



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 2 - Week 9
Friday, 19 June 2026

From the Principal

New Fitness Centre – Opening Soon

Our new school fitness centre is nearly ready to open. Specialist flooring has been laid, mirrors installed, and machines are now in place. Policies and registration information have been shared with students and parents as we look ahead to a soft opening in Term 3.

This is an exciting milestone for our school community, particularly for our students, who have been the driving force behind bringing this space to life.

So why a fitness centre?

Student and community voice strongly advocated for a dedicated space that supports both those already involved in team sports and, importantly, those individual students who simply want to be active in their own way.

Being active is about more than physical fitness. It reflects our commitment to nurturing the whole person supporting students' hauora, including their physical, mental, emotional, and social wellbeing. This space will provide students with the opportunity to develop healthy habits, build confidence, and set personal goals that extend beyond the classroom.

A special thank you to the Board of Trustees, PTFA, New World, Trillian Trust and families of our Marist College community for supporting the building of this space. We will have a formal opening in Term 3 and look forward to celebrating this space in with you all.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Tauku, Principal/Tumuaki

Students perform the dragon dance at assembly this morning in anticipation of Chinese Language Week.



KEY DATES

Term 2

Week 11A Chinese Language Week

- 29 Mo BOT Meeting 6pm
Frida Kahlo Cake Bake Comp
Y7/8 Strike Drum
Performance P1-3, Gym
Y7-10 Singing P5, Gym

30 Tu Chavoïn Feast Day

Samosa Pickup 12-4pm 134

Jul 1 We Sacramental Mass 9:30am

- Y12/13 Class Play
- 2 Th Y12/13 Art Guest speaker
12 - 2pm, 224
Ex-Marist Students lunchtime talk B2 134
- 3 Fr Assembly/Te Ara o Maria/
100% Attendance

Last Day Term 2

Rotation 3 - 2

- 4 Sa Bollywood Showdown,
Victory Convention Centre

4 - 19 School Holidays

10 Fr Matariki Holiday

Term 3

Week 1B Matariki Week

- Jul 20 Mo First Day Term 3
PTFA Meeting 7pm
- 22 We Whanau - no assembly
- 23 Th Matariki Hikoï 5:30am
Kainga Kakahu Day
Assembly/VKA/Matariki
Y12 Medical Profession
speed dating P5
- 24 Fr Assembly/Chavoïn House
Liturgy/BOT Rep

Rotation 4 - 3

Upcoming Events:

- Jul 27 Mo 13PE Les Mills trip 12:20-2pm
BOT Meeting 6pm
- 29 We School Closed, Parent/
Teacher Interviews
- Jul 30 - 2 Aug Y7&8 Water Polo Tournament
- 30 Th Guest speaker Investing B2
- 31 Fr Y7 Grandparents morning
and Mass, 11am
- Aug 4 Tu Singing Cup
- 7 Fr Visual Arts Showcase
- 8 Sa PTFA Beats by Bingo 7pm
- 10 - 11 Y9 Retreat, Baptist Hall
- 11 Tu Hui 6:30pm, staffroom
MAGS Career Expo 4-7pm
- 12 We Y13 Tough Gal
- 13 Th Y7 Boostrix (2) Y8 HPV (2)
- 14 Fr Marist Day
- 17 Mo Options Evening 6-7pm
PTFA Meeting 7pm
- 19 We Sports/Team photo day
Y11 Class Play
- 20 Th Fono 6:30pm, staffroom
- 21 Fr School closed, mid term break

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

Group Expo

At Student Council we had received many suggestions from junior students for some way to see all our groups at Marist. So as our first initiative we launched a group expo at Marist, where multiple groups of our school came together for the students to see. The turn out was amazing!

All the groups there got to showcase what they do and it's safe to say we were all impressed. This opportunity gave the students to sign up for different extracurriculars and expand their interests and hobbies.

Thank you for all the groups that joined us on the day as well.

