



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 3 - Week 2
Friday, 30 July 2026

From the Deputy Principal

This week, a talented group of Year 11 students competed in the Grand Final of the Auckland Schools' Legal Mooting Competition against St Peter's College. It was the first time Alyxxis, Kalo, Maia, Aisling and Issy had taken part in the competition, and they reached the final after winning every moot throughout the knockout stages.

The Grand Final was held in the mock courtroom at Meredith Connell Law Firm and was presided over by Professor Mark Henaghan from the University of Auckland Law School. Our Marist team was calm, confident and exceptionally well prepared, presenting a compelling case to the court. While they did not take home the overall title, Professor Henaghan commended the students on their thorough preparation, their ability to respond to legal questions under pressure, and the professionalism they demonstrated throughout the competition.

We are incredibly proud of their achievement and look forward to seeing what the future holds for this promising team. A special congratulations to Aisling Byrne, who was awarded the competition's Best Witness trophy for her outstanding performance.

Thank you to our Year 7 Grandparents who attended today's Mass. Our students loved having the opportunity to give you a small insight into their lives at Marist College. The bond between grandparents and grandchildren is one of life's greatest gifts. The joy, connection, and sense of belonging you provide leaves a lasting impact that extends far beyond childhood. Thank you for seeing our young women for who they are and believing in all they can become.

Congratulations to Honor De Luen on her selection into the Hakula Tongan Aotearoa U13 Rugby League Team.

Congratulations to Vanessa Wulf-Togafiti, Malia Muller, Danielle Mika-Apulu, Sienna Haiu, and Bella Luau on their selections into the Auckland U18 Rugby Schools Programme.

Good luck to Sophia Browne competing at New Zealand Secondary School Swimming Championships this weekend. Sophia has a heavy swimming programme, competing in four events!

Ngā manaakitanga

Dr. Brownyn Houlston,
Deputy Principal Curriculum



KEY DATES

Term 3

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/ Cook Islands Lang Week 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, UoA, Y11
7	Fr	Assembly/Desi Week Promo /BOT Rep
7	Fr	Visual Arts Showcase <i>Rotation 1 - 5</i>
8	Sa	PTFA Beats by Bingo 7pm Engineering Science Competition, all day

Week	4A	Desi Week
10	Mo	9R & 9S Retreat, Baptist Hall
11	Tu	9M & 9T Retreat, Baptist Hall MAGS Career Expo 4-7pm
12	We	Assembly/VOS/Desi Week/ Kakahu Kainga Y13 Tough Gal Catholic Caring Mass 11am - 2pm, Christ the King Church
13	Th	Y7 Boostrix (2) Y8 HPV (2)
14	Fr	Marist Day <i>Rotation 2 - 1</i>

Upcoming Events:

Aug 17	Mo	Options Evening 6-7pm PTFA Meeting 7pm
18	Tu	11TEC Microsoft trip, CBD
19	We	Sports/Team photo day Y11 Class Play Y9 & 10 Mathex Competition 6:30 - 9pm, Kohimarama
20	Th	Fono 6:30pm, staffroom Y7 & 8 Mathex Competition Kohimarama
21	Fr	School closed, mid term break
24 - 25		Y12 PE Camp
24 - 28		Cambridge Practice Exams
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 DanceMade Competition
29	Sa	Marybelles Kids Sing Rehearsal 12pm
Aug 31 - Sept 4		Tournament Week
Sept 5 - Sept 11		AIMS Week Y7/8 YMCA Sports Camp

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

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to our Visual Arts leader Laura Ngui. Her artwork been selected to be exhibited in the Auckland Art Gallery as part of the Pat Hanly Project. "Speaking in Patterns" will be on show from the 8th to the 13th of September. Ka rawe!

The Art Department



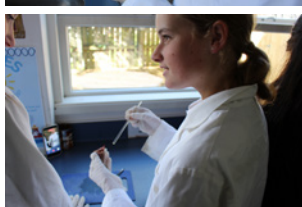
Science with Heart

This week the Year 10 science classes got hands on dissecting chicken hearts. Taking anatomy of the heart and the circulatory system into their own hands.

