



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 8
Friday, 27 March 2026

From the Principal

At Wednesday's Parent-Teacher Interviews, I had the privilege of meeting with the parents of students in my Year 8 Health and Physical Education class. Our conversations focused on each student's engagement, both in the classroom and on the sports field. We discussed key areas such as attendance, organisation, and time management, and I was able to respond to questions from both students and parents that related specifically to the subject. Most importantly, these conversations provided an opportunity to establish open and positive communication between home and school, supporting the continued success and wellbeing of our Marist College young women. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend.

With one week left in Term 1, it is incredible to reflect on how much our young women have accomplished in just ten weeks. From classroom learning, completing national standardised testing, and submitting their first NCEA assessment of the year, to participating in Family Festival, Polyfest cultural groups, social action activities, retreats, zoo trips, Young Enterprise ventures, summer sports, and Summer Tournament Week, our students have embraced every opportunity. It would be hard to find a student who has not contributed to the extra-curricular or co-curricular life of the college. Their enthusiasm, resilience, and willingness to step up remind us of the vibrant, diverse, and committed community we are fortunate to teach.

Next week marks the final week of Lent, an important time in our liturgical calendar as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Lent invites us to pause, reflect, and make meaningful change in our lives through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As a community, we are encouraged to look outward, to notice those in need, to act with compassion, and to offer what we can in service to others. Almsgiving reminds us that even the smallest act of generosity can make a significant difference in the lives of others.

Congratulations to our Filipino group for their beautiful performance on the Diversity Stage at this year's Polyfest competition. We are incredibly proud of the way you represented your school with pride, vibrancy, and cultural richness. We also wish the very best of luck to our Kapa Haka rōpū, who will be competing this Tuesday at 3pm at the Due Drop Arena on the Māori Stage in the new Polyfest competition.

Congratulations as well to our Water Polo team, who competed in Summer Tournament Week. This is the first time in our school's history that we have had a team represent Marist College in this North Island Secondary Schools Championships. Thank you to our coaches and managers for your dedication and for the time you have invested to make this opportunity possible for our students.

Te Aroha o Te Atua
Raechelle Tauhi, Principal/Tumuaki

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Waterpolo team photos by Anna Meyers

KEY DATES

Term 1

| Week | 10B | Lumino Dental onsite |
|-------------|-------|--|
| Mar 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 | Assembly/Te Ara o Maria Awards/100% Attendance |
| 2 | Th | NDD Assembly/ Holy Thursday Liturgy Last day Term 1 |
| Apr 3 - 19 | | Easter & School Holidays |
| 11 - 19 | | Show rehearsal week |

Term 2

| Week | 1A | Environmental Week |
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| 20 | Mo | First day Term 2 PTFA Meeting 7pm |
| 22 | We | Assembly/Head Students Massey Uni info P5, 134 |
| 23 - 24 | | Taiwanese School visit |
| 23 | Th | Staff Mass, St Mary's Church 8:20am Canterbury Uni info B2, 134 |
| 24 | Fr | Assembly/AFS/BOT Rep/ House Leaders Y12 & 13 Market Day B2 7M & Senior Chinese, guest speaker Rotation 3 - 2 |
| 25 | Sa | ANZAC Day |
| 26 | Su | Show Rehearsals 11am- 5pm, 218, 219, 220, Gym |

Upcoming Events:

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| 27 | Mo | ANZAC Day Holiday |
| 28 | Tu | St Peter Chanel Feast Day Y11 History trip, Museum, 9am-2:45pm BOT Meeting 6pm |
| Apr 29-1 | May | Y8 Camp - Motutapu |
| 29 | We | Y12/13 Art trip |
| May 1 | Fr | Pompallier Shield, Sancta Maria College |
| 2 - 4 | | Marist Leaders Forum, St John's College |
| 4 | Mo | Lockdown Practice |
| 7 | Th | Show Opening Night Playhouse, Glen Eden |

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

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Filipino Group Polyfest Experience

The Filipino group Polyfest experience was one we will never forget. Practice was lots of fun, and our dances were so beautifully chosen. One of the dances included fan dancers and bamboo dancers. While the bamboo sticks clapped and made a drumming pattern, the dancers were quickly moving their ankles in and out. The Sinulog dance included happiness and celebration. It is a colourful dance, with repetitive dance moves. The Sinulog is a ritual prayer, honouring Senor Santo Nino (Child Jesus).

On the day of Polyfest, we were all both excited and partly nervous. Just before our performance, we did a prayer all together. It was finally our time to perform, and our energy was high. It was an amazing performance, and we all had so much fun. Although we didn't place, it was so fun and worth the effort and experience.

Thank you so much, Mrs Barwig-Uini and Mrs Shaw, for the ongoing support and encouragement throughout the term and thank you for giving up your time to come and run practices. We deeply appreciate it. Thank you Zariah and Alison for being our leaders for Filipino group. We couldn't have done it without you.

Mariella Cao, Year 7



Year 10 Fight Workshop – Shakespeare unit

Year 10 Drama students took part in our annual sword fight workshop with Alexander Holloway from The New Zealand Stage and Screen Combat school.



This workshop is a unique and helpful experience for the students who learn how to use swords safely.

Through the workshop they are taught context and a clear understanding of how to move with weapons, how heavy they are, how to hold the weapons and basic fight choreography using these swords/rapiers.

The students learn these skills so that they gain insight into the reality/drama elements of time, place, and situation of Act One, Scene One of Romeo and Juliet, which is one of the scenes they can choose to perform for their Year 10 Shake It Up Shakespeare unit.

