



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Week 3  
Friday, 8th May 2026

## From the Principal

Last weekend, I had the opportunity to travel to the Hawke's Bay with our Head Girls for a leadership retreat. I was extremely proud of how these faith driven, intelligent, and emotionally aware young women represented themselves, their families, and our school, and I continue to admire the compassionate young adults they are becoming.

During the retreat, students were challenged to reflect on their leadership journeys beyond school. They explored how they can continue to serve others in their everyday lives and how their actions can contribute to a strong school culture that values both academic success and student wellbeing.

As part of this experience, students stayed at Houngarea Marae and learned about the life of Suzanne Aubert. Through learning about her work in Pakipaki as an iwi nurse and practitioner of Rongoā Māori, students gained insight into a life of faith, service, and respect for Māori knowledge and community. Her story reminded them that leadership is grounded in humility, compassion, and action.

These experiences reinforce that education is not only about academic achievement, but about shaping young people who lead with empathy, purpose, and integrity.



### They're creepy and they're kooky, Mysterious and spooky, They're all together ooky – The Addams Family!

Congratulations to the West End cast of 'The Addams Family' on a fabulous opening night. It was fantastic to see the students sharing their talents on stage and adding so much humour and energy.

I look forward to seeing the Broadway team take to the stage tonight.

Get your tickets now before they sell out. It's a must watch!

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

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Tauhi,  
Principal/Tumuaki



## KEY DATES

### Term 2

#### Week 4B House Events Week

- 11 Mo House Event Day 1
- 12 Tu House Event Day 2
- 12 Tu Fono 6:30 - 8pm
- 13 - 16 Show performances
- 13 We PSN Assembly/Wellbeing/Environmental/Singing  
Y10 Market Day, B2

#### 14 Th Y13 Mother Daughter Breakfast 7:15am

- House Event Day 3
- Y11-13 Fabric trip 1, P2-3
- Uni of Auckland info P5, 320
- 15 Fr Assembly/Library Week  
House Event Day 4
- Pink Shirt Day**
- Y11-13 Fabric trip 2, P1-3
- 13PHYS/CALC Rainbow's End trip
- Rotation 1 - 5**
- 17 Su Hillary Outdoors Challenge, Rotorua  
Smoke Free Rock Quest Band Heats

#### Week 5A Library Week

- 18 Mo PTFA Meeting 7pm
- 19 Tu Y11-13 Academic Tracking 3:30-8pm  
BOT Meeting 6pm
- 20 We PVG Assembly/Singing
- 20 - 23 Show performances
- 21 Th 10T Mass, St Mary' Church 8:20am  
Young, Free & Pacific, 10 x Y11 students
- 22 Fr Assembly/Special Character/International Language Wk  
Malosi UoA Law Day, 5 x Y13 students  
MUNA x 2 teams  
Rosmini College
- Rotation 2 - 1**

### Upcoming Events:

- May 26 Tu Malisi Melodies/Marybelles Choir performance B2
- 27 We Patrons' Mass
- 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  
Y13 Scholarship talk P5, 320
- 29 Fr Y13 Biology trip, Auckland Zoo, 9:15am - 2:45pm
- 30 Sa Malisi Melodies Big Sing Rehearsal

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

2 - 5 Life Education

#### 2 Tu Hui 6pm staffroom

- 4 Th 11CAE Science Exam P3&4 Room 301  
Caritas Challenge 4-7pm

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

# Year 8 Camp

Year 8 camp on Motutapu Island was an incredible experience and my highlight of the year so far! My favourite moments were when we did the Motutapu Challenge, because of how it got us to push ourselves, interact with people you don't usually interact with and do things out of our comfort zone. Another one of my favourite moments was at free time when me and my friends would go down to the beach and swim. I was really proud of myself for giving everything a go because that's usually something I would struggle with. Something I will take away from camp is the memories I had with others and it's something I will always remember. *Phoebe Lafaele*



My experience at Motutapu for Year 8 Camp was very memorable. One of my biggest highlights was taking part in all the activities, which were both fun and engaging. I especially enjoyed spending time with my Marist sisters, strengthening existing friendships while also connecting with new people. It was great to step out of my comfort zone and be more socially active with people I don't usually talk to. Overall, I really valued the opportunity to bond with my friends and meet new people in both my activity group and cabin. *Isabella Lam*

I reckon I had one of the best times of my life at camp! Spending time with friends, eating LOTS of baking, trying new things and meeting new people. Everything was so amazing and new. One of my favourite parts from camp was the survivor challenge. Looking back on it now everyone was working together and supporting each other and no one got left behind. In the end, camp was amazing. I think everyone went home with few bumps and burses, but they also went home with new friends, new skills and some memories that will last a lifetime. *Jasmine Dove*



