



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Week 4  
Friday, 15th May 2026

## From the Principal

### The Marian Month of May

In the Catholic tradition, May is known as the Marian Month, a time dedicated to honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this month, we reflect on Mary's faith, humility, and loving trust in God. May is also when Mother's Day is celebrated, creating a meaningful connection between honouring Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and recognising our own mothers and the significant women in our lives.

Mothers play a vital role through their love, care, sacrifice, and guidance, shaping families and communities in lasting ways. I hope that all our mothers were able to spend the day being celebrated with their whanau. For those in our community who have lost their mothers, I pray that you were able to take a quiet moment to remember the profound impact these amazing women have had on our lives, and to honour their legacy through the love and values you continue to share with others.

On Thursday morning, we recognised the mothers of our Year 13 students with Mass and breakfast. Ex-student Mirabai Pease (Class of 2015) and her mother, Tayna Pease-Meek, shared their stories of life after school. Their powerful message inspired students to follow their dreams, work hard, have patience, enjoy what they do without taking anything for granted, surround themselves with good people, and, most importantly, live their faith in their everyday lives.

Congratulations to our Year 13 mothers for raising our wonderful Marist women.

- Thank you to the PTFA for organising a fantastic mother daughter breakfast.
- Thank you to the Siakumi sisters who presented at Tuesday night's Fono. Your messages of faith, hard work and love were relatable and inspiring. You are true role models of Mary in today's world.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

*Raechelle Tauhi*, Principal/Tumuaki

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## KEY DATES

### Term 2

Week	5A	Library Week
May 18	Mo	PTFA Meeting 7pm
19	Tu	<b>Y11-13 Academic Tracking 3:30-8pm</b> BOT Meeting 6pm
20	We	PVG Assembly/Singing
20 - 23		<b>Show performances</b>
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 <b>Rotation 2 - 1</b>

Week	6B	International Lang. Wk
25 - 29		Y10PE CLM
26	Tu	Malisi Melodies/Marybelles Choir performance B2
27	We	<b>Patrons' Mass</b> Open Mic, B2
28	Th	Y13 Business Young Enterprise trip P2-4 AUT info talks B2, 134 Y13 Scholarship talk P5, 320
28 - 29		CAA Exams
28 - 29		Ngā Manu Kōrero Regional Competition
29	Fr	<b>International Kakahu Day</b> Assembly/Cultural/International Lang. Wk Y13 Biology trip, Auckland Zoo, 9:15am - 2:45pm <b>Rotation 3 - 2</b>
30	Sa	Malisi Melodies Big Sing Rehearsal 12pm, 218

### Upcoming Events:

Jun	1	Mo	King's Birthday Holiday
	2 - 12		Life Education
	3	We	<b>Hui 6pm staffroom</b>
	4	Th	11CAE Science Exam P3&4 Room 301 <b>Caritas Challenge 4-7pm</b>
	5	Fr	Kainga Kakahu (casual clothing day) Marist Mission Ranong 11CAE Maths Exam P1&2 Room 301 Smoke Free Rock Quest Band Final
	8 - 9		Y7&8 Blake VR Sessions
	9	Tu	Music & Dance Showcase dress rehearsal
	10	We	Music & Dance Showcase Otago Science Quiz P4
	13	Sa	<b>PTFA Movie Night, 220</b>
	15	Mo	PTFA Meeting 7pm
	16	Tu	<b>Combined Catholic Careers Expo, St Peter's Hall, 4:30-7:30pm</b> Y13 Retreat, Baptist Hall

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



## Showing our support for Pink Shirt Day

This week, Marist celebrated Pink Shirt Day - a day that promotes kindness, inclusion, and respect while raising awareness about the harmful effects of bullying. Throughout this week, we have shown our support by dressing up in pink and creating pink shirt cut-outs filled with encouraging and kind messages. By participating in these activities, we are reminded that even small actions can have the biggest impact.

At Marist College, we work and strive to act with compassion, respect and humility - values that help us see God's worth in every person, no matter their gender, race, or background. It challenges us to be more than just bystanders, but to actively choose kindness and support those around us.

Together, we acknowledge that everyone deserves a safe, inclusive, and supportive school where everyone feels they belong.

### The Well-Being Committee



## Term 2 Pasifika Fono

Our Pasifika Fono evening was a powerful celebration of faith, family, culture, and aspiration. Centred around the theme "Live the Dream," students and families were inspired by our guest speakers, who shared their personal journeys and the dreams their families had for them. Through faith, love, perseverance, and hard work, they demonstrated that success is possible and that there are many pathways to achieving your goals.

