



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Number 8  
Thursday 19th June 2025

## From the Deputy Principal

At Matariki we remember those in our whānau who have passed on, we are thankful for what we have, and we look forward to the promise of the future.

The theme for Matariki this year is "inclusion, embracing diversity and celebrating Matariki together". It asks us to embrace the different traditions, stars and tikanga around celebrating the Māori New Year. At Marist College we celebrated with our Hikoi to Ōwairaka/Mt Albert (Te Ahi-Kā-a-Rakataura). It was wonderful to mark the beginning of the Māori New Year together as a community with karakia and waiata. The hikoi was followed by kai in the staffroom and a wonderful assembly which showcased the talents of our Kapa Haka rūpū. A massive thank you to our whānau who planned and prepared breakfast for all of us.

At our assembly we also had the opportunity to celebrate the impressive achievement of Brydie Mitchell (Year 9) who competed in Ngā Manu Kōrero on Friday last week. Brydie gave a moving speech on the topic "Help me find my place". She spoke powerfully, with conviction, and was awarded 'Best Female Speaker' in the Ta Turi Kara Junior English category; and The Sir Turi Carroll Trophy for 'Best Overall Junior Speaker' (in the Junior English category for Tāmaki Makaurau). We are so proud of Brydie and look forward to seeing her compete in the Ngā Manu Kōrero national finals later in the year.

The diversity and unity of Marist College was also on show at a range of events over the last week:

- A committed group of junior and senior students competed in the Bollywood Showdown - New Zealand's biggest Indian High School dance competition. This group is choreographed by the students themselves, and their passion and enthusiasm for their culture was evident in their performance.
- We also celebrated the Year 12 and 13 School Ball at Alexandra Park where there was plenty of dancing, laughter and photos to be had.
- Our staff and students took part in the Kahui Ako Pasifika Mass at St Joseph's Grey Lynn. It was a beautiful celebration of the many Pacific cultures in our Kāhui Ako schools. I would like to acknowledge the staff who have consistently made the mass such a special event over the years.
- We awarded one of the oldest cups in the school at our Singing Cup competition. The competition was fierce and a reflection of the talent at Marist College. Congratulations to Star Lam (Intermediate), Felicia Tibbles (Junior) and Svetlana Pritchard (Senior) who won each of their respective categories.

Of course, none of these opportunities would be available to our students without the tireless mahi of our staff and whānau who work to organise events and support our students.

Manawatia a Matariki – have a blessed long weekend,  
Ngā manaakitanga

*Dr Bronwyn Houlston*, Deputy Principal Curriculum

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## KEY DATES

### Term 2 2025

#### Week (9B)

- 23 Mo** **Frida Kahlo Cake Bake**  
Y7 Te Ao Kori, P1  
BOT Meeting 6pm
- 24 Tu** **Careers' Expo 4-7pm, St Mary's College**  
**Lockdown practice P2**  
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 Enginuity Day  
Y13 Marist Day planning P4&5
- 27 Fr** **Last day Term 2**  
Staff vs Students Dodgeball Gym B2  
**Rotation 3 - 2**

### Term 3 2025

#### Week (1A)

- July 14 Mo** **Term 3 begins**  
PTFA Meeting 7pm
- 15 Tu** **Sports Photo day**  
**Sports uniform needed**
- 16 We** VKA Assembly/Chavoin House Leaders
- 17 Th** 11 SI Mass 8:20am  
**Rotation 4 - 3**

### Upcoming Events:

- 28 June - 7 July Samoa trip
- June **30 Mo** **Chavoin Feast Day**
- July 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**  
Y13 Mass, B2 St Mary's Church  
UoA guest speaker - Equal Justice Project, B2, 134
- 9 Sa** **PTFA Beats for Bingo**
- 14 Th** **Marist Day**
- 18 Mo** PTFA Meeting 7pm
- 20 - 21** Y12 PE Camp
- 20 We** Y9 & 10 Mathex Comp 7pm
- 21 Th** Y7 & 8 Mathex Comp 7pm
- 22 Fr** **Mid Term Break**  
**School Closed**

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





## The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Every year on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday we celebrate the Holy Eucharist in the Catholic Church. This most important liturgical event is in essence the belief that during the Consecration time at Mass the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest.

The Gospel account on Sunday is about the miracle of the loaves and fish which prefigures the blessing of the Eucharist (Lk 9: 11-17). Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in the Last Supper, and since then, at every Catholic Mass, Jesus is truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Our Sacramental students are currently learning about the great significance of the Holy Eucharist, and they will receive first Holy Communion in our Marist Day Mass in Term Three.



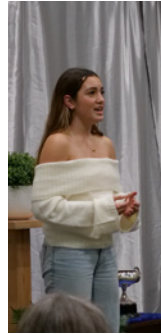
We pray in a special way for all of them and, as a Catholic School community, that we will continue to deepen our understanding and love of the Holy Eucharist.