Yr 8 Camp was very fun. I personally enjoyed kayaking the most because of the wonderful views. I am proud that I stepped out of my comfort zone and tried new things. Motutapu Island was a gorgeous place filled with so much nature, I felt lucky to be there. The barracks and history of the island also sparked my curiosity. Though the walk there was quite long, it was worth it. I am happy I had the chance to live on such a beautiful island and enjoy the moment with all Year 8s. *Caitlin Menezes*



# Year 11 Pacific Health Wayfinders Va'a Experience Day

Pacific Health Wayfinders (PHW) is an organisation within University of Auckland who aim to promote and support medical careers for Pasifika young people. The Year 11 Va'a Experience Day brings students to the university's medical school for a day of interactive activities to learn about the available study programmes in medicine, optometry, medical imaging, and pharmacy. Year 11 is a pivotal time for students in terms of making subject choices for the senior years so the Va'a Day aims to ensure students are aware of these pathways and understand the best preparation for them. *Jenni Catley*, Careers Advisor and Gateway Coordinator

Pacific Wayfinders was a great experience at the University of Auckland. We rotated through multiple healthcare workshops, and heard from people in the industry about what studying and working in those pathways is really like. It was incredibly helpful to get a feel for different areas of healthcare, and the day gave me a much clearer sense of what I might want to pursue in the future. *Kalo Sundin*

PHW was such a fun and informative trip! It encouraged me to pursue careers in the medical

industry and what that would look like for me in the future. The speakers were very inspiring, I wish the programme went on longer! *Trudy Paseka*

My favourite part of Pacific Wayfinders day was the learning about the Pharmacy occupation. We learnt about what they do, how they care for people around New Zealand, different pathways we could take that is provided for Pasifika people and most importantly WHY they chose Pharmacy studies. It was a memorable, fun day filled with knowledge and provided us with a new perspective of different opportunities. *Amber Ah Loo*

There are so many options in the future to learn more about. Working together with other people helps build a better future for everyone. Entering a new place isn't scary, it's just something that you're not used to. I also learnt that making connections with people that are the same culture or similar can help to feel more comfortable and connected. *Katarina Yavala*

This trip was a great experience, where we explored different areas of healthcare and medicine. This helped us learn more about possible future careers and how we can support our communities more. *Lovelee Veatupu*



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## Ancestor costumes for the School Production

The Year 11 Materials Technology students have just finished creating beautiful costumes for some of the performers in this year's school production of *The Addams Family*. The brief was to design and create a costume for one of the Ancestor performers. The students managed their time well and worked hard to ensure that their costume was finished ready for the first dress rehearsal last weekend. The process of designing and making a costume is for the Level 1 NCEA standard, "Develop a Materials and Processing Technology outcome in an authentic context." I know that the students are very excited to see their costume up on stage when they go to see the show.

The costumes shown have been designed and made by Sarah Chan, Brooke Clayton, Kalo Sundin and Mikayla Troy.

*Rachel Kirkland*, Curriculum Leader Technology



## 7R Banana Oatmeal Smoothies

We kicked off our practical lessons with an easy, simple, quick, and healthy smoothie. This banana oatmeal smoothie was filling and delicious. For our next practical lesson, we will design, plan, and make our own smoothies and experiment with new and exciting flavours that will give us brain boosting power.

*7R Food Technology*

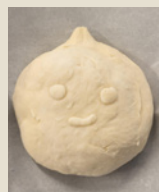


## Year 9 Gymnastics

On Tuesday, we had Jade Faulkner, British Gold Medal Olympian, come to take our Year 9s in some Rhythmic Gymnastics. The girls were certainly challenged on their hand-eye coordination, but had a lot of fun along the way. Learning incredible skills in Hoop and Ball work, the girls eventually progressed to create miniature Rhythmic Gymnastic performances.

Year 9 parents, you would have been very impressed in how quickly this cohort picked up on these physically challenging skills. Well done Year 9s!

*Julia Mandeno*  
Physical Education Teacher



## 9M Rēwena Bread Making

The food tech room smelt like a bakery when these delicious Rēwena bread were baking. Rēwena bread is a traditional Māori fermented bread where fermentation improves flavour, texture, and digestibility. This was our first attempt at making Rēwena bread and they were delicious with butter and spreads.

