



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 5  
Friday, 6 March 2026

## From the Principal

When you walk through the school's hallways during break times, the school is alive with music, dance, and laughter. It's a sign that our young women are ready for Family Festival. This year, we have 15 groups performing, each celebrating a different culture or pop trend. I can't wait to see each and every one of our groups take the stage.

As a community, we still need your support to make this event the huge success it is year after year. This includes donating raffle items to the office to earn house points, ensuring your daughter brings some home baking to be sold at our cake stall, and being present on the night to watch your daughter perform and share a meal at one of our many food stalls.

I can't wait to see you there!

- Thanks to our PTFA for organising our annual golf day. It's always a fun event and a great opportunity for our parents to connect. We also appreciate the parents who entered a team to support the school.
- Thank you to the whānau who attended our Hui and Fono this week. Your insights and partnership play an important role in shaping a successful year for our students.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

*Raechelle Taulu,*  
Principal/Tumuaki



## KEY DATES

### Term 1 2026

Week	7A
9	Mo Y7 - 10 Cybersafety talks House chants (whanau time) Show Rehearsal 3:10-5pm, in Room 128
10	Tu Athletics Day, Mt Smart
11	We NER Assembly/Environmental /Family Festival Y13 Health - Guest speaker P3 & 4
12	Th 12AM Mass, St Mary's Church, 8:20am
12	Th <b>Family Festival, 4-7:30pm</b>
13	Fr Assembly/Head Girls/Social Action/Cultural Shinagawa sports presenter 12pm Y11-13 Drama trip P2-B2 ASB Waterfront Theatre <b>Rotation 5 - 4</b>
14	Sa Kapa Haka 9am-3pm Filipino Group 1:30-4:30pm
15	Su Show Rehearsals 11am-5pm, 218, 219, 220, Gym

### Week 8B

16	Mo Photo catchup day <b>NCEA info evening 6pm</b> PTFA Meeting 7pm
17	Tu Y12 Loves Me Not Y11 Art, Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae visit 12:45 - 3pm Shinagawa students leave Kapa Haka Hui 5pm staffroom
18	We NPL Assembly/Library/Wellbeing/Sports Show Rehearsal 3:10-5pm, in Room 128
19	Th 10M Mass, St Mary's Church 8:20am Central Zone Orienteering Y11-13 Drama Guest speaker P2 Massey Uni info talks B2 Y10 Drama workshop P5 Y13 Marist Day prep P5

20	Fr <b>Kainga Kakahu (Casual Clothing Day)</b> <b>Caritas Lenten Appeal</b> Level Assemblies, Y11-13 Gym
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### ASB Polyfest - Filipino Group

	Y9 Ki o Rahi, P3 - 5
	<b>Rotation 1 - 5</b>
7	Sa Kapa Haka 9am-3pm
8	Su Show Rehearsals 11am-5pm, 218, 219, 220, Gym

### Upcoming Events:

Mar	23 - 24	Y11 PE Camp
	23 - 27	Lumino Dental onsite
	24	Tu Y13 Business, Young Enterprise Shark Tank, 8-10:30am
25	We	<b>School Closed</b> <b>Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews, all day</b>

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



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# Pasifika Fono Evening

Our Pasifika Fono evening brought together students, families, and staff for a meaningful time of reflection, connection, and goal setting. Students shared their learning from last year and worked alongside their families and teachers to set clear academic goals for the term ahead.

It was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our partnership with families and empower our students to grow in confidence and achievement. We thank our Pasifika families for their support and presence.

Fa'afetai lava, Mālō 'aupito, and Vinaka vakalevu

*Veronica Verschuur*

Food Technology & Pasifika Liaison Teacher



## Year 10(81A) Food Technology

The competition is ramping up now and the Year 10s are getting very competitive. This was their first full burger trial after trialling patty flavours. There were some delicious flavours. May the best burger win!

*Mrs Verschuur,*  
Food Technology



## 9S Digital Technology

Our Year 9 students have been busy bridging the gap between the virtual and physical worlds. After mastering the basics of JavaScript coding within the familiar landscape of Minecraft, the class has transitioned into 3D design using Tinkercad. Students kicked off their modelling journey by creating custom nametags. These have been brought to life on our 3D printer. They are now tackling the challenge of engineering their very own functional phone stands.

*Nick Gill,* Digital Technology



## 7S Food Tech

We are learning about why breakfast is important for brain function and overall health. Our lesson was on designing and creating our own Brain-Boosting Breakfast. Planning, preparation, and teamwork was key to creating these delicious breakfast meals.

*Year 7S &  
Mrs Verschuur*



# Relay For Life to fight back against cancer!

Marist College are joining Relay For Life to celebrate, remember and fight back against cancer! We're joining thousands of others in the unstoppable fight to create a future with less cancer.



