



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 4  
Friday, 27 February 2026

## From the Deputy Principal

This week we gathered as a college to acknowledge the dedication, perseverance, and accomplishments of our senior students in NCEA throughout 2025. At our Academic Assembly we recognised students who consistently performed at Merit and Excellence level, and who achieved a New Zealand Scholarship.

Each year, our senior learners demonstrate their commitment to personal excellence while balancing the many demands of school life including extra- and co-curricular involvement, leadership responsibilities, and the care they extend to their whānau, friends, and wider Marist College community. We are very proud of their academic achievements. Our senior students serve as role models for our juniors, demonstrating how our college values of presence, family spirit, and empowerment in Mary's way, shape who we are and what we strive for at Marist College. Supported by their teachers and whānau, the choices and efforts our senior students made in 2025 have contributed not only to their own individual success, but to the collective success of our school.

Congratulations to our Year 12 and 13 students on their outstanding results. Both year levels increased the number of certificate endorsements to over 70%. These results reflect their hard work and set a strong foundation for further success in 2026.

We also acknowledge the accomplishments of the Class of 2025, 97% of whom achieved NCEA Level 3, while 91% attained University Entrance. This achievement ranks Marist College among the top 10 schools nationwide for University Entrance success.

As we celebrate the success of our students, we encourage all our learners to consider their aspirations for the year ahead. We invite them to set meaningful goals for 2026 and take actions that help them stretch, challenge themselves, and grow.

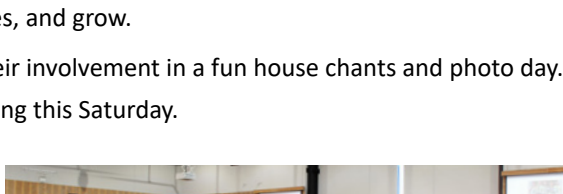
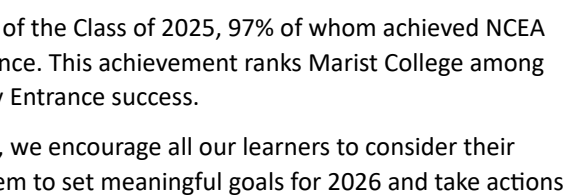
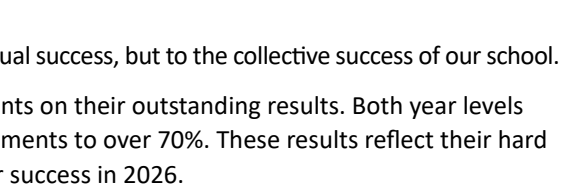
- Well done to the staff and students on their involvement in a fun house chants and photo day.
- Good luck to our waka ama team competing this Saturday.

### Enrolments are filling fast!

On Thursday and Friday this week, we welcomed prospective families into our college. It was wonderful to see so many ex students with their daughters in the crowd.

A reminder that if you have a sibling you wish to enrol, you need to have your enrolment packs completed before **2 April 2026**. Enrolment cannot be guaranteed if we do not receive your enrolment documentation. Enrol here [www.maristcollege.school.nz/enrolments](http://www.maristcollege.school.nz/enrolments)

Ngā manaakitanga, *Dr Brownyn Houlston*, Deputy Principal Curriculum



## KEY DATES

### Term 1 2026

#### Week 6B

Mar 3 Tu Hui, 6:30pm staffroom

4 We Y7 Boostrix (1) / Y8 HPV (1) Gym  
No Assembly  
Show Rehearsal 3:10–5pm, in Room 128

5 Th 12ES Mass, St Mary's Church, 8:20am  
Evacuation practice P3  
Cook Island trip meeting 5–6pm

**Fono, 6:30–8pm, staffroom**

5 & 6 Y7 Retreats (Whānau Maria)

