



# MARIST COLLEGE

*Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13*

Term 2 - Number 7  
Friday 13th June 2025



## From the Deputy Principal

Tēnā koutou

This week, we celebrate International Languages Week—a time to honour the rich diversity of languages and cultures that make up our Marist community. Thank you to our students and staff for their creativity and effort in planning a range of engaging events throughout the week. Wednesday's assembly was a vibrant celebration, with students proudly wearing traditional cultural attire, showcasing the uniqueness of our community. A special highlight was the preview performance by our Bollywood group, giving us a taste of what's to come at the Bollywood Showdown Dance Competition this Saturday. We wish them all the best!

We also extend our congratulations to the Malisi Melodies choir, who performed at the Town Hall on Tuesday under the expert direction of Mrs Nicklin-Crone.

Term 2 is always a busy place to be in a secondary school. With winter sports in full swing, subject-related trips, assessments, House events, performing arts events, and the school ball on this weekend, there's a lot happening—despite the challenges of winter weather and seasonal illness!

We wish our Year 12 and 13 a safe and enjoyable night this Saturday at the school ball.

Well done to Chavoin who came out on top of the House Scrimmage competition this week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ngā manaakitanga  
*Tess Murphy,*  
Acting Deputy  
Principal Pastoral Care



## KEY DATES

### Term 2 2025

Week (8A)	Library Week
16 Mo	PTFA Meeting 7pm
17 Tu	<b>Samosa pickup day</b> <b>Singing Cup 6:30pm, Atrium</b>
18 & 19	Y11 Retreat & Future Focus
18 We	<b>Pasifika Mass 6pm, St Joseph's Church</b>
19 Th	<b>Matariki Hikoi 5:00am</b> <b>Casual Clothing Day - Ranong</b> 10M Mass 8:20am St Mary's Church Assembly/Matariki/ Kaiāwhina/Social Action
20 Fr	<b>Matariki Holiday</b>

Week (9B)	
23 Mo	<b>Frida Kahlo Cake Bake</b> Y7 Te Ao Kori, P1 BOT Meeting 6pm
24 Tu	<b>Careers' Expo 4-7pm, St Mary's College</b> <b>Lockdown practice P2</b> Vinnies Cookup 3:15pm - 4:30pm, 316
25 We	PLS Assembly/Marist Day/ Malisi Melodies
26 Th	7M & 7R Class Mass 8:20am St Mary's Church Y12 & 13 Classics trip Massey University Y12/13 UoA Engenuity Day
27 Fr	<b>Last day Term 2</b> Staff vs Students Dodgeball Gym B2 <b>Rotation 3 - 2</b>

### Upcoming Events:

June 28 June - 7 July Samoa trip

**30 Mo Chavoin Feast Day**

**July 14 Mo Term 3 begins**

**PTFA AGM Meeting 7pm**

**15 Tu Sports Photo day**

21 - 23 Y13 History trip

**24 Th Y7-13 Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews**  
**8:30am - 7:30pm**  
**School closed**

**25 Fr Y7 Grandparents Mass**

28 Mo BOT Meeting 6pm

29 Tu Y11 Drama Class Play

30 We Y13 PE Tough Gal - Kumeu

31 Th Y11-13 Maths Comp  
P2-3, 242

**Aug 4 Mo NCEA Options Evening**  
**6:30pm**

Kids Sing

5 Tu MAGS Career Expo

**7 Th Fono 6:30-8pm, staffroom**  
UoA guest speaker - Equal  
Justice Project, B2, 134

**9 Sa PTFA Beats for Bingo**

**14 Th Marist Day**

18 Mo PTFA Meeting 7pm

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



# The Most Holy Trinity – Solemnity



This Sunday the 15th of June, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. On this important liturgical event, we are called once more to consider what we believe about the Triune God: One divinity in three persons. Hence, the central mystery of our faith is our belief in the Oneness of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel account on Sunday from John (16: 12-15), we are reminded that the Holy Spirit is the continuous presence of Jesus in our lives. As baptised Christians, we share in the life of the Blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.

Here are some examples of how we continue to live out our foundational belief in the Holy Trinity:

- When we make the Sign of the Cross before and after a prayer.
- When we love one another as God has loved us.
- When we forgive as Jesus has forgiven us.
- When we care for our environment as God's gift.

God bless. Ad Jesum per Mariam

*Sr Seini Fatai sm,*

Director of Religious Studies



## Marist College PTFA

The PTFA meets every third Monday of the month in term time – we're a fun, energetic group of parents who love getting stuff done!

The PTFA are currently looking for new members to help with a busy year ahead supporting our girls with organising a variety of events and fundraisers.

