



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 7
Friday, 20 March 2026



From the Principal

Family Festival is always a highlight of the school year. Seeing our young women share their cultures in front of family and friends is incredibly special. It is such a proud moment to witness their pure joy and authentic selves as they take to the stage. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in this year's event. It was a true reflection of our school values being lived out in our everyday lives.

A special thank you to the PTFA and staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event so memorable.

We wish our Filipino group all the very best as they perform at Polyfest this week.

Congratulations to Alessandra Haydon for competing in the Cook Islands speech competition at Polyfest.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Tauku,
Principal/Tumuaki



KEY DATES

Term 1 2026

Week	9A	Lumino Dental onsite
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
26 Th		Open Day 9:15am Otago Uni info B2, 134
27 Fr		NSG Assembly/Head Girls/ Kaiāwhina Y7 Zoo trip
Rotation 2 - 1		
28 Sa		Relay for Life - Trusts Arena
28-29		Backgammon Nationals
29 Su		Show Rehearsals 11am-5pm, 218, 219, 220, Gym

Week	10B	Lumino Dental onsite
30 - 31		Y9-12 Otago Maths Comp (during Math class time)
30 Mo		Y10 Body Safe talks BOT Meeting 6pm
31 Tu		ASB Polyfest - Māori stage
Apr 1 We		NDD Assembly/Te Ara o Maria Awards/100% Attendance
2 Th		Assembly/ Holy Thursday Liturgy
Last day Term 1		
Rotation 1 - 5		

Upcoming Events:

Apr 3 - 19	Easter & School Holidays
11 - 18	Show rehearsal week
19 Su	Show Rehearsal 11am - 5pm
20 Mo	First day Term 2 PTFA Meeting 7pm
23 - 24	Taiwanese School visit
23 Th	Staff Mass, St Mary's Church 8:20am
25 Sa	ANZAC Day
27 Mo	ANZAC Day Holiday
28 Tu	St Peter Chanel Feast Day BOT Meeting 6pm
Apr 29-1 May	Y8 Camp - Motutapu
29 We	Y12/13 Art trip
May 1 Fr	Pompallier Shield, Sancta Maria College
4 Mo	Lockdown Practice
7 Th	Show Opening Night Playhouse, Glen Eden
8 - 10	Show evening performances
8 - 10	LOGOS Salt & Light Retreat
10 Su	Mother's Day
12 Tu	Fono 6:30 - 8pm
14 Th	Y13 Mother Daughter Breakfast

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

Waipapa Ōhanga Rau

Eight taura Māori (Māori students) from Year 13 attended the University of Auckland Waipapa Ōhanga Rau Day. 11 schools attended on the day and enjoyed presentations from university staff on what makes a strong scholarship application, how to make the most of Year 13 and preparing for success in tertiary studies.

Our taura enjoyed a campus tour, including visiting the halls of residence and asked relevant questions during the panel discussion. The morning tea and lunch were delicious and the staff so kind and welcoming! *Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei!*

Emma Coupar-Wahoa

Deputy Principal School Development



Year 10 Food Technology

Our burgers are getting bigger and better with every trial. Our second burger session took things to the next level, with richer flavours and even more delicious results.



We're developing great skill in balancing flavours, and our presentation continues to improve.

Mrs Verschuur & Year 10(81A)



Year 7 Retreat

The Year 7 retreat day was a fun opportunity to express ourselves. We took part in lots of enjoyable activities, such as making a waka out of paper, walking through a makeshift forest blindfolded, and many more. My favourite part of the retreat was playing the pianos during break times.

The retreat was also a great chance to relax and forget about our worries. It made it easier to make new friends, learn more about others, and have fun. We were placed into groups with people we didn't know. At first, it felt uncomfortable and a bit boring without my friends, but over time it became enjoyable as we got to know each other.

The Logos team was very kind and welcoming. I was surprised to find out that Miss Tafa's sister worked there. They set up the space beautifully and made it feel like a home. It was really cool to see that they even had a dining room, a fish tank, and a chapel.

Susannah Varghese



SPORTS UPDATE

Athletics

The College Sport Auckland Athletics Championships were held over two days this year, on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March at Mt Smart Stadium.

A huge congratulations to our two students who qualified and represented our school with pride, achieving outstanding results:



Matilda Scott

3rd Place – 2000m Steeplechase (Junior Girls)

Isabella Snedden

3rd Place – 1500m (Junior Girls)

2nd Place – 3000m (Junior Girls)

We are incredibly proud of their dedication and success at this level. Well done, Matilda and Isabella!



Central Zone - Tag

Last week a team of Year 7 & 8 Marist students went to the 2026 Central Zone Tag tournament at Grey Lynn park.

Our student coaches Santana, Malia and Olivia shared their expertise and guided our young team through the day.

The team had a great day, mastering the art of the swivel hips, tag swiping and try diving.

Central Zone - Swimming

This week Marist competed at the Central Zone (CZ) Swimming competition. CZ is commonly where club swimmers compete, as participants are well experienced. Marist swimmers entered most events, including the Year 7 relay.

There was some gruelling competition. However in the end Mila Smith made the finals for backstroke, breaststroke and 100m Freestyle.

