



# MARIST COLLEGE

*Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13*

Term 2 - Number 5  
Friday 30th May 2025

## From the Principal

Today we celebrated two significant events on our school's liturgical calendar: Patrons' Mass and Catholic Schools Day.

Patrons' Mass is a special occasion that honours our College and its Marist charism. It offers us a moment to reflect on the legacy of the Marist founders: Jean-Claude Colin, Jean-Marie Chavoin, Saint Peter Chanel, and Marcellin Champagnat. Their vision and dedication laid the foundation for the Marist tradition upon which our school is built. Their enduring commitment to faith, service, and education continues to inspire and guide our community.

Catholic Schools Day is a nationwide celebration of Catholic education across Aotearoa New Zealand. It is a time to recognise the unique contribution Catholic schools make to the lives of students, families, and communities. We give thanks for the opportunity to grow in both faith and learning, and for the values that shape our journey.

We extend our sincere thanks to Fr Mark, as well as the staff and students who organised and participated in today's beautiful Mass. A special thank you to Marist Primary School Mt Albert for joining us in this celebration of our Marist Patrons and Catholic Schools Day. We are truly blessed to be part of such a vibrant and faith-filled community.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

*Raechelle Tauhu*, Principal/Tumuaki



## KEY DATES

### Term 2 2025

| Week (6A) | Samoan Language Wk.   |
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| June 2 Mo | King's Birthday Holiday   |
| 4 We      | PVT Assembly/Samoan Language Week<br>Music & Dance Showcase<br>Y13 Bio Zoo trip<br>Cross Country Champs       |
| 5 & 6     | Y13 Geography trip, Rotorua   |
| 5 Th      | Hui 6:30 - 8:30pm<br>7S Mass 8:20am, St Mary's Church   |
| 6 Fr      | Champagnat Feast Day<br>Assembly/Student Council/Visual Arts<br>Y13 Marist Day planning P4-5<br>Rotation 1- 5 |

| Week (7B) | International Language Wk.   |
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| 10 Tu     | Big Sing<br>ACCKA Pasifika Fono 4-5:30pm   |
| 11 We     | Cultural Clothing Day<br>PCY Assembly/International Languages Week<br>Otago Senior Science Quiz P5, 303                        |
| 12 Th     | 7T Mass 8:20am, St Mary's Church<br>Gymsports Champs   |
| 13 Fr     | Assembly/Social Action/Wellbeing/Head Girls<br>Y12 PE Tough Gal Ngāruawhāhia 7am-2:30pm<br>Y11-13 Drama trip<br>Rotation 2 - 1 |
| 14 Sa     | School Ball, Alexandra Park<br>Bollywood Showdown  |
| 15 Su     | Samoa final trip meeting 3pm staffroom   |

### Upcoming Events:

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| June 16 Mo       | PTFA Meeting 7pm   |
| 17 Tu            | Samosa pickup day<br>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<br>Casual Clothing Day - Ranong                        |
| 20 Fr            | Matariki Holiday   |
| 23 Mo            | BOT Meeting 6pm<br>Y7 Te Ao Kori, P1   |
| 24 Tu            | Careers' Expo 4-7pm, St Mary's College                                       |
| 26 Th            | Y12 & 13 Classics trip<br>Massey University & UoA<br>Y12/13 UoA Enuguity Day |
| 27 Fr            | Last day Term 2  |
| 28 June - 7 July | Samoa trip   |
| 30 Mo            | Chavoin Feast Day  |
| July 14 Mo       | Term 3 begins  |

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





## House Patrons & Catholic Schools Mass

In our Holy Mass on the 30th of May, we combined two significant events, the Marist Patrons of our School and the Catholic School Day. The theme of Catholic Schools Day 2025 is 'Shine like stars in the world': *E tīaho ana koe hei rama i te ao*. Our gymnasium was alive with this sacred Mass, with 750 Marist College students, approximately 150 students from Marist Primary, several Marist Sisters, staff and visitors. It truly felt like a celebration of Catholic Schools.

