MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 4 - Week 5
Monday, 16 November 2026

From the Principal

On Sunday 15 November, Marists around the world celebrate the feast of Jean-Claude Colin, founder of the Society of Mary and father of the Marist family throughout the world.

Jean-Claude Colin was born on 7 August 1790 in the small French village of St-Bonnet-le-Troncy, the eighth of nine children. In 1816, the day after his ordination, Colin and eleven companions promised Our Lady at Fourvière that they would found a Society of Mary. Soon after, at Cerdon, he and Jeanne-Marie Chavoin founded the Marist Sisters. In 1836 the Church approved the Society of Mary and Colin was elected its first Superior General, and in 1838 the first Marist missionaries reached Aotearoa New Zealand. He spent his later years writing the Society's Constitutions, which were approved in 1873, and he died at La Neylière in France on 15 November 1875, aged 85.

The Marist Sisters opened our College in Mt Albert in 1928 with just three students, and Fr Colin's name lives on in Colin House. Above all, he gave us a way of living: to think, judge, feel and act as Mary, and to serve "hidden and unknown in the world." We see this every day in students who quietly help a friend or welcome someone new.

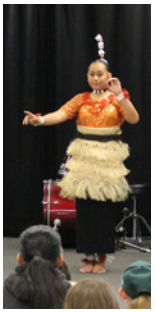
As we celebrate his feast, we join Marists everywhere in the prayer that has been part of our family from the beginning:

We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

- Good luck to Evelyn Farrar who was selected as one of only four New Zealand Under 16 players to travel to Korea to attend the Mixed Nations Girls Ice Hockey Camp.
- Thank you to Mrs Catley for organising this year's Inspiring the Future programme. It was inspiring to see so many Marist College alumnae returning to share their career pathways with our Year 9 students.
- Congratulations to our Year 7&8 students who participated in this year's Junior Talent Show. Thank you to Mrs Coupar-Wanoa for organising this opportunity.

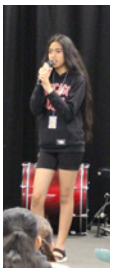
Te Aroha o Te Atua,
Raechelle Tauiu, Principal/Tumuaki



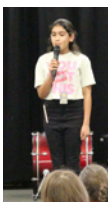
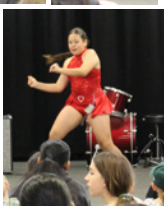











KEY DATES: Term 4

Week			NCEA Exams continue
	16	Mo	**Teacher Only Day**
	16	Mo	PTFA Meeting 7pm
	17	Tu	AUT Juniors Day Y10 x 20 students
	18	We	LNA Assembly 10:30am St Mary's Church
			2027 Film Crew Training 11am - 2pm, 316
	19	Th	9S CP Class Mass, 8:20am St Mary's Church
			Y8 Tupu Māia P1
			CZ Athletics x3 students
	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**

Week			NCEA Exams continue
	23 - 27		Awa Run, Whanganui
	23	Mo	2027 Film Crew/Cast Filming 11am - 5:30pm
	24	Tu	Y10 Future Me UoA Trip x20
			Unitec Trades Day Y10 x10
			Junior Touch Champs
			Y7 Aquatics P4 - 5
	25	We	10CHI Restaurant Trip B2-P5
			LHL Assembly 10:30am St Mary's Church
			Trash to Fashion Comp B2 318, Y8 entrants only
	25 - 26		2027 Film Crew/Cast Filming 11am - 5:30pm
	26	Th	9T AK Class Mass 8:20am St Mary's Church
			Y8 Tupu Māia P1
			Y7 Aquatics, P4-5
			Trash to Fashion Parade B2 Red Square
	27	Fr	Level Assemblies
			2027 Film Crew/Cast Filming 12:30pm - 3:30pm
			Rotation 5 - 4

Upcoming Events:

Nov 10 - Dec 4 NCEA Exams

	30	Mo	Y8 Tupu Maia Festival, Mt Smart x 37 students
			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



Year 10 Camp

Camp was an unforgettable experience that challenged me to step outside my comfort zone, embrace new opportunities and create lasting memories. A phenomenal camp filled with memories I will cherish forever. *Jadyn Fernandes*