It was a fantastic day in the water with many of our team achieving some great personal bests.



Dragon Boating

The team came together with little experience, but plenty of optimism. Getting the team out to trainings twice a week was challenging. Early on our young paddlers struggled to maintain good technique, while trying to keep the same rhythm. However, with each practice you could see the team progressing and the importance of unity was growing.

Slowly, yet surely, the boat started cutting through the water more smoothly. Come race day the team understood that many other schools had months of experience behind them, yet Marist showed up with determination and dedication.

Despite their best efforts, they didn't secure a placing, but their disappointment didn't last long.

Marist won the Dragon Rumble award ie Best Chant! A reflection of the enthusiasm and camaraderie they had built. It captured exactly who they had become - loud, proud and in sync.

Dragon boating photos provided by Zera's Dad, David Latu



Marist Sports Info

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

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



Marist College 2026

We're joining Relay For Life to raise funds for New Zealanders affected by cancer.

We're 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

\$16,431 raised

We have an amazing team of senior students who are already fundraising for this cause. 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!

If you would like to donate any small amount to this amazing cause, and our wonderful seniors taking on this challenge, please feel free to donate here

<https://auckland.relayforlife.org.nz/marist-college-2026>

Your support is hugely appreciated. Every little bit counts.



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic Girls School, Years 7 to 13

Open Day

Thursday
26th March 2026
9:15am

A centrally located non-zoned Catholic girls secondary school, Years 7 to 13
www.maristcollege.school.nz

School Charges

Term 1 is now due for payment. Please ensure you have a payment plan in place. Please check the Portal on SchoolBridge to view any outstanding finances and arrange payment.

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.

Should you wish to discuss the account, please contact Veronica Yates.
vyates@maristcollege.school.nz Thank you

Photolife Student Photos Keycodes Emailed Out

Photolife Student photos are now live and ready to view and order. Keycodes are sent by email directly to you. Please check your junk, spam, or promotions folders, in case the message was filtered out by your email provider.

Free delivery applies to orders placed **before midnight on Sunday, 5 April 2026.**

St Peter's College & Marist College present



The Addams Family

A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY

Book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Ellice
Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lipka
Based on Characters Created by Charles Addams

7th to 23rd May 2026

Playhouse Theatre
Glen Eden

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL ON BEHALF OF THEATRICAL RIGHTS WORLDWIDE, NEW YORK
www.origintheatrical.com.au

Year 7 & 8 Marybelles Choir - Final call to join!

Now that Family Festival rehearsals are finished, Year 7 and 8 singers are invited to join the Marybelles Choir.

Who - Any Year 7 or Year 8 who enjoys singing, no auditions.

When - Every Monday, Break 2

Where - Room 219 (Drama room next to the Music room)

To sign up please attend on Monday 23 March or email Ms Nicklin c.nicklin@maristcollege.school.nz

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

Parent, student, teacher interviews

Year 8 - 13 Wednesday 25th March 8:30am-8:00pm

The interviews are 5 minutes per teacher. You will be able to book appointments via SchoolBridge (instructions below). If a teacher does not appear on the list, they are unavailable for that day.

We encourage you to bring your daughter to these sessions and she will need to be in school uniform. These will be held in the school gymnasium. Please enter the school via the Alberton Ave entrance, the Kitenui Ave entrance will be closed. There is no onsite parking in the staff carpark. **School is closed for students the entire day.**

The online bookings are now open. **Bookings will close on Tuesday 24th March at 8am.**

You are now able to book sessions by using this link <https://marist.bridge.school.nz/> or via our SchoolBridge app.

- Log in to SchoolBridge by using your school registered email address. This is the email address we use to communicate with you.
- Click on the Student Conferences icon
- Click on Book your Time.
- Select your times.
- View your summary at the top of the booking page.
- You may print, update, cancel and save the bookings to your calendar from here.
- Log in at any time to edit your bookings if required
- If you have any issues, please email admin@maristcollege.school.nz



Student Conferences

We want to be available so you can keep up with your daughter's progress. We would like to see you if you have a concern or just want to touch base regarding your daughter's achievement.



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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

Mrs Veronica Verschuur v.verschuur@maristcollege.school.nz

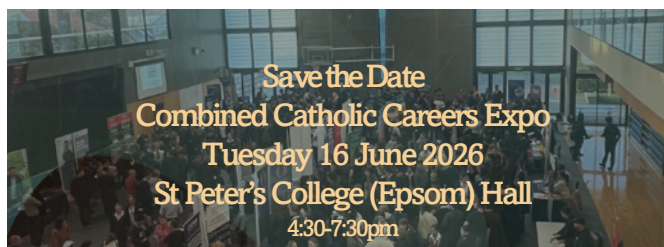


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ST MARY'S COLLEGE

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

Parent, student, teacher interviews

**Year 7 Wednesday 25th March
8:30am-8:00pm**

The Year 7 Homeroom teacher interviews are 15 minutes per teacher. This is because your daughter has the same teacher for more than one subject. You will be able to book appointments via SchoolBridge (instructions below). If a teacher does not appear on the list, they are unavailable for that day. If you wish to book with your daughter's other subject teachers, you can also log into the Y8-13 Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews and book a 5 minute appointment.

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