Today, many people all over the world, including our Marist schools, take inspiration from these Marist shining stars. We thus chose a theme to suit our celebration as "Shining through our House Patrons". Yes, in our Marist Catholic School, we dare to live differently because of our lived faith, we are emblems of hope, light in the darkness: we "shine like stars in the world."

God bless. Ad Jesum per Mariam

*Sr Seini Fatai sm*, Director of Religious Studies



## Seeing a new perspective

We are 10T and we are wearing these different coloured glasses in Social Studies because we are learning about the process of production. We were wearing the glasses representing the different roles of people who are involved in the process of chocolate production and seeing their point of view, through their eyes. *Angel Smith*

## International Travelling Update

Our International Student Director is currently travelling, looking to recruit students to join us at Marist College. She writes... *It's been a great introduction to Liceo (secondary schools) across Italy in Monza, Arezzo, Florence and Milan. The academic requirements for students in Liceo is very structured with little subject choice and two compulsory subjects, Latin and Greek, are taught at school. There was surprise and delight from the teachers learning about the NZ Curriculum. We are encouraged by the feedback and look forward to welcoming Italian students to Marist College.*

*I have also paid a sombre visit to Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore where Pope Francis has been laid to rest.*

*Vivienne Kingsbury*, International Student Director



## Writers' Festival

Last Thursday, the two Year 13 English Literature classes had an opportunity to attend the 2025 Auckland Writers Festival. Four Authors: Lemn Sissay, Neal Shusterman, Lee Murray and Scotty Cotter each presented their work in unique and engaging ways, sharing with the audience their inspirational stories of success.

I really enjoyed listening to insights into how they each carefully craft their stories, characters and plots to make their work come alive and connect with the readers. It was a valuable and inspiring way to spend the day, and I'm excited to apply what I learned to my own work in class!

*Harper Lawson*

## 8S Food Tech - Rice Bowls

We created our customised rice bowls that allowed for personal choice and nutritional balance. There were so many skills involved such as seasoning, chopping, slicing, grating, crumbing, marinating, frying, designing, and garnishing. Our rice bowls were so delicious, colourful, and tasty.

*8S Food Technology*





# Young, Free and Pacific

Affirming Works is an organisation focused on uplifting and inspiring Pasifika youth. A group of Year 11 students were chosen to attend their annual inspirational event, and enjoyed presentations, workshops, lunch, and a free t-shirt! The theme was *"Taking your place"* and keynote speakers talked about the application to their own lives. It was especially exciting to hear from a former Marist student, guest speaker Gaby Solomon. Gaby spoke about her life so far, and the impacts of choices and decisions, leading to her current roles as an actor, producer, and radio host on NIU FM. In addition, former student Seattle Fuiava is now a youth worker, part of the Affirming Works team producing the event. *Jenni Catley*, Gateway Coordinator

The Young, Free and Pacific event was a really fun experience and I was glad to be given the opportunity to go. The event was filled with many young Pacific women that were all so welcoming. Seeing the challenging journey the Pacific women in that community had to go through really inspired me to push myself and showed me that everything is possible if you put your mind to it. *Vanisa Siilata*

Young, Free, and Pacific was an eye-opening experience that shaped how I see myself in communal and cultural positions. My favourite part was socialising with other girls through fun and educational spaces like learning a new Siva, or just playing mini icebreaker games. I also enjoyed the guest speakers. They spoke with passion about relatable struggles and values. The overall experience made me hopeful and showed how I can cater to the future of myself and my people. *Viola Ah Kuo Peleti*

At Young Free and Pacific, with nine other of my Year 11 friends, I was able to make long lasting memories and create moments that will stick with me forever. We had so much fun and made many new friends. We were blessed with the opportunity to listen to many well known Pasifika women who taught us lessons that I will forever hold. Teaching us that with the support and presence of our people, we need to move forward and take our place as young Pacific women. *Marie Hoglund*.

