



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Week 8  
Friday, 12 June 2026

## From the Principal

Life Education, or Harold the Giraffe as the students like to call it, is an iconic programme established in 1988 to support young people in making healthy and positive life choices. It has been a familiar and much-loved experience for generations of students.

As a teacher of Year 8 health, I had the opportunity this week to visit the Life Education caravan with my class. It was great to see the students so engaged right from the moment we stepped inside. Over three sessions, students explored topics such as understanding the impact of legal and illegal drug use, cyber safety, and how to build resilience by learning to manage their inner voice.

The learning was interactive and practical, with plenty of opportunities for discussion and reflection. One idea that really stuck with the students was the importance of positive self talk, summed up perfectly in the quote "Not today, Shirley, I've got this!" It was fantastic to see them connecting with this message and thinking about how they can apply it in their own lives.

Our Year 7 students are also taking part in the programme, focusing on topics such as puberty and peer pressure. These sessions provide a safe and supportive space for students to ask questions and build their understanding as they navigate these significant changes in their lives.

Across both year levels, the learning that takes place is meaningful, inclusive, and fun. The sessions encourage students to think about their choices, understand the consequences, and develop the confidence to make positive decisions.

A highlight for many is, of course, Harold himself, who continues to capture students' attention and make learning memorable. Even concepts like the "great brain robbery" become engaging and easy to understand through the programme's creative approach.

Thank you to the Life Education team for continuing to make these opportunities possible for all students throughout Aotearoa.

- Thank you to the students who organised activities for Filipino Language Week. A wonderful celebration of language and culture.
- Congratulations to the students who took part in the Music Dance Showcase. It was lovely to see so much talent across the year levels.
- Congratulations to our Year 11 Mooting Team who progressed through to the semi-finals of the Auckland Schools' Legal Senior Mooting competition. Good luck with your preparations for the next case!

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Tauku, Principal/Tumuaki



## KEY DATES

### Term 2

#### Week 9A

15	Mo	12/13HIS Alberton trip 1-3pm PTFA Meeting 7pm
16	Tu	<b>Combined Catholic Careers Expo, St Peter's Hall, 4:30-7:30pm</b> 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
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

20 Sa School Ball

#### Week 10B

Jun 23	Tu	Ex-Students Assn AGM 7pm staffroom
24	We	PLS Assembly/Frida Kahlo Cake Bake Comp Y10 Reconciliation, St Mary's Church 2-3pm Y12/13 Drama play dress rehearsal 3:30-6pm
25	Th	7T Mass AM, St Mary's Church 8:20am AUT Aspire event 11 x Y13 Sacramental Candidates Reconciliation, St Mary's Church 2-3pm
26	Fr	Assembly/Chinese Lang. Wk. Y7&8 CZ Hockey Tournament
<b>Rotation 2 - 1</b>		
27	Sa	Ex-Students Assn Pink Ribbon event 2pm staffroom

### Upcoming Events:

Jun 29	Mo	BOT Meeting 6pm Frida Kahlo Cake Bake Comp Y7/8 Strike Drum Performance P1-3, Gym
30	Tu	<b>Chavoïn Feast Day</b> <b>Samosa Fundraiser Pickup</b>
Jul 1	We	<b>Sacramental Mass 9:30am</b> Y12/13 Class Play
3	Fr	<b>Last Day Term 2</b>
4	Sa	Bollywood Showdown, Victory Convention Centre
10	Fr	<b>Matariki Holiday</b>
20	Mo	First Day Term 3 PTFA Meeting 7pm
23	Th	Matariki Hikoï
27	Mo	BOT Meeting 6pm
29	We	<b>School Closed, Parent/Teacher Interviews</b>

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



## Ngā Manu Kōrero

On Friday 5th June, we had the incredible opportunity to attend the prestigious speech competition, Ngā Manu Kōrero, held at Nga Puna o Waiōrea. We were accompanied by Whaea Liv Mallon and Whaea Emma Coupar Wanoa, whose support and encouragement helped make the experience even more meaningful. We were there to support two courageous and passionate wāhine, Brydie Mitchell, Year 10 and Tekura Teariki-Veiao, Year 9.

Their speeches were truly remarkable, reflecting their dedication, thoughtfulness, and heart. Both spoke with confidence and pride, inspiring and uplifting everyone in the audience. Beyond supporting our students, it was also inspiring to listen to other talented students share their voices, stories, and perspectives.

