



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 4 - Week 1
Friday, 16 October 2026

From the Principal

Every Wednesday, we begin the day with assembly. Welcoming students with liturgy, celebrating student successes, and sharing notices about upcoming events and important messages. This week's message focused on the importance of hard work and achieving personal excellence.

So how do we achieve personal excellence at Marist College?

1. Be your best, not someone else's. Personal excellence isn't about being better than the person sitting next to you. It's about being better than you were yesterday. Measure your progress against your own goals, not the goals or expectations of others.
2. Effort matters more than results. The things that come easily teach us little in life. Choose the harder path, and ask the extra question in class. Growth happens when you stretch and challenge yourself.
3. Mistakes are part of the journey. Excellence is not perfection. When something goes wrong, own it, learn from it and try again. Resilience is one of the strongest signs of a young woman who is growing and becoming her authentic self.
4. Excellence is in every part of you and in everything you do. It shows in the classroom, in the playground, on the sports field, on stage, in your friendships, in your faith and in how you treat others. Kindness, honesty and courage are forms of excellence too.
5. Use your gifts and talents to support others. Like Mary and Jeanne-Marie Chavoin, we are called to say yes and to serve. Your talents are meant to be shared. When you lift others up, your own excellence shines brightest. Work hard, be kind, and support each other to achieve your own personal excellence.

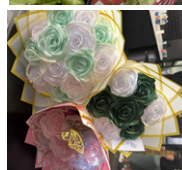
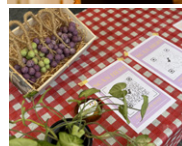
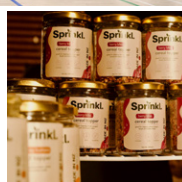
Bula Vinaka, Happy Fijian Language Week!

Thank you to the staff and students who supported our beautiful Pacific Graduation. Congratulations to our graduating students of 2026. You should be proud of everything you have accomplished.

Congratulations to our students who received awards at this year's Performing Arts Awards and Showcase. Thank you to the staff who organised this special event.

Congratulations to our senior students involved in this year's Young Enterprise competitions. A special shout-out to the businesses that received awards:

- Sprinkl - healthy and tasty cereal and salad toppers by Nina Dorday, Casey Anderson and Beth Gunns. Awarded top overall submission for the Sales and Promotion activity.
- Kumila - a grape shaped all-natural solid shampoo for kids by Anna Jose, Hanna Sheji and Melody Le. Selected as one of the top 10 businesses in the Greater Auckland region as a Regional Finalist, and will be pitching to a panel of judges on 2nd November for a spot in the Wellington National Finals.
- L and M Bouquets - ribbon roses for a lasting memory by Mele Feao, Mariah Tausilia, Leighana Mika and Lucy Henshaw, awarded a Regional Excellence Award.



Congratulations to Savannah Campen, who has had an incredible year representing New Zealand as a junior international gymnast, competing at the Oceania Championships in Brisbane and the Pharaoh's Cup in Cairo, where she placed 7th on the uneven bars.

Congratulations to Fleur Jericevich, who came first in the Youth Female division at the NZ Field Archery Nationals, setting two New Zealand records. Fleur has been invited to join the NZ World Archery team.

Te Aroha o Te Atua, *Raechelle Tauku*, Principal/Tumuaki

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KEY DATES: Term 4

Week 2A Niuean Language Week

Oct 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

Week 3B Year 13 Spirit Week

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 Assembly/Colin House
Leaders/House Points
10&11CAE External Exam
CZ Y7&8 Touch

29 Th Y11-13 Thanksgiving Mass

Y7&8 Tupu Māia P1

30 Fr Y12 Leadership Day,
Whare Maria

Netball Awards/Fun Festival
3:15 - 5:30pm, Turf/219/220

Rotation 1 - 5

Nov 1 Su Y10 Camp, Tongariro

Upcoming Events:

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

10 Tu Ex Students Assn Meeting
7pm, staffroom

Nov 10 - Dec 4 NCEA Exams

11 We Y9 Dad Daughter Bowls tbc
Mt Albert Bowling Club

11 - 12 Y9 Inspiring the future

13 Fr Evacuation Practice P2
Talent show

15 Su Jean-Claude Colin Feast Day

16 Mo Teacher Only Day

PTFA Meeting 7pm

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

Commerce Success with Young Enterprise Scheme

Our Year 13 Business Studies students have achieved fantastic results in this year's Young Enterprise Scheme (YES), with three businesses recognised in the highly competitive Auckland Central region.