**6 Fr PTFA Golf Day**

Assembly/Student Council/Service Leader

**Rotation 4 - 3**

7 Sa Kapa Haka 9am–3pm  
Filipino Group 1:30–4:30pm

8 Su Show Rehearsals 11am–5pm, 218, 219, 220, Gym

#### Week 7A

9 Mo Cybersafety talks  
Show Rehearsal 3:10–5pm, in Room 128

10 Tu Athletics Day, Mt Smart  
12 Th 12AM Mass, St Mary's Church, 8:20am

**12 Th Family Festival, 4–7:30pm**

13 Fr Assembly/Head Girls/Social Action/Cultural  
Y11-13 Drama trip P2-B2 ASB Waterfront Theatre

**Rotation 5 - 4**

14 Sa Kapa Haka 9am–3pm  
Filipino Group 1:30–4:30pm

15 Su Show Rehearsals 11am–5pm, 218, 219, 220, Gym

### Upcoming Events:

Mar 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

19 Th Massey Uni info talks B2

20 Fr ASB Polyfest - Filipino Group  
Y9 Ki o Rahi

23 - 24 Y11 PE Camp

23 - 27 Lumino Dental onsite

24 Tu Y13 Business, Young Enterprise  
Shark Tank, 8–10:30am

**25 We School Closed  
Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews, all day**

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

# Eucharistic Ministers Commissioned

On Thursday 19th February, a group of nine girls and I were truly honoured to be commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers for our school at St Mary's Church by Fr Marchellino. Being entrusted with this responsibility has reminded me that we serve not to be seen, but to serve others with faith, humility, and the love of Christ. I am grateful for this opportunity to grow spiritually and to help strengthen the faith life of our school by serving all just as Jesus sent us all to do.

*Olivia Maria Saji, Year 12*



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## Many thanks

A big thank you to both domestic and international students who demonstrated pride in their Marist College uniform and gave their time to be part of the annual photoshoot for our marketing collateral. We will be sharing these images throughout the year across our platforms.



*Thanks again!*



## 8T Food Tech

8T planned, prepped, and cooked delicious rice bowls for their sustainable school lunches. They took into consideration vegetables in season, ways to minimise waste, and using reusable containers.

*Mrs Verschuur*

Food Technology Teacher

# SPORTS UPDATE

## 1st XI Cricket

It was an inspiring start to Marist 1st XI season under captain Abigail. All girls stood up to tough well-drilled opposition with two Auckland Reps. Solid keeping from Mana and Emma. Nice fielding from Sherlyn. Timely batting from Erana, with nice bowling and batting spells from Belle and Greta. We are also very proud of cricket debutants Elise, Sam and Annabelle. Matilda will be joining us too. With great team camaraderie, the future looks bright. Welcome to the greatest game girls!



Marist had a strong second game performance against last year's grand final winners. Batting first Marist started solid with Erana and Mana followed by Matilda. Player of the day Elise held the innings together with tough resistant batting. Annabelle and Emma were unlucky, but Greta and Belle kept the tail wagging. With a target under 100 to defend Marist bolted out of the blocks with three wickets in two overs. Annabelle took an absolute screamer in the covers that galvanized the blues. The tenacious bowling backed up a great fielding response including that from Sam and Sheryln. Although Avondale eventually won, Marist bonded under adversity with strong capacity from Mana.

Marist Cricket are playing against MAGs at 4:15pm next Wednesday 4th March. Come down and watch our team in action. We would love your support.

*Coach Ben*

## Dragon Boating

We've dived right into training for Dragon Boating this year with many of our senior students eager and ready to learn. Coach Serena and Sweep Maia have our team locked in and our timing and technique are improving each session.

It will be an exciting race day on Sunday 15th March at Lake Pupuke.

*Photo credit - Zera's Dad, David Latu*



## Upcoming Trials

### Y7 Netball

**Mon 2nd March** 3:15pm - 5pm  
**Mon 9th March** 3:15pm - 5pm

### Y7 & 8 Football

**Wed 4th March** 6:45am Warm up *Please drop off at back gate*  
7 - 8am

### Y8 Netball

**Fri 6th March** 3:15pm - 5pm

### Y7 & 8 Hockey

**Fri 6th March** 6.45am Warm up *Please drop off at back gate*  
7 - 8am

# MARIST COLLEGE Family Festival 2026 Thursday 12 March 4 - 7:30pm

## Donations needed for raffles and prizes!

- **Donate items from home:** gourmet food, vouchers, beauty products, unwanted xmas gifts, wine/spirits. Please send into the office, with the House name, so girls can earn House points.
- **Donate a bulk food bundle:** to help serve tasty cuisines on food stalls <https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2026-donation-family-festival>

Every little bit helps, thank you!

Keep watch for the Volunteer Sign-up links being sent out on Monday

Volunteer your support

## Family Festival: Pasifika Stall

Bula Vinaka, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia ora whānau.

Our much loved Family Festival is just around the corner, and this year our Pasifika Stall is set to be a crowd favourite yet again! To make it a success, we're calling on our amazing community to come together with donations and support.

### Delicious \$10 Menu

Each container includes your choice of:

- Chop suey & rice
- Chop suey & potato salad
- Chicken curry & rice
- Chicken curry & potato salad



### Pre-orders are available here:

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2026-family-festival-pasifika-food-stall>

### We Need Your Help! - Parent Donations Needed

Please click on the Excel Spreadsheet link to select what items you would like to donate. This helps us keep track of contributions in real time. Thank you very much.

[Pasifika stall donations.xlsx](#)

Please drop all donations at the school office any time before by 3:30pm, Friday 6th March.

