



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 9  
Thursday, 2nd April 2026

## From the Principal

As Holy Week comes to an end and we head into Easter, it is important to take time to reflect on our past, look forward to new beginnings, and pray for peace and compassion in our world. With so much uncertainty in our everyday lives, let us not forget to be hopeful, treat others with kindness and aroha, and reach out to those in need.

In this most sacred holy time of our liturgical calendar, I encourage all students to attend Mass and Vigils at their local parishes.

Phenomenal, dynamic and moving are some of the words used by students and staff to describe this year's Kapa Haka rōpu performance at Polyfest. As our young women took to the stage, you could feel their presence and wairua fill the room. Their emotional performance showed the growth of the group in both their cultural understanding and talents. We are so proud of everything they have achieved. You can watch their performance here <https://www.maoriplus.co.nz/mi/show/asb-polyfest-2026/day-2/episode-13/play>

Thank you to Whaea Liv, Whaea Mani, and Ms Singh for their hard work and support of this important mahi.

Congratulations to the students who participated in this year's Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition. This group gained runner up for best ensemble, competing against 51 other secondary schools. Thank you to Ms Hamilton for organising this opportunity.

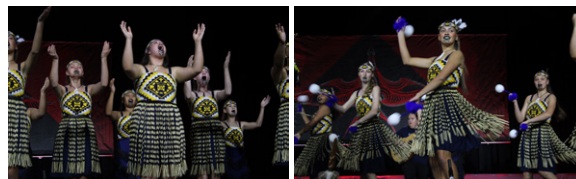
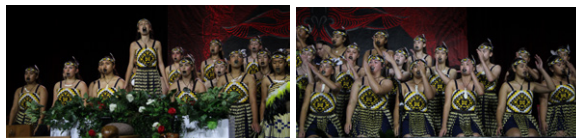
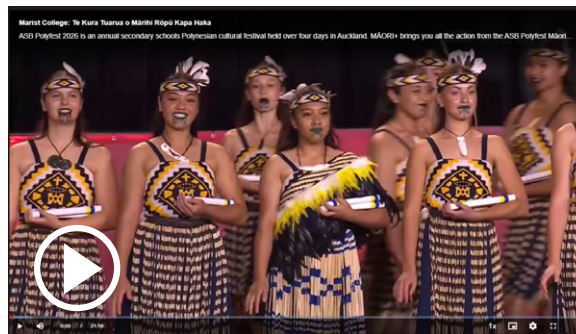
Congratulations to all of the students who participated in Relay for Life, raising over \$26,000 for the Cancer Society. Thank you to Mrs Mandeno and all the staff who supported this event.

Have a safe and blessed holiday break

*On this holy day,  
and in this season of renewal,  
we pray in thanksgiving for the many  
blessings You give us.  
May our words and deeds  
today, and always,  
serve as reminders of the  
transformative power of Your love.  
Amen.*

Te Aroha o Te Atua

*Raechelle Tauku*, Principal/Tumuaki



## KEY DATES

### Term 2

#### Week 1A Environmental Week

Apr 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 <b>Rotation 3 - 2</b>

#### 25 Sa ANZAC Day

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

#### Week 2B

#### 27 Mo ANZAC Day Holiday

28 Tu **St Peter Chanel Feast Day**  
Y11 History trip, Museum, 9am–2:45pm  
BOT Meeting 6pm

29 We Y12/13 Art trip  
Y11 History trip, Museum, 9am–2:45pm

30 Th 10R LT Mass, St Mary's Church 8:20am  
Malosi UoA Law Day, 5 x Y13 students  
Y11 Pacific Wayfinders Course, UoA, 11 x students