*9M Food Technology*



# International Students

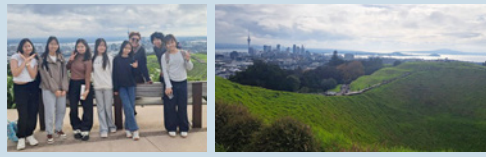
## Hari Huritau!

Happy Birthday Peary!  
We are happy we got to celebrate with you too (the earlier celebration was for Khaohom).



## Maungawhau

We had a beautiful morning walking up Maungawhau in the fresh air and being rewarded with stunning views of Tāmaki Makaurau. We enjoyed some great kai afterwards.



## Songkran

Celebrating it NZ style is a little different to Thailand, but we have our water element represented. Happy Songkran ka to our students and families.



# Careers Hub

## 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.

## University of Waikato Open Day



– Friday May 22nd 2026, Hamilton

Campus. Good opportunity to visit the campus and find out about study options there, plus accommodation, learner support, scholarships etc. [Programme for the day](#)

Free buses are available from Auckland from specific pickup points. Students MUST register for both the open day and the bus. Parents are welcome to attend.

- Register at [Open Day Registration](#)
- Bus Registration: [Free Bus to Uni of Waikato Open Day Friday 22nd May – Fill out form](#) Bus registrations close on 14 May, or when capacity is reached so register early.

# Gateway Programme Success

During the April school holidays some Year 12 and 13 students participated in two very different Gateway programmes.

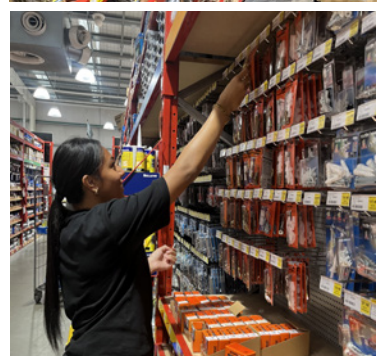
## Early Childhood

Six students completed standards in Early Childhood Development through Plunket in a combined programme along with students from other schools over three days, followed by several days of work experience at different ECE centres around Auckland. In the next holidays these students will also complete first aid and health and safety training, On completion of all requirements these students will earn 20 Level 3 NCEA credits.



## Retail

Seven Year 12 students completed training in retail including customer service, filling shelves, product knowledge, knowledge of theft and fraud, counting and recording stock, personal presentation, communication and teamwork, and safe work practices. After two days of theory introduction along with students from other schools, they then did a week of work experience at Bunnings Mt Roskill earning 24 Level 2 NCEA credits.



These students sacrificed much of their holidays in order to learn new skills and gain experience. Regardless of their intended future pathways, they learned a lot about working in a new environment with unfamiliar people, punctuality, teamwork, good work habits and practices, and communication skills, which will stand them in good stead for any future employment.

*Jenni Catley*, Gateway Coordinator

MARIST COLLEGE PTFA

# Wonka

## MOVIE NIGHT!

**SATURDAY**  
*13th June*

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM  
6:30PM START  
PICK UP 8:30PM  
(WONKA IS 1HR 56MINS)

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<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2026-movie-night>

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# 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**

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<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, Mälō 'aupito, Meitaki maata  
*Veronica Vereschuur*  
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**

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.

# Samosa Fundraiser

to support our Year 10 students in their journey to Hillary Outdoors in Tongariro National Park. We are fundraising to help cover the costs of this incredible 6-day outdoor education camp. For every 10 pack you buy, \$10 is donated to the camp fundraiser.

Thanks for your support. [Order your samosas online here](#)

Share the link with your friends, whānau, social media, work colleagues... to get the word out. The more fundraising, the less cost for each family with the cost of camp. This link lets you purchase samosas and support the cohort as a whole, otherwise scroll down to find an individual students profile to support. **The order collection day will be Tuesday 30th June (Week 11, Term 2) from 12-4pm in 134.**

## 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)



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Link for online form:

<https://tinyurl.com/Maristsingingcup2026>

## Overdue Library Books

All library books issued before school 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. Your support with this is greatly appreciated. *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 [vyates@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:vyates@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).

Good Vibes Company partners with Marist College for our school tuckshop.



Follow the link below, select the "Online Orders" button in the top right corner, and choose Marist College to browse the menu and place orders.

Pre-orders can be made before 8am at the tuckshop window. Online ordering is available here:

<https://thegoodvibes.co.nz/marist-school-ordering/>

Please note for our Good Vibes team to prepare your food with care, we require your order processed 9pm the day prior. Orders will be available for pick up from 11am until 12:30pm

# 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)

# 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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