The evening highlighted the importance of family support, cultural identity, and believing in the potential of our young people. We thank our Pasifika families, students, and guest speakers for making the evening so meaningful and inspiring.

Fa'afetai lava, mālō 'aupito, and vinaka vakalevu.

*Veronica Verschuur*

## 7R Brain Boosting

We made and taste-tested a brain-boosting smoothie, learning how different ingredients impact our brain function and energy levels.

### Why Smoothies?

- Easy to make (no cooking required).
- A great way to introduce the concept of nutrient-rich breakfasts.
- Allowing us to experiment with different ingredients and flavours.

### 7R Food Technology



## Hockey Under 15

Marist vs St Cuthbert's - Marist won 8:1 with our first win of the season. It was an awesome team effort from the game start to finish, with everyone stepping up and playing their part in the result. It was a well-deserved win and a fantastic way to start building momentum for the season ahead. We are very proud of the whole team!



### Player of the Day: Zianne

The team's opening game of the season last week was a close contest against Mount Albert Grammar School U15, narrowly going down 4:3. Goals were scored by Abigail (1) and Aubrey (2), with the team showing some excellent passages of play and plenty of promise for the season ahead.

A special mention also goes to student coach Sophie Snedden, whose leadership and support of the team has been outstanding. Sophie has made an exceptional start to the season and has been fantastic with the girls.

*Kellie Dormer*, Manager

## Rock Climbing

Year 8 student Ella Jones competed at the College Sport Rock Climbing event over the weekend. 60+ competitors attended the Boulder series, Northern Rocks in Wairau Valley. Competition was fierce and at times chaotic. Ella enjoyed the event and did well placing 35th overall. We currently have two students competing in the Indoor Rock Climbing series this year and hope to attract more students to the sport.

## Zespri AIMS Games

We are currently in preparation to send our teams to the Zespri AIMS Games in Tauranga this year. We are excited to send our Football, Hip hop, Netball and Hockey teams to the games.

We are looking for any students interested in competing as an individual athlete to please contact the sports department. You must be competing in these sports outside of school to be eligible to enter. We currently have athletes in Cross country, Mountain Biking, Rock Climbing, Swimming, and Yachting.

Please see link below for more information.

**Entries close on June 3rd so you need to be in quick.**

<https://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz/sports-hakinakina/all-sports>

## Premier 1 Netball

Over the past two weekends our Premier Netball team has competed in eight grading games, to secure one of the final four places in the Auckland Netball Secondary Schools Premier 1 competition. The team delivered an outstanding performance, winning all eight games and finishing top of the nine teams competing for a Premier 1 spot.

There were several close and hard-fought matches that tested the team's determination and resilience, but our players continued to fight right through to the final whistle. With only four returning players from last year's squad, this relatively new team, which is made up of students from Years 11–13, has worked hard to quickly build strong connections on and off the court. They are already showing great potential and are certainly a team to watch this season.

The team plays their first Premier 1 competition game this Saturday 16 May against Epsom Premier 1 on Court C at Auckland Netball, St Johns. We would love to see plenty of support on the sidelines cheering on our team.

*Sports Department*

# 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.

### SAMOSAS YOU CAN ORDER



#### VEGETABLE

This is the Surti classic. Made with traditionally spice potatoes and mixed vegetables. Halal certified. Vegan friendly.



#### LAMB

Traditionally spiced lamb samosa. A classic meat based option. Halal certified.



#### BUTTER CHICKEN

The crowd favourite! This is a one of a kind product made with premium ingredients. Halal certified.



#### TANDOORI CHICKEN

Aromatically spiced chicken samosa with an extra bit of chilli. Halal certified.

Order online here:

<https://fundraising.surti.co.nz/t/marist-college-year-10-camp-fundraiser-2026-and-2027>

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.**



# Whānau Hui Tuarua

Wednesday 3rd June,  
in the Staffroom, 6pm

SMART Goal Setting for School  
and Planning Matariki Hikoi

All welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share.

And pātai email [e.couparwanoa@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:e.couparwanoa@maristcollege.school.nz)

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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# Wonka

MOVIE NIGHT!

**SATURDAY**  
*13th June*

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

**MARIST COLLEGE  
DRAMA ROOM**

**\$10 PER PERSON**  
INCLUDES DRINK & SNACK

ADMIT ONE

PIZZA SLICES FOR \$2,  
DRINKS & TREATS  
AVAILABLE TO BUY  
(CASH / EFTPOS)

*Pure  
Imagination.*  
*Let's make it  
a great night!*

BRING CUSHION OR BEAN BAG TO SIT ON!

Tickets on sale now at  
<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2026-movie-night>

## 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.

## 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](#)

## 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)



A U D I T I O N S

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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