



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Week 2  
Friday, 1st May 2026

## From the Principal

On 28 April, we celebrated the Feast of Saint Peter Chanel, one of our Marist College patrons and the namesake of our Chanel House (yellow). From an early age, St Peter Chanel felt called to serve God and dreamed of becoming a missionary.

Ordained a priest in 1827, Peter Chanel later joined the Society of Mary (the Marists). In 1836, the first Marist missionaries set out for Oceania, and Fr Chanel was sent to the island of Futuna. He arrived in November 1837 and, through patient service, learned the language, cared for the sick, and quietly shared the the word of the Lord.

On 28 April 1841, he was killed for his faith, becoming the first martyr of Oceania. He was canonised in 1954 and is honoured as the patron saint of Oceania.

May we be inspired by St Peter Chanel's courage, gentleness, and perseverance, and look for everyday opportunities to serve others with kindness.

### Prayer for St Peter Chanel

All-loving God, through a life of faithful service, Saint Peter Chanel showed us how to place the needs of others before our own.

Inspired by his courage and gentle spirit, help us to become your faithful disciples, ready to share your Word through our kind words, thoughtful actions, and generous deeds.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

- Thank you to Chanel House for organising such a wonderful morning tea celebration.
- Thank you to the staff and parents who accompanied Year 8 on camp at Motutapu over the last three days. Next week's newsletter will have photos and an update from the girls who went.
- Thank you to our Head Girls who participated in the Mt Albert War Memorial ANZAC Day remembrance service.
- Good luck to all our netball teams playing in grading rounds this weekend.
- Tickets for this year's school production of The Addams Family are selling fast. I recommend purchasing your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. [Book here](#)

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Tauhu, Principal/Tumuaki



## KEY DATES

### Term 2

#### Week 3A Sign Language Week

May 4	Mo	Lockdown Practice P1
5	Tu	Y9 PE classes Guest Instructor P1-3 Your Education Guest speaker B2, 134
6	We	PCY Assembly/Cultural/ Sign Language Wk
7	Th	10S LT Mass, St Mary's Church 8:20am Waikato Uni info B2, 134
7	Th	<b>Show Opening Night Playhouse, Glen Eden</b>
8	Fr	Level Assemblies <b>Rotation 5 - 4</b>
8 - 10		<b>Show performances</b>
8 - 10		LOGOS Salt & Light Retreat
10	Su	<b>Mother's Day</b>

#### Week 4B Rotuman Language Week

11	Mo	House Event Day 1
12	Tu	House Event Day 2
12	Tu	<b>Fono 6:30 - 8pm</b>
13 - 16		<b>Show performances</b>
13	We	PSN Assembly/Singing/ Rotuman Language Wk Y10 Market Day, B2
14	Th	<b>Y13 Mother Daughter Breakfast</b>
		House Event Day 3 Y11-13 Fabric trip 1, P1-3 Uni of Auckland info P5, 320
15	Fr	Assembly/Library Week House Event Day 4 <b>Pink Shirt Day</b> Y11-13 Fabric trip 2, P1-3 13PHYS/CALC Rainbow's End trip
		<b>Rotation 1 - 5</b>
17	Su	Hillary Outdoors Challenge, Rotorua Smoke Free Rock Quest Band Heats

### Upcoming Events:

May 18	Mo	PTFA Meeting 7pm
19	Tu	Y11 - 13 Academic Tracking 3:30-8pm BOT Meeting 6pm
20 - 23		Show performances
21	Th	Young, Free & Pacific, 10 x Y11 students
22	Fr	Malosi UoA Law Day, 5 x Y13 students
27	We	<b>Patrons' Mass</b>
28 - 29		CAA Exams
28 - 29		Ngā Manu Kōrero Regional Competition
28	Th	Y13 Business Young Enterprise trip P2-4 AUT info talks P5, 320
29	Fr	Y13 Biology trip, Auckland Zoo, 9:15am - 2:45pm

#### Jun 1 Mo King's Birthday Holiday

2 - 5 Life Education

For a full school calendar go to

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/calendar>

## Customer Service Star

During the school holidays three Year 13 students, Brodi Freeman, Sophie Wilkins and Alanis Rana attended a short course with The Learning Place - Customer Service Star. The one day course specialises in giving the participants professional service skills that can be applied to any service industry. The students then got to apply what was learned in role playing scenarios, giving them real experience in a customer service role. The course was enjoyed and they recommend it for anyone who is interested in going into a customer service role in the future.

*Jo Hatfield*, STAR Coordinator

## Flight Attendant Taster

Marist students, Samatha Beuth and Rose Fuli, had the opportunity to take part in a two day flight attendant course with The International Travel College. Over the two days, the students took part in various real life scenarios where they were taught the skills, health and safety applications for situations. The students got real insight into what work life would be like in the travel industry. If any students are thinking of a Flight Attendant as a career option, this course is a great taster.

*Jo Hatfield*, STAR Coordinator



## Sparkie Sampler

Over the holidays, I attended a sparkie course at the NZMA Trades Campus, where I was introduced to the basics of electrical work. We learnt about how circuits work, different types of wiring, electrical safety rules, and the tools and equipment electricians use on the job.



