



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Week 6
Friday, 29 May 2026

From the Head Girl

This week we celebrated the Patrons of Marist College as a school community. Our theme for the mass, *Empowered by a Legacy of Love*, reflects the works of our school patrons and the people they were - Marcellin Champagnat, Jean-Claude Colin, Jeanne-Marie Chavoin and Peter Chanel. They were remarkable people of faith, courage and love whose lives continue to inspire us today. The names of our school houses are a testament to the legacy that they left behind. That legacy continues to be present in our school community and in the ways we are encouraged to live with faith and love in our own lives.

We extend our gratitude to Father Frank for celebrating our Mass. It was a joy to share this special occasion with him, a Marist Priest, and with the Marist Sisters and other special guests. We are grateful for the time they took to be with us. Thank you also to the staff and students whose preparation and dedication helped create such a beautiful celebration.

Zarah Barwig-Uni, 2026 Head Girl



KEY DATES

Term 2

Week	7A	Samoa Language Week
Jun 1	Mo	King's Birthday Holiday
2 - 5		Y10PE CLM
2 - 5		Life Education
3	We	Assembly/Head Students/ Samoa Language Week Y10 Ugly Shakespeare P5
3	We	Hui 6pm staffroom
4	Th	7M Mass HB, St Mary's Church 8:20am 11CAE Science Exam P3&4 Room 301 Caritas Challenge 4-7pm
4 - 5		Ngā Manu Korero
5	Fr	Kainga Kakahu (casual clothing day) Marist Mission Ranong Assembly/Champagnat Feast Day 11CAE Maths Exam P1&2 Room 301 Rotation 4 - 3

Week	8B	Filipino Language Week
8 - 9		Y7&8 Blake VR Sessions
8 - 12		Life Education
9	Tu	Music & Dance Showcase dress rehearsal
10	We	PVT Assembly/Filipino Language Week Music & Dance Showcase Otago Science Quiz P4
11 - 12		Y12/13 Geo Rotorua Trip
11	Th	7R Mass VT, St Mary's Church 8:20am Victoria Uni Info B2, 134
12	Fr	Level Assemblies Y7/13 Tuākana Teina International Student Party Rosmini College 4:30pm Rotation 5 - 4
13	Sa	PTFA Movie Night, 220

Upcoming Events:

Jun 15	Mo	PTFA Meeting 7pm
16	Tu	Combined Catholic Careers Expo, St Peter's Hall, 4:30-7:30pm Y13 Retreat, Baptist Hall
17	We	The Big Sing Malisi Melodies UoA Waipapa Ohanga Rau trip x 8 Y12 students
18 - 19		Y11 Future Focus/Retreat
20	Sa	School Ball
26	Fr	Y7&8 CZ Hockey
29	Mo	BOT Meeting 6pm Frida Kahlo Bake Comp Y7/8 Strike Drum Performance P1-3, Gym
30	Tu	Chavoin Feast Day
Jul 1	We	Sacramental Mass 9:30am Y12/13 Class Play
3	Fr	Last Day Term 2

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



SR RE Church Tour

On Thursday last week, 8R went to St Mary's Church for a tour as part of our RE lessons about the Mass. As we walked in, we learned how to bless ourselves in the Holy Water font. We learned all about the church and what everything was used for and learned about how that brings us closer to God. The tour was very interesting and as we walked through St Mary's, we felt God's presence with us. It was a great experience, and we will definitely be going back to pray and connect with God.

Lillian and Amelie

Open Mic

On Wednesday, 27 May, in celebration of New Zealand Music Month, the students came together for an Open Mic session. There were a number of outstanding performances including our amazing Year 10 band, *We have a problem*, Star Lam, Lyanna Lemalu, Year 8 band - Harriet Drum, Mila Smith and Isla Pownall. The performances were enjoyed by all, including an original song by *We have a problem* and cover of a classic 90s ballad. Well done to all of the students who performed.

Performing Arts Department



In Loving Memory of Sister Shirley Day



It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing of Sr Shirley Day early on 26th May 2026. She was residing at Gracedale Home and Hospital and after a short illness gently went home to her God.

