



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 3 - Week 3
Friday, 7 August 2026

From the Principal

Life is busy, and we often move from one activity to the next without taking the time to pause and reflect on what we have achieved along the way. Sometimes we accomplish what we set out to do; other times, the results may not be quite as expected or may even exceed our expectations. Whatever the outcome, taking time to reflect on our experiences and achievements is important. It helps us recognise our growth, celebrate our successes, learn from challenges, and build the blueprint for the goals we will pursue in the future.

Many of our Year 13 students are applying for university scholarships. This process requires them to look back on the numerous opportunities they have embraced through their time at the college. As they reflect on their acts of service, commitment to learning, leadership experiences, cultural involvement, sporting achievements, and participation in the wider life of the college, they begin to see the rich story of their journey. More importantly, they gain a deeper understanding of the values, skills, and character strengths they have developed along the way.

Reflection is not simply about looking back. It is about recognising how far we have come and using those experiences to shape where we are going next. As our students prepare for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, we encourage them to be proud of their accomplishments, grateful for those who have supported them, and confident in the unique contribution they can make to the world around them. Every experience, whether a success or a setback, becomes a stepping stone towards a brighter future.

If you have not taken time to reflect recently, perhaps today is the perfect opportunity to pause, appreciate your journey, and envision the path ahead.

- Congratulations to all our students who participated in this year's Singing Cup. Well done to Mariella Cao our Intermediate Cup winner, Losi Kimmons our Junior Cup winner and Tahlia Rehm and Svetlana Pritchard who shared first place in the senior division.
- Thank you to the wonderful team of girls who organised a very engaging Cook Island Language Week, topped off with delicious Cook Island donuts on Friday.
- Congratulations to Azrielle Perez who travelled to the UK for the GKR Karate World Cup Tournament. Azrielle placed first in Kata making her the new Junior World Champion.
- Congratulations to Isabella Snedden who represented Auckland in the New Zealand Cross Country and Relay Championships on the weekend, placing third in the under-16 individual's race.
- Congratulations to our senior mooting team for coming second in the Auckland Legal Mooting final. Well done to Aisling Byrne on being awarded best witness of the competition.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechelle Tauhi, Principal/Tumuaki



KEY DATES

Term 3

Week 4A Desi Week

Aug 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 Y13 Tough Gal Catholic Caring Mass 11am - 2pm, Christ the King Church
13	Th	Y7 Boostrix (2) Y8 HPV (2)

14 Fr Marist Day

Rotation 2 - 1

Week 5B Tongan Language Week

17	Mo	Options Evening from 6pm PTFA Meeting 7pm
18	Tu	11TEC Microsoft trip, CBD
19	We	Sports/Team photo day Assembly/VKN/Tongan Language Week Y11 Class Play Y9 & 10 Mathex Competition 6:30 - 9pm, Kohimarama
20	Th	Y11 SI Class Mass 8:20am St Mary's Church Fono 6:30pm, staffroom Y7 & 8 Mathex Competition Kohimarama, 6:30-9pm

21 Fr School closed, mid term break

Rotation 3 - 2

Upcoming Events:

Aug 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 Wahine in Marine Trades P1 - 3
28 Fr	Y12/13 Electoral Commission visit, assembly time DanceMade Competition
29 Sa	Marybells Kids Sing Rehearsal 12pm
31 Mo	Y12/13 Tech trip to Spark BOT Meeting 6pm
Aug 31 - Sept 4	Tournament Week
Sept 5 - Sept 11	AIMS Week Y7/8 YMCA Sports Camp
Sept 6 Su	Father's Day
9 We	Kid's Sing, Town Hall
10 Th	College Sport Ki O Rahi Tournament, Otahuhu
11 Fr	International Student Social, Baradene 4:30pm
14 - 20	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
15 Tu	Māori Taonga Evening Library
16 We	Music & Dance Showcase
16 - 18	CAA Exams
17 Th	Y7 & 8 Kapa Haka Festival

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

Singing Cup Competition Winners

On Tuesday 4th of August we held our annual Singing Cup competition. It was a wonderful evening showcasing the fantastic singers we have at Marist College. A big thank you to all staff involved, the adjudicator Steven Rapana, all contestants and the friends and family who came to support the performers.

