



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Number 9
Friday 27th June 2025

From the Deputy Principal

A nine-week term creates quite a lot of pressure in a school year as we attempt to pack all the goodness of a ten-week term into a smaller package. We certainly did fit a huge variety of events in.

We were excited to send a competitive chess team to the Auckland Girls Regional Chess Championships, where not only did all our competitors do us proud with at least one win each, but Mia Merrick placed second in the U16 category. Thanks very much to Mr Millwood for coaching and organising the trip.

Live reporting summaries went out this week for all students. As we publish our results 'live' on the portal as the assessments are marked, these reports are a summary of that already available information, but in a handy to print PDF format. This can be useful for students or parents who need this information for CVs or just to show the grandparents.

Wednesday's assembly was much anticipated as the school learned what the 2025 Marist Day theme was all about. It is Marist Day the Pop Culture Way! After mass on 14 August, students will be able to change out of their school uniform and show off their best pop culture outfit – Marist appropriate of course. The charities chosen by the Year 13s this year are Cure Kids and Women's Refuge. The Class of 2025 have got an amazing day shaping up and will be sharing just how to contribute to the charities early in Term 3.

Dodge, duck, dip, dive, and dodge! The annual staff vs students dodgeball event was the usual mix of rivalry, strategy, cheating and, while not a blood feud, was certainly a place to take out some pent-up frustrations. Highlights included: the staff pompom cheer team, the ref coming back from injury to join the student side, and a spectacular Mexican wave from crowd. The staff won a resounding victory 2 – 1. Year 13 - it will be your year in 2026.

It is definitely Sr Seini's year, as it is her jubilee. This wonderful woman has dedicated 25 years of service to God as a Marist Sister. Her jubilee will be celebrated with a beautiful Mass at St Mary's Church, Kitenui Ave on Sunday 29 June, where we can join Sr Seini in marking this significant anniversary of religious profession. We are blessed and grateful to have such a committed religious in our school. You are all welcome to join us on Sunday at 10am to acknowledge her.

The girls and staff are all ready for their holiday break and we hope they rest and reset for Term 3. An update of key dates will be sent out in Week 2 of the holidays to give a heads up on what is happening during the term.

Wishing you all a safe and blessed holiday.

Ngā mihi nui, *Lucy Hill*, Deputy Principal Administration



Staff get some tactical coaching before the annual dodgeball challenge.



KEY DATES

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

Week (2B)

21 - 23	Y13 History trip
23	We PVH Assembly
24	Th Y7-13 Student/Parent/ Teacher Interviews 8:30am - 7:30pm School closed
25	Fr Y7 Grandparents Mass Rotation 5 - 4

Upcoming Events:

28 June - 7 July Samoa trip		
June 30	Mo	Chavoin Feast Day
July 14	Mo	Term 3 Begins
July 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
23	Sa	Marist Ex-Student Assn. fundraiser, Irish Club
25 - 30		Tournament Week
25	Mo	BOT Meeting 6pm
Aug 31 - 5 Sep AIMS Games		
Sep 3	We	Music & Dance Showcase
7	Su	Father's Day
9	Tu	Taonga Ceremony
11	Th	Visual Arts Showcase

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



We give Thanks to God

As we come to the end of another school term, we give thanks for all of God's blessings to each one of us in our Marist College community. Our liturgical assembly this week reminded us about the great significance of the Holy Eucharist in our Catholic school life. The term 'eucharist' originates from the Greek word "eucharistia" (εὐχαριστία), which means "thanksgiving" or "gratitude". Thus, it is our Catholic practice to say thanks to God not only for being present in our lives, but in a special way, in the Holy Communion we receive in the Mass.

Our lovely Years 7M & 7R classes led the celebration of the Eucharist on Thursday and a good number of students, staff and parents also in attendance.



Here are a few prayers of gratitude from 10M RE Class:

Dear God, thank you for the privilege of the Catholic education we all have. I am forever grateful.

Isla Donovan

Loving God, I thank you for the term you have given us, the memories we have made with each other, and the learning that we have received from our teachers during these past nine weeks. *Annie Withers*

Dear Lord, we are thankful for the safety and peace we enjoy in our country. We pray for your protection over our brothers and sisters living in countries affected by war and conflict. Please let there be peace and end to war. *Brooke Clayton*

Thank you, God, for your Gift of our family and friends. *Benedicta Halapio*

God bless. Ad Jesum per Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai sm,
Director of Religious Studies



Year 7 Te Ao Kori

On Monday morning the Year 7 classes got together in the gym to perform in front of family and friends. Some classes performed poi while others performed rākau. It was a lot of fun to see all the hard work they put into these performances.

