



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 3 - Week 8
Friday, 11 September 2026

From Sister Lorraine sm Celebrating 200 Years of Marist Sisters' Commitment

On 6 September 1826, nine women joined Jeanne Marie Chavoin and her friend Marie Jotillon in making their first vows as Marist Sisters. This marked the beginning of a remarkable journey of faith, service, and community that continues today.

Through their vows, they entrusted themselves:

- **Poverty** – to live as simply as possible.
- **Chastity** – to live in a way that enables them to love and serve others generously.
- **Obedience** – to seek God's will through prayer and the guidance of their leaders.

They also committed themselves to a life of prayer, community living, and service to others. Over the past 200 years, Marist Sisters have dedicated themselves to education, pastoral care, healthcare, and countless works of compassion, including 98 years of service at Marist College.

As they commemorate this significant anniversary, the Marist Sisters give thanks for all those who have made these vows over the past two centuries. They honour the women whose faith, courage, and dedication have shaped the Marist mission and touched the lives of so many.

Looking to the future with hope, the Marist Sisters continue to invite women who feel called to a life of faith, prayer, community, and service to consider joining them in continuing this mission in "Mary's way" for generations to come.

- Congratulations to our students who competed at the AIMS Games. It was wonderful to see Marist represented across so many disciplines throughout the week.
- Congratulations to the students who attended Sport Camp. We heard that you all competed with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm.
- Congratulations to our Kids Sing Choir for your wonderful performance at the Town Hall on Wednesday.
- Congratulations to the students who participated in the 2026 Spelling Bee Aotearoa. We were so proud of prodigious efforts to learn a bountiful vocabulary making you all loquacious and articulate.
- Thank you to all the staff and families who have supported these activities over the past few weeks. We are grateful for the time and dedication you have given to supporting our students, often while balancing your own family and work commitments.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Sister Lorraine Campbell sm



KEY DATES

Term 3

Week 9B Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Sept 14 Mo Y12 level meeting whanau time in Gym

Sept 15 Tu Māori Taonga Evening, Library, 6pm

Badged Leader Expo for Y12s B2 in Gym

Kapa Haka perform at Marist Primary B2

Music & Dance Showcase Dress Rehearsal

International Students trip to Snow Planet

16 We Music & Dance Showcase 6:30pm

16 We Assembly/Kaiāwhina/Ti Wiki o Te Reo Māori/100% Attend 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
Rotation 2 - 1

Week 10A Social Justice Week

21 - 25 Senior Exam Week

21 Mo PTFA Meeting 7pm

24 Th 8R AK Class Mass 8:20am St Mary's Church

25 Fr Teacher Only Day
Last Day Term 3

Rotation 3 - 2

School Holiday Break
Term 4 starts Monday 12 October

Upcoming Events:

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

BOT Meeting 6pm

PTFA Meeting 7:15pm

21 We 11SCX External Exam

22 Th 10&11CAE External Exam

23 Fr Kainga Kakahu,
Casual Clothing Day

Y13 Spirit Week Day 1

25 Su Marist Leaders Forum

26 Mo Labour Day Holiday

27 - 30 Y13 Spirit Week Days 2 - 5

27 Tu Sports Awards

28 - 30 Y10 Exams

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



Kids Sing

On Wednesday the Year 7 and Year 8 Marybelle's Choir attended the Kids Sing which was held in the Town Hall this year. The girls performed really well, stepping it up for the final practices and for the performance. Special thanks to Grace Mary and Soeun and Ms Nicklin, who supported the Choir throughout the year.

The Marybelle's performed Getting Stronger for the Evening Gala event. Although they only entered in the non-competitive category, they were awarded a Performance Award by the adjudicators. Big thanks to Ms Hana for conducting and Mr Gill and Soeun for accompanying the choir.

Performing Arts Department



AIMS Hip Hop

Well done to this year's AIMS Hip Hop team who competed against 47 schools from across New Zealand. On the day the team had a great time practicing, taking a dance workshop and performing the dance they have spent the last two terms working on. They represented the school with pride and should be super proud of the performance they put forward.