Congratulations to the winners: Tahlia Rehm & Svetlana Pritchard (Senior Cup), Losi Kimmons (Intermediate Cup), Mariella Cao (Junior Cup).

Kristie Finlay, CL Performing Arts



Dream Big

Attend Dreaming Big Auckland at Fonterra was an awesome opportunity, which allowed me to gain insight to women in leadership's roles, and what skills are most important to achieve success. It was an honour to meet such a broad range of powerful women, and it inspired me to see that each individual had taken a different route to get where they are today, proving that there is no linear way to success. I am grateful for this experience.

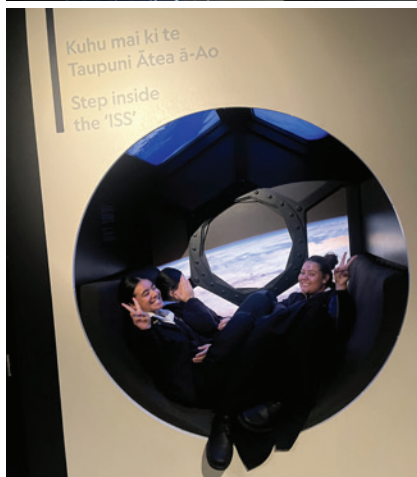
Layla Allen, Year 13



Year 10 & 11 te reo Māori trip to Te Whatu, Stardome

On Tuesday the 4th of August, the Year 10 and 11 te reo Māori students had the opportunity to go on a trip to Te Whatu Stardome Observatory & Planetarium. We were able to learn about how we can find certain clusters and constellations and what they mean to Te ao Māori. We were able to deepen our understanding on our ancestors' way of living. Thank you to Mrs Coupar-Wanoa, Whaea Liv and Mrs Purdie for making this trip possible. We truly enjoyed our time here.

Marley Dawn Rodahl, Year 10

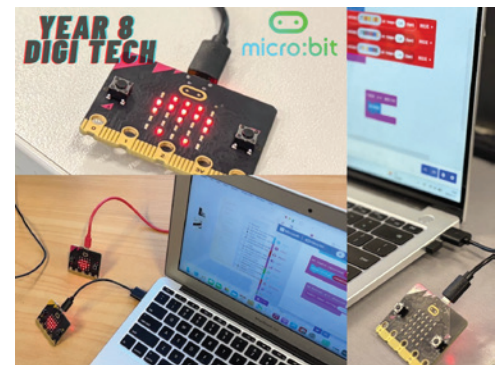


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Year 8 Digital Technology

Our Year 8 Digital Technology students have been diving into the world of coding using Micro:bits—pocket-sized micro-computers designed to bring software and hardware to life. Students have programmed their devices to respond to button presses, sent wireless radio messages across the classroom, and built their own digital Rock, Paper, Scissors games.

Nick Gill, Digital Technology Teacher

**Awesome new
CMS Tuckshop opens
Monday 10 August**

[View the full menu range here](#)

Select, purchase and enjoy in person
from Monday. No online orders available.
See you there!

SPORT UPDATE

GKR Karate World Cup

Congratulations to Azrielle Perez on her outstanding achievement at the GKR World Cup, held in Telford, United Kingdom, from 24–26 July 2026.

Competing against more than 1,000 competitors from around the world, Azrielle was crowned the 14–17 Years Black Belt Kata World Champion. This remarkable result is a testament to her dedication, discipline, and countless hours of training.

Winning a world title is an exceptional accomplishment, and our school is incredibly proud of Azrielle's success. Congratulations, Azrielle!

Club Karate Success

Over the past five months, Johanna has represented her club Shitoryu Kentokukan Academy and New Zealand with distinction, achieving outstanding results at both national and international karate competitions.

In February, Johanna travelled to Fujairah, United Arab Emirates, to compete in the Karate One Youth League, an event that attracted more than 2,200 athletes from 93 countries, gaining valuable experience against some of the world's best young karate athletes.