After all the performances, parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers and guardians jumped out of their seats to learn a thing or two about the poi and rākau that we had we learnt in the term. They learnt a lot about the culture and the performances. It was a bit nerve-racking for the Year 7s. They still put in effort to embrace Māori culture.

We would like to thank all the people who made the effort to come and see the Year 7s hard work and we also thank the teachers and the students who helped make all of it happen.

Lucy Withers and Mady Adams, 7s



Senior Open Mic

The Seniors Open Mic was held on Tuesday during Break 2. A huge thank you to all of the performers who volunteered their time and talent to be enjoyed by all who attended. Well done.

The PA Team



Vinnies Food Drive & Winter Meal Appeal

This term, the Vinnies Good Works project this term has been a humbling experience for our students! We successfully launched a food drive to support those in need, contributed to the Vinnies Winter Meal Appeal, and St Mary's Parish Fridge by making warm meals. Together, we're making a real difference in our community!

Veilomani Tapa, Teacher In Charge

As a Vinnies leader, taking part in the food drive was a meaningful experience for me. It opened my eyes to the real struggles people in our community face with food insecurity and reminded me why we do what we do. Organising the drive, encouraging others to donate, and seeing the generosity of our school come together was both humbling and inspiring. I felt proud to be part of something bigger than myself—something that directly helped others in need. It also strengthened my leadership skills and showed me how compassion and teamwork can create real change. *Shermaine Iobo, Year 13*

As a leader, I was glad to see girls from Years 11 to 13 come together, giving up their time to cook meals for those less fortunate. We had girls taking on different tasks from cooking pasta and mince to plating the food, we worked as a team with a simple system that allowed us to serve with purpose. This experience wasn't just about making meals; it was about upholding dignity and living out the Vinnies values through action. Hearing the girls reflect on how meaningful the experience was to them reminded me why I love being part of Vinnies because together, we can make a real difference in the lives of others.

Flisa Stark, Year 13

As a Vinnies leader it was so refreshing seeing all the girls contribute to the can drive. This was great to see because it was for a good service for families in need. I'm very proud of the impact we will make going forward with the donations we were able to make the change. Being able to experience making food to go towards families in need of our support was very insightful and made me feel privileged to be a part of this act of service. I hope the meals we made can make a good impact in these family's lives. *Holly Curtis,*
Year 12

Being a leader that helped organise the food drive and cook up has been a rewarding experience. I got to learn about what it truly means to be a leader for Vinnies and pass that knowledge down to our future leaders during the cook up. It was so good to see students from different year levels and the teachers coming together for not only the cook up but also the food drive for a meaningful cause that we all care about. It's a great honour to be a part of this Vinnies group that can provide to those in need. *Billie Werry, Year 12*

It was incredibly special to see our Vinnies girls come together in the school kitchen to cook meals for members of our community in need. As a Vinnies leader, watching the groups teamwork, commitment and joy in serving others was a proud moment for me. All the work from a meeting throughout the year have truly paid off as we successfully made over 100 meals! A huge thank you to Mrs Veschuur, Miss Tafa, and Sia from our Vinnie's crew, as our efforts wouldn't have been possible without their support. *Zarah Barwig-Vini, Year 12*



French crêpe party!

As an end of term treat for our Classe de Français, we ate authentic crêpes, baguette and fromage (cheese). Madame Jonas helped us prepare the crêpes and taught us how to fold them. They tasted amazing especially with the chocolate chips as a topping that melted on top! It was lots of fun to eat crêpes, take photos and listen to some French music. We really enjoyed it. Merci beaucoup!

Amelia Baudinet, Annie Withers &
Maria Fanzottera, Year 10



Lost Property Update

We have accumulated lots of lost property this term. Here are some of the items that have no names so cannot be returned. They will be held in the lost property area for reclaiming next term if possible.



Sports Update

Lacrosse

Our lacrosse team have shown some huge improvements against some more experienced opposition. They have worked hard learning new skills and working together as a team, with lots of big improvements with passing, catching and cradling. Last week they came away with their first win against Botany Downs Secondary College, 25-0. Keep up the awesome work team!