Hanna Sheji,
Year 13



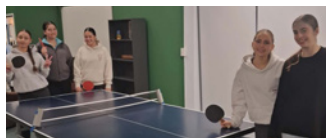
Year 11 Retreat & Future Focus

Last week the Year 11 cohort spent two days out of class for some special programmes – Year 11 retreat, and Future Focus Day. Half of the cohort was in each programme, then swapped to the other programme. For the Future Focus days the students experienced a rotation of sessions each providing information and resources to help prepare them for challenges they are likely to encounter in the near future:

- Goal Setting and Time Management
- How to avoid Scams and Fraud (provided by Westpac Bank)
- Life challenges and how to navigate them – including employment disputes, flatmate issues, student loans (provided by CAB)
- Careers information resources and quizzes to help with career exploration and decision making (Choices Match and Tahatū)
- Catholic vocations and finding God in difficult situations (Sister Lorraine)

These workshops are aimed to help equip Year 11 students with knowledge and resources to support and prepare them for the final stages of school, moving into work or further study, and independence.

Jenni Catley, Careers Advisor



Year 12PE Tough Gal

Last week on Thursday, the Year 12PE class competed in the Tough Guy and Gal event at Ngāruawāhia Christian Camp. The class have been training hard in their PE lessons for the last five weeks in preparation for the very challenging and very hilly mud run. This event is for the completion of their 2.4 Achievement Standard, and they absolutely smashed it.

Congratulations to Emily Hooper, who came first in the class and 33rd out of 466 female competitors. It was also the fastest cohort we have seen in recent years. Well done!

Ellie Everitt,
Acting Curriculum Leader PE & Health



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



Purses and Plushies

7T have been showing off their creativity and sewing skills making felt purses, sunglasses cases and plushies. The planning, problem solving and 3D modelling has been fabulous.

There will be lots of lucky friends and family members receiving these cute, colourful, felt products. Irene is pictured with her crispy carrot and Elise is pictured with her feline friend.



Rachel Kirkland, Curriculum Leader Technology



Shoe shine drop-in

All students were invited to drop by room 318 during Tuesday's break 2 to give their leather shoes a bit of TLC after a busy term. The students had fun learning how to apply the shoe polish correctly and buff their shoes to achieve a good shine. They were all very pleased with the results! There will be more shoe shining opportunities next term.

Rachel Kirkland, Curriculum Leader Technology

Samosa Pick Up Day

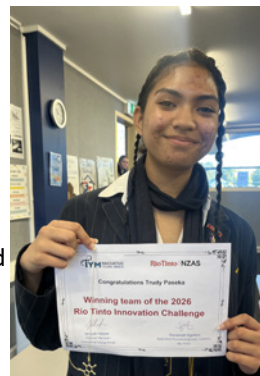
Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Year 9 and 10 cohort fundraiser for their camp to Hillary Outdoors, Tongariro.

Pick up time is Tuesday 30th June, 12 - 4pm in 134 (Classroom by the Gym, Alberton Ave entrance)

Please ensure that you pick them up during this time, or have someone else arrange to pick up your order for you, as we do not have the facilities to store any left over orders. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch (e.everitt@maristcollege.school.nz).

Innovative Young Minds

Over the Term 1 school holidays I participated in the Innovative Young Minds Programme. A four day programme for young women (Year 11-12) interested in pursuing STEM careers. In the zoom meetings I had the opportunity to meet and question many women in a variety of different STEM careers! People who worked in NASA, Cyber resilience companies, Biomedicine, and many more.



The main project of this programme was the Innovation Challenge. We were given a real life problem and were challenged to create an innovative, eco-friendly, and realistic solution to the issue. My group chose 'Steel Shot Clean up.' There were 100 students in total in the programme: 9 students (including myself) were in Team 4. We pitched a variety of different ideas but settled on rubber flooring and an electromagnetic steel shot collector. My group won this competition and we all still keep in touch. The IYMP was an eye-opening learning experience and I hope to see more Marist girls involved in this next year.