Run in partnership with the Lion Foundation and Auckland Chamber of Commerce, YES is a national competition that challenges students to establish and run their own businesses across the full year. Students put their learning into practice as they develop products, manage finances, promote their businesses and sell to customers.

This year, Sprinkl, Kumila and L & M Bouquets have each earned recognition for their creativity and hard work.

Sprinkl, led by Nina Dorday, Casey Anderson and Beth Gunns, created healthy and tasty cereal and salad toppers. The team won the top overall submission for the Sales and Promotion activity—an outstanding result that recognises their ability to market their products and turn business ideas into sales.

Kumila, led by Anna Jose, Hanna Sheji and Melody Le has developed grape-shaped solid shampoo for children, made with all-natural ingredients. The business has been selected as one of the top six businesses in Auckland Central. The team will now pitch to a panel of judges for the opportunity to qualify for the National Finals in Wellington later this year.

L & M Bouquets, led by Mele Feao, Mariah Tausilia, Leighana Mika and Lucy Henshaw which creates long-lasting ribbon bouquets, has been awarded a Regional Excellence Award for the greater Auckland region. The team will discover which category they have won on 2 November. This recognition celebrates their efforts in developing a creative product with lasting appeal and amazing success across all aspects of their business operations.

Having three businesses recognised through YES in one year is a fantastic achievement. These results reflect the students' commitment, teamwork and willingness to take on the challenges of running a real business alongside their studies.

Congratulations to all three teams, we are incredibly proud of what you have achieved!

Commerce Department



Performing Arts Awards

On Thursday evening, our Performing Arts Department celebrated all of our talented and dedicated students in our awards night. The event including performances from our Bollywood Group, Malisi Melodies Choir, our chamber group- 88 & 8's, Dance Duo - Geneieve Vogels and Eve McDermott-Taylor and a solo performance from Tahlia Rehm. Congratulations to all of the winners of the awards, we are very proud of all of our Performing Arts Students and all they have achieved this year.

PA Team



Robogals Visit Year 12 Physics

The Year 12 Physics class was treated to a workshop from the “Robogals” – a University of Auckland group aimed to promote STEM careers to young people, especially young women. This initiative is sponsored by engineering consultancy Beca, and the visiting team comprised two young female engineers from Beca, along with two female third year engineering students from UoA. Sabina Aquino, class of 2019, who graduated BE (Hons) in Mechatronics Engineering now works at Beca but retains involvement with Robogals and leads the team presenting to the class.

Each “Robogal” outlined their own pathway into STEM, explaining what attracted them to the field. They then ran a tower building competition where the students worked in groups to produce the highest tower using only dried spaghetti noodles and marshmallows. A variety of structures were created, with a quite a range in height and stability!

It is always a pleasure to see what Marist students have gone onto since finishing school, and it is especially appreciated when they are willing to share their experiences with our current students.

Jenni Catley, Careers Advisor



SPORTS UPDATE

Waterpolo Nationals

A big congratulations to Sophie Slinn, Pippa and Sofia Browne who competed at the U16 Water Polo National Championship that were held in Hastings during the holidays.

It was great to see the girls play for their teams, Waitakere and Mountfort, with the first game being against each other. Both teams played hard in the pool and put in a great effort.

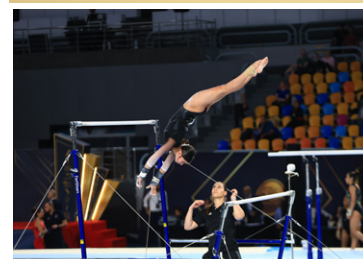
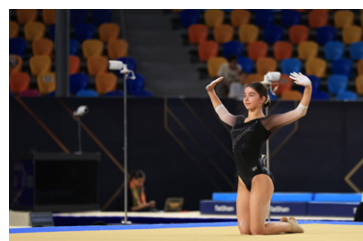
The competition ended on Saturday with Sophie's team playing in the final and coming away with Silver.

