



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 2
Friday, 13 February 2026



From the Principal

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa. The Māori dictionary defines whakawhanaungatanga as the process of establishing relationships and relating well to others.

This week, we have seen whakawhanaungatanga taking place throughout the College. From our Year 9 students strengthening relationships as they continue their learning and connection up the māunga at the annual start of year whakawhanaungatanga afternoon, to our New Parent Mixer on Thursday evening, and our Year 13 big sisters interacting with our junior students during break times, the sense of connection has been evident across the school.

Our lunchtime volleyball games have become a wonderful source of multi-year level interaction, enjoyment, and extremely loud laughter. It has been heartening to see such a strong sense of family spirit.

It is these small, everyday moments that create and nurture relationships. They allow connections to grow and strengthen bonds that often develop into lifelong friendships.

Thank you to our staff for ensuring our students have had such a positive and welcoming start to the school year. Your commitment and care are greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to our PTFA for organising the New Parent Mixer on Thursday evening. It was a warm and successful event that supported connection and belonging within our community.

A special congratulations to the students who have achieved external scholarships. We look forward to formally recognising these achievements, along with the academic success of our senior students, at next month's Academic Assembly.

Te Aroha o Te Atua,
Raechelle Tauhi
Principal/Tumuaki



KEY DATES

Term 1 2026

Week	4B
Feb 16	Mo Europe Trip Info Evening 6:30pm, 220 PTFA Meeting 7pm staffroom
17	Tu Swimming Sports, competitors only, Mt Albert Aquatic Centre
18	We NRD Assembly/ Ash Wednesday
19	Th Assembly/Singing Practice
20	Fr Inaugural Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral (no P1 & 2) Rotation 2 - 1
21	Sa Kapa Haka 9am-3pm

Week	5A
Feb 23	Mo Photo/House Day
25	We NES Assembly/Liturgy/ Academic
26 & 27	Open Days, 9am tours
27	Fr Whanau time Rotation 3 - 2
28	Sa Kapa Haka 9am - 3pm Shinagawa students arrive

Upcoming Events:

Mar 3	Tu Hui, 6:30pm staffroom
4	We Y7 Boostrix (1) / Y8 HPV (1) Gym
5	Th Evacuation practice P2 Cook Island trip meeting 5-6pm
	Fono, 6:30-8pm, staffroom
5 & 6	Y7 Retreats (Whare Maria)
6	Fr PTFA Golf Day
9	Mo Cybersafety talks
10	Tu Athletics Day
12	Th Family Festival, 4-7:30pm
13	Fr Y11-13 Drama trip P2-B2 ASB Waterfront Theatre
16	Mo NCEA info evening 6pm Photo catchup day PTFA Meeting 7pm
17	Tu Y12 Loves Me Not Y11 Art, Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae visit 12:45 - 3pm Shinagawa students leave
18 - 21	Polyfest - Pasifika & Diversity Stages, Manukau Sports Bowl

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



Year 9 Whakawhanaungatanga Day

On Wednesday, our Year 9 cohort walked up Ōwairaka together in the heat and took part in a series of activity rotations designed to help them get to know one another better.

The activities were both fun and challenging, encouraging teamwork and connection across the year group.

Y9 Whakawhanaungatanga was so fun and I loved it. My favourite activity was writing a letter to our Y13 self, and I can't wait to open it when I am older! The walking was a challenge, but it definitely got me some good exercise!

Loxi Kimmons, Year 9



Year 12 Plein Air

Year 12 Painting students spent Tuesday morning working in plein air as part of their research into their "Everyday" internal. It was a great reminder to take a moment to observe and take in our surroundings.

Ka rawe!

Ms Schön



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**EUROPE
HUMANITIES &
ARTS TOUR
APRIL 2027**
INFORMATION EVENING

**Monday 16th February
6.30pm
Drama Room**

Defining Moments



Scan the QR code
to register your
interest

Europe Humanities & Arts Tour 2027 Info Evening

This is an exciting opportunity for our students to visit London, Florence, Sorrento and Rome, taking in cultural, historical and religious sites. Defining Moments will provide information on the itinerary, costs and answer any questions you may have about the trip.

[Click here to watch a short video clip highlighting some of the tour destinations](#)

You can register for the evening using the QR code below.

Please note – if you have already registered and paid your deposit for the trip there is no need to attend this evening again (unless you would like to).

Please email b.houliston@maristcollege.school.nz with any questions.

SPORTS UPDATE

Pegasus Cup Opportunity

We are looking for any Riders that could make up a team for Pegasus Cup. Must have own horse and jumping experience. If you are interested please email sports@maristcollege.school.nz for more information.

We are still looking for:

- Year 7 & 8 Hockey Coach
- Netball coaches and managers.

Teams underway this week:

- Senior Cricket
- Senior Volleyball
- Premier Touch
- Senior Waka Ama

Starting soon:

- Senior Water polo



Upcoming Trials and Muster Dates

Trials and muster dates for all teams are pictured, dates for other teams are still to come. Please register before attending.