#### Apr 29–1 May Y8 Camp - Motutapu

May 1 Fr Pompallier Shield, Sancta Maria College

2 - 4 Marist Leaders Forum, St John's College  
**Rotation 4 - 3**

### Upcoming Events:

Apr 20–1 May		Lumino Dental onsite
May 4	Mo	Lockdown Practice P1
7	Th	<b>Show Opening Night Playhouse, Glen Eden</b>
8 - 10		Show performances
8 - 10		LOGOS Salt & Light Retreat
10	Su	<b>Mother's Day</b>
12	Tu	<b>Fono 6:30 - 8pm</b>
13 - 16		Show performances
14	Th	<b>Y13 Mother Daughter Breakfast</b>
17	Su	Hillary Outdoors Challenge, Rotorua Smoke Free Rock Quest Band Heats
18	Mo	PTFA Meeting 7pm
19	Tu	Y11 - 13 Academic Tracking 3–8pm
20 - 23		Show performances
25	Mo	BOT Meeting 6pm
27	We	<b>Patrons' Mass</b>

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



## Year 9 RE

On Wednesday, we welcomed Fr Marchellino and Seminarian Paul to speak with us about the vocation of priesthood. Students learned about the journey of studying to become a priest and what a typical day in the life of a priest looks like. They also enjoyed hearing about Fr Marchellino's favourite K-drama and his personal calling to the priesthood. We are very grateful they made time to visit us during the busy Holy Week period.

*Alicia King*, Junior School Teacher

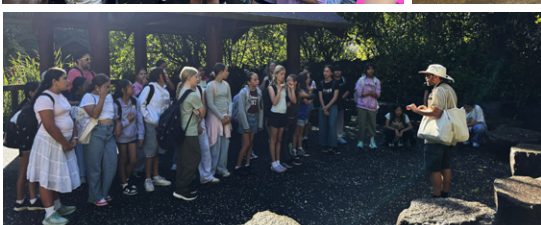
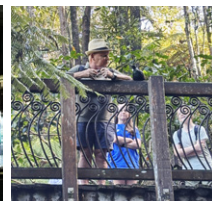


## Year 7 Zoo trip

On Friday the 27th of March, the Year 7s went on an exciting trip to the zoo. Once we arrived, we split into two groups. Half of us had a lesson with a zookeeper while the other half explored the zoo. During our lesson, the zookeeper taught us about New Zealand's native birds and reptiles. We learned lots of interesting facts and got to see some of them up close. We walked through the New Zealand forest enclosure where we saw tui, kaka, kereru and blue bill ducks.

Later, when we finished our lessons and morning tea, we were able to explore the zoo and saw giraffes, lemurs, tigers and many more animals. My favourite animals were the lions and lionesses but instead of lying on the platforms they were up very high in the trees! My group also loved the meerkats they started lying on the domes we were under. It was a day full of fun and luckily very sunny!

*Sophia Mckellar*, Year 7



## Shakespeare Club SGCNZ Festival 2026

13 amazing, smart, and passionate Marist Shakespeare Club students performed in the Shakespeare Globe Center of New Zealand/SGCNZ Victoria University Festival of Shakespeare in Schools (Central Region) at Diocesan School for Girls on Friday 27th March.

The students directed and rehearsed their 15-minute Macbeth compilation over the course of lunch breaks and some after-school rehearsals in Term One. They worked hard and collaborated with vigour, great humour, creativity and diligence.

They decided on their own interpretation and angle of Macbeth, which was *'Macbeth is a shady businessman and Lady Macbeth is his overlooked assistant and secret to his success until she goes crazy from his incompetence, lack of recognition and her own ambition.'*

The students enjoyed performing and getting to watch other school groups' interpretations and performances of various scenes from Shakespeare's plays.

In the end Marist College Shakespeare Club students received **'Best Ensemble – Runner Up'** out of fifty-one different entries!

This was a huge and wonderful achievement. They are already planning their entry for next year!

*Miss Hamilton*, Drama Teacher

# Race Unity Speech Awards

Last week four Marist students participated in the Race Unity Speech Awards. The theme for this year was *Listening to Understand - Whakarongo Kia Mārama*. Our students crafted thoughtful speeches with practical suggestions about how listening to diverse experiences and perspectives can help us to build a community of inclusion.

Congratulations to the following students on their participation:

- Hannah Sheji, Year 13
- Anna Jose, Year 13
- Cyan Ardash, Year 13
- Alon Lyre Paradero, Year 11

The Race Unity Speech Awards take place every year - please talk with Dr Houliston if you are interested in taking part in 2027!

