



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 3 - Week 7
Friday, 4 September 2026

From the Deputy Principal

Last week, NetSafe Week provided an opportunity for our school community to reflect on how we can create safer, kinder online spaces. Throughout the week, students were encouraged to live out our Marist values through three key messages: Be a Defender, by speaking up when they see unkind behaviour online; Check Your Settings, by reviewing privacy settings and protecting personal information; and Be a Supporter, by using digital platforms to encourage and uplift others. These simple actions help build positive online communities where everyone feels valued and respected.

As technology continues to play an increasingly important role in young people's lives, online safety remains a shared responsibility between school and home.

Social media, messaging apps, and group chats can be positive ways for students to connect, but they can also present challenges around kindness, privacy, and responsible communication. By working together to encourage respectful online behaviour and open conversations about digital citizenship, we can help our students navigate the online world safely and confidently.

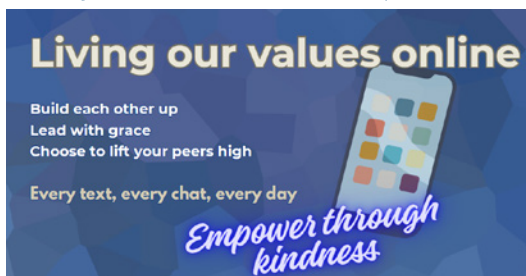
In sporting news, we are incredibly proud of the teams who have been away competing this week: the Netball Premier Team, Netball Invitational Team, Football 1st XI and Hockey 1st XI. With three of these teams in Hamilton, it has been wonderful to see our Marist spirit come to life as students support each other from the sidelines. It has been an exhausting week, but all teams have represented Marist with pride and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to our dance crews who competed at the StandUp Stand Out Competition and the DanceNZMade Interschool Competition last week. We had teams from Years 7 to 13 showcasing their talent and hard work. Their performances were excellent and several teams achieved outstanding results.

We would also like to wish our AIMS Games teams the very best of luck for next week. Students will be competing in football, netball, cross-country, rock climbing, swimming, tennis, yachting and hip-hop. We also have a group of 20 Year 7 and 8 students heading to Sports Camp in Hunua. We hope they enjoy the experience and represent Marist with enthusiasm and pride.

Ngā Manaakitanga,

Tess Murphy, Deputy Principal



KEY DATES

Term 3

Week	8A	Social Justice Week
Sept 5 - 11		AIMS Games, Tauranga
Sept 7 - 11		Y7/8 YMCA Sports Camp
7 Mo		Y12/13 Tech trip to Spark
9 We		Assembly/Social Justice/Academic/Wellbeing Kid's Sing, Town Hall
10 Th		Y11 SI Class Mass, 8:20am St Mary's Church Open Mic B2, 219/220 AT Guest Speaker B2, 134 Y11 Pacific Wayfinders UoA Medical School College Sport Kī o Rahi Tournament, Otahuhu
11 Fr		Assembly/Te Ara o Maria/ 100% Attendance Awards International Student Social, Baradene 4:30pm Rotation 1 - 5

Week	9B	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
Sept 15 Tu		Māori Taonga Evening, Library, 6pm Kapa Haka Marist Primary B2 Music & Dance Showcase Dress Rehearsal
16 We		Music & Dance Showcase 6:30pm
16 We		Assembly/Kaiāwhina/ Ti Wiki o Te Reo Māori BOT Student Rep Elections P2 in class CAA Numeracy am
17 Th		8M MN Class Mass, 8:20am St Mary's Church Fry bread fundraiser B1 CAA Literacy, Writing, Reading Y7 & 8 Kapa Haka Festival
18 Fr		CAA Literacy (save date)
18 Fr		Awa Run Kainga Kakahu Day Sausage Sizzle

Upcoming Events:

Sept 14 - 20	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
21 - 25	Senior Exam Week
21 Mo	PTFA Meeting 7pm
25 Fr	Teacher Only Day Last Day Term 3
Oct 12 Mo	First Day Term 4
	11CAM External Exam
13 Tu	Pasifika Graduation
14 We	11CAM External Exam
14 - 16	Y13 PE Camp
15 Th	11SCX External Exam 10COM Market Day B2 Performing Arts Awards
16 Fr	Y7 & 8 Social
19 Mo	Y11COM Market Day B2 PTFA Meeting 7pm
21 We	11SCX External Exam
22 Th	10&11CAE External Exam
For a full school calendar go to https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/calendar	

HOW SOCIAL MEDIA IS DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

- Instant Scrolling**
No natural stopping point meaning there is no natural stopping point where your brain is hinted to log off
- Icons-The red dot**
Showing there is unread notifications, perhaps making a sound that pulls you out of the real world and into the addictive digital loop
- Likes**
Turn social acceptance into a countable number. And, on top of that, when you get a like, your brain releases a dose of dopamine, and you go on the app more to feel that dose again, linking to addictiveness.

Netsafe Week

DELETE IS NOT A RUBBER. IT'S PERMANENT INK



Student Views



THESE THINGS KEEP YOU HOOKED AND ADDICTED

- wavy text bubbles
- endless scrolling
- more likes

Outstanding Dance

It has been a busy few weeks with our K-Pop and Hip Hop dance groups competing in the Auckland Council run Stand Up Stand Out Competition, and the Year 7-13 Dance Teams competing at the DanceNZmade Interschools competition.

At both competitions students had an awesome time showcasing their talent and seeing what other Auckland schools have been working on throughout the year. All groups gave strong performances and represented our school with pride. All groups are student run and they should all be immensely proud of the work they have put into choreographing, learning and rehearsing their dances.

For the first time this year we also had students compete in the Solo, Duo, Trio section of the DanceNZmade Competition. A massive congratulations to Genevieve Vogels and Eve McDermott-Taylor who placed 1st in the Year 9 & 10 Duo/Trio category, and Hana Butchard and Rosa Zanzottera who placed 4th in the same category. Eve and Genevieve also won the Overall Champions Award for receiving the highest score or any solo/duo/trio in the whole competition.

Kristie Finlay,
Acting Curriculum Lead Performing Arts





Airforce Careers Day

Last Thursday, I was lucky enough to be selected for the Airforce Careers day at RNZAF Base Auckland with other Auckland school students. We spent the day hearing from different trades, such as loadmaster, pilots in training, flight stewards and more.

It was great hearing about the various opportunities in our Airforce and tips and tricks for the application process. My favourite part was getting a tour of all the aircrafts such as the NH90 helicopters and P8 Poseidon, which they fly their VIP guests on!

Thank you so much to Mrs Catley and the recruiters who ran the day.

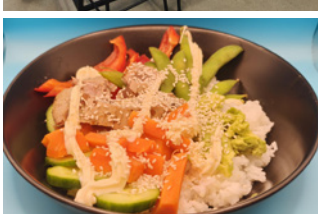
Eden Fitter, Year 12

8R's Rice Bowls

8R planned, prepped, and cooked delicious rice bowls for their sustainable school lunches. They took into consideration vegetables in season, ways to minimise wastage, and using reusable containers.



8R Food Technology



10R's Literacy CAA Preparations

As part of their preparation for the Literacy CAA, 10R have been developing their skills in writing informative articles for a real audience. Drawing on the English units they have studied this year, students have worked collaboratively to share their learning in a way that is informative, engaging, and relevant to our school community.

The article below showcases some of what 10R have learned throughout the year, while giving students the opportunity to practise the writing skills they will need to communicate clearly and effectively beyond the classroom.

Do you want to pass your Literacy CAAs? So do we! 10R has been working hard over the past four weeks to do just that, with the guidance of Ms Hill and Ms Purdie.