If you're keen to get involved, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact Gerard Thompson 029 474 6660 or [gerardt@barker.co.nz](mailto:gerardt@barker.co.nz) for more details or

**come along to our next meeting**

**Monday 16 June, 7pm in the Staffroom.**

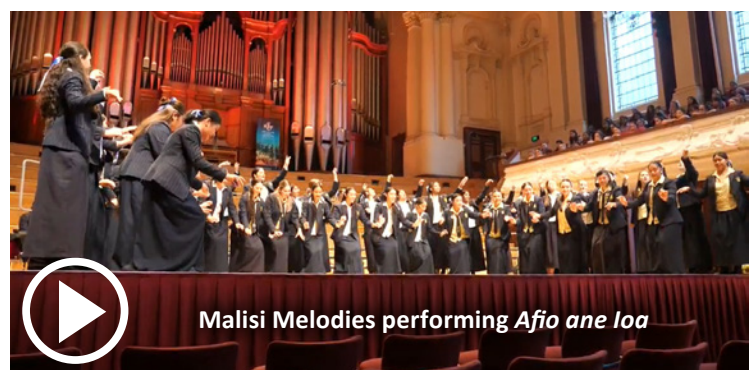


## Big Sing

On Tuesday 10th of June our Year 9 - 13 Choir, Malisi Melodies, competed at the annual Big Sing Competition held at the Auckland Town Hall. They performed three songs and did an amazing job representing Marist.

*Kristie Finlay*, Curriculum Leader Performing Arts

*This year was my first time at Big Sing, and I had so much fun! I learned so much about singing and harmonising. I also enjoyed watching the other performances and seeing their talents shine on stage. I will definitely be back next year!* *Eliza Casey*, Year 9





# International Language Week

## Bula Vinaka, Mālō e lelei, Namaskaram, Kumusta, Kia ora and Talofa lava,

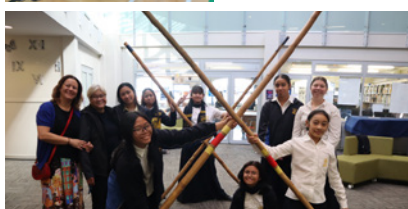
Our International Languages Week at Marist College was filled with cultural diversity and gave every student a chance to experience other countries through songs, dances, food, art and language. With something new on every day, both staff and students were kept engaged in cultural activities, spreading the spirit of inclusivity through cultures alive all week. *Savannah Sobil*, Year 13

I most enjoyed the Filipino Bamboo dance, Tinikling because it was exhilarating to dance between the bamboo poles quickly enough so I wouldn't get caught. Another special activity was learning and discovering where a few of our teachers are from as well as their favourite cultural event! This week has been fantastic with loads of events to go to, and I can't wait for next year! *Honey Zhu*, Year 8

My favourite part was cultural clothing day. It is great to see everyone embracing and showing off their heritage and it reminds us how many different cultures are represented at Marist. *Franziska Wood*, Year 13

"It's amazing how we are all from different cultures, but we are still the Marist family. I was so grateful that I got to be a part of this year's International Languages Week assembly. My favourite part was teaching a Samoan song. I was so nervous, but I realised it was about having fun. *Amelie Senio*, Year 7

I really enjoyed learning about the different cultures my Marist sisters are a part of. Whether it be learning a few phrases in another language, trying their countries' food, or learning and watching their cultural dance, this week was unforgettable! *Abigail Coutinho*, Year 12



## Konnichiwa, Annyeong, Sawatdee, Nǐ hǎo!

This week, our ESOL class has been celebrating International Language Week by sharing our cultures, our stories, and our voices.

On Thursday, we hosted an International Morning Tea- a chance to connect, celebrate, and learn from each other. For us, this kind of language learning isn't just a once-a-year event, but something that happens every day at Marist College.

We're constantly decoding meaning, interpreting unfamiliar words, and expressing who we are in a second (or third!) language. So, this week, we invite you to experience just a little of what it's like to learn, live, and communicate across languages.

Below are some reflections in our first languages. Can you guess which languages they are? Can you translate what we're saying?

今週、本校では「インターナショナル・ランゲージ・ウィーク」が行われ、生徒たちはさまざまな言語や文化に触れる活動に取り組みました。異なる言語を学ぶことは、世界の多様性への理解を深める貴重な機会となっています。日本ではなかなか体験できない、多文化が身近にある環境ならではの1週間でした。 *Aguri Okasaka*

제 문화를 소개, 공유하고 다른 문화들도 체험할 수 있어서 즐겁고 유익한 경험이었어요! 이렇게 멋진 경험을 할 수 있게 도와주신 분들께 감사드립니다! *Alexandra Kim*