MARIST SPORTS INFO

For up to date information on sports, coaching and registrations please see our sports website

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristcol/>

UPCOMING MUSTER / TRIAL DATES 2026 FOOTBALL – SENIORS & JUNIORS

17 FEB	FOOTBALL MUSTER ● Western Springs Football Club ● 07:00AM – 8:00AM
24 FEB	1ST XI TRIAL ● Western Springs Football Club ● 07:00AM – 8:00AM
FOOTBALL – YEAR 7 & 8	
4 MAR	1ST TRIAL ● School field ● 07:00AM – 8:00AM
11 MAR	2ND TRIAL ● School field ● 07:00AM – 08:00AM
18 MAR	3RD TRIAL ● School field ● 07:00AM – 08:00AM

Coaches & Managers Needed!

Our sports programmes are in need of your support. We are needing coaches and managers. If you can help, we would love to hear from you.

Currently needing coaches for:

- Netball (all year levels)
- Touch (Year 7 & 8)
- Hockey (all year levels)
- Volleyball

Why Volunteer With Us?

- ✓ School community connection
- ✓ Make a Real Impact
- ✓ Giving back with your expertise
- ✓ Boost Personal Growth

UPCOMING MUSTER / TRIAL DATES 2026 NETBALL – SENIORS & JUNIORS

16 FEB	1ST TRIAL YEAR 9 & 10 ● SCHOOL GYM ● 03:15PM – 5:00PM
20 FEB	TRIAL YEAR 11 – 13 ● SCHOOL GYM ● 03:15PM – 5:00PM
23 FEB	2ND TRIAL YEAR 9 & 10 ● SCHOOL GYM ● 03:15PM – 5:00PM
27 FEB	PREMIER TRIAL (INVITATION ONLY) ● SCHOOL GYM ● 03:15PM – 5:00PM

ALL WELCOME YEAR ROUND BASKETBALL CLUB

TERM 1	ALL YEAR LEVELS ● EVERY MONDAY & TUESDAY SCHOOL GYM ● 06:45AM – 8:00AM
RUNNING CLUB	
19 FEB	ALL YEAR LEVELS ● EVERY THURSDAY MIRT GYM FOYER ● 07:00AM – 8:00AM
SELF DEFENCE	
10 FEB	ALL YEAR LEVELS ● EVERY TUESDAY MIRT GYM FOYER ● 04:00PM – 04:45PM

UPCOMING MUSTER / TRIAL DATES 2026 NETBALL – YEAR 7 & 8

2 MAR	1ST TRIAL YEAR 7 ● SCHOOL TURF ● 03:15PM – 5:00PM
9 MAR	2ND TRIAL YEAR 7 ● SCHOOL TURF ● 03:15PM – 5:00PM
6 MAR	1ST TRIAL YEAR 8 ● SCHOOL TURF ● 03:15PM – 5:00PM
13 MAR	2ND TRIAL YEAR 8 ● SCHOOL TURF ● 03:15PM – 5:00PM

UPCOMING MUSTER / TRIAL DATES 2026 HOCKEY – SENIORS

16 MAR	1ST TRIAL 1ST & 2ND XI ● Mt Roskill Grammar School ● 06:45AM – 8:00AM
18 MAR	2ND TRIAL 1ST & 2ND XI ● Mt Roskill Grammar School ● 06:45AM – 8:00AM
23 MAR	3RD TRIAL (TBC) ● Mt Roskill Grammar School ● 06:45AM – 8:00AM
HOCKEY – YEAR 7 & 8	
4 MAR	1ST MUSTER TBC ● School turf ● 07:00AM – 8:00AM

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to stay updated on what's happening at Marist!

Main Facebook and Instagram

@maristcollegeauckland

Sports Facebook and Instagram

@maristcollegesport

Marist School & Marist College

Golf Day

Maungakiekie Golf Club

Friday 6th March 2026

12pm for a 12:30pm Shotgun Start

Format: 4-Person Ambrose

Tickets are available online at

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2026-golf-day>

Price:

Individual Player: \$130

Team of Four: \$480

Team of Four & Hole Sponsorship: \$580

Price includes course fees, on-course sausage sizzle and snacks, beer and non-alcoholic drinks, and dinner afterwards.

Raffles and auctions in the clubhouse from 5pm, with cash bar.

Golf carts \$75 each - limited numbers so first in, first served.



Marist College Homestay Families are in Demand!

Thank you to the families who have signed up and are currently hosting our international students. We have more overseas families wanting their daughter to live with a Marist student and to be part of a caring family.

If you'd also like to be part of the homestay whanau, please complete the form for us here https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FG4AYRDFhQ857bn_Tr0gcw4ZjIMPbvPUGDBni-ZE5Fo/edit and/or email us on homestay@maristcollege.school.nz if you have any queries about what's involved.