Experiencing Ngā Manu Kōrero gave us a deeper appreciation for Māori culture and the power of public speaking. Seeing Te Reo Māori spoken with such pride was especially meaningful, highlighting the beauty and significance of the language. The atmosphere was filled with encouragement and a strong sense of whanaungatanga, creating a genuine feeling of belonging. It was an experience that left us inspired, connected, and deeply moved by the strength, resilience, and passion demonstrated throughout the day.

*Erina-Jaye Garcia-Talima, Year 10*

## Chamber Music Competition

On Friday 5th June, our group (88 & 8) had the opportunity to participate in the NZCT National Chamber Music Competition where we performed Shostakovich's five pieces for two violins and piano. Although performing can sometimes be nerve-wracking, it was exciting to share our music and also learn from other talented groups. We would like to thank our coach Ms Niu and also Ms Hatfield, Ms Hanna, Ms Finlay for their support of our group. We hope that next year, there are many groups from Marist taking part in this competition!

*Jo Hatfield, Performing Arts Coordinator*



## Sustainability Challenge

Over the holidays I had the opportunity to take part in a scholarship programme called GirlBoss Edge: Sustainability. This was a 10 day long programme where we heard from speakers who are involved in the sustainability industry. We were challenged to come up with an idea that would help improve sustainability problems in New Zealand.



My challenge was to figure out a way to be able to make energy cleaner in the Otago region. My project idea was silent wind turbines. These turbines would benefit farmers and local wildlife and could be placed closer to cities like Dunedin that get a lot of wind. I was lucky enough to have been chosen as a winner for the challenge and I am very grateful to have had opportunity. I highly recommend that everyone gives GirlBoss a try because it's very fun, you learn heaps of new things and meet really cool people.

*Isabel O'Brien, Year 12*

## Supporting Our Young Enterprise Businesses

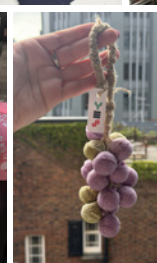
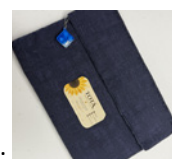
Our Year 13 Young Enterprise students are now launching their innovative businesses and beginning their sales and promotional activities across Auckland. This year's ventures showcase an impressive range of creativity and problem-solving, from protein-enriched salad and cereal toppers designed to help fussy eaters enjoy flavourful nutrition, to handcrafted ribbon bouquets, organic grape-shaped solid shampoos for children, innovative artwork that captures and celebrates memorable personal moments, and laptop cases with features specifically designed to support neurodiverse learners.

What makes these businesses even more special is their commitment to making a positive difference. Every team has incorporated either a community wellbeing or environmental focus into their venture, whether through the use of upcycled wood and fabrics, sustainable production practices, or donating a portion of profits to charities and causes that matter to them.

Last weekend, Sprinkl's nutritional toppers were featured at the Grey Lynn Farmers Market, where the team successfully sold their products alongside several of our Year 12 Business Studies groups.

Over the coming months, you'll see many of our student businesses attending markets and community events throughout Auckland. We encourage our school community to support these talented young entrepreneurs as they gain valuable real-world business experience while creating positive impacts for both people and the planet.

To keep up to date with where our businesses will be selling and how you can purchase their products, follow our Instagram page: @maristcollegecommerce





## Ugly Shakespeare

Last week, the Year 10 cohort was lucky enough to watch a performance by the Ugly Shakespeare company. We watched an abridged version of all 37 of Shakespeare's plays in 45 minutes, performed by only 3 actors!

This performance was really helpful in teaching the Year 10s about Shakespeare in a fun way. Shakespeare is quite prominent in our learning for English and Drama this year, and this performance helps us understand and draw closer to the literature by making it relatable for people our age. Though Shakespeare lived more than 500 years ago, we can still appreciate his literature in many different forms. We hope to see more of their performances in the future. This was so fun!

*Juno Gamble*

Last Wednesday the Ugly Shakespeare Company performed William Shakespeare's plays. It was quite enjoyable to watch, with sharp timing and audience interaction they really bought the show to life. I was amazed by how they used modernised language that made us understand the performances without losing the original script. They made Shakespeare's plays so enjoyable to watch. *Jadyn Fernandes*

## 7R's Baked Brain Boosting Breakfast

We experimented with different baking ingredients and techniques to create brain-boosting breakfast products.

