



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 3 - Week 1
Friday, 24 July 2026



From the Principal



In the dark, still, early hours of Thursday morning, a group of Marist ākonga, kaiako, and whānau gathered to hīkoi to the summit of Ōwairaka to celebrate Matariki and the Fourvière Pledge.

Matariki marks the beginning of the Māori New Year. A time to honour those who have gone before us, celebrate the present, and look forward with hope to the future. The Fourvière Pledge commemorates the day in 1816 when twelve young men gathered in Lyon and pledged to establish the Society of Mary.

As Marists, we are inspired by their courage, faith, and vision. Just as they stepped forward in faith to begin something greater than themselves, we too are called to live out the Marist spirit each day. Through humility, compassion, service, and a commitment to walking alongside others, we continue their legacy and strive to bring hope, kindness, and the love of Mary into our communities.

As we begin the new school term, we set academic goals and look forward to the many opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, Marist Day, mooting finals, dance competitions, and tournament weeks. As we embrace this busy and exciting term, let us remember that God has a plan for each of us.

In times of hope and joy, and in moments when life does not unfold as we had planned, may we place our trust in the Lord. Let our actions reflect those of Mary showing love, courage, humility, and faith. Through every success and setback, may we have the confidence to keep moving forward, knowing that we are guided by God's presence and strengthened by the Marist spirit. Together, let us be people of hope who serve with kindness and generosity, and face the future with faith and confidence.

*E mihi ana ki ngā whānau, kaiako me ngā ākonga I whakarite
te kaupapa o te Matariki hīkoi. Ki a koutou ngā ringawera me
ngā kaiwhakahaere e mihi ana.*

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechele Taulu, Principal/Tumuaki

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KEY DATES

Term 3

Week 2A

- 27 Mo 13PE Les Mills trip 12:20-2pm
12/13CLA trip P3-5
BOT Meeting 6pm

29 We School Closed, Parent/Teacher Interviews

- 30 Th Guest speaker UoA
Investment club B2
31 Fr Y7 Grandparents morning
and Mass, 11am
Level Assemblies
Rotation 5 - 4

Jul 30 - 2 Aug Y7&8 Water Polo Tournament

Week 3B Cook Island Lang. Week

Aug 3 Mo Kainga Kakahu day, PTFA Gourmet Food fundraiser

4 Tu Singing Cup 6:30pm

10/11MAO Stardome trip
12:30 - 3pm
Ex-Students Assn meeting 7pm

- 5 We Assembly/VTT/Visual Arts
13PE Les Mills trip P5
Combined Points Netball
tournament x 36 students

- 6 Th 11RE Mass RD, St Mary's
Church 8:20am
Pacific Wayfinders 1:20-3pm

- 7 Fr Assembly/Desi Week Promo
/BOT Rep

7 Fr Visual Arts Showcase

Rotation 1 - 5

8 Sa PTFA Beats by Bingo 7pm

Engineering Science
Competition, all day

Upcoming Events:

Aug 10 - 11 Y9 Retreat, Baptist Hall

- 11 Tu Hui 6:30pm, staffroom
MAGS Career Expo 4-7pm

- 12 We Y13 Tough Gal
Catholic Caring Mass 11am -
2pm, Christ the King Church

- 13 Th Y7 Boostrix (2) Y8 HPV (2)

14 Fr Marist Day

- 17 Mo Options Evening 6-7pm
PTFA Meeting 7pm

- 18 Tu 11TEC Microsoft trip, CBD
19 We Sports/Team photo day
Y11 Class Play

20 Th Fono 6:30pm, staffroom

21 Fr School closed, mid term break

- 24 - 25 Y12 PE Camp
25 Tu Lockdown practice P3
26 We Y7&8 DanceMade Comp
27 Th Y9-12 DanceMade Comp
28 Fr Y12/13 Electoral Commission
visit, assembly time

Aug 31 - Sept 4 Tournament Week

Sept 5 - Sept 11 AIMS Week
Y7/8 YMCA Sports Camp
CAA Exams

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



Matariki Fundraising

Our Kapa Haka group would like to thank everyone who supported our fry bread fundraiser. The fry bread was delicious and enjoyed by many members of our school community! The funds raised will help support our Kapa Haka group with the purchasing of new piupiu.