Thanks very much, *Vivienne and Maria*

It's Fono Time

EMPOWERMENT IN MARY'S WAY
Whakamana i Te Ara o Maria

Thursday 5th March
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Focus: Talanoa Planning

Meet in the staffroom and please bring a plate of food to share.

RSVP your attendance by filling in this [Form](#).

Fa'afetai, Mālō 'aupito, Meitaki maata

Veronica Verschuur, Food Technology & Pasifika Liaison Teacher

MARIST COLLEGE Open Day

Tours at 9am

26th & 27th February

MARIST COLLEGE

Family
Festival

2026

Save the date

Our Family Festival is coming up on

Thursday 12th March
4 - 7:30pm

Bring family and friends to celebrate our diverse, talented Marist community with

- Cultural performances
- Tasty cuisines
- Family fun for all ages

Weekly updates coming soon on how you can get involved!

CoLab

is back for 2026! Come to the library on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:15pm for support with your homework. Find the [CoLab roster](#) here

Good Vibes Company partners with Marist College for our school tuckshop. Follow the link below, select the "Online Orders" button in the top right corner, and choose Marist College to browse the menu and place orders.



Pre-orders can be made before 8am at the tuckshop window.

Online ordering is available here:

<https://thegoodvibes.co.nz/marist-school-ordering/>

Please note for our Good Vibes team to prepare your food with care, we require your order processed 9pm the day prior. Orders will be available for pick up from 11am until 12:30pm

Statements for School Charges

A statement for the 2026 school charges will be issued as soon as the subject/option charges are added to the account. Until then, you can always view and pay the account using the SchoolBridge app. If you would like to set up an automatic payment, please do not hesitate to contact Veronica Yates at vyates@maristcollege.school.nz. We ask that all accounts are cleared in full by the 31st of October each year.

ATTENDANCE DUES

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2026 ATTENDANCE DUES CHARGES	PRIMARY STUDENTS	SECONDARY STUDENTS
per year (incl. GST)	\$544	\$1,124
per term (incl. GST)	\$136	\$281

Attendance Dues must be paid either in full at the beginning of the year or through regular instalments (weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or per term). Please note that paying in full at the end of the year is not an available option.



Attendance Dues are used to pay for building related costs at Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese. Paying Attendance Dues is a condition of enrolment for all students attending New Zealand Catholic Schools. Attendance Dues are compulsory – there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education and Training Act 2020.

For more information:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

Phone: (09) 360 3040 Email: acfl@cda.org.nz

Mō tātou, ā, mō ngā uri ā muri ake nei | For us, and our children after us.

Catholic Special Character Contribution

The Catholic Special Character contribution is used to fund the staff and services provided by the Catholic Education Services Board, who are responsible, on behalf of the Proprietor for maintaining and enhancing the Catholic Special Character of our schools. This includes:

Religious Education

Supporting schools to deliver high-quality, nationally approved Religious Education programmes.

Professional Development

Providing training for teachers and leaders to gain the qualifications and certification needed to teach and lead in Catholic schools.

Leadership Formation

Growing and forming strong Catholic leaders in our schools.

Governance Support

Supporting school Boards to govern with a Catholic worldview.



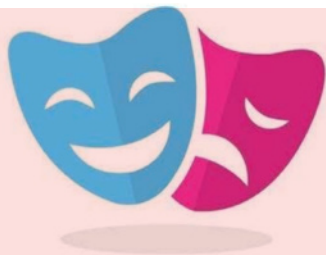
The contribution is \$70 per student per year, or \$17.50 per term. The contribution is tax deductible, and a 33% refund can be claimed from the IRD.

For more information go to:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-education-services/

Phone: (09) 360 3091 Email: ces@cda.org.nz

Your contribution ensures that the Catholic special character remains well-supported and at the heart of our schools.



KIDS 4 DRAMA
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Kids 4 Drama has a new monthly programme taking place in Mt Albert on the 1st Saturday of each month based at Marist College. A monthly workshop based club that teaches practical performance skills for children and teenagers.

Check it out at www.kids4drama.org or enrol at <https://kids-4-drama.classforkids.io/>

Email stephenkids4drama@gmail.com to find out more or to arrange a one off session trial.

Getting active

and building healthy habits is important for wellbeing

Help us build a new Fitness Centre for our students

Optional contributions include purchasing gym equipment or donating toward the fitness centre setup. All donors will have their names added to our sponsorship wall.

Go to our online store for details and contributions:

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/new-gym-donations>

Includes contributions for Treadmills, Elliptical Trainers, Spin Bikes, Mag Rowers; Fid Bench, Hex Dumbbell Racks and Dumbbells 1-10 Kg Pairs; Kettlebells; or general donation amounts ranging from \$50 - \$500

Any queries please contact admin@maristcollege.school.nz



MARIST COLLEGE

Trip for Years 7 to 10



Cook Islands

23 - 30
September
2026

Expression of Interest - Contact:

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