Some ingredients used were:

- cinnamon
- wholemeal flour
- pepperoni
- dark chocolate
- bananas
- oats
- blueberries
- cheese
- tomato paste
- capsicum
- honey
- eggs

These ingredients added flavour, some nutrients for brain function, focus, and memory, fibre, vitamins, and gave energy.

*Veronica Verschuur*, Food Technology



## Blake NZ-VR Experience

On Monday and Tuesday this week, the Year 7 & 8 classes had a Virtual Reality experience, focused on Climate Change, presented by the staff from the Blake Organisation.

My experience with Blake was amazing. I had so much fun watching all the cool places they travelled to. I also learned a lot, like how people plant coral, and about global warming, I really enjoyed this experience. I would definitely do this experience again if I could! I would definitely recommend it! *Estelle Naylor, 8S*

My experience of Blake was phenomenal. I had a fantastic lesson with them, and I got to wear VR headsets. We first talked about what Blake was and where they got their name. Their name was from a famous sailor named Sir Peter Blake. Sir Peter Blake was an extraordinary man and sailor and died 5 December 2001 in Macapá, Brazil. We talked about climate change, and how that was affecting marine life. We went into VR headsets and looked over mountains, windfarms, the bridge that collapsed, and beaches. We went to the same places, but the places had different weather. *Luana Wulf-Togafiti, 7S*

We really enjoyed the Blake VR programme. It was really fun. Some of the things that we learnt were about Sir Peter Blake and his dedication to the sea and natural environment. We loved how interactive the program was and how much fun the places that we went to were. The places we visited with the VRs were Tokelau, Niue and different places all around New Zealand. We also learnt that the more petrol-based things that we use, the more carbon dioxide the earth's sequestration traps. What we found interesting was how much more carbon dioxide is getting trapped in the earth's sequestration and how easy it is to get rid of it by just using less petrol-based products and using more electric based products to trap less carbon dioxide in the earth's sequestration. *Mia Tervaga, Scarlett Crabb, & Danielle Rice-Clark, 7R*

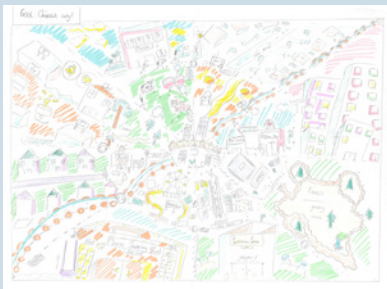


# Sustainable Cities

This term's Social Studies topic is all about Sustainability. For a series of lessons, students reflected on their lives in Tāmaki Makaurau and then had the opportunity to design their own city according to sustainable city principles.

Shown are some designs for sustainable cities created by 10R students.

*Danielle Dakanay,*  
Social Sciences Teacher



## SPORTS UPDATE



### Year 7 & 8 Central Zone Football

Marist competed against some of the strongest intermediate football teams in Auckland at the 2026 Year 7 & 8 Central Zone Football tournament.

Both teams battled well through the pool stages with our Year 7 making it through to the play offs.

Many players within our football teams play club and their experience showed. Competing with great spirit, skill and determination.

Our Year 7 team finished with a hard-fought semi-final loss, coming 4th and our Year 8s finished proudly at 5th.

We thank our brilliant student coaches Emily Trask, Emily Hooper and Rosy Smith who praised the players for their commitment, positive attitude and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

*Marist College Sports*



## Backgammon Club - get on board!

With the roll of dice and the click of counters, Marist College and St Peter's College students are discovering a game that blends luck, strategy, and quick thinking. Open to beginners and experienced players alike, the club offers a fun, supportive space to learn and improve.

Come along and build friendships whilst playing a few games.

**See you there - every Wednesday 3:30pm – 5pm in Room 240.**



# 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 a 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

## Projects Abroad WEBINAR

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

**PROJECTS ABROAD.**

### Webinar on Tuesday 16 June, 8–9pm:

Overseas Volunteer and Experiential Learning Programmes for High School Students

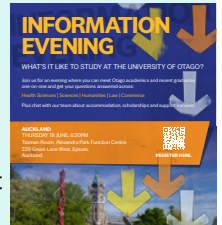
[Registration link >](#)

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

### 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.



### NZ College of Chiropractic Open Day

on **Saturday 27 June, 1–3:30pm** at 6 Harrison Road, Mt Wellington, Auckland.

This event provides a hands-on experience of what it means to be a chiropractor. This open day is a scheduled programme of events including presentations and a campus tour led by our students.