Young Free and Pacific was a memorable experience. We got the chance to meet with other Pacifica students from a variety of schools. We experienced different aspects of Pacifica identity such as dance, music, and spoken language. There were guest speakers who shared their stories and experiences living as a Pacifica person, inspiring us to stand up and take our place as people of Pacifica heritage. I am very grateful for the opportunity to attend the event. It changed the way I view education, my opportunities, my culture and identity. I learned a lot and I am very thankful for this.

*Filomena Kautoke.*

Last Thursday, a handful of Pasifika Year 11 students and I attended Young, Free and Pacific. The event was an inspirational and empowering experience that allowed us to express our culture throughout the day and meet other Pasifika female students. The day was lined up with amazing, successful women speakers and exciting workshops, which encouraged us to dive into the Pasifika performing arts world. *Leilani Senio*

Throughout the event, I enjoyed being able to interact with girls from other schools, whilst experiencing the dance workshop. Although I'm not of Samoan decent, being able to learn the Siva we were taught felt like a privilege. Overall, I feel that Young Free and Pacific was a good way to connect with other young Pasifika girls.

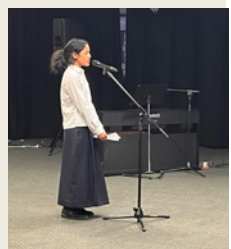
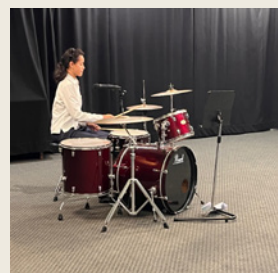
*Zera Latu*

Young, Free and Pacific was an unforgettable and deeply empowering experience. The theme *"Take Our Place"* resonated throughout the day, reminding us that as young Pacific women, we have every right to step into spaces with pride, confidence, and purpose. One of my highlights was the dance workshop. I truly enjoyed learning the Siva alongside my sisters. It was a moment of joy, connection, and shared culture. Hearing from the guest speakers was incredibly inspiring. Their stories of strength, identity, and resilience made me feel seen, motivated, and proud of who I am. I left the day feeling uplifted and empowered. Being surrounded by passionate, creative, and strong Pacific women reminded me that we are never alone. Together, we rise, support one another, and take up space boldly. This event gave us more than just inspiration—it gave us sisterhood, pride, and the confidence to take our place. *Magila Koloamatangi*



## Junior Open Mic

Many of our students came along to support and enjoy the stunning performances from some talented junior students at our Term 2 Open Mic session held during break time earlier this week.



We can't wait for the next Open Mic session to see what's up next.

*Jo Hatfield*

Performing Arts Coordinator





## 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](mailto:useduniforms@maristcollege.school.nz)

## Physio Update

Kia Ora Marist College Students, Families and Staff

It's a very busy winter sports season and the [Marist College Physio clinic](#) is often booked out on the Monday and Wednesday mornings!

### Did Not Attend without Notification

Please ensure that if you cannot attend an appointment for any reason, you give me notice to avoid a DNA invoice being sent.

Mobile is quickest: 027 4990 539.

We are fully booked with a waiting list at times, so its great to ensure everyone can get in to see me.

### Appointment fees

ACC and Non Insurer fees are charged at the Marist College clinic. If finances are a barrier please contact me to discuss. Access to the physio clinic is important.

### Sports Taping

I am happy to do sports taping when needed, but as a Physio I need to assess and treat/educate about injury prevention and recovery. Often strength, conditioning, load management and communication with Sports team management and PE department is needed. It is best to [book in](#) for a physio appointment to assess thoroughly. I am also happy to teach you how to tape common injuries and advise about more effective solutions eg braces if appropriate. If your team or daughter wants taping - please contact me to discuss further.

### Additional Items

Sometimes there is a clinical need for therapeutic equipment to be used for rehab exercises eg TheraBand, which has a small cost. I will email the parent or guardian to discuss and get permission before supplying to students.

