MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 4 - Week 4
Friday, 5 November 2026

From the Principal



When I reflect on our Year 13 graduating class of 2026, one word comes to mind: service. These extraordinary young women have given countless hours to their school and the wider community. They noticed where help was needed and stepped in, without seeking recognition or reward. They have loved being at Marist College, and it has shown in our classrooms, on the sports field, on stage and in the corridors. Their faith has guided their choices, their leadership and the way they treat others. They leave us as strong, capable young women, ready to carry everything they have learned at Marist College into the future.









A special thank you to our Year 13 parents, the first teachers of faith and love in the home, for working in partnership with the school to make sure your daughters had every opportunity to learn, grow and flourish. We pray that this next chapter for your family is filled with love and blessings.

Thank you also to Mr Purdie and Ms Judge for their care of our graduating class, and for supporting these young women to become well-educated, faith-driven and compassionate people, ready to take on the world.

Congratulations

- L&M Bouquets won three awards at this year's Young Enterprise Awards:
  - Excellence in Business Management
  - People's Choice Award
  - Massey University Individual of the Year, won by Mele Fe'ao.
- Isabella Sneddon was the first woman across the line in the 5km race at the Auckland Marathon last weekend, finishing in 18 minutes 10 seconds. She came first in her age group (10-14 years), first female (out of 576) and 6th overall of 1057 runners. A fantastic achievement, Isabella!

Te Aroha o Te Atua,
Raechelle Taulu, Principal/Tumuaki

KEY DATES: Term 4

Week			
5B			**NCEA Exams Start**
	9	Mo	Y9 Exams, Gym
	10	Tu	Ex Students Assn Meeting 7pm, staffroom
	11	We	LRM Assembly 10:30am St Mary's Church
			Whakapiki Ake Te Whe Y10 x 8 students
	11	**We**	**Y9 Dad Daughter Bowls Mt Albert Bowling Club**
	11 - 12		Y9 Inspiring the future
	12	Th	Y8 Tupu Māia P1
	13	**Fr**	**Kainga Kakahu Day**
			Extended whānau time
			Talent Show
			Rotation 3 - 2
	15	Su	Jean-Claude Colin Feast Day
6A			
	16	**Mo**	**Teacher Only Day**
			PTFA Meeting 7pm
	17	Tu	AUT Juniors Day Y10 x 20 students
	18	We	LNA Assembly 10:30am St Mary's Church
	19	Th	9S ES Class Mass, 8:20am St Mary's Church
			Y8 Tupu Māia P1
	20	Fr	Y7 Birkenhead Trip
			Y9 Surf Day
			CZ Y8 Smash Cricket
			Assembly/Air Cadets 10:30am, St Mary's Church
			Rotation 4 - 3
	22	**Su**	**Ex-Students Assn End of Year Morning Tea 9:30am-2:30pm**

Upcoming Events:

Nov 10 - Dec 4			**NCEA Exams**
	23 - 27		Awa Run, Whanganui
	24	Tu	Y10 Future Me UoA Trip
	25	We	10CHI Restaurant Trip
	30	Mo	Y8 Tupu Maia Festival, Mt Smart (tbc)
			BOT Meeting 6pm
Dec	2	We	CZ Y7&8 Ki o Rahi Tournament, Waiheke
	3	Th	Staff Mass, St Mary's Church
	3 & 4		Y8 Tiritiri Matangi Trips
	7	**Mo**	**Advent Liturgy, School finishes 12pm**
			Prizegiving, Town Hall 6pm

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

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Year 13 Entrepreneurs Shine in Young Enterprise Scheme





Our Year 13 Business students have celebrated an outstanding first year in the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES), with two businesses reaching the regional finals. In the programme's biggest year yet, more than 60 schools across Auckland competed for Regional Excellence Awards, making these achievements particularly special.

Kumila, led by Anna Jose, Hanna Sheji and Melody Le, earned a place among the region's top six businesses. Their grape-shaped solid shampoo for children combines natural and organic ingredients with a creative approach that eliminates the need for plastic packaging. The team pitched to a panel of judges, sharing their successes and lessons from across the year, and received excellent feedback on their innovation, sustainability and growth in business management.







L and M Bouquets, led by CEO Mele Fe'ao alongside Mariah Tausilia, Leighana Mika and Lucy Henshaw, also enjoyed remarkable success. Their handmade, custom fabric roses create lasting memories for customers, while their commitment to running a successful business earned them both the regional Excellence in Business Management Award and the People's Choice Award.

Mele's enthusiastic leadership, problem-solving ability and dedication to entrepreneurship were further recognised when she was named the Massey University Individual of the Year for 2026.