In April, she enjoyed an exceptional performance at the New Zealand Cup, winning:

- Gold – Kumite Female 14/15 Years
- Gold – Team Kumite Female 14/15 Years
- Gold – Team Kata Female 14/15 Years
- Bronze – Kata Female 14/15 Years

In May, Johanna competed at the Karate One Youth League in Manila, Philippines, where she finished an impressive 9th in the Cadet Female Kata division.

Her success continued in June at the New Zealand Open Karate Championships in Auckland, where she earned:

- Gold – Team Kata Female 14/15 Years
- Gold – Team Kumite Female 14/15 Years
- Silver – Kumite Female 14/15 Years
- Bronze – Kata Female 14/15 Years

Also in June, at the Auckland Karate League, Johanna placed:

- Gold – Team Kata 14–17 Years
- Silver – Team Kumite 14–17 Years
- 5th – Kata Female 14/15 Years

Johanna's dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence have been evident throughout an outstanding competition season. Representing her club and country on the international stage while consistently achieving top results at home is a remarkable accomplishment.

Congratulations Johanna, on an exceptional five months of competition. We look forward to following your continued success.



College Sport Road Race

Two students represented Marist with outstanding performances at this year's College Sport Road Race, taking on a strong field of runners from schools across Auckland.

Battling incredibly windy conditions, both athletes showed resilience and determination. Isabella Snedden and Matilda Scott raced against a field of 83 runners, delivering exceptional results, finishing 2nd and 11th respectively in the Junior Girls race.

Isabella and Matilda lined up against schools with multiple runners in each race. Competing without the support of a full team made their achievements even more impressive. Their results reflect the hard work they have put into training and their commitment to representing their school with pride.

Congratulations to both athletes on their fantastic efforts! Finishing in such demanding conditions is a credit to them and their coach. We look forward to seeing what they achieve in future races.



Swimming Champs

Congratulations to Sophia Browne on her outstanding performance at the 2026 NZ Secondary School Swimming Championships, held at the AUT Millennium, Auckland, from 30 July to 2 August.

Sophia competed in four events against some of New Zealand's top secondary school swimmers. With fields of more than 200 competitors in several events—and over 300 swimmers in the 50m Freestyle alone—she produced an impressive set of results.

Well done, Sophia, on your dedication, determination, and achievement. We are proud of your efforts and wish you every success in your future competitions.

Cross Country Champs

Congratulations to Isabella Snedden on her outstanding performance at the NZ Cross Country Championships, held in Christchurch on 1 August.

At just 14 years old and one of the youngest competitors in the Under 16 grade, Isabella delivered an exceptional race to finish 3rd in the Girls Under 16 4000m, recording an impressive time of 14:40.8. She also helped her team secure 2nd place in the Under 16 Girls Team event.

This is a fantastic achievement at the national level and a testament to Isabella's dedication and hard work. Congratulations Isabella!



Marist Day Food Truck Menu

SAVOURY Food Trucks

KARAAGE BOY POP-UP MENU

KARAAGE FRIED CHICKEN	12	
KARAAGE CUP	2	
KARAAGE BOY SPICY DIP		
KARAAGE SANDO		
FREE RANGE CHICKEN, COLESLAW, BRIOCHE BUN, LITE SPICED MAYO	17	
KARAAGE DONBURI		
KARAAGE CHICKEN, SUSHI RICE COLESLAW, LITE SPICED MAYO	22	
RENKON CRISP (V)		
CRISPY LOTUS ROOT CHIPS	7	
EDAMAME (V)		
SPICED WITH SHICHIMI TOGARASHI	7	

PIZZA HUT MENU

1 Piece \$3

2 Pieces \$5

- Hawaiian
- Cheesy Garlic
- Pepperoni
- Margarita

Gluten Free/Vegetarian options available
In 316 (Food Room), queue in Atrium



Akemi's Gyoza

Menu

AUTHENTIC JAPANESE DUMPLINGS

6
DUMPLINGS
\$12

12
DUMPLINGS
\$22

OUR FLAVOURS



Pork & Garlic Chive Chicken & Prawn Miso & Shiitake Beetroot & Yuzu

We use free formed pork and free range chicken.

YUM! CAN'T DECIDE? GET A MIX OF FLAVOURS!