Rugby

Another great game for our rugby team this week with a 49-5 win against Baradene on Monday. Our team continues to impress on the field with their grit and determination. They are currently sitting second in their pool and will face St Kentigern's away after the school holidays on the 28th July.

Football

The Marist Junior Football team has finished Term 2 in fine form with three back to back wins leaving them in great shape for a successful Term 3. The girls have shown real Marist spirit by supporting each other with positive praise and creating a great team environment. Their self belief has grown, digging themselves out of a 2-0 half time deficit on Wednesday to come home with a 3-2 win at full time. It is great to see the girls backing their abilities and believing in themselves.



Well done and looking forward to Term 3. *Ashley Denton*, Coach

Combined Catholic Colleges Careers Expo

For the first time ever, Marist, St Mary's, St Peter's and St Paul's combined for a careers expo. Hosted by St Mary's, students and whanau from all four schools were able to speak with representatives there from all of the universities, polytechs, private training providers like travel colleges, beauty and hairdressing schools, Adventureworks, NZ School of Food & Wine, and also Air NZ, Defence Force, Police, Fire & Emergency. There were also separate seminars on during the evening, including a presentation from Police with a Police dog, explanation of the pathway to Medicine at Auckland or Otago Universities, descriptions of some less well known career paths such as Surveying, Ecology, and Landscape Architecture, and a presentation from a career Fire Fighter about his journey through studying and working as a professional Engineer, and then switching to the fire service. Six Year 13 leaders from each school shared responsibilities in hosting the event, working very well together as a team. It was wonderful to see the event so well attended and engaged with by so many families from all of the schools. *Jenni Catley*, Careers Advisor.

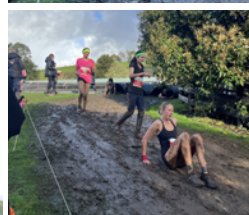
The careers expo combined with Marist College, St Mary's College, St Paul's College and St Peter's College was an incredibly successful event that I am so proud and grateful to be a part of. It was amazing to get to know all the other incredible prefects from each school, working together to make the night possible. It was interesting to see all the different routes and opportunities there are waiting for us after high school. I would strongly encourage all students to attend these career expo opportunities as you might just find a path for yourself that you didn't know was possible! *Delilah Sika*, Year 13



Year 12 PE Tough Girl

A highlight of the term for our two Year 12 PE classes was taking on the Tough Girl Challenge in Hamilton! After completing their 5-week training programme, the girls showed incredible resilience, enthusiasm, and spirit on race day. We are so proud of their efforts and their positive attitude in tackling this challenging, rewarding, and very muddy experience head-on!

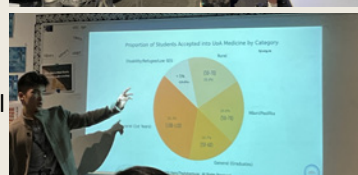
Caera Judge, Health & PE Teacher



Helping at the Careers expo on Tuesday night was a great opportunity to give back to our Marist and Catholic schools community, while also being able to connect and chat with other leaders from our fellow schools. The event ran smoothly, and we hope to see it continued in years to come!

Harriet MacGregor, Year 13

Attending the medicine talk at the Expo was incredibly valuable for me. It offered a much more realistic and detailed view of what a career in medicine actually involves - not just the academic side, but also the emotional resilience and dedication required. I found it especially helpful to learn about alternative routes into medicine, such as graduate entry and access courses, which made the path feel more achievable and flexible. Hearing too directly from someone experiencing this journey sharing their own knowledge, including the challenges they faced, made the talk feel honest and inspiring. It's helped me reflect more seriously on why I want to pursue this career and what steps I need to take, including gaining meaningful work experience and preparing for the application process. *Annica Milford*, Year 12



THE BLUE AND GOLD BULLETIN

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE ONE , WEEK NINE

INTRO

The Blue and Gold Bulletin is here! Starting this week, we're excited to introduce a student-written newsletter to complement our regular one. If you're interested in joining our team, we meet every Thursday break 2 in 206 and would love to see you there. We also welcome contributions! If you'd like to write something for the Blue and Gold Bulletin, please use the form linked below:

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FRIDA KAHLO CAKE BAKE



Maia, Lucia & Kalo Yr 10



Keira & Charlotte Yr 13



Maria & Vivi Yr 10

The Frida Kahlo cake bake 2025 was super successful! It was a time to share art and food with our friends. The creativity displayed this year was fantastic. We could not believe the level of artistry and skills shown from all of the entries. From the classic Van Gogh starry night and Monet water lilies cakes to the more abstract and original designs of the cycle of life and Totoro cakes, there was a fantastic range of edible art works!