*Dr Bronwyn Houliston,*

Deputy Principal Curriculum



## SPORTS UPDATE

### Rock Climbing

Eva Slinn, Year 8, recently competed at the Top rope, Rock Climbing competition held at Extreme Edge Mt Wellington. There were over 100 juniors attempting to climb 30 climbs in 1hr 30min so it was very busy. At the beginning Eva started with the easier climbs to get points on the score card and then moved up to the harder ones. Due to the number of juniors and the small waiting space, you could be waiting 10 mins to get on a climb that would take 30 seconds to climb. In the end, Eva ran out of time to get up the walls to get the bigger points. Eva completed 15 climbs and flashed a level 19 and 20 climb, setting new PBs. This is climbing speak for climbing a harder level first time without falling and making it to the top.) She climbed well, making it the top of all except 4 climbs which were graded for Seniors. Lots of fun was had and lots of spot prizes were given out. Eva finished ranked 31st and gained a valuable experience. Well done Eva. We are proud of you.



### Backgammon Nationals

Anastazia Karouta, Year 13, competed with the SPC Backgammon team, and performed admirably with a 63.4% win percentage over the two day Backgammon National Tournament.



## Year 9 Kī o Rahi

On the 20th of March 2026, the Year 9 students took part in an exciting Kī o Rahi tournament that brought everyone together for a day of fun, teamwork, and friendly competition. The weather was perfect, with clear skies and sunshine making it an ideal day to be outside and active. Students showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, cheering each other on and giving their best effort in every game. It was awesome to see so many people getting involved and enjoying themselves. A big shoutout goes to 9M for taking out the win—well done on an impressive performance—and to 9T for earning the sportsmanship award, showing respect, fairness, and positive spirit all day long.

*Julia Mandeno,* Health & PE Teacher



## Hockey Coach Required

We are seeking a coach for a 2nd XI team. This role involves working with a group of motivated young women from Years 9–13, competing in the College Sport Senior Competition (Grade C). It is a great opportunity to support player development and contribute to a positive and empowering team environment.

While this is a voluntary position, we are able to offer petrol vouchers as a gesture of appreciation for the season.

### Key details:

- Training: Wednesdays, 6:45am – 8:00am at Mt Roskill Grammar turf
- Games: Thursdays (starting next term)
- Season dates: 7 May – 13 August

If you are interested or know someone who might be, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact [sports@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:sports@maristcollege.school.nz)

St Peter's College and Marist College proudly present  
The Addams Family musical in May at the  
Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre.

The Addams Family is a comedy story about the Addams clan coping with their children growing up and falling in love, which forces both the spooky Addamses and a "normal" Midwestern family to confront secrets, change, and what it really means to be a family.

The production runs from 7th May to 23rd May,  
with tickets available from  
<https://www.st-peters.school.nz/etickets>



# The Addams Family

A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY

Book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice  
Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa  
Based on Characters Created by Charles Addams

7th to 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

Playhouse Theatre  
Glen Eden

Tickets available from:  
<https://www.st-peters.school.nz/etickets>



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# It's Fono Time

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

Tuesday 12th May 2026  
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Focus: Live the Dream!

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**  
proudly hosting Year 13

## Mother Daughter Breakfast

for Year 13 and their Mothers  
(or another significant woman in their life)

Thursday 14th May 2026  
7:15am – 8:45am

Liturg - St Mary's Church, 7:15am Breakfast & Guest Speakers - Marist College

Tickets \$10 per student, \$10 per guest  
available at <https://tinyurl.com/Y13MumBfast26>  
Online sales close at 5pm on Monday 11th May

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# Singing Cup



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Link for online form:

<https://tinyurl.com/Maristsingingcup2026>

## Enrolments for 2027 are closing soon

[www.maristcollege.school.nz/enrolments](http://www.maristcollege.school.nz/enrolments)

Please submit any sibling enrolment applications as soon  
as possible to ensure we have space available



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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)

## 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](mailto:v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz) Thank you

# 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)

## 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](mailto:school-secretary@maristcollege.school.nz)

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

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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ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

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