Stacey Leggett, Science Teacher

On Thursday we experimented with dissecting chicken hearts for our term topic biology. It was a good way to see physically how the blood flows in the heart and also a fun way to roleplay as surgeons. Overall it was a great way to start the topic.

Mack, Lelani, Eden and Mercy



Health Professionals Guest Panel

Last week we hosted a panel of different health practitioners to speak about their roles. Senior students interested in some type of career in the health field were invited to apply to attend.

Our panel included a Theatre Nurse, a Health Psychologist, a Medical Student, a Dietician/ Nutritionist, a Clinical Psychologist turned Organisational Psychologist, and a Medical Laboratory Scientist. Each of the guests spent a few minutes explaining their role, how they came to train in that field and what the actual work involves.

Following these introductions, the panellists rotated around the room spending several minutes at a time with small groups of students to answer their questions. In addition to what they shared about their specific roles, each guest had a story of the journey they undertook to get there. These stories show students there are many ways to get to a particular destination and there can be challenges and opportunities along the way presenting obstacles, side trips, or maybe even a more satisfactory outcome than the original goal.

Jenni Catley, Careers Advisor

"Meet the healthcare professionals" was such a valuable time to talk to professionals in my future industry and I learnt so much. It gave me the information and insight I needed to narrow down what I think I want to do and was so helpful. All of the healthcare professionals were so nice and really wanted to share their experiences and what their everyday lives are like in the industry. For anyone looking at going into healthcare, I would definitely recommend coming along if the opportunity comes up! *Annika Cameron*, Year 12

I found it really useful and interesting getting to know different health professions that I hadn't heard of before. I also thought they provided great insight about their pathway to get to where they are today. It was a very worthwhile session. *Rylee Diaz*, Year 13

I really enjoyed the talk and thought everyone had some great things to share. I wish the time could've been longer, so we could have talked more to each guest and asked some more questions. *Selena Cobb*, Year 11

I liked how all of the guests introduced themselves at the start and shared with us some information about what they do in their job, giving us a basic idea. I also enjoyed seeing the pictures the med lab person had. They helped me better understand what she does and were really interesting to look at. Overall I really enjoyed meeting the different health professionals and learning more about their roles. *Arianna Toan*, Year 13

I liked the variety of medical professions that was presented to us. I believe this helped us to have a broader understanding of medicine. It would be good to have more time to come up with more questions. *Jia Padua*, Year 11



2026
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Singing Cup

Tuesday 4th August | 6.30pm | Atrium

Library Books

Please ensure you return any overdue books promptly so others can also enjoy them. This includes books borrowed over the recent school holidays. Your support is appreciated.

Thank you



Savannah Campen, Year 10



Please help us support an up and coming NZ Junior Gymnast

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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 Pharaoh's Cup competition to be held in Cairo, Egypt 15th - 20th September 2026. 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.

Careers Hub

Upcoming Careers Events

Tuesday 11 August, 4-7pm. Careers Expo at MAGS.

Marist College families warmly welcomed.

Monday 17 August, 6-7pm. NCEA Options evening at Marist. Some university providers will be available to answer questions.

Upcoming Open Days

For students considering going to university in the future it is a good idea to attend university open days in both Year 12 and Year 13. These events offer the opportunity to look around at the campus, see the facilities, imagine what it would be like to attend.

There are often info sessions about different degree programmes and the opportunity to speak to current students and staff for each faculty. Such sessions and conversations enable understanding about how degrees are structured, different options for specialisation and possible career pathways. Prospective students can also learn about changes to programmes and entry criteria and discuss the pros and cons of different majors, combinations, and pathways.

In addition there's usually entertainment, giveaways, interactive activities and a chance to see extra student facilities such as uni halls, rec centre/ gym, marae/ Pacific centre, student support services etc.

Wednesday 5 August

Massey Uni Manawatu open day (Palmerston North)

[Open day info](#)



Saturday 15 August

SAE Institute open day (Parnell) – audio, music production, screen, songwriting. [Register](#)



Massey Uni Auckland open day (Albany) [Open day info](#)

Thursday 20 August

QRC info night, (Newmarket) 6-8pm. QRC presentation & Q&A session.