Thank you Year 13, Nia Hiddleston and Year 12, Zenia Gonsalves for choreographing and leading this group.

Kristie Finlay, Acting Curriculum Lead Performing Arts



Final 2026 Open Mic

On Thursday the Performing Arts Committee held an Open Mic. There was a great turn out, and the performers had a lot of fun, engaging with the audience.

Big thanks to Tahlia and Svetlana for hosting their last Open Mic.

Performing Arts Department



WED 16TH SEPTEMBER | 6.30PM | DRAMA ROOMS
BOOK TICKETS: <https://bit.ly/4A7sZY7>

SPORTS UPDATE

Upper North Island Secondary Schools (UNISS) Tournament Week

Marist 1st XI Football

Tournament Week in Hamilton was such a fun experience for our team! We played eight games throughout the week, finishing with 5 wins, 2 losses and a draw, placing 10th overall. It was a great week of football, teamwork and making team memories. There were some tough games, but we continued to support each other and give it our all. I'm really proud of how everyone represented our school and the way we came together as a team throughout the tournament. Overall, it was an awesome week and a great way to finish the season

Pearl McKee, 1st XI Football Captain



Marist 1st XI Hockey

This year's Mary Clinton Cup hockey tournament was filled with excitement, laughs, tears, and many unforgettable moments. Throughout the tournament, our team continuously displayed determination, resilience, always supporting and encouraging each other both on and off the turf. Every game the girls pushed themselves, and from finishing 12th we are proud of the effort and team spirit we showed. Most importantly, we created amazing memories which strengthened our team bond. A massive thank you to all of our supporters who took the time out of their day to encourage our team. The support we received meant so much to the team and helped make this tournament an experience we'll never forget.

Sophie Snedden, 1st XI Hockey Captain



Marist Premier Netball

This year, our Marist Premier Netball team travelled to Hamilton for UNISS, where we competed against some of the best school netball teams from the Upper North Island. Throughout the week we faced a lot of tough teams, supporting each other through every game and giving our best no matter the result. Finishing 8th overall was a massive achievement for Marist and the best result the school has ever had at UNISS. As Co-Captains, we are really proud of how far we came and how much we improved throughout the tournament. It was amazing to see all the hard work from the season pay off. Tournament Week gave us so many memories that we will take away with us, and we are grateful for the opportunity to represent our school with pride.

Olivia Fatiaofa and Elise Senio, Co-captains



Congratulations to Lily Ryan, Year 11 who recently got to compete at the NISS Equestrian 2026. Lily worked incredibly hard all week at competition in both dressage and showjumping. She didn't win any prizes this year, but had an amazing experience with 900 horses competing at this event. Great action photo Lily!



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Mathex Challenges

Recently some of our Year 7-10 mathematicians spent their evening competing in the annual Mathex problem solving competition.

Mathex is a challenging and fast-paced mathematics contest where schools from across Auckland compete against each other in teams to answer questions as quickly as possible. Our Marist teams did us proud, all answering over half the questions in the 30 minute time limit.

A massive thank you to teachers Rachel Blanchard for organising the teams and doing all the admin, to Sophie Ning and Stacey Leggett for supporting at the events. Also, to our senior students for helping prepare the teams - Shantel Carlos, Ruby Judd, Olivia Menezes, Arianna Toan, and Anastazia Karouta.

Nick Smit, Curriculum Lead Mathematics



Wellbeing Initiative

Our Wellbeing Committee is excited to introduce a new initiative designed to promote positivity, self-belief and wellbeing across our school.

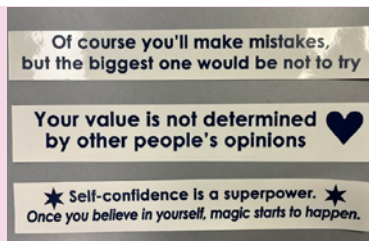
You may have noticed our new positive affirmation stickers appearing on bathroom mirrors around the College. These messages have been created to give our young women a moment to pause, reflect and remember that they are doing better than they sometimes think.