The Matariki Hikoi, which began at 5:30am, was a special opportunity to acknowledge and recognise Matariki, celebrate new beginnings, and remember those who have passed. It was a meaningful experience for our Kapa Haka group to perform at the top of the maunga and an important way to come together as a community.

Bella Luau, Year 13

*Ka mahuta a Matariki i te pae,
ka tukuna ō tātou tūmanako
ki te tau hou.*

*When Matariki rises above the
horizon, our aspirations rise
to the year ahead.*



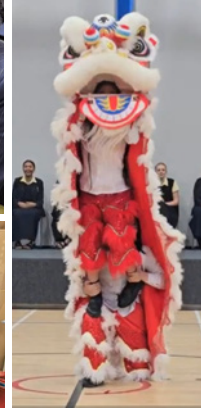
Chinese Language Week

Chinese Language Week was a fruitful celebration of culture this year as our Marist students immersed themselves in the vibrant traditions of Chinese culture. Throughout the week, students had a go at unique traditional food, challenged their peers in a lively "Chopsticks Champion" competition, and crafted scented sachets for dragon boat festival!

A major highlight was the debut of our Lion and Dragon Dance Club, where a dedicated group of students worked tirelessly from scratch to deliver an incredible assembly performance. Students also joined a red envelope scavenger hunt across the school grounds, attempting some tricky Chinese tongue twisters to find hidden surprises and learn about the cultural symbolism of good luck.

Organising these activities allows me to deepen my own understanding of my own culture each year, and I hope our school community experienced that same sense of discovery as we look forward to continuing sharing the beauty of Chinese culture.

Sophia Chan, Year 12



Bollywood Showdown

A huge congratulations to all 15 girls who performed a completely student-led and choreographed routine at the 2026 Bollywood Showdown.

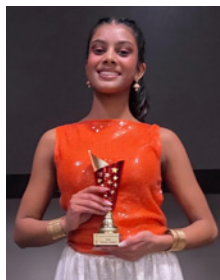
Nerves and excitement were high, reflecting just how much this event meant to them after countless hours of planning and practice. Some technical issues were experienced on the night, but we can all be incredibly proud of the way the senior leaders made some tough decisions and the way the girls pulled together to deliver an outstanding performance.

Marist College's Michalle Susan Shyju was awarded the joint 'Best Female Dancer' award of the night across all competing schools. What an honourable and well-deserved achievement! Congratulations, Michalle.

Thanks to Nevayah Waiomio's amazing creativity and fan support, her sign for Marist College won the 'Best Sign' award of the night. It featured an almost complete school crest that lit up. As her sign stated, the girls truly did present and conduct themselves *In Mary's Way*.

Well done, Marist College's 2026 Bollywood Showdown dance group!

Masha Nair



*Awarded Best Dancer:
Michalle Susan Shyju*



Awarded Best Sign: Nevayah Waiomio

Ex-Students Talk about their University Experiences

It was wonderful to have some former Marist students who are now studying at different universities outside of Auckland come in to speak to our senior students about their university journey. They talked about how they decided what to study and which uni to study at, described the features and social culture of their university, discussed the halls and university accommodation options, and gave some general tips and advice for other students who are also considering moving away from home for university.

It is always exciting to see what our former students are up to and hear how they are going with their next steps beyond school, especially when they are willing to share their experience and insights with their younger Marist sisters. This time we were able to hear from Rose Bennett (class of 2023) studying Law and International Relations at Victoria Uni, Greer Huddleston (class of 2023) studying Environmental Science and Geography at University of Canterbury, Ella Cowan (class of 2024) studying Physiotherapy at Otago, Tessa Thorne (class of 2024) studying Music Theatre with NASDA at ARA in Christchurch, and Ava Crowe (class of 2025) studying Screen Arts at Massey University's Wellington city campus.