[Register here](#)



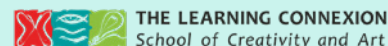
Friday 21 August

Victoria Uni open day, 8am-3pm (Wellington) [Open day info](#) [Hall and campus tours](#) [Campus map](#) [Register](#)



Massey Uni Wellington open day [Open day info and register](#)

Learning Connexion School of Creativity and Art open day (Lower Hutt) [Open day info](#)



Friday 28 August

Canterbury Uni open day, 9am-5pm (Christchurch) [Register](#) [Open Day programme](#) – book for the sessions you want to attend! Sometimes spaces are limited.



Saturday 29 August

University of Auckland open day, 9am-4pm. UoA [Manawa Mai Open Day](#) [Open Day Map and Programme](#) – you can't book for sessions at UoA, just get in early to get a seat. (If a room is full they don't allow more people in) [Download free ticket for AT bus or train to UoA open day](#) [Register](#)



AUT LIVE, AUT open day, 9am-3pm. [AUT Live](#)



Saturday 5 September

Unitec open day, 10am-2pm Mt Albert and Waitakere campuses. [Open Day Info](#)



Saturday 12 September

MIT open day, 9:30am-12:30pm, TechPark and Manukau campuses. [MIT Open Day](#)



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
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CASE

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

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 8 AUGUST 2026 | **7PM TILL LATE** | **MARIST GYM TRANSFORMED FOR ONE UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT**

A NIGHT OF ICONS. BINGO. DANCING. LAUGHS & PURPOSE.

Whether you're new to Marist or a seasoned parent, join us for a fun night of musical bingo, dancing, great company and amazing auctions – all raising much-needed funds for our girls.

EXPECT A NIGHT OF...

- MUSICAL BINGO WITH A LIVE DJ
- DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE ICON
- CASH BAR
- LIGHT SUPPER INCLUDED
- BEST DRESSED PRIZES
- MUSICAL MAESTRO PRIZES
- LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS
- DANCING AND PLENTY OF LAUGHS!

ROUND UP YOUR CREW

Grab a table with your Year 7 class, sports team, friends or neighbours. The more the merrier!

No group? No worries. We'll happily seat you with other Marist families.

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

\$40 PER PERSON
INCLUDES LIGHT SUPPER
CASH BAR AVAILABLE

Tables fill quickly, so get your group together and book early!

GRAND PRIZE!

7 NIGHTS AT IRIRIKI ISLAND RESORT, VANUATU

IN A DELUXE OCEAN VIEW ROOM FOR A FAMILY OF 4

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(Depending on time of year. Ts&Cs apply)

DONATE, SUPPORT, HELP US RAISE MORE!

Our auctions raise thousands for Marist students – and we'd love your help! Do you have something you could donate?

- BACHES & GETAWAYS
- WINE & SPIRITS
- VOUCHERS & EXPERIENCES
- ARTWORK & DESIGN
- TRADIE TIME (PLUMBER, ELECTRICIAN, BUILDER & MORE)
- PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
- SPORTING MEMORABILIA & MORE!

Please reach out to pta@maristcollege.school.nz or office@maristcollege.school.nz if you know someone who can help with wine/baser at wholesale prices? We'd love to hear from you!

CAN'T MAKE THE EVENT?

You can still help! Donate items needed for event set up – every little helps, from \$10 to \$200.

VIEW OUR EVENT WISHLIST AT MARISTCOLLEGE.SCHOOL.NZ/BEATS-BINGO

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
BUY TICKETS VIA THE MARIST WEBSITE
maristcollege.school.nz/beats-bingo

THANK YOU TO ISLAND MEDIA FOR THEIR GENEROSITY WITH OUR AMAZING GRAND PRIZE!

Homestay Hosts Wanted for 2027

Marist College is looking for welcoming families to join our homestay whānau. Whether you can host for just a few days or for a longer stay, we'd love to hear from you.

Short-Term Homestays (Term 1, 2027)

We're seeking host families for groups of international students from Japan staying for three days to two weeks.

- Students are placed in **pairs**.
- They may share a bedroom, provided there are **two separate beds**.
- Payment is made per student.

Long-Term Homestays

Host a single international student for **one term or longer**.

- One student per bedroom.
- Weekly payments provided.
- Ongoing support from our International Department.