We are incredibly proud of the young women at Marist and wanted to create regular reminders that encourage them to focus not only on what they may feel they are still working on, but also on what they are good at, what they contribute to others, and what makes them uniquely themselves.

The simple idea is that while washing their hands, students can take a moment to read the message on the mirror and consider how it might apply to them. Sometimes, a small positive reminder at the right moment can make a big difference.

These affirmations are a shared resource for everyone in our school community, and we encourage our students to help us look after them. We hope these little messages become a positive part of everyday life at Marist - a reminder to pause, believe in yourself and recognise the strengths you bring to our community.

Sophie Snedden, Year 13 Wellbeing Leader



Cambridge Maths Fast-paced Fun

Last week the Cambridge Year 10 class got to try a fast-paced, exciting maths lesson through a mathey style competition. It was a nice way to get out of the class room and try a new style of learning.

Thank you Mr De Haan for organising this, along with Ms Kumar and Mr McKinney. This was so fun! *Juno Gamble*

This activity was organised by Mr De Haan, and was essentially a math competition where you had to run to the marker to get your question marked, and receive the next question.

This was definitely one of my favourite math lessons and will be an unforgettable memory. Thank you Mr De Haan. You are the best Student Teacher ever! *Anaiah Vijay*

On Thursday our class took part in this math activity. We moved tables and chairs onto the turf, ran around and solved equations to prepare for our math test.

We practiced functions, algebra, and graphs, taking part in math in an engaging & thrilling environment. We are so thankful for Mr De Haan for making this happen. *Sunny Xia*

Malosi Law Project visit to University of Auckland Law School

The Malosi Law Project is student-led initiative within UoA in which Pasifika students studying law put on events for Pasifika senior high school students to visit the university and find out about what the study of law involves. Marist College is one of a small number of schools

privileged to be invited to these events. Students considering Law as an option for study find these events really helpful for their understanding of the topic and seeing themselves in that space. We were able to take eight Year 11-13 students to their Semester 2 event last week. *Jenni Catley*, Careers Advisory and Gateway Coordinator

The Malosi Project was an incredible experience! It gave me a clearer grasp of what studying law might look like heading into university. It was great to see the drive and support Auckland University students have for helping Pasifika students succeed. *Kalo Sundin*, Year 11

As someone who was set on studying in the Medical field, participating in Malosi has honestly made me reconsider! The activities set out for us were unique and I had so much enjoyment doing so. As a plus out of all the trips I've been on for Pacifica, this one had the best food. I would so love to go to another Malosi Project event again, I had a wonderful experience! *Trudy Paseka*, Year 11

The Malosi trip was a very interesting experience that I greatly enjoyed. At first, Law wasn't an option for me to explore, but coming back from this trip, I was very fascinated with this course. It was a day full of many exciting activities and team bonding, but also a time of self reflection on our personal goals and attributes. I was able to learn a lot about Law with Auckland University, and I enjoyed spending time with new people too. Overall, it was a really exciting trip that helped me gain a lot of insight of Law and the University aspect. *Paula Veukiso*, Year 12

The Malosi Project was such a great experience, filled with learning and celebrating Pasifika excellence. My favourite part of the trip was learning how to use my voice to advocate for and represent our people. It helped me understand the importance of speaking up, sharing our stories, and being proud of our Pasifika identity. *Freya Tipoi*, Year 12

The Malosi programme was a very insightful and interactive event! We were a bit nervous given we were all split up into different groups with students from other schools, but this allowed us to build great connections with others which is especially beneficial when moving to University next year. This was a great opportunity for me going into Law school at UOA. One of the activities we did was a trial where we received a case and worked together with our team to find the culprit which was so fun and engaging. Overall, this event was a great opportunity to talk with other law students studying at UOA as well as getting a glimpse of what law will be like, not only at University, but outside in the workforce. *Matila Fa'apopo*, Year 13

I really enjoyed being able to take part in the Malosi event. I got to learn new things, meet new people, and make new friends along the way. One of the most useful parts was getting familiar with what I am expecting to go into next year. It gave me a better understanding of what university and my future pathway could look like. I also enjoyed hearing from others and learning from their experiences and advice. *Mele Feao*, Year 13



Double the Teachers, Double the Learning!