The students gain understanding of the intense focus required to be safe with these 'props'. They learn about how the Capulets hated the Montagues and how those feelings must be communicated through meaningful body language and facial expressions.

They mark out how to use their space whilst holding and fighting with weapons to communicate the anger between the rival families. The students comprehend the disastrous results of holding onto generational interfamily grudges that could be let go of to live in peace.

Miss Hamilton, Drama Teacher

Senior Drama theater trip

The Year 11, 12 and 13 Drama students attended a performance of *Waiora - Te Ūkaipō* by Hone Kouka (MNZM) at ATC ASB Waterfront Theater on Friday 13th of March.

Hone is a prolific and important writer whose complex, powerful and epic plays have toured the world. Themes that run through his work are the impact of urbanisation on Māori, family secrets, identity, community, racism, revenge, connection to land, the devastating consequences of war, mental health, generational change and legacy and resilience and hope, among others.

Waiora was deeply moving and discussed the topic of cultural identity, and when you feel disconnected from your roots.

Esther Ceato, Year 13

My experience at Waiora was phenomenal. I really enjoyed their use of props, costumes, lighting and Māori culture such as Haka and Waiata. It developed an atmosphere to envelop us students into their storytelling. I was very captivated.

Waiora was a very moving performance that had an amazing use of lighting and chorus of voice, chorus of movement to show the message of family and the struggle to succeed.

Lily Short, Year 13
Drama students watch a play each year to prepare for their Term 4 written external exam and for the Year 11s external portfolio. This year's play was exceptional. All the students were very moved by the work.

Miss Hamilton, Drama Teacher



Year 8 Digital Technology Digital Footprint Posters

Our Year 8 students have been designing posters to promote awareness of Digital Footprints across our school.

We are proud to showcase their work, which reminds us all that while a footprint in the sand washes away, our digital footprints are permanent.

Nick Gill,
Digital Technology Teacher

If you don't know the Sender, it might be a Pretender

Have a problem?




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By Agnes 8S

ONCE YOU PRESS 'POST', YOU DON'T OWN IT ANYMORE.

Did you see that little girl's video?



Yeah, lol. It was so embarrassing!

She deleted it, but like it blew up anyways

Yeah, let's recreate it.



YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT IS A TATTOO, NOT A TAN

MADE BY OLIVIA W

WOULD YOU HIRE THE YOU IN THAT GROUP CHAT?




PRODUCED BY SIERRA. (8S)

EXPOSED

By Anna

YOUR FUTURE EMPLOYER IS GOOGLING YOU RIGHT NOW.

It is estimated that up to 80% of jobs involve the employer Googling a candidate before an interview. This digital screening process helps recruiters assess your professionalism, judgment, and cultural fit beyond just what is listed on a resume.




is that selfie showing your street address?



THINK BEFORE YOU POST

DELETE IS NOT A RUBBER, IT'S PERMANENT INK





By Isabelle 8S

By Renata Mathewsell

ONLINE SAFETY

Would your Nan be proud of this comment?

Would you be worried if your boss, mom or Grandma saw what you post or do online? If you are who you are? think about what you post online... would it concern somebody? And is it appropriate? What you comment or post shapes how people see you-what you post stays online way longer than you think. Anything you do online could hurt someone or start drama and situations you definitely don't want in your life.

Delete is NOT a rubber. It's permanent ink.

What you post and do online will always stay there-its a tattoo, not a tan. Once you press post its not yours anymore, people can always repost, share screenshot, send and tag. Always think twice about your safety and other, not the followers and likes.

should I?

stay safe online

- Make your profile private
- Only allow friends to message or call
- Ignore unknown calls
- Block anyone you don't want contacting you
- Don't share your address
- Don't talk or tag strangers

BE SAFE





SPORTS UPDATE

Lawn Bowls

Marist entered two teams into the Auckland Cup Secondary School Pairs tournament for Lawn Bowls this week. The event was organised by Auckland Bowls with over 60 teams participating from schools around Auckland.

Senior students Kate Jowsey, Cocoa Patton, Madison Sealey and Kayano Vogels had an enjoyable time playing against mixed teams of varying age levels. The event organisers supplied a sausage sizzle and ice blocks which added to a great day of friendly competition.



Mountain Biking

Congratulations to Year 10 Student Athlete Mila Bayly! Mila Bayly recently represented Marist College in the MTB Auckland Schools Funduro Series back in February and achieved an impressive 4th place overall in her very first race!

She is now gearing up for her next competition, the College Sport Shredder Series Round 3, taking place on 19th April. We wish Mila all the very best for her upcoming race – go get 'em!



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

\$23,304 raised

This amazing 12 hour walk-a-thon is on THIS SATURDAY, 28th March, at TRUST ARENA for 2026, from 10am until 10pm. Good luck to all our seniors taking part!

We have an amazing team of senior students fundraising and 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**

Donate

Join Marist College 2026



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

Your support is hugely appreciated. Every little bit counts.

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.

If you have not received this email please contact school-secretary@maristcollege.school.nz

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

Library Notice

Reminder to all students to please return any overdue library books as soon as possible, so other students may enjoy them over the school holiday break. *Thank You*



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](#)

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<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

YFC WEST ENTRY CAMP
APRIL 10-12 2026 @ MERC

Wind and Flame

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"FOR THIS REASON I REMIND YOU TO FAN INTO FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD, WHICH IS IN YOU THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF MY HANDS. FOR GOD GAVE US A SPIRIT NOT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER, LOVE, AND SELF CONTROL."

REGISTRATION OPEN!

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.

v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz Thank you

Save the date Combined Catholic Careers Expo

Tuesday 16 June 2026, 4:30 - 7:30pm - St Peter's College Hall, Epsom



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