



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Week 7
Friday, 5 June 2026

From the Principal

This week I was shared an article from the Vatican News. A powerful article reflecting on a recent address by Pope Leo XIV titled 'Education should help young people find themselves and others.'

Pope Leo's messages remind us that:

- Education should build connection and community, helping students see themselves as part of something bigger than themselves rather than learning in isolation.
- Student mental health should be supported by fostering a sense of meaning, purpose, and belonging, not just through academic success.
- While digital tools are important, students also need time for reflection, face-to-face relationships, and personal growth.
- Schools should create environments that reduce pressure and competition, encouraging confidence, resilience, and a healthy attitude to learning.
- Developing students' inner life through reflection, questioning, and self-awareness is essential for wellbeing and growth.
- Education should help students recognise their value and nurture hope for their future.
- A strong partnership between school, families, and the wider community is key to supporting the whole student.



Celebrating Champagnat Feast Day at assembly this morning, where dedicated students received their Bronze and Silver Certificates for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards

At Marist College, we strive to live these messages each day in the life of our school. This is reflected in our classrooms, in our learning, and in the environment we create together. It is seen in moments of prayer and celebration through school and class Masses, in the service opportunities that invite students to look beyond themselves, and in our commitment to balanced, blended learning that values both digital tools and genuine human connection. It is evident when we consciously put our phones aside to be fully present to one another, building meaningful relationships. We strengthen our sense of community through connections with whānau at events such as our Family Festival and College gatherings, where we come together in faith and friendship. In all these ways, we continue to walk alongside our young people, helping them to discover who they are, their place in the world, and the hope that lies ahead.

Together, we continue to grow a community where every student is known, connected, and inspired with hope.

- Fa'afetai lava, thank you to the students who lead multiple school activities for Samoan Language week.
- Thank you to the students who have donated cans and non-perishable items to this year's Young Vinnies food drive.
- Thank you to our students who donated a gold coin to support our Marist sister school in Ranong.
- Good luck to Brydie Mitchell and Te Kura Teariki-Veiao who are competing at Ngā Manu Kōrero.
- Well done to our senior students who took part in this year's Caritas Challenge.



<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-05/pope-leo-xiv-oei-holy-see-mental-health-young-people.html>

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Taulu, Principal/Tumuaki

KEY DATES

Term 2

Week 8B Filipino Language Week

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| Jun 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

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| | 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 Tēina, Gym International Student Party Rosmini College 4:30pm |

Rotation 5 - 4

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| 13 Sa | PTFA Movie Night, 6pm 220 |
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Week 9A

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| 15 Mo | 12/13HIS Alberton trip P5 PTFA Meeting 7pm |
| 16 Tu | Combined Catholic Careers Expo, St Peter's Hall, 4:30-7:30pm Y13 Retreat, Baptist Hall CZ Y7&8 Hockey |
| 17 We | PNG Assembly/Social Action The Big Sing Malisi Melodies UoA Waipapa Ohanga Rau trip x 8 Y12 students Pacific Health Wayfinders B2 - P5 Y10 Reconciliation, St Mary's Church 1:30-3pm, |
| 18 Th | 7S Mass VT, St Mary's Church 8:20am Y12 PE Tough Gal Challenge |
| 18 - 19 | Y11 Future Focus/Retreat |
| 19 Fr | Assembly/Singing Y12/13 Ball Tickets B2 St Peter's College Social Y7&8, 6-8pm |

Rotation 1 - 5

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| 20 Sa | School Ball |
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Upcoming Events:

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| Jun 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 Chavoín Feast Day

Samosa Fundraiser Pickup

Jul 1 We Sacramental Mass 9:30am

Y12/13 Class Play

3 Fr Last Day Term 2

4 Sa Bollywood Showdown, Victory Convention Centre

10 Fr Matariki Holiday

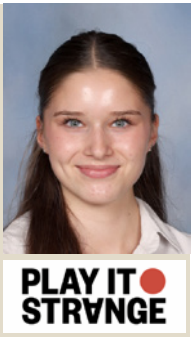
20 Mo First Day Term 3

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



Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Year 11 student Lucy Hassan who was selected as a finalist for the 2026 Play it Strange Junior Song Writing Competition with her original song 'Hate to Admit It'. This is the third year running that Lucy has been selected as a finalist, which is an awesome achievement!



PLAY IT STRNGE

Supporting Marist Sport

A huge thank you to Bill Werry for supporting sport at Marist College!

We recently had the opportunity to meet with Bill Werry to discuss sport sponsorship for Marist College and share some of the exciting projects happening within our sports programmes.

We're incredibly grateful for this sponsorship, which will help create more opportunities for our students to get involved in sport and physical activity.

It's fantastic to see local businesses investing in local young people and helping our students thrive both on and off the field. Thank you again to Bill and Anchor for backing Marist sport and our future athletes!

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M.C. STUDENT MAGAZINE
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<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/bad1cb6d8c.html>
Brought to you by Marist Journalism Club

ENROL NOW:

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

Vinnies Aroha

This week, 13 senior students joined with two PTFA members and two staff to cook meals for our community through Vinnies Aroha—a service initiative that resonates deeply with our students' hearts.