NZ Gymnastics Rep competes in Egypt!

Congratulations to Savannah Campen, Year 10, who represented NZ as one of two students in the Junior team at the Pharaoh's Cup in Cairo, Egypt in September. She qualified for the Uneven Bars Final finishing an impressive 7th place and 10th place in the Floor event.

It's been an incredible year for Savannah representing NZ in the Junior team at the Oceania Champs in Brisbane back in July where her team placed 2nd overall.

We're proud of all she has achieved and look forward to following her journey into the Senior division next year.



On November 24-27th Year 10 students from schools in the National Network of Marist Schools will be running 102km over three days down the Whanganui river to raise funds for Manawa Rahi.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?
Donate using the [Givealittle Page](#) and spread the word!

WHO'S RUNNING?

- PIPPA DENTON
- GRACE TRASK
- MACIE DUNNING
- SAVANNAH CAMPEN
- VIOLET WARD
- EMILY TRASK



Marist College, Auckland - Awa Run 2026

Support Marist College in their fundraising to reduce educational inequality in Aotearoa by running the length of the Whanganui River



\$300 donated
Given by 3 generous donors in around 4 months

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Year 7 Get Creative With Felt Creations

7S Materials Technology students have been cutting, manipulating and sewing felt fabric to create unique purses, sunglasses cases and plushies. The students built on their basic hand sewing skills, giving new techniques a try, and problem solving to make their ideas become reality.

My sewing experience was an enjoyable and rewarding opportunity to express my creativity. I designed and created a unique sunglasses case, featuring a colourful turtle on the front and a starfish surrounded by stars on the back.

I learned the importance of patience, precision and carefully stitching the felt together. I am proud of my finished product because it reflects my imagination, effort and the new skills I developed throughout the sewing process.

Shaw-mei, 7S

Homestay Hosting is a Wonderful Experience

Being a homestay host sister for the last two months was something I hadn't experienced before. Initially I felt nervous about having someone new in our house, but Hina and I quickly bonded and I learned a lot about her life in Japan.

We have made so many good memories together, so it was very sad to see her leave. I have incredibly enjoyed hosting for Marist and would highly recommend it.

Coco Hamlin, Year 10



Homestay Hosting

Homestay requirements are ongoing throughout the year. If your family is interested, or you have queries please email us at homestay@maristcollege.school.nz

Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

At the end of Term 3 our Year 10 Chinese class made mooncakes as part of celebrating the Mid-Autumn festival. Ms Hsu helped us make snowskin mooncake or 冰皮月饼 (Bīng pí yuèbǐng), and we filled it with flavours such as red bean paste and lotus paste before pressing them into beautiful shapes. We also learned the story of Chang'e, the goddess of the moon, and Hou Yi to learn why the Mid-Autumn festival came to be, as well as the different mooncake styles and flavours across China.

This was such a fun experience to end the term with, and a great way to learn about Chinese culture. Thank you very much to Ms Hsu for organising this!

中秋节快乐 (Zhōngqiū jié kuàilè)!
Happy Mid-Autumn Festival!

Juno Gamble, Year 10



2027 Itinerant

Music

PROGRAMME

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

**CLOSING
SUNDAY**

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

OPEN

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



ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL
performingarts@maristcollege.school.nz

School Charges

Term 4 is now 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.

For any queries regarding your account, please contact Veronica Yates by email at v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz

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 4. *Thank you*

**Download the
Marist College
SchoolBridge App**

**Scan the
QR code**



Library Books

Please promptly return all library books borrowed in Term 3. Your support in returning these promptly is greatly appreciated. *Thank you*



Co Lab

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

Second 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 be dropped into reception with your name/daughter's name.

For queries please email
useduniforms@maristcollege.school.nz