Trudy Pasoka, Year 11

Year 10 Dessert Creations

In our Food Tech dessert unit, we designed, planned and created a 3-4 element dessert. This was definitely an exciting experience that allowed us to explore the world of desserts while developing our practical kitchen skills. It also helped us to embrace our creativity through food design. We trialed, tested, and evaluated our desserts to see what we could improve for future projects. Overall, this has been an amazing learning experience that we all enjoyed!

Janelle and Amara, Year 10 (82A)



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*

COMPETITION!

FRIDA KAHLO CAKE BAKE

A CAKE INSPIRED BY YOUR
FAVOURITE ARTWORK!

BRING YOUR CAKES ON MONDAY
29TH JUNE TO 226 BEFORE SCHOOL

GET YOUR ENTRY FORM FROM
THE ART DEPARTMENT

The 4 judging categories are:

- Best bake (overall winner)
- Most creative
- Nailed it
- People's choice

Break 1 : the school will view entires
Break 2: cake makers (and friends) can
enjoy their cakes



MACBETH

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

MARIST DRAMA ROOM

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

6.30PM

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/MARIST-MACBETH](https://tinyurl.com/marist-macbeth)

CONTENT WARNING: DEPICTIONS OF VIOLENCE



MARIST COLLEGE VISUAL ARTS SHOWCASE



Marist College proudly presents an exhibition
of 2026 student artworks, accompanied by
performances from our music students.

7th August

from 4pm - 7pm in the atrium

VISUAL
ARTS
SHOW
CASE



MARIST COLLEGE

MATARIKI — HIKOI —

Thursday, 23rd July, 5:30am

(Term 3, Week 1)

Meet for karakia outside the front gate on Alberton Ave at 5:30am,
then hikoi together up Ōwairaka/Mount Albert (Te Ahi-kā-a-Rakataura)
for karakia, hear the story of Matariki and see the stars.

We will sing a waitata on top of the maunga as the sun comes up.

Breakfast will be held in the staffroom afterwards.

We hope you can join us. Please [RSVP here](#) for catering purposes.



SAVE THE DATE

BEATS BY BINGO IS BACK, BABY!

BEATS BY BINGO ICONS

This year we're going **ICONIC**.

Channel your inner Tina Turner, Bowie, Michael Jordan or Steve Irwin – or **any** legend that makes your heart sing!



SATURDAY
8 AUGUST



7PM
TILL LATE



MARIST GYM
FULLY TRANSFORMED
FOR ONE EPIC NIGHT

BINGO WITH A BEAT | DANCING & LAUGHS | YUMMY FOOD & DRINKS
LIVE + SILENT AUCTIONS | BOOK A TABLE OR JOIN YOUR GROUP

TICKETS ARE LIMITED – GRAB YOURS NOW!

maristcollege.school.nz/beats-bingo

#BeatsByBingo #MaristFundraiser #IconsEdition #BeAnIcon #MaristCollege

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 for payment to be made.

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 for your support

Welcome to Term 3's Fono!

Whakamana i Te Ara o Maria - Empowerment in Mary's Way

Thursday 20 August 2026
6:30 - 8:00pm

Focus: Strengthening Partnership

Meet in the staffroom and please bring a plate of food to share.

RSVP your attendance by clicking on this [Form](#)

Fa'afetai, Mālō 'aupito, Vinaka

Veronica Verschuur

Food Technology & Pasifika Liaison Teacher

Careers Hub

NZ College of Chiropractic Open Day

on Saturday 27 June, 1–3:30pm

6 Harrison Rd, 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 >](#)

Pacific Parents' Fono

What is it like to study at the University of Otago as a Pacific student?

Overview. The Pasifika experience at Otago
Accommodation. Life in a residential college
Admission, scholarships, costs, support.
Study options. Arts, Law, Business, Sciences and Health Sciences



Scan QR code to register

Tuesday 30 June 2026, 6pm
Kelston Girls' College Hall, Kelston, Auckland
For further information: 09 373 9704
auckland.liaison@otago.ac.nz



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