



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 3 - Week 9
Friday, 18 September 2026

From the Deputy Principal

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou,
tēnā tatou katoa,

This week was a very special week, and we have celebrated te wiki o te reo Māori across the school with joy. This week also marks the date Ngāti Whātua gifted Hobson 3000 acres of land to create Auckland city on the 18th of September 1840. This gift is referred to as Tuku Whenua. Earlier this year Marist College gratefully accepted Ngāti Whātua's invitation to perform in Te Kahu Tōpuni primary and intermediate kapa haka festival at the Town Hall, to remember, honour and celebrate the anniversary of this gift. 100 Year 7 students and their teachers attended today to support our kapa haka ropū and enjoy the festivities. A huge thank you to Whaea Liv, Whaea Mani, and a very special group of Y9 and 10s who mentored our junior kapa haka students.

Ngā mihi nui (many thanks) to the Māori Komiti and senior te reo Māori students for their mīharo (amazing) activities this week. We have celebrated and used te reo Māori through fun videos, assembly presentations, earring and flax weaving workshops, ki-o-rahi tournaments, and of course in our classrooms and daily interactions. Kia kaha te reo Māori!

Thank you to those who joined us for our Year 13 Taonga Ceremony and Māori Graduation on Rātū (Tuesday) night. It was a special honour to share the evening with you to celebrate your daughters' completion of secondary education as young Marist wāhine Māori. A special thank you to those in the community who also attended the Mīha (Mass) Māori held at St Mary's church on Rāpere (Thursday) evening.

On Rāapa (Wednesday) evening our talented music and dance students took to the stage in their final showcase for the year. We were, as always, spellbound by the talent of our students. Congratulations to all involved and the performing arts department.

We wish all senior students well for their derived grade exams next week. A reminder that Friday 25th of September is a Teacher Only Day, so no school for junior students, however derived grade exams will continue for seniors.

Ngā mihi nui, *Emma Coupar-Wanoo*, Deputy Principal School Development

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI 14-20 HEPETEMA 2026

Māori Language Week

reomaori.co.nz

14-20 September 2026



KEY DATES

Term 3

Week 10A Senior Exam Week

Sept 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

Week 1B Fijian Language Week

Oct 12 Mo **First Day Term 4**
11CAM External Exam,
9am - 11am, 134
13 Tu **Pasifika Graduation Evening**
14 We Assembly/Special Character/
Fijian Lang Wk/Performing
Arts/Service
11CAM External Exam,
9am - 11am, 134
14 - 16 Y13 PE Camp
15 Th 8S MN Class Mass 8:20am
St Mary's Church
11SCX External Exam,
9am - 11am, 134
10COM Market Day B2
**Performing Arts Awards
Evening**
16 Fr Assembly/Student Leaders/
Sports Leader
16 Fr **Y7 & 8 Social, Gym 6 - 9pm**
Rotation 4 - 3

Upcoming Events:

19 Mo Y11COM Market Day B2
BOT Meeting 6pm
PTFA Meeting 7:15pm
21 We 11SCX External Exam
22 Th 10&11CAE External Exam
CZ Y7&8 Volleyball
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 Evening**
28 - 30 Y10 Exams
28 We 10&11CAE External Exam
CZ Y7&8 Touch
30 Fr Y12 Leadership Day,
Whare Maria
Nov 1 - 6 Y10 Camp, Tongariro
Nov 2 Mo **Seniors' last day**
**Leavers' Mass &
Graduation Dinner**
4 We CZ Y7&8 Badminton
New Student Orientation Day
5 Th 11SCX External Exam
6 Fr Y9 Exams, Gym
9 Mo Y9 Exams, Gym
Nov 10 - Dec 4 **NCEA Exams**
10 - 11 Y9 Inspiring the future

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

Music and Dance Showcase

Performing at the Music and Dance showcase on Wednesday night was an amazing experience. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their talents, and show what we've been working on in class to our friends and families. It was great to see how everyone showed up to support everyone who was performing!

Year 12 and 13 Dance



Pacific Health Wayfinders Year 11 Va'a Taster Day

Pacific Health Wayfinders is a group within University of Auckland which aims to increase the participation of Pasifika people in New Zealand's health workforce. It gives secondary students the opportunity to find out about career pathways and the relevant school subjects, to provide motivation and suitable preparation for university. Their biggest initiative is a taster day for Year 11 students, as this is the stage at which students make subject choices that can influence their future pathways. This was the second event offered this year, enabling us to take an additional group of students. While at the Medical School it was a pleasant surprise to also run into a Marist Ex-student from class of 2022 who was participating in a post-graduate students' poster display, with an explanation of her Honours research in biotechnology. *Jenni Catley*, Careers & Gateway Coordinator



On the trip, we were able to connect with so many other students and staff - other schools and UoA. The activities and information were really fun and engaging. I enjoyed being given the chance to use real medical equipment, and observing real human organ donations given to the university for research. I'm so grateful that I had the opportunity to attend and look forward to a future where Pasifika people are no longer such a small minority in the healthcare workforce. *Naomi Palu*

I really enjoyed connecting with other young Pasifika students who share my interest in pursuing a career in medicine. The experience also gave me a better understanding of the different pathways within the medical field. *Kara Feao*

The Pacific Health Wayfinders trip at the University of Auckland Medical School was an interesting and enjoyable experience. I particularly enjoyed learning about donated organs, which gave me a greater understanding of the human body and helped me gain insight into the medical field. *Santana Soali'i-Taulu*

I really enjoyed learning about Pacific health and found it really interesting to see how science and medicine can work together to improve people's health. *Camryn Anetone*

AFS Global Competence Certificate

Congratulations to **Margaux de Vera**, who recently completed the AFS Global Up Teen programme as part of its second New Zealand cohort!