[Event information & Registration link >](#)

## Speaker Sessions

Time	Room 015/016	Room 012	Room 014
5:00pm to 5:40pm	<b>How to Law? The Equal Justice Project</b> Alyssa Meyer, Jahnavi Chetty, Evangeline Murphy, Gurnoor Kaur, from The Access Team	<b>Adventures in Maritime Trades &amp; Superyacht Refits</b> Orams Marine Richard Low, Chief Operating Officer Tim Reddy, Boat Builder and Shipwright	<b>The Story Exchange – Beyond the Bell</b> <b>Human Resource Management: What does a career in HR involve &amp; why could it be an option for me?</b> Jacky McManus, HR Executive, Senior HR Generalist
5:50pm to 6:30pm	<b>Pathways into Medicine: What's changing from 2027</b> Harry Lee, Final Year Medical Student Chanel Brocherie, 4th Year Medical Student	<b>The UoA Investment Club: From High School to Uni: Commerce, Property, &amp; Law</b> Isabella Boswell, Bella Crawford, Lily Crawford	<b>The Story Exchange – Beyond the Bell</b> <b>Where STEM Can Take You: From Engineering to Real-World Design</b> Laura Ramsey, Civil Engineer, Project Lead, Entrepreneur
6:40pm to 7:20pm	<b>Australian University Applications</b> Rhonda Vink, Career Counsellor	<b>Delivering the future: Global Trade with Freight forwarders &amp; Customs Brokers</b> Lisa Coleman, Council representative of the Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Federation of NZ (CBAFF)	<b>The Story Exchange – Beyond the Bell</b> <b>Tips from a Recruiter: The Do's and Don'ts</b> <b>LinkedIn Profile Insights</b> Tara Fisher, Need Recruitment Director



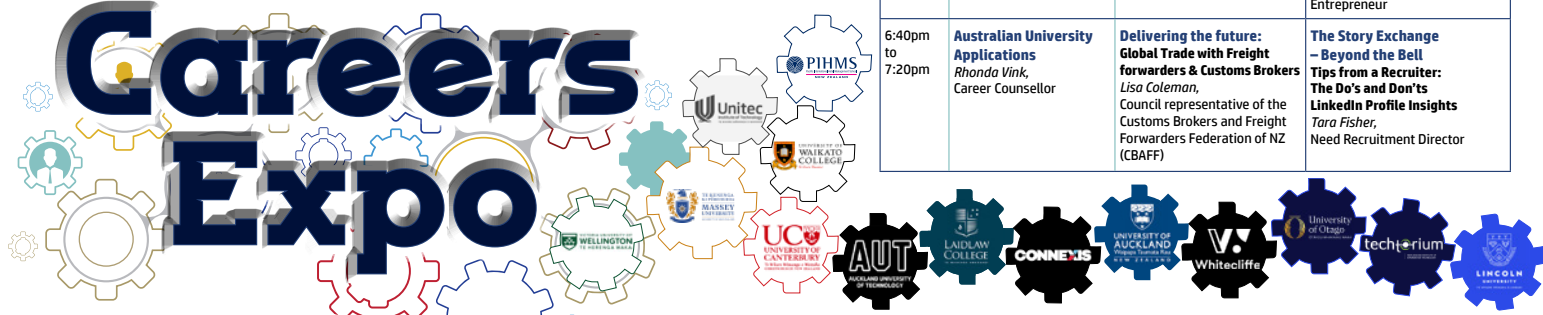
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### Catholic Colleges Careers Expo

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

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

# Careers Expo



**A huge thank you to  
New World Mt Albert  
for sponsoring our  
new fitness centre.**



**Mt Albert**

## 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](mailto:v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz) Thank you

## Marist homestays needed

Homestay requirements are throughout the 2026 year. If your family would be interested in this next year, please email [homestay@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:homestay@maristcollege.school.nz) for the information booklet.

As well as the cultural aspects and new connections, there is also a weekly payment and in 2026, this will be \$400pw. We are likely to have new students from Japan, China, Thailand, Italy, Spain and Cambodia. Stays can range from 2.5 weeks, right up to a year, so there are plenty of opportunities to be a homestay provider, and more than once!

You can sign up here <https://tinyurl.com/Homestay2025> and/or email [homestay@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:homestay@maristcollege.school.nz) with queries.

*Thanks for considering this opportunity!*

# 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)

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# Singing Cup



A U D I T I O N S

Link for online form:

<https://tinyurl.com/Maristsingingcup2026>

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*