Jenni Catley, Careers Advisor.



Her World, Her Roles

Keilani Tai was selected to represent New Zealand at the 2026 FIBA "Her World, Her Rules" China Girls' Summer Camp in Shanghai. The camp was attended by 150 girls aged 9–15 from across the Asia-Pacific region. Keilani was one of only five players selected from New Zealand.

The camp was facilitated by coaches from Europe, the USA, and China, and involved six intensive days of skills training, games, and competition. She had an amazing experience and loved the opportunity to learn from experienced coaches and trainers, while also meeting players from around the region.

Keilani performed exceptionally well, earning second place in the three-point competition. She has even been invited back again next year!

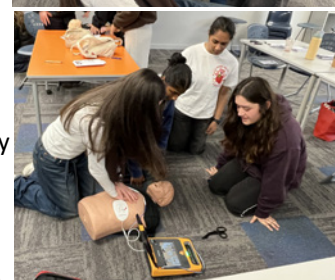
A huge congratulations to Keilani on this outstanding achievement!

Maska Nair,
Year 8 Dean



First Aid and Health & Safety Courses

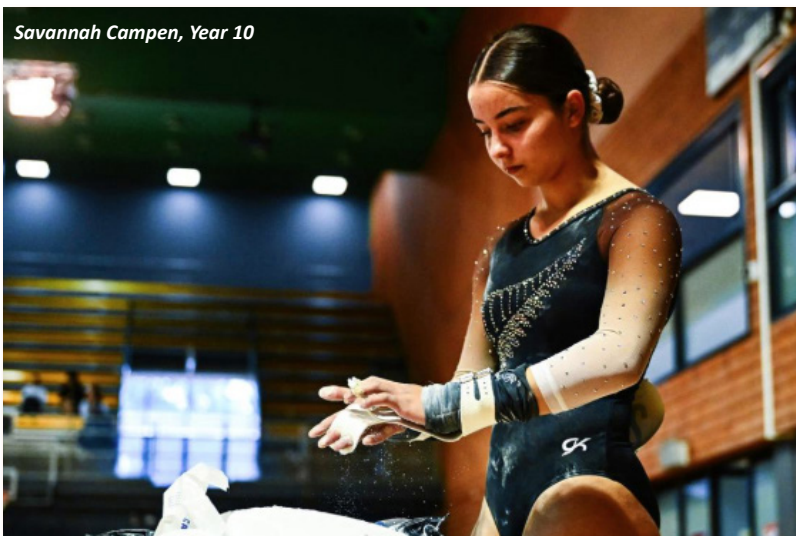
During the holidays a number of Year 12 and Year 13 students completed First Aid and/or Health and Safety training provided at Marist by accredited external training organisations. Some students undertook this training as part of their planned Gateway programme, while others took part for the extra knowledge and certification, plus more credits towards NCEA. First Aid in particular is a highly valued life skill, required by many institutes for students entering tertiary training in health/medical programmes. It is also a very positive addition to any CV, particularly for those wanting to do gap year programmes involving work with children and young people such as Camp America or as an au pair/nanny.



As Gateway coordinator, I am always on site with the students during courses held at Marist in the holidays, for extra support and supervision alongside the training provider. I am accustomed to the high standard of engagement and attention our students generally give, but it is often considered remarkable by the training providers who work with a range of schools and groups. This occasion was no exception with the trainer from First Aid NZ commenting "You have been the best class I've ever had and I'm so impressed to see how much you want to succeed. I'd love to run a course here again!"

Jenni Catley, Gateway Coordinator and Careers Advisor.

