakalahi*, Year 13

At the Rugby Refereeing course it was so much fun to mix and mingle with other students from other schools who are also interested in rugby. It was a great opportunity to learn more about rugby and apply our knowledge as a referee during our practical sessions. *Bella Luau*, Year 12

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>

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**Final week of shows!**  
**Get your tickets now so you don't miss out!**



## Year 13 PILOT (Pacific Island Leaders of Tomorrow)

PILOT is a non-profit programme run by volunteers who work for tertiary institutes to promote cultural identity and aspiration in young Pasifika students.

Students are selected to attend a one-day inspirational event based on their attendance, attitude, effort, and commitment to school values.

*Jenni Catley*, Gateway Coordinator

I was given the opportunity to think about my future and what success looks like when I have the right people surrounding me. I learnt that faith and my culture will lead me through my path that I choose. The PILOT program has always kept me grounded in my culture and values in life and I am always grateful and privileged for these opportunities! *Elena Wulf*

I really enjoyed the Pacific Island Leaders of Tomorrow workshop because it gave me the chance to connect with like-minded students who share similar goals and cultural pride. It was humbling to learn that while we all come from different backgrounds, we're still deeply connected through our Pasifika roots. The experience also helped ease some of my nerves about uni, showing me that it's not so different from school and that it opens exciting opportunities for my future, which keeps me feeling hopeful and motivated.

*Elisa Stark*

PILOT was a very insightful experience as it was my first time attending the event. The hosts of the event touched on different aspects regarding young pacific students and how they can navigate their way in life after high school. Overall, they offered very inspiring and helpful perspectives within their sessions.

*Nele Maile*



## Pacific Health Wayfinders Year 11 Va'a Experience Day

Pacific Health Wayfinders is an organisation which aims to encourage more Pasifika students to train for health careers, to increase the representation of Pasifika people in NZ's clinical health workforce. Pacific people make up 9% of NZ's population, but only 1-4% of different roles in the health workforce. It is hoped that increasing the proportion of Pasifika people in the health field will help to improve Pacific health outcomes.

*Jenni Catley*,  
Gateway Coordinator

The Year 11 Va'a was a great experience which showed me the path to different careers, and the hardships that come along with it. It showed me that with hard work comes good results, and we shouldn't take opportunities for granted. It was nice meeting other Pasifika students with the same goals and mindsets as me, and I made many new connections with them. *Bella Laban-Fatialofa*

I appreciated the opportunity to gain a sense of understanding of what it's like as a medical/health student. One thing I really enjoyed about the Va'a was meeting new people like me that are interested in taking the same career path, that I was able to learn more about health science and have a clearer understanding of the different types of science. One of the workshops that I found really interesting was the optometry workshop. I really enjoyed looking at what the different type of sights were and how rare some of them are. For sure I'd like to study this some more in the future. *Victoria Siilata*

I was so ecstatic that I was chosen to attend the Va'a Experience Day at UoA. While we were there, we were taken around the health science departments and were lectured by some of the professors and some students. This day opened up my perspective on what is on offer in the health science studies. It also made me realize that us Pasifika students are needed in the health science departments. *Marie Hoglund*

I really enjoyed this event because it has opened up new doors for the future. The workshop gave me options on what I want to do for the future and overall experience. *Paula Veukiso*

I found the trip really interesting and intriguing. My favourite part was the health and science museum. It showed a lot of perspectives of medicine. Overall it was really worthwhile in my opinion. It has changed my perspective of the medical field and what I would like to do in the future. It has made me think of a possible path and future in the medical field. I would really recommend for people to consider the medical field as a possible path for their future career. *Filomena Kautoke*



# 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, **29 May 2025** (both sessions are the same). The events are free, but registrations are essential as numbers are limited. [Register here](#)



## 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

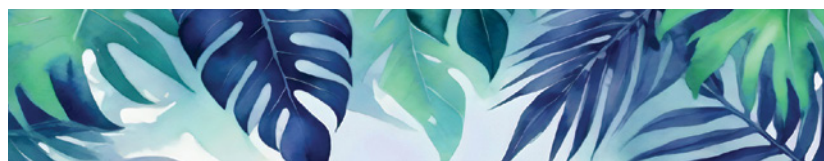
**Tuesday 17th June, 6:30pm,** Newmarket Room, Ellerslie Event Centre, Auckland. What's it like to study at the Uni of Otago? Find out about life in a residential college, admission, scholarships, costs, support. Study options include Arts, Law, Business, Sciences and Health Sciences. For further information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



## 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](mailto:international@maristcollege.school.nz) if you'd like some information, thank you.

*Vivienne Kingsbury*, International Student Director



## 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



## School Charges

You will shortly receive a statement for your daughter(s), please review the statement ensuring your payment plan is sufficient. If you wish to discuss the account, please do not hesitate to contact the Accounts Administrator, Veronica Yates by email at [v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz).

For parents who pay per Term, Term 2 is now due for payment.

**Sports and Extra Curricular Charges:** any sports or extra-curricular for Term 1 should now be paid. Please ensure any charges added to the account are paid by the required due date.

*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](mailto:performingarts@maristcollege.school.nz), or writing your name on the list on the Performing arts notice board.

## 2025 Marist College Singing Cup

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

## AUDITIONS



AUDITION REQUIRES TWO SONGS, ONE OF YOUR CHOOSING AND ONE TEST SONG  
THE LINK WILL BE IN THE DAILY NOTICES  
MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY ONWARDS  
AUDITIONS DUE  
SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY





# 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

	5 May - 11 May
	11 May - 17 May
	1 Jun - 7 Jun
	6 Jul - 12 Jul
	27 Jul - 2 Aug
	3 Aug - 9 Aug
	17 Aug - 23 Aug
	9 June - 14 June
	7 Sep - 13 Sep
	14 - 21st Sep
	28 Sep - 4 Oct
	5 Oct - 11 Oct
	19 Oct - 25 Oct
	26 Oct - 1 Nov
	23 Nov - 29 Nov

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