



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Number 4
Friday 23rd May 2025

From the Principal

"If you wake up in the morning and you can't think of anything but singing, then you should be a singer, girl."

Sister Mary Clarence

Tomorrow evening, we celebrate the final show of this year's school production of Sister Act. Being part of the school production is more than performing on or off the stage. It is a journey of self-discovery, growing friendships, and challenging oneself to take risks. To challenge yourself to move beyond what is comfortable can be scary. Overcoming the fear of the unknown, the fear of looking silly, or the fear of people critiquing your talents and passions is part of a venerable process that allows our young women to build their emotional resilience. There is nothing more special than seeing our young men and women finish a show feeling all the emotions of pride, excitement, and pure joy. Congratulations to all the students involved.

A huge thank you to the Director, Stephen Dallow, and your team who have worked tirelessly to produce such a fantastic show. Thank you also to the staff and numerous volunteers who have supported our students behind the scenes.

Congratulations to our Year 11 rock band Ne Bashka, who have made it through to the regional finals of this year's Rockquest. Catch this band live at the Auckland Central Smokefree Rockquest Regional Final on June 6 at The Dorothy Winstone Centre. Doors open at 6:30 PM, with the first band kicking off at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available now on [Eventfinda](#) or at the door.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Taulu, Principal/Tumuaki



KEY DATES

Term 2 2025

Week (5B)	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 AUT Info B2 & P5 Y8 Central Zone Football
30 Fr	Patrons' Mass (no P1 & 2) Y11-13 Fabric trip 11am-2pm Rotation 5 - 4

Week (6A)	Samoa Language Week
June 2 Mo	King's Birthday Holiday
4 We	PVT Assembly/Samoan Language Week Music & Dance Showcase Y13 Bio Zoo trip Cross Country Champs
5 & 6	Y13 Geography trip, Rotorua
5 Th	Hui 6:30 - 8:30pm 7S Mass 8:20am, St Mary's Church
6 Fr	Champagnat Feast Day Assembly/Student Council/ Visual Arts Ex-Students Assoc. Mixer, staffroom Rotation 1 - 5

Upcoming Events:

May 19 - 30	Life Education onsite
June 10 Tu	Big Sing ACCKA Pasifika Fono 4-5:30pm
11 We	Cultural Clothing Day
12 Th	Gymsports Champs
13 Fr	Y12 PE Tough Gal Ngāruawhāhia 7am-2:30pm Y11-13 Drama trip
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 Hikoi 5:30am Casual Clothing Day - Ranong
20 Fr	Matariki Holiday
23 Mo	BOT Meeting 6pm Y7 Te Ao Kori, P1
24 Tu	Careers' Expo 4-7pm, St Mary's College

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



House Patrons

Saint Peter Chanel, Saint Marcellin Champagnat, Sister Jeanne Marie Chavoin and Blessed Father Jean Claude Colin are our Marist College House Patrons. We use the surnames of these first Marists of the Society of Mary: Chanel, Champagnat, Chavoin and Colin as our House names. It was intentional to have these wonderful Marist people as our House Patrons so that we may continue to draw inspiration from their lives on how to live out the Good News of Christ as Mary would in our world today. Celebrating our House Patrons has always been a special annual occasion. This year, as a Marist College community, we will celebrate our Patrons Mass on the 30th of May, and we hope to see some of our community members there with us.

Here are some comments from our House Leaders about their House Patron:



Chanel House: St Peter Chanel was the first martyr and saint of this part of the world, and he shared God's love with the people of Futuna with courage even up to the event of his death. Chanel continues to inspire us to be courageous in our faith, everyday lives and to treat others with compassion and patience. *Breanna Pinto*

Champagnat House: Saint Marcellin believed that to truly educate young people, you must first love them. Today, we strive to carry on his legacy by living simply, loving generously, and serving God and each other with great courage. *Kaitlyn Alo*