สวัสดี เราขอนำมาจากประเทศไทย เราได้อยู่ที่นี่ตั้งแต่ปีที่แล้วเราได้เห็นความแตกต่างของผู้คนไม่ว่าจะเป็นวัฒนธรรมหรือภาษา เราได้ใจมากแล้วก็สนุกมากที่ได้เจอเพื่อนๆ ครูพี่ๆเยอะเลย ตลอดเวลาที่อยู่ที่นี้เราได้เรียนรู้อะไรต่างๆเยอะเลย อยากขอบคุณทุกคนเข้ามาทักทายหรือเข้ามาคุยกัน ถึงแม้มีอุปสรรคทางภาษาบ้างแต่ก็มีความสุขทุกครั้งที่ได้คุยกับพวกเธอทุกคนนะ มันมีความหมายกับเรามากจริงๆ สุดท้ายก็ขอให้ทุกคนเป็นคนน่ารักตลอดไปเลย ยินดีที่ได้รู้จักนะทุกคน Happy International Language Week! *♥ Nefa Rakthum*

Ngā mihi nui, *ESOL 1 and Mrs Purdie*



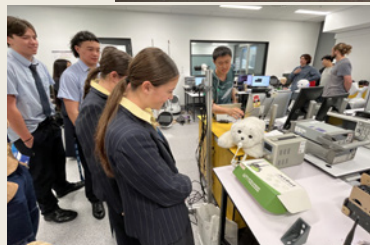


## Catalyst Māori event at University of Auckland

Four Year 12 students were offered the opportunity of participating in a special event for Māori students at Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland. They attended



workshops, were shown various facilities around the campus and options for study, and participated in whanaungatanga activities with the students from other schools. *Jenni Catley*, Gateway Coordinator



Last week I had the incredible opportunity of going to the University of Auckland for two-day Maori student program that explored different interesting academic pathways for Maori within the university. It was really cool to see how Maori culture and values are being incorporated into the initiatives in amongst the university and we were able to see how things like tikanga are being implemented in fields like robotics and cancer research. A highlight for me was definitely getting to see how technology such as robots are being used in ways that make amends to incorrect cultural practices such as the inaccurate translated Maori Sign Language that we have today. They were using the robots to help teach people the correct actions for words in the Maori language which I thought was a really important thing to do. I loved the encouragement from everyone there at the university and the passion they spoke with when talking about their professions. Overall, I found that the Catalyst trip helped me to see university as a really interesting and exciting pathway for my future. *Tahlia Rehm*

I had the pleasure to attend the two day Catalyst Māori programme at Auckland University on the 4th-5th of June. It was an eye-opening experience and I learned so much. I really enjoyed visiting the Faculty of engineering and learning about the process of making robots. I was amazed at how quickly they can be designed and created. On the second day, we had the option to go learn about Humanities and Social Sciences or Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. I chose the STEM pathway and that was where I learnt about further undergoing cancer research. The cancer research interested me as it is a relatively common disease in those of Māori descent. I appreciated the inclusion of tikanga Māori throughout the programme. Overall it was a lovely experience and I am so grateful I had the chance to attend. *Bella Luau*

## Geography trip to Rotorua

Last week, on the 5th and 6th of June, the Year 13 Geography class had the fun opportunity of taking a road trip down to Rotorua. Our focus was looking at the sustainability of tourism in Rotorua.

We communicated with multiple tourist attraction operators, which included Skyline Rotorua, Agrodome, Te Puia, and Wai-O-Tapu, and asked them how they are positively contributing to the sustainability of tourism. They informed us about what energy they use, how they dispose of their rubbish, and how their business operated during Covid-19.

This trip will contribute largely to the internals and externals we are focusing on in class.

Overall, this was an exciting and informative experience, and we are grateful we were able to do this.

*Stella Flint*

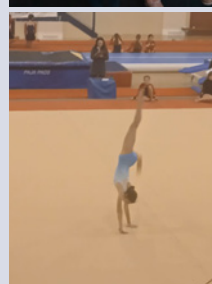
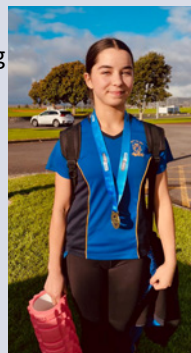


## Gymsports Championships

Marist College competed at the Gymsports Champs at Pulman Recreation centre Takanini this week. This underdog squad was made up of students Ella Burton, Hinako Iseki who had minimal training; plus the experienced Zanzoterra sisters Maria and Rosa. Most other teams were backed by full-time coaches and strict practice schedules, where our team established themselves more recently and only had a few weeks to prepare. Their sheer determination and raw talent saw Rosa and Maria take home silver and bronze medals respectively in the level 2 overall individual results and the team receiving bronze in trampoline. A great achievement by our team.

Our advanced gymnast Savannah Campen competed in the step 9 category. Savannah has a much more rigorous training schedule and is trained by an ex-Olympian gymnast. In true Savannah fashion, she handspringed and somersaulted her way to first place. We've enjoyed watching Savannah's gymnastics journey and seeing her wonderful achievements. We look forward to what the future has in store for her.