Billet Families – 2 Week Experience

We're also looking for families interested in **billeting** students from Spain for **two weeks**. This is a wonderful cultural exchange opportunity. While different from a homestay placement, families receive a **small stipend** to help cover costs.

For more information about billeting, please contact **Vivienne Kingsbury** at v.kingsbury@maristcollege.school.nz or **027 237 0063**.

Hosting an international student is a rewarding experience that creates lifelong memories and connections for the whole family. Our International Department provides full support throughout the placement.

Interested? To find out more or register your interest, please contact **Maria Walker, Homestay Co-ordinator** homestay@maristcollege.school.nz

Work Notification – Pavement repairs in Mount Albert

Kia ora,

We'd like to let you know about the upcoming road repairs in Mount Albert, Downer will be carrying out these works on behalf of Auckland Transport (AT).

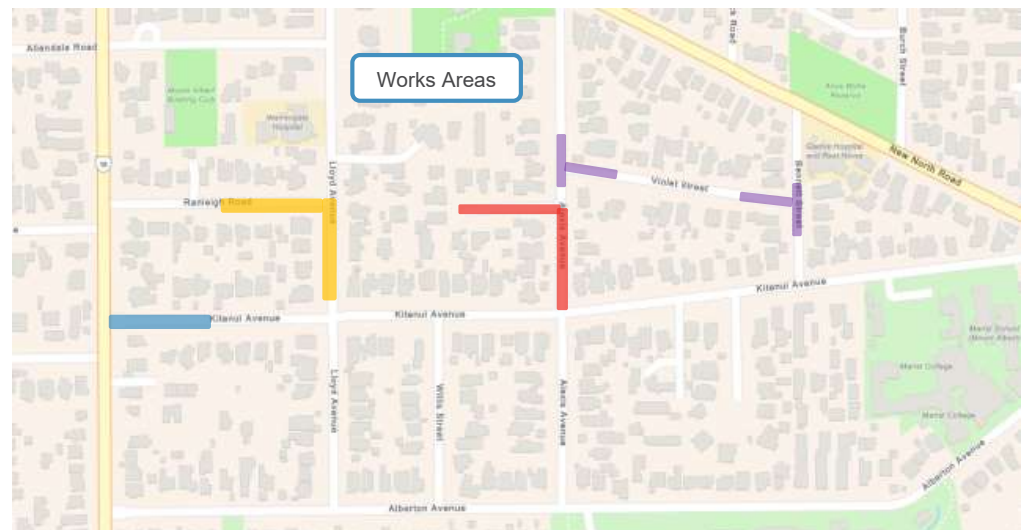
The work we're doing

What we'll be doing	Repairing patches along the pavement in preparation for the upcoming resurfacing works.
Where	• Kitenui Avenue • Ranleigh Road & Lloyd Avenue • Franics Ryan Close & Alexis Avenue • Violet Street The drawings overleaf show where we'll be working. Work area is indicative.
When (start date)	From 3rd August 2026 Factors such as wet weather could mean a delayed start. If the delay is significant, we'll notify you.
Hours of work	7am – 7pm
For (duration)	4-day shifts
What to expect	• Reduced on-street parking in and around the work area. 24 hours prior to works starting 'no parking' cones will be installed. • We will be working on one street at a time. • Road closures will be in place around the direct works zone • Footpath will remain open. • Residents and businesses may notice increased noise and minor vibration while works are underway. We will make every effort to minimise disruption and complete the work as efficiently as possible.

Temporary Traffic Management

We will need to close the road and set up detours. Please plan ahead and think about using another route. We'll set up signs that give traffic directions for surrounding roads. If you live somewhere along the closed road, traffic controllers at either end of the road will help you. Please follow all signs, light signals and traffic directions.

Indicative Work location map



Contact Us

Get in touch with us on 09 355 3553 if you have any questions or concerns about this work.

To learn more about how we maintain roads go to our website: www.at.govt.nz/road-maintenance

We would appreciate your feedback on how we delivered this work. Continuous improvement is important to us and your feedback will help us review how we plan and deliver road maintenance works in the future. You can provide us with feedback by completing a short survey (1-2 minutes) by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation whilst we carry out these essential works.



Ngā mihi,

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