God bless. Ad Jesum per Mariam  
*Sr Seini Fatai sm*, Director of Religious Studies

## Annual Singing Cup

On Tuesday evening we had our annual Singing Cup Competition. It was wonderful evening and a pleasure to view our talented student's performances. Well done to all of those who took part in the event and congratulations to the winners, Star Lam - Intermediate, Felicia Tibbles - Junior and Svetlana Pritchard - Senior.

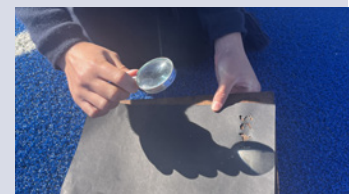
*Jo Hatfield*, Performing Arts Coordinator



## Science with 8S: Lighting Up Learning

In Science, 8S wrapped up their Sight and Sound topic with a bright idea- literally! Armed with magnifying glasses, heatproof mats, and paper, students headed out to the turf to harness the sun's rays. By focusing sunlight into a single point, they were able to burn letters onto paper. Some even managed to write their names. This hands-on experiment helped students understand how light energy can be concentrated to produce heat, demonstrating the transfer of energy and the power of lenses in focusing light.

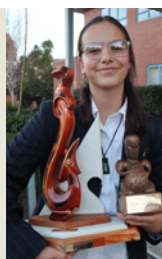
*Miss Singh and 8S,*  
*with Mrs Purdie*



## Ngā Manu Kōrero Success

On Friday 13th June, I had the opportunity to compete at the Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition at Ngā Puna O Waiorea, Western Springs College. Originally I thought I would just take part in this competition for the experience. It was a lot of hard work and dedication, with lots of writing and lots of practicing. When the day of the competition came, I was super nervous, but I went out and just did it. What made it very special is that my whānau attended the competition and were sitting behind me on stage while I said my speech. Also, my friends from Kapa Haka were there and supported me along the way. At the end it was prizegiving, the highlight of my day. I was awarded "Best Junior English Female Speaker", and "First Overall Junior English Speaker". I could not have done it without the help of my Kaiako, Matua Terry, Whaea Liv, Ms Jonas, Ms Siakumi, Mrs Guo and the support of my parents. Ngā mihi nui! Now it is time to prepare for the Nationals in September!

*Brydie Mitchell*, Year 9





# Marist College 2025 Masquerade Ball

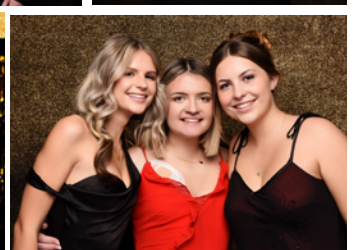
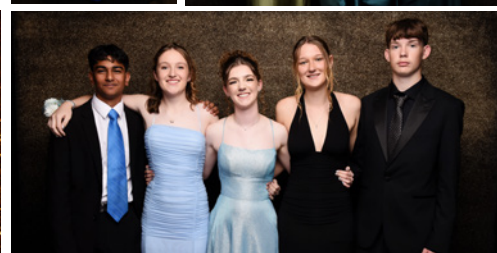
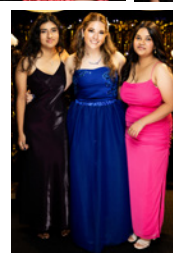
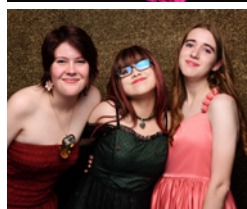
The 2025 Marist College Ball was a magical evening. Held at Alexandra Park, the night was filled with stunning decor fit for the masquerade theme, incredible outfits and the Marist spirit! From dancing with friends to enjoying a delicious dinner—and, of course, getting professional photos (single ones for the grandparents!) It was a night to remember.

Congratulations to the prize winners, Elisha Fruean - Best Dressed, Maria McMurray - Life of the Party, Ava Crowe - Best Dancer, Brodi Freeman - Princess, Claire Armstrong & partner - Cutest Couple, Amber Rose Henshaw - Sexy Single, Delilah Sika & partner - King & Queen.

A huge thank you to all the staff, especially Mrs De Swardt, who put her heart and soul into organising this event and making it truly memorable. Thank you to the venue staff, photographers and the DJ who made the evening a success and such a vibe. And finally, thanks to all the amazing students who brought the party to life!

As the last school ball for the Year 13 Class of 2025, it was an opportunity to make more amazing memories together, celebrating friendship, fun, and the moments that make our time at Marist so special!

*Divinya Karumalil, Year 13*







## Bollywood Showdown

Last Saturday, 16 of our junior and senior students participated in the 2025 Bollywood Showdown. However, their participation did not start there. They have shown passion, dedication and discipline in showcasing their culture in everything from selecting music, choreographing dances, teaching the group and practising hard, since last term. The team represented Marist with pride and while they did not place, we can be exceptionally proud of them for their performance and how they conducted themselves as Marist women.