Together, they prepared 80+ meals distributed to St Mary's parish and the Vinnies Foodbank, bringing nourishment to those facing difficult times. The kitchen buzzed with laughter and warmth as the aroma of hearty food filled the room—a powerful reminder that service fills not just stomachs, but souls.

This simple yet profound act of creating meals embodies our commitment to serving our whānau with compassion and hope. A heartfelt thank you to our Vinnies leaders, Vinnies Team, Students, Mrs Verschuur, and the PTFA for their unwavering support and dedication in ensuring our community continues to thrive. *Whaea Mari*

Recently, our Senior Vinnies group held a cook up, where we cooked around 80 plus meals for the parish and Vinnies Organisation. It was such a fun experience that allowed us to connect with our Marist sisters while serving our community. The cook up helped us see and understand that our service and actions do have a positive impact on our community. Even though it was only one afternoon of cooking, it was definitely an afternoon well spent because we were able to help feed families who needed it. *Leilani Senio*

On Wednesday after school, a group of girls from our Senior Vinnies group and I participated in a cook up. Together, we prepared and packaged pasta meals while enjoying each other's company and sharing plenty of laughs. These food packages will be distributed to people experiencing food insecurity, meaning they do not have consistent and reliable access to food. Being able to contribute in a practical way to support those in need was a rewarding experience for all of us. I left feeling grateful and happy knowing that the meals we prepared may make a positive difference in someone's day. *Malia Muller*



International Languages Week

In Week 6 we celebrated our International Languages Week. This was a fun event that showcased all the amazing cultures we have at Marist College.

Over the years I have been able to help out with different activities that go on throughout the week. All the activities, and our amazing Kakahu day, was only possible because of the students and teachers who helped out! A special thank you to Madame Jonas for always organising this special week. This week would not have been possible without you. My favourite activity has always been the origami since I was in Year 7, so it was really cool and special when this year I got to run the origami activity as a Year 13 and it was my turn to teach the younger ones!

Abby Coutinho, Year 13

I enjoyed running the henna stall this year. It was nice to bring different year levels, people and cultures together. I'm so thankful to all those who helped me run the stall and all the people who came. The International Languages Week was lots of fun that helped us to meet and talk to lots of our Marist sisters from a variety of cultures.

Shantel Carlos, Year 13



SPORTS UPDATE

Lacrosse

The Marist Lacrosse team had a great game against Dio last week and won their first game of their first division grading. This is a fantastic way to start the season. Score was 10:7



8S Refinement and Prototyping Rice Bowls

8S refined their sustainable rice bowl designs by analysing feedback from their first prototype and making improvements to flavour, nutrition, presentation, and sustainability. This practical lesson encouraged them to use problem-solving and technological modelling skills to develop a school lunch that better met the needs of their stakeholders.

Veronica Verschuur, Food Technology



Year 10 PE Staying Active

The Year 10 PE classes have attended the local CLM at Mt Albert as a part of their Staying Active unit this term. This unit is all about exploring a variety of physical activities that students can do in their own time or in the future when they are no longer taking compulsory PE. The students have taken part in two classes: a spin class and a circuit. Well done to the students for giving something new a go, smashing their workouts and hopefully considering the gym as a way to stay active in the future. *Mrs Everitt*



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.

Place your order before June 17th at:
<https://fundraising.surti.co.nz/t/marist-college-year-10-camp-fundraiser-2026-and-2027>



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 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.

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.

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>

University of Otago Information Evening

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

Event for senior students and their whānau to find out about possible degrees, scholarships and admission, plus meet one-on-one with Otago academics and recent graduates.

Projects Abroad WEBINAR

Projects Abroad offers volunteering opportunities in developing countries for teenagers aged 14 and over.

PROJECTS ABROAD.

Programmes are for two weeks, during school holidays. All accommodation and project activities are arranged. Popular destinations for students from our part of the world are Cambodia, Fiji, Vietnam and Nepal, it is a great opportunity to meet likeminded people while embracing exciting challenges, cultures and experiences.

Webinar on Tuesday 16 June, 8-9pm:

Overseas Volunteer and Experiential Learning Programmes for High School Students

[Registration link >](#)

Further information: [Safety](#) [Destinations](#) [Full range of programmes](#) [Information for parents](#)



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Catholic Colleges Careers Expo

Tuesday 16 June, 4:30 - 7:30pm

St Peter's College Hall, 23 Mountain Road, Epsom

Careers Expo

SEMINAR SESSIONS at the Careers Expo

In addition to the expo of exhibitors representing universities, polytechs, and other training providers, there will also be some seminar sessions at the expo covering topics such as:

- Studying Law at University
- Studying Medicine at University
- Studying Property & Commerce at University
- Studying at Australian Universities
- Working in Maritime Trades & Superyacht Refits
- Working in Freight Forwarding & Customs Brokering



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Wednesday 10th June | 6.30 pm

Marist Drama Rooms

Book your seat <https://bit.ly/4vb5JVC>

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.

School Charges

Term 2 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 Thank you

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Singing Cup



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Link for online form:

<https://tinyurl.com/Maristsingingcup2026>

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11 - 18 JULY 2026

GLEN EDEN PLAYHOUSE THEATRE



Music and Lyrics by
Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Music by Special Arrangement with Sony/ATV Publishing

Adapted for the Stage by Jeremy Sams

Based on the MGM Motion Picture
Licensed Script Adapted by Ray Roderick