Over four weeks, participants from across Aotearoa New Zealand completed online learning modules and participated in facilitated live sessions. Together, the group developed key intercultural skills and global competencies. They explored their own and others' cultural identities, learned how to connect across differences, and are now well on their way to becoming Active Global Citizens.

Well done on this fantastic achievement, Margaux!

It was a great pleasure to have you on the programme, and we thank you for your many valuable and always thoughtful contributions during our live sessions. AFS Intercultural Programmes is an international non-profit organisation that provides intercultural student exchanges and digital learning programmes. For more than 75 years, it has been the AFS mission to help people develop the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to create a more just and peaceful world.



SPORTS UPDATE

Senior Ki o Rahi Tournament

A team of senior students proudly represented the school at the College Sport Ki o Rahi Tournament last week.

The sun was shining as the team took to the field with enthusiasm, ready to put into practice the skills they had developed.

As the tournament progressed into the afternoon, the weather took a dramatic turn. Rain and strong winds arrived which funnily enough made conditions ideal for diving into Pawero, the inner scoring zone. Despite the difficult weather, the girls continued to compete with commitment and supported one another well.

The tournament was a great opportunity for our girls to experience competitive Ki o Rahi and further build on their sisterhood bonds.

Congratulations to our team who placed 2nd in the senior girls grade! A fantastic day of competition, teamwork and Marist spirit.



Marist U15 Hockey

What a fantastic season for our Marist U15 Hockey Team! The girls finished the season 4th in our section, playing 11 games and securing 6 wins along the way. More importantly, they showed incredible commitment, built strong friendships and grew as a team throughout the season. We're so proud of everything they achieved.

A special thank you goes to our Year 13 student coaches, Sophie Snedden & Casey Anderson. They brought energy, enthusiasm, patience and positivity to every training and game. They created an environment where the girls felt supported, encouraged and challenged to do their best, while ensuring hockey remained fun and enjoyable. We are incredibly grateful for everything they have contributed this season.

A huge thank you to all the families and friends who supported the team throughout the season. From cheering on the sidelines to the countless trips to & from trainings/games - your support was greatly appreciated! A special thank you to Kim Bowkett-Moore for driving the girls to the games each week and to Rich Macfarlane for giving up his time to referee our matches throughout the season. Also, thank you to Anna and Jacqui (sports dept), and Ella Bold (office) for all your support.

"Sticks down, hearts full! A season to remember, a team like no other."

Kellie Dormer, Team Manager



FYFOD Sports Camp

Last week we had the lucky opportunity to go to YMCA Find Your Field of Dreams Sports Camp. We had such a great time, we tried our hardest and had so much fun competing.

The food was so good and a big thank you to Miss King, Whaea Mani, Hamish and all the helpers for taking us! Thanks also to the Werry Family and Anchor for sponsoring us.

Lucia & Matilda



**A huge thank you to
Bill Werry, local
Anchor Franchisee
for supporting
Marist College**



Waka Ama

Congratulations to Kapiri Winchester who raced in the Elite Junior Women's J19 category, representing the Cook Islands.

In both the 500m sprint and the 1000m three-turn race, the Cook Islands team placed 2nd in their heats, which secured them a place in the finals. They then went on to place 5th in the world overall in both races.

What makes this even more special is that the Cook Islands team is made up of girls aged just 13–15, racing against athletes aged 16–19. There are more races to come, but our little island nation is already incredibly proud of these girls and all they have achieved.

Yere Tumaki



Representative Sports Awards

We are proud of our students who represent our school in their chosen sports code. Please fill in the form to share the sport or team you have played representative level with this year, so we can acknowledge your achievements at our annual sports awards. www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/391083

**A huge thank you to
FujiFilm for
supporting Marist
College fundraising**



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*

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.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

is now accepting enrolments for Semester 1, 2027

If you are a Catholic school teacher, preparing for ministry, seeking academic formation, or wanting to grow in understanding of the Catholic faith, CTC offers opportunities to learn and engage with Theology in a supportive environment.

Go to www.ctc.ac.nz for more information

2027 Itinerant

Music PROGRAMME

OPEN

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

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



ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL
performingarts@maristcollege.school.nz

STREET SMART



HANDS ON PRACTICAL LEARNING FOR YOUNG DRIVERS

Street Smart driven by Tony Quinn Foundation Road Safety, is a not for profit Charitable Trust, offering 100% practical, hands-on young driver training that incorporates world-leading best practices in driver learning. Training days are held around the country during school holidays with participants learning under the guidance of expert coaches.



HAMPTON DOWNS
MOTORSPORT PARK
20 Hampton Downs Rd,
Te Kauwhata

REMAINING 2026 DATES
Thursday 1 October
Friday 2 October
Monday 30 November
Tuesday 1 December

COST
\$149

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