The practical side of the course was the part I enjoyed the most. I got to make simple circuits and complete wiring tasks, which helped me understand how electrical systems work in real-life situations. I found it more interesting being able to do the work myself instead of just learning about it in class.

Overall, I found the course really enjoyable and useful. It gave me a better understanding of what electricians do every day and helped me realise that becoming an electrician is something I would like to pursue in the future.

*Mikah Iti*, Year 13



## Tees for a Cure

A former Marist College student (Tess O'Neill, Class of 2021) is now the Retail Campaign Coordinator for Breast Cancer Research's appeal. Tess reached out to Marist to recruit some volunteers to sell tee shirts at the St Lukes shopping centre for their annual "Tees for a Cure" promotion.

Eight Year 12 students signed up to assist with the campaign which was very appreciated by Breast Cancer Research, raising nearly \$17,000 for the charity. Well done Malia, Yoshi, Rhianne, Magila, Santana, Olivia, Nevayah and Elise.

*Jenni Catley*, Careers Advisor

## Auckland Art Gallery: Pat Hanley exhibition trip

My experience at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki was both breathtaking and inspiring, visually and conceptually. We took monochromatic photos of scenery and artworks using a thermal camera, and explored a range of exhibitions including sculpture, painting, sound, and architecture, each space connecting to form a larger narrative.

We also experimented with marbling, dipping paper into water and coloured ink under the guidance of educators and artist Reuben Paterson. His work has been a strong source of inspiration for my own practice, particularly in his use of light, diverse materials, and the idea of ephemerality—capturing a moment that can only exist once.

*Laura Ngui*, Year 13



# Senior A Netball Habitat



Last weekend, our team was lucky enough to attend a reformer Pilates session at Habitat in Eden Terrace. For most of us it was our first time, so there were a few slip-ups and a lot of laughs (it's way harder than it looks), but it was a great chance to learn and bond as a team ahead of our season. The space was awesome, and we're grateful to have such supportive, knowledgeable coaches this year.

*Kayano Vogels*, Senior A Netball



## SPORTS UPDATE

We are looking for more players for the following teams and welcome all levels and abilities. For info email [sports@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:sports@maristcollege.school.nz).

- Hockey 2nd XI Team (Year 9-13)
- Hockey Year 7 & 8 Team
- Water polo Year 7 & 8 Team
- Netball Seniors (social)

Our winter sports season is officially underway, with a fantastic start across a number of codes. Our 1st XI Football team took to the field on Wednesday, our Senior Badminton teams had their first game, and Year 7 & 8 Hockey starts this Saturday. Netball also gets into full swing, with 13 Year 9 to Senior teams beginning their Saturday competition this weekend, followed by 9 Year 7 & 8 teams starting next Monday. We wish our Premier Netball team all the very best as they head into grading for the Premier 1 competition this weekend at the Auckland Netball Centre in St Johns, where they will play three games on Saturday and three on Sunday.

Looking ahead, the excitement continues as Hockey, Lacrosse, Basketball, Rugby and Water Polo seasons all begin next week. In addition, our self-defence and running clubs have restarted — students are welcome to join, all levels welcome.

A huge thank you to our dedicated coaches, student coaches, managers, and volunteers who give their time and energy to support our teams. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and plays a vital role in making our sports programme such a success.

*Sports Department*

## Marist College Hoodies

Marist College school hoodies are now available for pre-order online. Hoodies are an optional uniform item for students involved in sports or extra-curricular group activities. They are not part of the compulsory school uniform.

**The closing date for ordering hoodies is on 7th May.** You can order your hoodie from Dynasty Sport below:

<https://dynastyteamstore.co.nz/collections/marist-college>

**Price: \$79**

Optional Name Print:

**Add your last name only on the back for an additional \$6**

A sample of our school hoodies including sizing options are available for students to try on in our second-hand uniform shop. The school will not order on behalf of students.

The uniform shop will open for additional hours over the next two weeks (Wed-Fri during Break 1) to allow students more time to get a hoodie fitting.

Please note that Marist Hoodies are not permitted to be worn outside of school, during school hours and are only to be worn for sporting events organised by the school, or can be worn if stated otherwise. Your order will be delivered to Marist College. Expected delivery is from 21st May 2026. If you have any questions please email [l.morris@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:l.morris@maristcollege.school.nz) and cc [t.olney@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:t.olney@maristcollege.school.nz)

## Engagement Reports

Due to a small technical issue, the fortnightly engagement reports for classroom engagement will be emailed out on to parents Monday 4th May, rather than today. Apologies for this short delay.

## Enrolment applications are open for Year 7 and Year 9, 2027

Limited spaces available. Please get your sibling enrolments in as soon as possible. See our website to enrol your daughter.

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

## Overdue Library Books

All library books issued before or during holidays are due back now. There are a lot of overdue library books currently, please ensure you return these promptly so others can also enjoy them.