FUN FACT

Butterflies taste with their feet ! When a butterfly lands on a plant, it can "taste" the surface to determine if it's a suitable place to lay eggs.

Last week was Library week, and the library was transformed with decorations representing this year's theme: Heroes and Villains. We held activities and competitions all week with prizes. This was an exciting time for me as it was my first Library week, and all of the librarians had worked very hard to make the library come alive. As a librarian it made me especially happy to see everyone come along and enjoy spending time in the library. Thank you to all who took part to help make this week memorable!



LIBRARY WEEK



BOOK REVIEW

"Some things are worth pursuit regardless of the cost."



What happens when the heroes and villains are not so obvious? *Caraval* is an immersive fantasy that blurs the line between reality and illusion, following sisters caught in a magical game where nothing is as it seems. It is the first book from a trilogy full of secrets, high stakes, and a romance that simmers beneath the surface. Fans of *The Cruel Prince* and *The Prison Healer* will enjoy this.

Remember that you can borrow from Auckland libraries with a free library card or get e-books through the Libby app. School e-books are available on ePlatform too!

1. What is Matariki the time for?

- A. Planting and harvesting summer crops
- B. Resting through winter
- C. Remembrance, celebrating the present, and looking to the future

2. What part of the sky does Matariki rise in?

- A. North
- B. East
- C. South

3. What does Matariki mark?

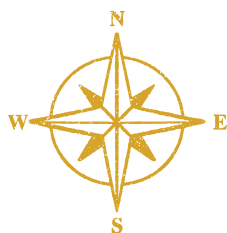
- A. The start of winter
- B. Māori New Year

4. What is the star Pōhutukawa connected to?

- A. Wishes for the future
- B. People who have passed away
- C. Rain and storms

5. When did Matariki become a public holiday?

- A. 2023
- B. 2021
- C. 2022



6. What is Ururangi associated with?

- A. Rain
- B. Food from trees
- C. The wind

7. Which star is linked to freshwater and streams?

- A. Waitā
- B. Waitī
- C. Ururangi

8. What is Waipuna-ā-rangi connected to?

- A. Water from the sky (rain)
- B. Rivers and streams
- C. Night sky navigation

9. Which star relates to food from the sky, like birds and berries?

- A. Tupuārangi
- B. Ururangi
- C. Hiwa-i-te-rangi



Answers: 1.C, 2.B, 3.B, 4.B, 5.C, 6.C, 7.B, 8.A, 9.A

FROM STUDENT COUNCIL LEADER, HARRIET

On Tuesday, the 10th of June, four other leaders and I met with Oscar Duffy, representative for Melissa Lee at the upcoming Youth Parliament event. Youth Parliament is a two-day event in Wellington held every three years where young New Zealanders aged 16-24 get to experience democracy firsthand and influence government decision-making. Oscar met with us to discuss some of the most pressing issues for us as young people. We covered a range of topics, from access to sport and sporting equipment around NZ, to culture changes in our school and other schools around the country. It was great to meet with Oscar and have him take on our ideas, thoughts and perspectives. We wish him all the best as he heads down to Wellington to partake in Youth Parliament from the 1st to the 2nd of July.



Marist College PTFA presents

Beats By BINGO

SAVE THE DATE

and get your group together. A fun night of musical bingo, through the eras, with some laughs and even dancing thrown in...

Saturday 9th August, 7pm to late

Buy a table or join a sports/class table to meet some new Marist families.
\$40 pp including light supper, cash bar available.

Sponsorship opportunities. Donations of auction items welcomed. More info in Week 1 Term 3 newsletter.

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@maristcollegeauckland

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**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

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

We are very short of winter uniform items

If you have any uniform items that are no longer required, we accept all donations 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

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LANGUAGE WEEKS COMPETITIONS

Country/Region	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 'Āirani 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

FIRST MEETING HELD SUNDAY, JULY 27TH AFTER 5.30 PM MASS

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH NIGHT

STUDENTS FROM YEAR 7 TO YEAR 13 WELCOME!

JOIN US ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT MARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FAITH & FUN!

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