She was an Ex-student of Marist College in the late 1940's. After her profession as a Marist Sister in 1952, she taught at Marist Herne Bay, Waitaruke, Putaruru and Marist Mt Albert, as well as in Burwood Melbourne.

She was a missionary in Colombia for 11 years. On returning to New Zealand she engaged in pastoral work in parishes and communities.

May she rest in peace and eternal joy be hers.



SPORTS UPDATE

Cross Country Champs

The sun shone brightly over Lloyd Elsmore Park as nearly 800 competitors from schools around Auckland gathered for the College Sport Cross Country Championships. Although Marist had a small team of four, they produced an outstanding performance and represented our school with pride.

Our Intermediate runners, Emily and Violet performed well against some tough competition. Violet suffered an injury during the race and required medical attention. Despite the setback, our team showed admirable resilience and support for one another.

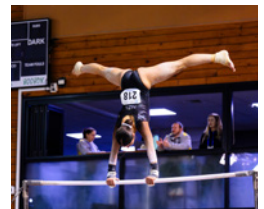
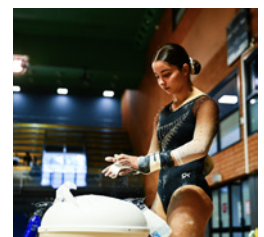
The highlight of the day came from the junior division in a highly competitive field of 130 athletes. Two of our talented runners, Matilda and Isabella showed determination in the closing stages of their races. Isabella secured an impressive 4th place finish after a fierce battle over the final stretch. Close behind, Matilda crossed the line in 18th place following another strong finishing sprint against a competitor, displaying true grit right to the end.



Gymnastics Championships

Congratulations to Savannah Campen, who recently represented New Zealand at the 2026 Artistic Oceania Championships in Brisbane.

Savannah was selected for the NZ Women's Artistic Team and was one of only three junior athletes chosen to compete - an amazing achievement! We are so proud of you, Savannah.



Young, Free, and Pacific Conference

On Thursday 21 May a group of Year 11s were invited as representatives for Marist College Pasifika students to attend the Young, Free, and Pacific event 2026. We chose to participate in one of the three different workshop options, music, dance, or spoken word. Our group all ended up choosing the dance workshop which is where we learnt a tau'olunga (a traditional graceful Tongan dance). We also heard from some inspiring Pasifika women guest speakers and had lunch provided.

Young Free Pacific is an inspiring programme designed to uplift and encourage us to become leaders as Pacific women. The programme taught us the importance of believing in ourselves, using our voices, and being proud of our culture and identity. It showed that Pacific women are strong, capable, and able to make positive changes in our communities. We learned that leadership is not only about leading others, but also about supporting and empowering the people around us. Young Free Pacific motivated us as Pacifica Women to be more confident in ourselves and reminds us that Pacific youth have an important role in shaping the future. Not only did we learn about leadership in Pacifica youth, but we got to know new friends from several schools and interacted with peers through the many fun activities that really broke the ice. An experience we would love to experience again. *Benedicta Halapio*

It was a very fun experience as we got to meet a lot of new people from many different schools and be part of many fun activities that really broke the ice and made it enjoyable. It is a trip I would love to do again. *Angel Smith*

Young, Free and Pacific was a very fun and cultural event. I learnt so much about the women in my culture and how they spoke out in areas Pasifika people aren't usually involved in. On the day we played so many games, learnt cultural dances and just had fun. Overall I had a lot of fun and would definitely want to be a part of it again. *Charlize Finnen*

The Young Free Pacific event was an amazing and fun time. I learnt a traditional Tongan dance, which was really fun and enjoyable. There was great food and great company as I got to meet and become friends with new people. Listening to the empowering speeches from Pacifica women was my favourite part because I felt so motivated and inspired by each of their stories. *Liveti Tonga*

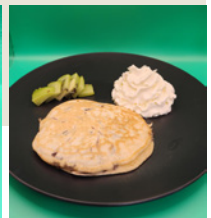


7R's Breakfast from Around the World

To celebrate International Language Week 7R explored how culture, environment, and nutrition influence breakfast choices around the world by preparing dishes inspired by France, Taiwan, Mexico, and Japan.

This hands-on lesson helped them build practical skills while developing an appreciation for global cuisines and cultural traditions.