Chavoin House: Jeanne Marie Chavoin was a woman of faith and prayer - a balanced woman! She continues to inspire us to give our best to our school work and to value time with God in prayers. She also empowers every Marist student to walk in Mary's footsteps, leading with the same quiet strength and devotion as Mother Mary. *Catherine Don*

Colin House: As the Colin house leaders for Marist College this year, we look up to Jean Claude Colin for the way he lived with humility, courage, and deep faith in God. His life inspires us to do everything in the manner of Mary - including others especially those who are 'different', encouraging our younger sisters to be the best version of themselves, and living out our Marist values. *Elisa Stark*

God bless. Ad Jesum per Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai sm, Director of Religious Studies

Sister Act Review

This year's school production, Sister Act, was a challenging but unforgettable experience full of laughter and valuable lessons. But like all good things, it must come to an end.

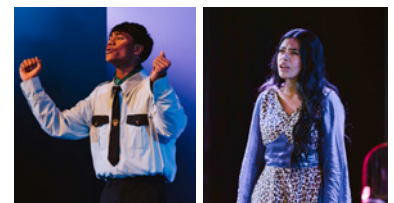
I'm incredibly grateful to be part of a school like Marist that encourages students to express themselves and explore their talents in ways many others don't. One of the biggest highlights was creating lifelong memories and friendships with girls across different year levels and building a connection with our brother school St Peter's. Being part of a school production doesn't just showcase your talents it builds confidence, teamwork, and self-expression. If you're even slightly considering joining a future production, I say go for it. You won't regret it!

A huge thank you to the amazing cast, to Stephen Dallow for directing this year and all his hard work and trust in the cast. Thank you to Da-Hae Kim and Zyia-Li Teh for their work with the band and helping us sound amazing on stage. Thank you to Lissa Im our amazing choreographer. Thank you for your patience when it came to teaching and for all your expertise. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who got involved in helping behind the scenes, especially Ms Edwards and Ms Schön for their work in costumes and props, and to Mr Smit and Mr Fricker. A big thank you to Mrs Taulu for her constant support (especially letting us have those late starts!)

As a Year 13, it's bittersweet to leave the excitement of school productions behind, but I know it's in good hands. All the best and always remember to: Raise Your Voice!

Maria McMurray,

Performing Arts Leader



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

Order your samosas online here

<https://fundraising.surti.co.nz/t/marist-college-year-10-camp-fundraiser>

Hey Year 10, Please keep going with your samosa fundraising! In all honesty, it's not looking as good as previous years, so let's get stuck in to try and fundraise. We have some prizes up for grabs for the top three students who raise the most! 1st place: \$30 tuck shop voucher, 2nd place: \$20 tuck shop voucher and 3rd place: \$10 tuck shop voucher. Get going! You have until Sunday 8th June to raise as much money as possible to win! If you have any questions, please come and see Miss Going in the PE office.



Rainbows End Education

Last Friday, the physics and calculus classes had the privilege of being the first classes to go on a field trip to Rainbow's End from Marist. This day was filled with fun from the moment the park opened till the end of the day. Most of us went on all the rides and some even went on them twice!



Accompanied by our science teachers, we were reminded of the various concepts and calculations we learnt in class that related to everything we rode on. Bumper boats taught us conservation of momentum, the invader taught us centripetal force, and Mr Horn mentioned many times that the stratosphere (extreme) was a 5G giant pendulum. To sum up, our classes were very pleased with this educational, thrilling trip and have agreed it was the best school field trip in our seven years at Marist.

Catherine, Year 13 Physics

Last week, the calculus and physics classes had the opportunity to take a trip to Rainbow's End. It was a really fun experience and a nice change from being in the classroom all week. We were lucky to have perfect weather, and the park wasn't too busy, which made the day even better. During the day we were able to understand how forces and motion worked within these rides, which related to our work in class. Overall, it was a fun and memorable trip that made for a great break from the usual school routine.

Stella, Year 13 Calculus



Pictured above, Year 13 Biology students with their 'brain hats' they made for their Trends in Human Evolution studies this week.

