



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 3 - Week 10
Friday, 25 September 2026

From the Principal

Over the past three terms, we have been reviewing our school goals, beginning the important work of unpacking and planning for the implementation of the refreshed curriculum, and celebrating the many opportunities that have been available to our students. From winter sports competitions, dance festivals and regional spelling bees, to mooting, cultural events, leadership opportunities and academic challenges, our students have embraced the diverse experiences on offer and represented Marist College with pride. These opportunities are a vital part of our vision of educating young women who are confident, capable, and prepared to contribute positively to their communities.

Reviewing and setting school goals allows us to have a clear direction for our teaching, learning, and development as a school. It ensures we remain focused on our mission, responsive to the needs of our learners, and committed to providing opportunities that support excellence, wellbeing, and spiritual growth. Through this process, we continue to strengthen our programmes and create pathways for every student to flourish.

Thank you to the students, families and staff who took the time to provide feedback to the Board in this term's strategic direction survey. Your insights and perspectives are invaluable as we establish our strategic priorities and shape the future direction of the school.

As we enter the holiday break, I strongly encourage all students, particularly those preparing for Cambridge and NCEA examinations, to use this time wisely. While rest, recreation and time with family are important for wellbeing, setting aside regular time to review coursework, consolidate learning and prepare for upcoming assessments will help students approach their examinations with confidence. Excellence is rarely achieved by chance. It is built through consistent effort, determination, and perseverance.

- Thank you to everyone who organised and supported last week's Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori language week.
- Well done to our senior students for completing derived grade examinations.

Have a safe and refreshing holiday break

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechele Taulu, Principal/Tumuaki

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Marist College Junior Kapa Haka Rōpu perform as part of the Te Kahu Tōpuni primary and intermediate festival at the Town Hall last week.

KEY DATES: Term 4

Week 1B Fijian Language Week

Oct 12 Mo	First Day Term 4
	11CAM External Exam, 9am - 11am, 134
13 Tu	Pasifika Graduation 6:30pm
	Librarians Lunch B2
14 - 16	Y13 PE Camp
14 We	Assembly/Special Character/ Fijian Lang Wk/Performing Arts/Service
	11CAM External Exam, 9am - 11am, 134
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, 6:30pm, Gym
16 Fr	Assembly/Student Leaders/ Sports Leader
16 Fr	Y7 & 8 Social, Gym 6 - 9pm
	Rotation 4 - 3

Week 2A Niuean Language Week

19 Mo	11COM Market Day B2
	BOT Meeting 6pm
	PTFA Meeting 7:15pm
21 We	Assembly/LNK/Social Action
	11SCX External Exam 9:30 - 10:30am, 134
	Sports Assembly 1:20 - 3pm
22 Th	8T VT Class Mass, 8:20am St Mary's Church
	Y7&8 Tupu Māia P1
	10&11CAE External Exam
	CZ Y7&8 Volleyball
23 Fr	Kainga Kakahu, Casual Clothing Day
	Assembly/Kainga Kakahu & Monte Cecilia Collection/ Head Girls
	Y13 Spirit Week Day 1
	Rotation 5 - 4
25 Su	Marist Leaders Forum

Upcoming Events:

26 Mo	Labour Day Holiday
27 - 30	Y13 Spirit Week Days 2 - 5
27 Tu	Sports Awards, 6 - 8pm
28 - 30	Y10 Exams
28 We	10&11CAE External Exam
	CZ Y7&8 Touch
30 Fr	Y12 Leadership Day, Whare Maria
	Netball Awards/Fun Festival 3:15 - 5:30pm, Turf/219/220
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 & 9	Y9 Exams, Gym
Nov 10 - Dec 4	NCEA Exams

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

International Students Update

International Trip to Snow Planet

I went to Snow Planet. I was so happy!! In the morning we took the school van and went to Snow Planet. We brought our tickets, then put on our skis and boots.

The shoes were so small. I could not put them on. I changed to bigger ones. They were still hard to put on, but Mrs Walker helped me.

We then went inside. It was so cold. We tried to go up to the top of the mountain. It was scary, but when I went down, it felt fast and free, soooooo fun!

After that we ate lunch. I ate noodles. I didn't like eating these, as they tasted like spicy apple, so weird, and I could not finish it. I got a hot chocolate. It was yummy! It was a good day .

Zoey Yang



Day at the Auckland Zoo

On Tuesday we went to the zoo

We could see two kiwis there and we were so happy to see them.

The kiwis ran so fast and we were surprised.

Also, we saw love birds and tigers.

The love birds were colourful and beautiful.

This was our first time seeing them.

We saw tigers above us.

We were a little scared, but we were excited too.

We saw a show in the zoo.

A zookeeper showed the biggest insect in New Zealand, the punga weta.