### Extra Special Contributions

If any of our wonderful parents can make 'otai or donate panekeke, please contact Agnes Milford, 021 0567 379 agnes.milford1@gmail.com

These treats can be delivered by 12pm on the day of the festival.

### Volunteers Needed - Join the Preparation Team!

We'd love extra sets of hands to help prepare and cook the food.

**Food Preparation:** Food Tech Room, from 3pm, Wednesday 11th March

**Cooking on the Day:** Food Tech Room, from 8am, Thursday 12th March

### Let's Celebrate Together!

Our Pasifika Stall is more than just good food. It's a celebration of culture, community, and generosity. With your support, we can create an unforgettable festival for our tamariki and families.

Thank you in advance for your kindness, donations, and helping hands.

Fa'afetai, *Ramona Cobb*, (Parent of Selena Cobb Year 11)

# Whānau Hui Tuatahi

## Tuesday 3rd March, 6:30pm

Welcome new whānau members and whakawhanaungatanga

Meet the 2026 Kaiāwhina and Kōmiti Māori and hear about their goals for 2026. Find out about Māori events and kaupapa in 2026, including a S.M.A.R.T goal setting hui in Term 2. Update on piupiu fundraising initiatives.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

## Marist School and Marist College GOLF Day

### Maungakiekie Golf Club

## Friday 6th March 2026

12pm for a 12:30pm Shotgun Start

Format: 4-Person Ambrose

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

## School Charges

The 2026 school charges have been loaded on your daughter's account. However, if your daughter has entered the Cambridge Examination, charges for this will need to be added. For any new charge I will always issue a statement.

Please ensure you have a payment plan in place that will fully clear the account by the 31st of October 2026. If you elected to pay per Term - Term 1 is now due for payment.

If you need to discuss the account or arrange a payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact Veronica Yates [v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz).

### Extra-Curricular Activities

If your daughter joins up for any extra-curricular activity a statement will be issued and a due date for payment given. You are welcome to set up a separate payment plan for these activities, please contact Veronica Yates.

### Tax Donation Certificate (31/03/2026)

The Tax Donation Certificate for the year ending 31st of March 2026 will be emailed out in the first week of April. Please use this form to claim back up to 33.3% from the Inland Revenue. You can claim back as far as 2022 (4 years). If you require previous years' Tax Donations Certificates, please email your request to [v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz).



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Trip for Years 7 to 10



Cook Islands

23 - 30  
September  
2026

### Expression of Interest - Contact:

Ms Sinai Siakumi [s.siakumi@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:s.siakumi@maristcollege.school.nz)

Mrs Veronica Verschuur [v.verschuur@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:v.verschuur@maristcollege.school.nz)

## Parents Meeting

Thursday, 5th March, 5–6pm  
in Room 203, next to the staffroom

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

Co Lab

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

## 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

# Second Hand Uniform Shop

## Donate your used uniform

We take all uniform items such as long skirts (all sizes), cardigans (all sizes), blouses (all sizes), blazers (all sizes), hats and scarves.

Please ensure all items are in good condition or they will not be accepted. These can be dropped into reception with your name/daughter's name.

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

# Marist Homestay Families are in Demand!

Thank you to the families who are currently hosting our international students. We have more overseas families wanting their daughter to live with a Marist student and 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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FG4AYRDFhQ857bn_Tr0gcw4ZjIMPbvPUGDBni-ZE5Fo/edit) and/or email us on [homestay@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:homestay@maristcollege.school.nz) if you have any queries about what's involved.

# Marist Hoodies Available Now

As part of our new hoodie campaign, parents and caregivers have until Friday 13th March for orders of Marist College hoodies. These can be ordered directly from the Uniform page of our Marist College website:

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/student-services/uniform#Hoodies>

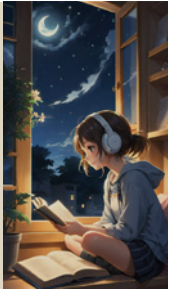
Orders will be delivered directly to the school on Friday 27th March. Students can collect their hoodies from the Uniform Shop the following week (during Uniform Shop opening hours of Wednesday or Thursday Break 1).

Please note students are not permitted to wear their hoodies offsite or onsite during school hours, and are only permitted to wear them for sporting events or other nominated school events.

# Library Notice

Reminder to all students to search for any overdue library books and to please return them to the library as soon as possible, so other students may enjoy them.

Many thanks, *Mrs Dushon*, School Librarian



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



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ST MARY'S COLLEGE



ST PAUL'S COLLEGE



ST PETER'S COLLEGE

Save the Date  
Combined Catholic Careers Expo  
Tuesday 16 June 2026  
St Peter's College (Epsom) Hall  
4:30-7:30pm