Year 10 Market Day

Over the last two terms, the Year 10 commerce classes have been working towards selling their products at the Year 10 market day.

Though there were heaps of mistakes made along the way, they've also picked up real-life skills like knowing how to manage money, work in a team, and be organised. The process started by designing products, then progressed to ordering the materials and figuring out how to make ideas a reality.

It was really rewarding at the end to sell our products at market day alongside our peers and get a return from our hard work. Overall, it has been such a great experience, getting to learn practical things about accounting and business whilst having fun and best of all, making money!

Maryka de Swardt, Commerce Teacher



Auckland Art Gallery trip

Recently Year 12 and 13 painting and photography students went to the Auckland Art Gallery to participate in the Pat Hanly project.

They spent the day in printmaking workshops with Ani O'Neill, creating Mark Adam's style photo series using thermos cameras, and exploring the gallery.

A highlight from the trip was the photography! We enjoyed the creative freedom and the narratives in the artwork and getting to use the cameras.

Willow and Aaliyah



Second Hand Uniform Shop

We are very short of winter uniform (long skirts, 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

Malosi Project – Parliamentary Debate

The Malosi Project is a student-led organisation of Pasifika law students at UoA who aim to encourage and support other



Pasifika students to study law. They organise one or two events each year and invite Pasifika Year 12-13 students to the campus for a jam-packed day of activities to give students an idea of what it is like to study law at university, as well as the support available for Pacific students. Seven students attended an event in which they replicated the process of parliamentary debates. (See more details at [UoA Malosi Project](#))



We were given the opportunity to go along to a Law workshop held by the Malosi Project at the University of Auckland, an organisation that empowers young Pasifika students to study Law, especially at UOA. Marist, along with many other schools including Sacred Heart, St Paul's, and Avondale College had the opportunity to get a taster of what studying law at University looks like. Led by current law students, we had the chance to become familiar with the legal system and participate in multiple moots, which covered many real and serious issues of today, and the winning groups participated in the semi finals and finals. It was an amazing opportunity for us to familiarise ourselves with the legal system and connect with likeminded Pasifika students across Auckland who share the same passion/interests as us.

Siena Carter, Year 13

The Malosi Project gave me a valuable glimpse into the Pacific community at the University of Auckland. Everyone was friendly and welcoming, and the environment felt relaxed and supportive. It was not too serious or intimidating, which made it easy and enjoyable to learn how to debate and meet other students who are just as passionate. It was a fun and inspiring experience. I highly recommend it to other students going into Year 12/13.

Mele Fearo, Year 12



Year 8S Food Technology

We made delicious quick, healthy, low-waste sandwiches. When choosing our ingredients, we had to consider how our choices affect sustainability.

Some considerations were:

- Are we buying seasonal vegetables?
- How are we going to minimise waste?
- What do we do with any food scraps?
- How can we make this healthier and more sustainable?

Year 8S & Mrs Verschuur



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Matariki Hikoi

Thursday, 19th June, 5:30am

Meet for karakia outside the front gate, Alberton Avenue, at 5:30am. Following karakia, we will hikoi together up Ōwairaka/Mount Albert (Te Ahi-kā-a-Rakataura) to have karakia, hear the story of Matariki and see the stars. We will sing a waiata on top of the maunga as the sun comes up.

Breakfast will be held in the staffroom afterwards. We hope you can join us. Please [RSVP here](#) for catering purposes.

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



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.

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

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.

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



Central Auckland Catholic Colleges

Careers Expo

**Tuesday 24 June,
4 - 7:30pm**

**St Mary's College Gym
11 New Street, Ponsonby**

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.

Marist College Mt Albert
EX-STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
AGM
Tuesday 17 June, 7pm
26 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert
RSVP:
maristexstudents@gmail.com


MUSIC & DANCE
Showcase
Wednesday 4th June
Drama Room **6.30pm**
To book your free ticket visit:
<https://bit.ly/4mkUbLN>

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



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