*Masha Nair*, Teacher In Charge

Last year, we went with a bang, this year an even bigger one, at the Bollywood Showdown 2025. I am so grateful to watch every single girl in this group grow, to be part of the bonds made, the laughter every rehearsal and sharing a common love of dance. Every moment was one to remember, from first meeting with the seniors and choosing our songs, to performing to over 1000 people. We didn't take anything home this year, but we are a winner in our hearts and eyes. I am so deeply proud of everyone and grateful of all the work behind this. So excited for next year's showdown!

*Simran Kumar*, Year 12

## Sports Update

### Central Zone Hockey

Our Year 7 & 8 team proudly represented Marist at the Central Zone Hockey tournament at the North Shore Hockey stadium this week. The atmosphere was full of excitement as Marist competed against schools from across the central Auckland region for a full day of competitive hockey. From the first whistle, the girls showed passion and determination.



Each match brought its own challenges but the team gave their all. Each player defending with grit, attacking with confidence and supporting each other every step of the way. Marist enlisted the help from coach/manager extraordinaire Kellie Dormer (Aubrey's Mum) to provide strategic guidance, game play and delicious incentives. Despite a few close losses and hard-fought battles, the girls were able to secure a well-earned 7th place overall, a testament to their teamwork and positive attitude.

*"The girls played with heart and we're proud of the way they carried themselves on and off the field"* said our Director of Sport.

The crisp weather made the day even more enjoyable. There were plenty of smiles, shared snacks and encouragement between matches. The experience has set a strong foundation for future tournaments and left everyone looking forward to the future of hockey at Marist.

*Jacqui Slade*, Sports Coordinator

Kiaora koutou katoa e te whānau o Mārihi.  
To all the families of Marist.

This is a big shout out and thankyou to all that attended our morning hīkoi to celebrate the rising of Matariki and the beginning of the New Year cycle. Approximately 100 of the family turned up this morning before 5:30am to start our ascent.

Although cold, it was a brilliant morning to be on Owairaka this year as Tawhirimātea allowed our karakia, waiata and wairua to be heard by Matariki.

I would like to thank the parents that helped with our breakfast specifically Whaea Morganne Sale, Nanna Daryl and Whaea Rebecca Corry for helping with ordering, delivery and preparation of a beautiful, warm and filling breakfast on our return.

Anō nei e te whānau

Ki te kore koutou e tautoko ana he moa hoki tēnei haerenga

If it was not for your participation in this hīkoi it would also be like the moa.

Thanks so very much for your thoughts towards the maintenance of this haerenga as a culturally inclusive activity for all at Marist.

Mauri ora ki a tātou katoa

*Matua Terry Tauroa*

Māori Whanau Liaison



## Getting creative with felt

During Term 1 and 2, 7R and 7T Materials Technology students have been enjoying using felt to create unique purses and plushies. Here's just a very small sample of the broad range produced. The students are eager to build on their basic hand sewing skills, giving new techniques a try and problem solving to make their ideas become reality.

*Ms Kirkland*, Curriculum Leader Technology

# Parent, Student, Teacher Interviews - Thursday 24th July

All interviews are held in the Gym, entrance is via Alberton Avenue only please. Note, there is no on-site parking available.

**School closed for students all day, but we encourage you to bring your daughter, in school uniform, to the interviews.**

Book 5 minutes per teacher, between 8:30am and 7:30pm via SchoolBridge. Bookings close Wednesday 23rd July at 9am. If a teacher does not appear on the list they are not available that day. Book now via the 'Student Conferences' area of SchoolBridge or at this link <https://marist.bridge.school.nz/> Instructions have also been emailed out to all caregivers.

Log in via the 'Student Conferences' area of SchoolBridge at any time to edit your bookings if required. If you have any issues, please email [admin@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:admin@maristcollege.school.nz)

| Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako  |  |                   |                                   |
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| LANGUAGE WEEKS PART 2 COMPETITIONS   |  |                   |                                   |
|    | 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 'Āirani 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 20th 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  |

## 2 Week Homestay Families Needed

We are hoping to enrol some students from Italy in term 3 and they'll be with us for 2 weeks. If you're interested, please email [international@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:international@maristcollege.school.nz) and I'll send you the form. Ideally, the paperwork needs to be completed by mid next week. Please let me know if you have any queries, thank you

*Vivienne Kingsbury*, International Student Director

## 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.

**Please Note:** there is a full rail closure over Matariki weekend from Friday 20th June to Monday 23rd June.

**There will be no trains running on Monday 23rd June, replacement buses should be available.**

# SENIOR OPEN MIC

**Tuesday 24th June**  
**Break 2**  
**Drama Room**

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



## Central Auckland Catholic Colleges

Year 10 - Year 13 students and their whanau are invited



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

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

## 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)