With your support, we'll make a real difference for New Zealanders with cancer and their whānau. The funds we raise will go to the Cancer Society's supportive care services, education programmes, prevention policy, and life-saving cancer research. We have an amazing team of senior students who are already fundraising for this cause, however, if you wish to donate to the Marist team – below is a link if you would like to contribute a small amount. Every bit counts. The target for Marist College is to reach \$20,000.

This amazing 12 hour walk-a-thon will be held on Saturday the 28th of March, at TRUST ARENA for 2026, from 10am until 10pm. Good luck to all our seniors taking part! <https://auckland.relayforlife.org.nz/marist-college-2026>



## 日向祭デーおめでとうございます

Happy Hinamatsuri day and thank you so much to the Shinagawa students for the presentation today and the beautiful [#kanji](#) name cards.

[#Shinagawa](#) [#Japanese](#) [#calligraphy](#) ❤️

## In celebration of International Women's Day

In celebration of International Women's Day this Sunday, we are pleased to share exciting news that renowned New Zealand costume designer Elizabeth Whiting has been awarded a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit, MNZM, for services to costume design.

Elizabeth is grandmother to one of our Marist College students and last year, through this connection, we were very fortunate that she accepted our invitation to speak to our senior Materials Technology students about her expansive costume design career. She is a very inspiring woman. Congratulations Elizabeth!

*Rachel Kirkland*, Curriculum Leader Technology



## SPORTS UPDATE

### Cricket - Battle of Alberton Ave

MAGS Girls 2ns XI won by 5 wickets in close local derby. Marist set a competitive total of 141 thanks to a player of the day opening stanza by Sherlyn. Great support from her partner Mana



followed by a blistering cameo from Greta. Belle and Matilda were unlucky but Abigail, Erana, Elise and Emma all made contributions. In the second innings MAGS came out firing but key wickets from Mana, Matilda and Belle stifled the run chase. Great fielding effort with support from Sam and Annabelle. The game came down to the final few balls with amazing pressure created by Erana, Abigail and the fielding team. Although MAGS emerged as winners, Marist walked away rightfully proud of their efforts.

*Coaches Ben Snedden & Alex Thompson*

### Volleyball

Our Senior Volleyball team have set up a great season so far with just one loss, shooting them to the top of their table.

You can feel the court-side vibes as this fun-loving team brings the laughs but enjoy a good rally. These volleyball assassins are acing it, serving spikes with smiles and we're digging it.



### Waka Ama

On Saturday 28th of February Marist College was proudly represented at College Sport's Waka Ama Regatta. We took our Under 16 and Under 19 Senior Teams, who had been training under the support of Whaea Jane Matangi (Team Manager).

Our girls were up early and out on the water by 8.30am. Races went all day and we competed in the 250 and 500 metre heats.

We were overjoyed that our team came away with a silver medal in the W12 Plate. Ka mau te wehi!

Thank you to all the parents who were there on the day. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jane for her mentorship of our girls. He taonga koe!

*Emma Coupar-Wanoa*



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## Family

# Festival

Thursday 12 March

4 - 7:30pm

Kitenui Ave entrance only please

FREE event – all welcome!

## Performance Schedule

### Performance time .....Group

5.30	.....	OPENING
5.40	.....	Kapa Haka
5.50	.....	Indian
6.00	.....	Irish
6.07	.....	Tongan
6.17	.....	Chinese
6.25	.....	European Folk
6.38	.....	Filipino
6.48	.....	BREAK
7.00	.....	Special Performance
7.05	.....	K-Pop
7.12	.....	Salsa
7.17	.....	Cook Island
7.25	.....	Russian
7.30	.....	Japanese
7.35	.....	Western Line
7.45	.....	Samoan
8.00	.....	FINISH

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### Pasifika Stall Donations

Please bring any donations to the office by Tuesday 10 March or your daughters could drop them off to the Food Tech room. Fa'afetai

### NCEA Information Evening

Our NCEA Information Evening will be held on Monday, 16 March at 6pm in the Drama Room. The session will outline how NCEA operates, with a particular focus on NCEA Level 1 and how the Year 11 Cambridge pathway aligns with NCEA. All interested whānau and students are welcome to attend.

For any questions, please contact Dr Houliston at [b.houliston@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:b.houliston@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](#)

## Whānau Hui Tuatahi

Whānau Hui on Tuesday 3rd was well attended. Minutes of the hui have been emailed out to Māori whānau members. If you haven't received this email, please contact Emma Coupar Wanoa to be added to the email list. [e.couparwanoa@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:e.couparwanoa@maristcollege.school.nz). Our next hui will be in June.

# 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 a statement will always be issued.

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).

# 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 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 only permitted to wear their hoodies for sporting events or other nominated school events.*

# 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)



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Trip for Years 7 to 10



# Cook Islands

23 - 30  
September  
2026

Expression of Interest - Contact:

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