*Thank you*

## School Charges

Term 1 should now be fully paid as well as any extra-curricular activities. Please review your account to ensure your payment plan is sufficient. If you pay per Term, Term 2 is due by 8th May 2026.

## Tax Donation Certificates

The Tax Donation Certificate for the year ending the 31/03/2026 has now been emailed (2/4/2026). Please use this form to claim back 33.3% from Inland Revenue. Visit Inland Revenue's website for more information.

## Having challenges with payments? Need to talk?

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you need to discuss the account(s). You can contact Veronica Yates [v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz) or should you wish to meet with the Principal, please contact her PA Mrs Margaret McKinney to arrange an appointment at [m.mckinney@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:m.mckinney@maristcollege.school.nz).

# 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, Mälö 'aupito, Meitaki maata

*Veronica Verschuur*

Food Technology & Pasifika Liaison Teacher

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M A R I S T

*Singing Cup*



A U D I T I O N S

Link for online form:

<https://tinyurl.com/Maristsingingcup2026>



**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**

Liturgy - 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.

**Careers Hub**   
UNIVERSITY OF  
CANTERBURY  
Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha  
CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND

University Open Day

University of Canterbury Information Evening – Tuesday  
12 May 6-8.15pm at Life Venue 25 Normanby Road.

Details and register: [UC Information evening](#)

Good opportunity to find out more about the university,  
the degrees offered and the accommodation options for  
anyone considering studying there. Whanau welcome.

## Lockdown Drill

**Monday 4th May, Period 1**

Please do not come on site between 9am - 9:45am

Construction on  
the Carrington  
Road Improvement  
project starts  
soon- sign up at  
the link below to  
register for the  
regular construction  
e-newsletter.

[Carrington Road  
Construction Updates](#)  
– [Fill out form](#)

## Heads up!

**Carrington Road  
Improvements  
starting soon!**



**To sign up for construction  
updates**



## Patrons' Mass

**Wednesday, 27 May 2026**  
9.30am, Marist Gymnasium

# Tickets on sale NOW

<https://www.st-peters.school.nz/college-life/school-production-2026>

St Peter's College & Marist College present



# 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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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

# 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.

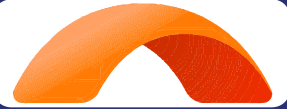
Go to our online store for details and contributions: <https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/new-gym-donations>

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

# Lost Property

Please clearly name all belongings, uniform, laptop bags etc. This helps us to return items to the correct students quickly. Uncollected lost property gets donated to charity at the end of term.



Download the Marist College SchoolBridge App

Scan the QR code



# Learn to Sew Term Classes, Mt Eden



### Sewing Class

Term Classes -Year 4+  
Eden Church - View Road  
Wednesdays  
3.30-4.30pm, 4.30-5.30pm

Fun, creative classes where kids learn real sewing skills and make projects they're proud of.

"My daughter LOVED the class so much she wanted to come straight back. She was so proud of her dress and can't wait to make more. We'll be back!"

Join anytime, late sign-ups, trials & payment plans available.

[www.threadroom.co.nz](http://www.threadroom.co.nz)



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



Gently Loved Markets  
Curvy

10AM - 1PM  
SATURDAY 30TH MAY

Western Springs Garden Community Hall  
956 Great North Road, Western Springs

Preloved Market • Free Entry

A market for everything curvaceous women's and men's preloved clothing, shoes and accessories  
Size's start from 16+ (fem) and XL+ (masc)

# Weekend & After School NETBALL SKILLS CLINICS



Looking for opportunities for your child to play netball outside of school? Join our 6 week programme with netball skills and match play. Individual registrations, open to boys & girls.

### After-School Clinics:

St Johns  
Monday afternoons  
Years 1-8  
11 May - 22 Jun 2026  
Windmill Park  
Tuesday afternoons  
Years 1-8  
19 May - 23 Jun 2026



### Weekend Clinics:

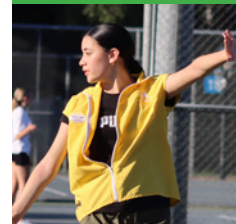
St Johns  
Sunday afternoons  
Years 1-8  
17 May - 28 Jun 2026



For more information please contact:  
Caitlin Smardon, Development Programme Officer  
T 09 280 4129 or M 021 577 105  
E development@aucklandnetball.co.nz  
[www.aucklandnetball.co.nz](http://www.aucklandnetball.co.nz)



# Umpiring Courses



### Junior Netball 6v6 Umpiring courses!

DATES:  
St Johns  
Wednesday 29th April 4pm - 7pm  
Monday 25th May 4pm - 7pm

Windmill Park  
Tuesday 12th May 4pm - 7pm

### 7v7 Umpiring courses

DATES:  
St Johns  
Monday 18th May 4pm - 7pm

Windmill Park  
Thursday 7th May 4pm - 7pm

Visit our website for more information and to register

Scan the QR code carefully and ensure it directs to Auckland Netball's official website: [www.aucklandnetball.co.nz](http://www.aucklandnetball.co.nz)  
Wherever of course. Auckland Netball will never request sensitive information or payments via unofficial links.



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