Do you know what the Literacy CAAs are? It's okay, we'll explain. The Literacy CAAs are national reading and writing assessments, taken by students in Years 10–11. The Literacy CAAs are a requirement for graduating. Even if you get all of your Level 3 credits, you still need your Reading CAA and your Writing CAA.

Since this term began, we have been learning a lot of skills. These include skimming, scanning, inference, annotation, and punctuation — all useful skills for life. We started the unit by gathering reading skills, and have recently begun to introduce writing skills too, like writing an article.

When we were focused on reading, we learnt how to enhance our annotation abilities, familiarise ourselves with the format of the assessments, and skim and scan text. In the writing section, we are learning how to write a range of different things, like book reviews, letters, emails, and articles. The unit also includes learning how to write for or identify a purpose, like persuading, informing, or entertaining, as well as identifying the intended audience.

Across the past four weeks, we have learnt so many useful skills that are relevant to the CAAs and also to our everyday lives. Ms Hill and Ms Purdie have helped us so much during this time, and we feel well prepared for our assessments in September.

Litia, Amelia, Meriah, and Clarike

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Donate your used uniform

We take all uniform items such as long skirts (all sizes), cardigans (all sizes), blouses (all sizes), blazers (all sizes), hats and scarves. Please ensure all items are in good condition or they will not be accepted. These can be dropped into reception with your name/daughter's name.

For queries please email useduniforms@maristcollege.school.nz



Thursday 10th September
Break 2 | Drama Rooms

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/MltqVFq7lk>

Please make sure you
keep your contact
details up to date.

You can do this on our
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App. Please ensure your
app is updated to the latest
version via your phone's
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QR code



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 by email at v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz

Thank you

Co Lab

Come to the library on
Tuesdays, Wednesdays
& Thursdays from 3:15 –
4:15pm for support with
your homework.

Careers Hub

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.

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](#)

University Transition Summer Programmes for Year 13s

Year 13 students intending to go to university in 2027 can undertake a 6 week university preparation programme over the summer. Both UoA and AUT offer these. During the programme students will:

- Become familiar with the campus and student support services available.
- Learn about university study, how to structure assignments, find resources, reference correctly.
- Complete a 100-level university paper, with points that can count towards their degree (general education course).
- Participate in many fun activities, sports etc. and meet other students.

Undertaking a programme at either of these universities does not require the student to commit to studying at that university, they could then go on elsewhere (although the points may not count at another uni).

- [AUT UniPrep Programme](#) – this programme is open to all students, is held at AUT's South Campus (Manukau) and is completely FREE
- UoA has three different programme options, one for Māori students, one for Pacific students, and a general one. There is a cost of approximately \$1000 for the programme, but some scholarships are available. To apply for one of the UOA summer programmes, a student must have applied to study there in 2027

- [Toia ki Waipapa \(Maori\) Summer Start](#)

- [UniBound Summer \(Pacific Students\)](#)

- [UOA Summer Start \(General\)](#)

- **Scholarships** are available for students with financial hardship to attend a UOA Summer programme [Kokiri Raumati Scholarships](#) (applications for these open late Nov/early Dec)

Projects Abroad Volunteering Experiences

Projects Abroad organise short term overseas volunteering experiences during school holidays for 14-18 year old high school students.

There is a webinar on **Monday 14 September 8:30-9:30pm** to explain their upcoming projects in Fiji, Cambodia, Nepal, Tanzania and Peru with experiences relating to • Community Work and Early Years Development; • Conservation Work; • Human Rights and Social Justice; • Construction & Sports.

To find out more about these projects, [register for the webinar here](#)



**PROJECTS
ABROAD.**



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No online orders available. *See you there!*

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2027 Itinerant Music PROGRAMME

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

Do you want to learn an instrument in 2027? Classes are held here at school, where you have the opportunity to learn;

- Bass Guitar
- Clarinet
- Drums
- Guitar
- Flute
- Piano
- Saxophone
- Violin
- Voice

Please see the ITM handbook to enroll;
<https://bit.ly/4i1frGZ>



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