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 have two teachers in your classroom? No? Boring! This year, 10R is lucky enough to have the wonderful Ms Hill and wonderful Ms Purdie guiding us on our English journey. Don't get us wrong, having one teacher is good, but two is even better. Let us tell you why.

Having one teacher is great until you have to face the storm of hands competing for the teacher's attention. However, with two teachers, this problem never occurs. If Ms Hill is busy, Ms Purdie always comes to the rescue — whether we're having problems with Shakespearean language or simply need to ask a question. Having two teachers doesn't just help when it comes to the impatience of students, but it also allows us to witness the growth of our lovely Ms Purdie as she completes her teacher training.

Since Term One, we have seen her confidence grow and her endless care for our learning. Her hard work and dedication never go unnoticed, and it shines through every lesson she teaches. Another benefit of having two teachers in the room is seeing the same unit delivered through two different teaching styles. This means that, as a class, we are exposed to lots of different ways to learn the information that we need for assessments, and it is more likely that it will stick.

Having double the teachers isn't always on point (there are two sets of eyes in the room at all times!) but with the right teachers, it is as amazing as we have described it. It not only scratches our itch for answers, but also assists our teachers on their teaching journeys.

Gen, Zoyi, Katherine, and Sakura

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

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*

Please make sure you keep your contact details up to date so we can contact you if necessary. You can do this on our SchoolBridge App.

There has been a recent update to the SchoolBridge App. Please ensure your app is updated to the latest version via your phone's usual App Store.



Download the Marist College SchoolBridge App

Scan the 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.

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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REMAINING 2026 DATES

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Friday 2 October
Monday 30 November
Tuesday 1 December

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Letter to Catholic Schools and Parishes for Mission Sunday 100th Anniversary

3 September 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year, Mission Sunday is celebrated on the penultimate Sunday in October. This year, it falls on **18 October**, and we mark the 100th anniversary of Mission Sunday being established as a celebration for the whole Church. For this important occasion, Pope Leo XIV chose the theme, **“Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples.”**

For the past century, Catholics across the world have come together each Mission Sunday to pray for the Church’s mission and to support, through their generosity, those who carry the Gospel to places where hope is fragile, where faith is young and where believers often face hardship or persecution. As we mark this 100th anniversary, we, the bishops of New Zealand, invite all those in leadership positions in our Catholic schools and parishes to renew your commitment to the Church’s mission.



We in New Zealand have been blessed with a rich missionary heritage. Our priests, religious and lay people have served in many corners of the world, often quietly and sacrificially. Their witness continues today through missionaries who bring education, healthcare, dignity and the love of Christ to communities in great need.

Until recent times, “mission boxes” were a permanent fixture in classrooms for Kiwi children attending Catholic schools, supporting the Pope’s missionary endeavours. In parishes, a Special Collection is made each year for Mission Sunday. This missionary spirit is something we need to strengthen or, if it has been lost, to recover or rediscover.

Your prayer, your generosity and your solidarity make a real difference. Every contribution — large or small — helps build churches, train catechists, support the formation of indigenous priests, support children’s education and their healthcare, and strengthen communities of faith around the world that rely on us. Even if someone is unable to support the Pope’s missionary efforts financially, they can still pray and motivate others to do the same, helping all people to embrace a missionary spirit just like St Thérèse of Lisieux, the patroness saint of the Mission, did within the confines of her monastery.

We encourage you to support the initiatives and promotions in the coming weeks organised by Fr Michael Pui, the national director of The Pontifical Mission Societies (TPMS). That will help to embed a missionary outlook in every Catholic this Mission Sunday and beyond.

Let us be One in Christ, United in Mission. May God bless you for your support and leadership.

In Christ,

+ **Stephen Lowe**, Bishop of Auckland
+ **Paul Martin SM**, Archbishop of Wellington
+ **John Adams**, Bishop of Palmerston North

+ **Michael Dooley**, Bishop of Dunedin
+ **Michael Gielen**, Bishop of Christchurch
+ **Richard Laurenson**, Bishop of Hamilton