Mrs Verschuur,
Food Technology



The Malosi Project Mooting Competition

The Malosi Project (TMP) is a student-lead group of Pasifika students studying law at University of Auckland. They run two events per year to give Pasifika Year 12 and 13 students a chance to visit the university and find out what is involved in studying law. At the event, the students are assigned to teams for the day with only one student per school on each team. After some ice breakers to get to know each other, the students then learned about how to conduct a meet, and competed in heats and then a final between the best two teams. Seven Marist students were able to attend this term's event, and did very well, winning a number of certificates for "Voice of the Vā" (best speaker on the team – Simran Kumar, Magila Koloamatangi, Marie Hoglund) and "Mana of the Moot" (lifting others up, humility, teamwork and leadership, Svetlana Pritchard).

The Malosi LAW Project has been one of the highlights of my year and made a strong impact on my final year of school. Although my team came third place, the experience made us all feel like winners. It gave me a insight into what my life at university may look like, while it also built my confidence and debating/mooting skills. I would highly recommend the Malosi Project to any student who has the opportunity to attend. Being placed in a group with students from different schools allowed me to build new friendships, meet new people and see and learn from them and their strengths. *Simran Kumar, Year 13*

The Malosi Project was a valuable and rewarding experience that allowed me to develop both personally and academically. Working alongside students from different schools across Auckland gave me the opportunity to collaborate with a diverse group of people, learn from different perspectives, and build meaningful connections. The project created a supportive environment that encouraged teamwork, communication, and cultural pride, making it an experience I truly appreciated and learned a lot from. *Yoshi Milford, Year 12*



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.couparwanao@maristcollege.school.nz

MARIST COLLEGE PTFA

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

Engineering: Her Student Experience at University of Auckland

Event for Y9-13 female students interested in engineering.

Wednesday 10 June, 6-8pm

Hear from current students, learn about the engineering specialisations, Q&A session, free pizza

Register: <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/engineering/study-with-us/women-in-engineering/engineer-her-future.html>

Curious about the different types of engineering?
Engineering: Her Student Experience
6-8pm Wednesday 10 June 2026
Faculty of Engineering and Design

University of Otago Information Evening

on **Thursday 18 June, 6:30-8pm** at the Tasman Room, Alexandra Park, Auckland.

This is a wonderful opportunity for senior students and their whānau to find out about possible degrees, hear about scholarships and admission, and meet one-on-one with Otago academics and recent graduates.

INFORMATION EVENING
WHAT'S IT LIKE TO STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO?
Join us for an evening where you can meet Otago academics and recent graduates one-on-one and get your questions answered!
Health Sciences | Sciences | Humanities | Law | Commerce
Plus chat with our team about accommodation, scholarships and support services.

AUCKLAND THURSDAY 18 JUNE 6:30PM
Tasman Room, Alexandra Park Function Centre
225 Green Lane West, Epsom, Auckland

International Student Homestays

Homestay applications are now streamlined into an easy online application system. To apply, please complete the link here <https://maristcollege.bemyhomestay.com/>

Please email us anytime on homestay@maristcollege.school.nz if you have any questions about what's involved with homestay.

ENROL NOW

Sibling Applications for 2027 enrolments are required asap

We have very limited spaces available for our 2027 intake. Please get your sibling enrolments in as soon as possible.

See our website to enrol www.maristcollege.school.nz/enrolments

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

Share the link with your friends, whānau... the more fundraising, the less cost of camp for each family. This link lets you purchase samosas and support the cohort as a whole, or 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.

VEGETABLE
This is the Surti classic. Made with traditionally spiced 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 samosas with a extra bit of chili. Halal certified.



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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

2026 MARIST

Singing Cup



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Link for online form:

<https://tinyurl.com/Maristsingingcup2026>

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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

Register for free
afs.org.nz



SUNDAY, 31 May 2026
1pm - 4pm

Taitamariki Hall
8 Auburn Street, Takapuna

Lost Property

Please get students to check the lost property as soon as possible for any items they have misplaced. All uncollected lost property will be donated to charity at the end of Term. *Thank you*



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ST MARY'S COLLEGE



ST PAUL'S COLLEGE



ST PETER'S COLLEGE

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