*Jacqueline Slade*, Sports Coordinator





## MARIST COLLEGE SchoolBridge Updates

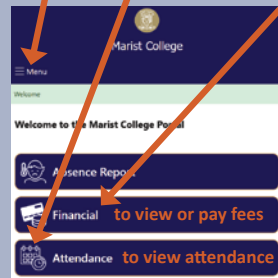
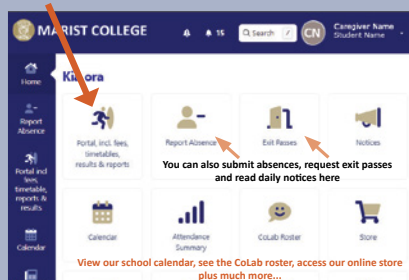
### Due to security SchoolBridge has been updated.

To view or pay fees, see attendance, results and reports you must now go to the **Portal**.

Please sign into SchoolBridge and select the **Portal icon** to access these.

The **Portal** has information that is not available on SchoolBridge.

The **Menu** has full options, but there are also quick links to pay fees or view **Financials** and check **Attendance**



## 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.

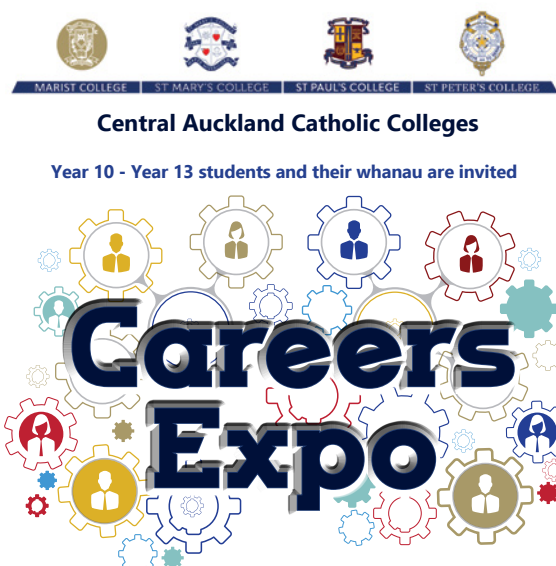
**Sports and Extra Curricular Charges:** any sports or extra-curricular for Term 1 should now be paid. Please ensure any charges added to the account are paid by the required due date.  
*Thank you.*

## Careers Hub

### University of Otago Information Evening

**Tuesday 17th June, 6:30pm**, Newmarket Room, Ellerslie Event Centre, Auckland.

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)



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

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

## Term 2 Kāhahu Kāinga

Please bring a gold coin donation for wearing own clothing, or come in uniform.

Sausage sizzle and bake sale available at Break 2 in the red square.

All proceeds go to the Marist mission in Ranong.

*Thank you*

2025  
Marist College



Singing Cup

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
Atrium 6.30pm

Marist College Mt Albert  
EX-STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

# AGM

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

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

SENIOR  
OPEN MIC



Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
Break 2  
Drama Room

Groups and Instruments will be prioritised  
See the daily notices for sign up details



## Homestay Families Needed

We will be welcoming more short-term students in Term 3. 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

## 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

**We are very short of winter uniform**

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. For further information please email [useduniforms@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:useduniforms@maristcollege.school.nz)

## 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.



**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	Competition Dates	Art Due Date
Te Taetae ni Kiribati KIRIBATI	6 – 12 July	Fri 11th July - 5pm
Vanuatu Bislama VANUATU	27 Jul – 2 Aug	Fri 1st Aug - 5pm
Te Reo Māori Kūki 'Airani COOK ISLANDS	3 – 9 August	Fri 8th Aug - 5pm
Lea Faka-Tonga TONGA	17 – 23 August	Fri 22nd Aug - 5pm
Papua Niugini Tok Pisin PAPUA NEW GUINEA	7 – 13 September	Fri 12th Sep - 5pm
Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori	14 – 21 September	Fri 20th Sep - 5pm
Te Gana Tuvalu TUVALU	28 Sep – 4 Oct	Fri 3rd Oct - 5pm
Vosa VakaViti FIJI	5 – 11 October	Fri 10th Oct - 5pm
Vagahau Niue NIUE	19 – 25 October	Fri 24th Oct - 5pm
Te Gagana Tokelau TOKELAU	26 Oct – 1 Nov	Fri 31st Oct - 5pm
Solomon Aelan Pijin SOLOMON ISLANDS	23 – 29 November	Fri 28th Nov - 5pm

## Some Auckland speed limits are changing



See where

Speed limits are changing on around 1500 Auckland roads. Keep an eye out for new speed limit signs.

# 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.

## AUCKLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC KĀHUI AKO SPEECH COMPETITION 2025

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