In our first year participating in YES, our students have embraced the challenges of turning ideas into real businesses with patience, diligence and a willingness to learn. Congratulations to our award recipients and all our Year 13 entrepreneurs on their hard work, resilience and achievements throughout the year!

Ms Natasha Keene, Commerce Teacher

Craft Group 2026 round-up



The Craft Group regulars have been working hard to produce some great products for our school and wider community this year, earning service points along the way.

Period pad pouches

This initiative was led by Sophie Slinn of Year 12. The junior and senior Craft Group members have been making colourful, fabric period pad pouches for our school wellbeing centre. The pouches will be given to students that would like one to keep their period pads clean and handy in their school bags.



Felt bookmarks for Marist Primary

In Terms 2 and 3 we made bookmarks for the Marist Primary School students. We chose different colours of felt and finished the bookmarks off with a hand selected button. This meant each bookmark was unique and creative. It was awesome to see so many students getting involved, and we made around 40 bookmarks for the primary school students.

Imogen, Year 9

Crocheted blankets for cat sanctuary



This initiative was led by Ari Mau'u of Year 10. Ari has crocheted some beautiful blankets for the New Zealand Cat Foundation. These blankets will keep the cats cosy and warm through the colder months of the year. Our younger students have been working on improving their crochet skills.

SPORTS UPDATE

Cricket



Marist College took on Dio 1st XI on 4 November in a challenging match against an experienced, older and talented side. Dio posted an impressive 179 runs, but an inspired Marist fielding effort on a fast outfield prevented the total from climbing even higher. It was a true team effort, with all the bowlers putting in the work against capable batters accustomed to playing in the Premier 1A grade.

There were two players of the day: Aoibheann for an outstanding performance in the field and stern resistance with the bat; and Valentina, who held her own brilliantly in the field and with ball in hand. Marist then produced another excellent team effort with the bat, reaching 100 runs against a solid Dio bowling line-up.

Congratulations to all the girls on a terrific effort against such an experienced and talented team. The Marist girls will no doubt be better for the experience and can be very proud of the way they competed. Well done, girls!

Ben Snedden, Coach

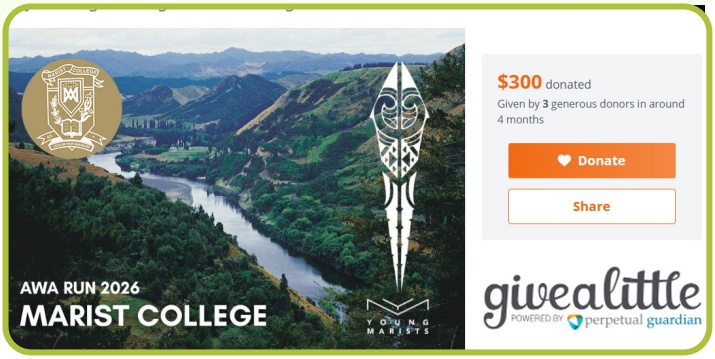


On November 24–27th, Year 10 students from schools in the National Network of Marist Schools will be running 102km over three days down the Whanganui river to raise funds for Manawa Rahi.

WHO'S RUNNING?

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





Year 9 Dads* and Daughters Lawn Bowls and BBQ Dinner

Wednesday 11th November, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Mt Albert Bowls Club, 10 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert

An opportunity to meet other families

A fun evening just for Dads* and Daughters

*or significant other Dude

This is a social tournament with no experience necessary.
Bowls and coaching will be provided.
Ticket includes a BBQ dinner. Cash bar available.

$30 per Dad and Daughter pair

$40 two or more daughters in family

Tickets available online at:

https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2026-year-9-dads-and-daughters-lawn-bowls

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MARIST COLLEGE

is pleased to invite you and your whānau to our

2026 Prizegiving Ceremony
Monday 7th December, 6:30pm
Auckland Town Hall

All students must attend in correct school uniform please.
Seniors will also receive their Marista 2026 Yearbook at this event.

Students assemble at 5:45pm for roll call and entry organisation.
Doors open for whānau from 6pm. Prizegiving starts 6:30pm

Monte Cecilia Gift Giving

At Marist we do not do Secret Santa in classes. Students are encouraged to bring a new unwrapped gift of any size and type to donate to the Monte Cecilia Housing Trust. The Trust supports families in need with housing. At Christmas the Trust has a gift repository for parents who cannot afford to buy gifts for their children to select a gift for Christmas Day. Your gift may be the only present the child receives.



Please support this worthwhile cause.

Drop presents from now until 4th Dec at the main office.

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

For queries please email useduniforms@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*