SAUCES
Ponzu Chilli oil

GOURMET SHUTTLE	Chips	\$7
	Hotdog on stick	\$6
	Chicken nuggets & chips	\$14
	American Hotdogs	\$10
	with onions, cheese, mustard & tomato sauce	
	Beef Nachos	\$13 med, \$17 lge
	with corn chips, mince mix, cheese & sour cream	

SPIN SPUDS \$7



Salt flavours: Chicken; Plain salt;
Salt and Vinegar; Chilli; Garlic; or Tomato

SWEET Food Trucks



Menu

8 mini donuts for \$5

18 mini donuts for \$10

40 mini donuts for \$20

Cold drinks \$3

Cold Drinks \$2

Bagged Lollies \$2

In Gym kitchen



Ice Cream Social MENU

ICE CREAM

SMALL \$5

MEDIUM \$8

LARGE \$10

FLAVOURS

- Vanilla
- Chocolate
- Mango Sorbet
- Mixed Berry
- Strawberry

CHOC TOP CONES \$8

- Chocolate
- Vanilla

MILKSHAKES \$10

- Chocolate
- Banana
- Caramel

SMOOTHIES \$10

- Mango Berry

MR WHIPPY

Extra Topping \$1 each

Soft Drink \$3.0

Choc Flake \$2.0

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1 Whippy Fudge \$7.0	2 Choc Fudge \$10.5	3 Trunk \$10	4 All Black \$13.5	5 Waffle Cone \$8.0	6 Water Bells \$8.0
7 Double Choc Dip \$9.0	8 Double Flake \$10	9 Double Trunk \$10	10 Double All Black \$10	11 Double Waffle Cone \$10	12 Double Water Bells \$10
13 Waffle Fudge \$8.0	14 Trunk \$8.5	15 Waffle Cone \$8.0	16 Mini Waffle \$7.0	17 Big Waffle \$9.0	18 Whippy Sprinkles \$7.5
19 Single Flake \$6.0	20 Single Choc \$7.0	21 Single Trunk \$6.0	22 Single All Black \$7.0	23 Sprinkles \$6.0	24 Fish n Chips \$7.5
25 Single Fudge \$7.5	26 Single Trunk \$6.0	27 Whippy Green \$7.0	28 Single Sprinkles \$6.0	29 Single Plain \$5.0	30 Whippy \$7.0

Ex-Students studying Law and Commerce

Three former Marist College students came to school for a lunchtime talk last week about studying Law and Commerce. Isabella Boswell, Lily Crawford and Cass Collamat were all from the class of 2021 and are now nearing the end of their studies at University of Auckland.

They shared a presentation about their experiences of university including what studying those degrees is like, advice for navigating university, meeting new people, and getting part-time jobs and experience. Between them they are involved in a range of clubs, have participated in competitions, and are doing overseas uni exchanges. They encouraged students to get involved and have a go at various opportunities to make the most of their university experience, highlighting that it is more than just a means of gaining a qualification.

It is always exciting to catch up with former students and see what they are up to, and especially when they are doing so well and willing to share their insights and experiences with our current cohorts.

Jenni Catley, Careers Advisor



School Charges

Term 3 is 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.

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.

Should you wish to discuss the account, please contact Veronica Yates. v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz
Thank you

Local Youth Ministers Wanted!

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for self-motivated relationship-builders to become part-time Local Youth Ministers, working in a secondary school and/or parish. This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people!

To learn more and to apply, please visit:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/



Reuben O'Neill Bursary

See links below for:

- [Information](#)
- [Application Form](#)

Families who apply for the Reuben O'Neill Bursary desire a Catholic education for their child.

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.

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Savannah Campen, Year 10



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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.

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](#)





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**Welcome
to Term 3's Fono!**

Whakamano 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

**NCEA, Cambridge
& Junior Options
Evening**

**Monday 17th August
at 6pm in the Gym**

We encourage all current Year 9 - 12 students and their families to attend. This evening provides an opportunity to learn more about NCEA, explore the option subjects available for Years 10 - 13 at Marist College, and find out about Cambridge courses offered in Years 10 and 11.

Curriculum Leaders will be available to answer questions about subjects within their learning areas, and university representatives will also be on hand to discuss future study pathways.

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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