### Drop Ins/ Quick Chats

I am happy to have a free/no fees quick chat to anyone who wants to ask a question or raise a concern. I will email Parent or Guardian to let them know if there is a recommendation for a physio appointment.

Many Thanks

*Tanya Browne*

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218 Parnell Rd, Auckland 1052. Mobile +64 27 4990 539

Email: [tanya.browne42@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.browne42@gmail.com)

## 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

# 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.



MARIST COLLEGE

# 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



## Victoria University of Wellington Information Evening

**Monday 9th June, 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](#)

## NZ College of Chiropractic Open Day

**Saturday 14th June.** Tour the campus and find out about becoming a chiropractor. 12:30-3:00pm, [Event Info and Registration](#)



## 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)



## School Charges

You will have received 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 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.*

## 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.



Catholic Diocese of Auckland  
Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika

## Administration Assistant Required

**Auckland Common Fund Ltd**  
**Part Time 24 hrs per week**

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a methodical, cheerful, dedicated, and highly efficient person for the role of Administration Assistant to the Operations Manager, Auckland Common Fund Limited to provide administration and operational support.

This is a part-time role of 24 hours per week, Monday to Friday, with flexibility of hours between 9:30am and 3:30pm. Days/ hours flexible for the right candidate.

Excellent interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills, along with proficient IT competency in Word, Excel, knowledge/experience of Internal Database or CRM systems (Trello) and Document Management Tools i.e. SharePoint. It would be advantageous to have knowledge of Credit Rating Platforms. Can work under own initiative and have a can-do approach to work and is accurate and organised.

For more details, and a full position description, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>

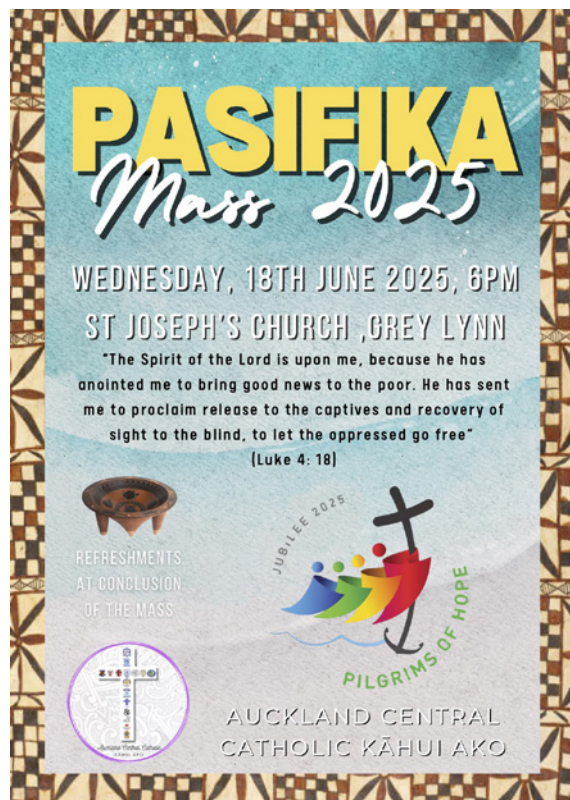
Applications close on 20 June 2025.

## Central Auckland Catholic Colleges

# CAREERS EXPO

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

St Mary's College Gym  
11 New Street, Ponsonby



## Marist College Mt Albert EX-STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM

Tuesday 17 June, 7pm  
26 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert

RSVP:  
[maristexstudents@gmail.com](mailto:maristexstudents@gmail.com)



# Lost Property

Please clearly name all belongings, uniform, laptop bags etc. This helps us to return items to the correct students quickly. Uncollected lost property gets donated to charity at the end of Term. *Thank you*



## Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako

### LANGUAGE WEEKS ART COMPETITIONS



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



## AUCKLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC KĀHUI AKO SPEECH COMPETITION 2025



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  
Te Gana Tuvalu  
TUVALU



14 - 21st Sep  
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



## 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.