Also, we saw a bird doing tricks.

It was such an amazing performance.

Kano Uchida and Sakura Yagi

Marist College International homestays needed

Homestay requirements are ongoing throughout the year. If your family would be interested in this, please email us at homestay@maristcollege.school.nz for the information booklet. As well as the cultural aspects and new connections, there is also a weekly payment of around \$400pw. We are likely to have new students from Japan, China, Thailand, Italy, Spain and Cambodia. Stays can range from 2.5 weeks, right up to a year, so there are plenty of opportunities to be a homestay provider, and more than once! You can sign up here <https://maristcollege.bemyhomestay.com/> and/or email homestay@maristcollege.school.nz with queries.

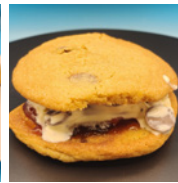
Thanks for considering this opportunity!

7M Brain Boosting Breakfasts

We enjoyed planning and making our brain boosting breakfast prototypes, from breakfast pizzas to blueberry, oat, chia and chocolate muffins.

We were also being innovative and sustainable by using our bread crusts and turning them into cinnamon sticks.

7M Food Technology



Decadent Desserts

Year 10(81B) students designed and produced a three or four-element dessert for their chosen stakeholder. Their dessert had to demonstrate the complete technological practice process by applying the knowledge and skills developed throughout this unit. There were some master pieces. Well done, girls!

Veronica Verschuur, Food Technology Teacher



MARIST COLLEGE
Pasifika Graduation Ceremony

Tuesday
13th October 2026

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Presentations will be held in the Drama Room,
Shared meal after will be in the Staffroom

Fa'afetai tele lava, malo 'aupito, meitaki ma'ata, vinaka vakalevu,
fakaauae lahi, and thank you very much for your ongoing support.

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

Central Zone Basketball

Congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 Basketball team who placed 1st in the Central Zone Girls Basketball tournament last week!

The team are a mix of experienced and new players with guidance from Coach Lionel Fuiavaa.

We wish them all the best when they compete at Interzones next term.

Sports Department



**A huge thank you to
the Werry Family,
local Anchor Franchisee
for supporting
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Sports Awards Nominations Needed

Show your appreciation! Nominate a coach, student coach or manager who supported, encouraged and helped your team throughout the season.

Let's recognise the people behind the sport who give their time, energy and passion to our students. Nominations close at 9am, Monday 5th October 2026 at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristcol/sports-awards/2026-senior-sports-awards-1>

- Team of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Student Coach of the Year
- Volunteer Manager of the Year

**2026 MARIST
SENIOR
SPORTS AWARDS**

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER | SCHOOL GYM | 6PM - 8PM

GUEST SPEAKER & ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrating the top-performing senior student-athletes, teams and volunteers of Marist Sport this year

Refer to our sports website for list of teams

All Welcome

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

Congratulations and good luck to **Lucy Hassan, Year 11**. She will be playing live on 95bFM, a NZ On Air-sponsored live-to-air segment for new artists. **Friday 2nd October, at 11am**, during the school holidays.

lucy anna will be playing 3 live songs, discussing 'paper planes' and her latest release coming soon; title 'hate to admit'.

You can find her [here](#) on Spotify under her artist name 'lucy anna'. Tune in to listen to the segment or look her up on Spotify and support her music journey.

What incredible talent Lucy, we are so proud of you.



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MARIST
2026
Performing Arts Awards

Marist Gym
Thursday 15th
October
6.30pm

Reserve your seat:
<https://bit.ly/4hoKWZB>



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>

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL
performingarts@maristcollege.school.nz



2nd Hand Uniforms
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 dropped into reception with your name/daughter's name.

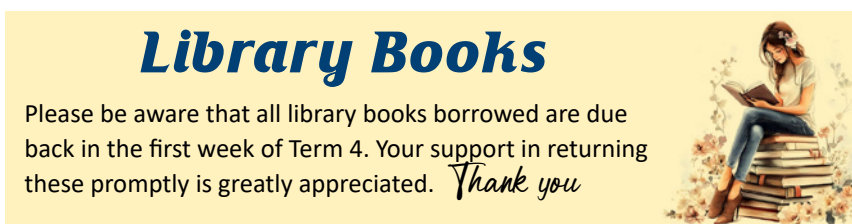
For queries please email
useduniforms@maristcollege.school.nz



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



Library Books

Please be aware that all library books borrowed are due back in the first week of Term 4. Your support in returning these promptly is greatly appreciated. *Thank you*



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*



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	REMAINING 2026 DATES	COST
20 Hampton Downs Rd, Te Kauwhata	Thursday 1 October Friday 2 October Monday 30 November Tuesday 1 December	\$149

BOOK YOUR SPOT: STREETSMART.ORG.NZ