Savannah Campen, Year 10



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Please support an up and coming NZ Junior international gymnast get to Cairo, Egypt and beyond

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Hi my name is Savannah. I am a competitive gymnast and have been involved in gymnastics for 10 years. I currently train 6 days a week. I have progressed through the steps program from the age of 7 and am now a NZ Junior International gymnast. I was selected to represent NZ at the Oceania championships held in Brisbane in May. I have now been selected to represent NZ at the Pharoah's Cup competition to be held in Cairo, Egypt 15th - 20th September 26. Participation in this competition will provide me with valuable experience and development at an international level to support my future goal of competing in world cups, world championships, Commonwealth games and Olympics as a senior international gymnast. I am looking for support as Gymnastics in NZ is a fully self funded sport.

Something a little different!

In 2025, 15 Marist students went on an exchange trip to Spain. Next year in Term 1, we hope to return the hospitality and welcome students from Madrid to Marist.

Therefore, we're seeking lovely families that would be happy to billet a student for 2 weeks (dates tbc). While its not a traditional homestay arrangement, it's an awesome chance to be part of the Spanish students' NZ experience! We can pay a small stipend towards their stay.

If you'd like to know more or ask any questions, I'd be happy to hear from you and please email me on v.kingsbury@maristcollege.school.nz or WhatsApp me on 027 2370063.

Gracias, *Vivienne Kingsbury*



Kia ora and welcome to our new international students this term.

Thank you to the Kapa Haka group and the building for your manaakitanga.

2026
MARIST



Singing Cup

Wednesday 5th August | 6.30pm | Atrium

MARIST COLLEGE
VISUAL ARTS SHOWCASE



7th August

from 4pm - 7pm in the atrium

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

VISUAL
ARTS
SHOW
CASE



MARIST
COLLEGE
PTFA

TRADE THE
SCHOOL RUN FOR THE
SPOTLIGHT.

GATHER YOUR FRIENDS, CHOOSE YOUR ICONS
AND BOOK A TABLE FOR ONE UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT.

**BEATS
BY BINGO**
ICONS EDITION

Saturday 8th August,



MARIST GYM
TRANSFORMED FOR
ONE UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT

★ 7pm til late

From carpool mum to pop icon. ★
From football dad to rock legend. ★

⇒ **ROUND UP YOUR CREW!** ⇒

Whether it's your Year 7 class, sports team,
old school friends or favourite parents from the
sideline - **grab a table** and make a night of it.



YEAR GROUP
TABLE



SPORTS
TEAM



NETBALL
MUMS



FOOTBALL
DADS



NEIGHBOURHOOD
FRIENDS



WORKMATES

THE MORE THE MERRIER!

No group? No worries. ★

We'll happily seat you with other Marist families.



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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ONE NIGHT.
COUNTLESS ICONS.
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WITH A LIVE DJ



DRESS AS YOUR
FAVOURITE ICON



CASH BAR



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INCLUDED



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PRIZES



MUSICAL MAESTRO
PRIZES



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AUCTIONS



DANCING AND
PLENTY OF LAUGHS!

GRAB A TABLE BEFORE THEY'RE GONE!

\$40 PER PERSON
INCLUDES LIGHT SUPPER.
CASH BAR AVAILABLE.

BRING A GROUP OR
★ JOIN A YEAR 7 CLASS
OR SPORTS TABLE.

**Weekend &
After School**
NETBALL SKILLS CLINICS



Looking for opportunities for your child to play netball outside of school? Join our 6 week programme with netball skills and match play. Individual registrations, open to boys & girls.

After-School Clinics:

St Johns
Monday afternoons
Years 1-8
10 Aug - 14 Sept 2026



Weekend Clinics:

St Johns
Sunday afternoons
Years 1-8
16 Aug - 20 Sept 2026



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SEPTEMBER VOYAGE

5 DAY SAILING JOURNEY

28 September - 2 October 2026

5-Day Sailing Adventure - Are you up for the challenge?
Explore Auckland's Hauraki Gulf on this epic journey
Ages 14-18
\$1575 incl GST - all gear, food & accommodation included!

Sail and Explore in the School Holidays

Live aboard the legendary Steinlager 2
Learn to sail, helm, and work as a crew

Counts for Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze, Silver & Gold

Limited spots - Don't Miss Out!



**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 Verschuor

Food Technology & Pasifika Liaison Teacher