The overnight was by far the best because I got to talk to everyone and learn more about each person. *Clarike De Swardt*

We had this quote in group 8, 9 and 10. We would say "we push through." This helped us overcome the hard times together! *Juno Zerbini*

The Dingle biscuits were the best thing ever. *Anonymous members of 10M*

Caving was fun because there were so many great moments and it was an opportunity we wouldn't usually get to experience. *Harriet Leary*







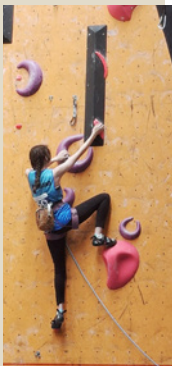






SPORTS UPDATE

Rock Climbing



Congratulations to Eva Slinn who has just finished competing in the U15 B Nationals Lead climbing. She came a respectable 9th in the Lead category, which she has only been climbing for a month. This was a great experience to climb against the best in the country and was her first National competition.

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

Year 9 Career Pathways

inspiring the future Aotearoa

This week the Year 9 cohort participated in an “Inspiring the Future” event, held across two days with half of the cohort each day. A total of 20 different “mystery guests” visited for the students to find out more about a range of different occupations. On arrival the role models were all dressed casually to give no indication about their jobs. The students had to ask closed questions to gain clues as to what each person’s work might involve. Questions included “do you wear a uniform for your job?”, “do you work with children?”, “do you need to use science in your job?”, “is your line of work traditionally female-dominated?”, “do you work regular business hours?” etc. The students then spent some time working in groups to try to come up with a guess for the occupation of each panelist, while the guests were out of the room. On return to the room, the guests were all in their workwear plus had props to help demonstrate what their job involves. Each explained their job title, typical tasks, and the training required to enter the field. The students then spent time in small groups with each guest to find out more about each job and hear about that person’s career journey in deciding what to train for.





This year we were fortunate to be able to recruit the entire panel from former Marist students and other personal connections, all young women early in their careers. Across the two days, guests represented fields of law, accounting, engineering, electrical, surveying, nursing, physiotherapy, midwifery, aviation security, sports coordinating, plumbing, construction, environmental science, social media marketing, dog handling, business development and urban planning. A diverse group of very relatable speakers, giving students the opportunity to gain accurate first hand information about a variety of career pathways.

Jenni Catley, Careers Advisor

























Year 10 Business Entrepreneurs produce Gifts for Guests





To show appreciation to the guests who participated in our Inspiring the Future sessions this week, I needed to source thank you gifts. Rather than purchasing generic chocolates from the supermarket, I saw an opportunity to encourage our young Commerce students' endeavours by purchasing items produced for the Business subject's Market Day.

Prior to Market Day I visited the Year 10 Commerce classes to explain the brief of what I needed, and asked each team to show me samples of their products and let me know if they would be interested in making additional items for these guest gifts. Two teams really stood out with the workmanship of their items, and especially with their communication in following up with me about quantities, product details, price, and delivery timelines. Both groups were able to manage their time to complete the "orders" for these items prior to going on camp, while also juggling Year 10 exams and other commitments.



Congratulations to Leni Macaffer, who produced 20 hand made glazed and fired ceramic trinket trays, and to Violet Ward and Aleah Galagnara who made 20 hand sewn felt key chain decorations. It was wonderful to be able to gift one each of these to our guests.

Jenni Catley, Careers Advisor.

Writers' Toolbox

Last week students in 8S, 8T, 8M and 7R were excited to welcome Jessica Hartin, Writing Coach Team Leader, into their classrooms. Alongside their teachers and Learning Assistants, the girls learned how to upload samples of their handwriting into the Writing Toolbox (WTB) and receive personalised, immediate feedback and feedforward to help strengthen their writing skills.



The response was amazing. The feedback was delivered in seconds, giving the girls clear next steps to improve their work straight away. Fast, engaging, and effective!



Be sure to ask your Year 7 or 8 daughter to show you how it works. She'll be delighted to demonstrate this exciting new learning tool!

Gabrielle Smith,
Curriculum Leader
Inclusive Learning

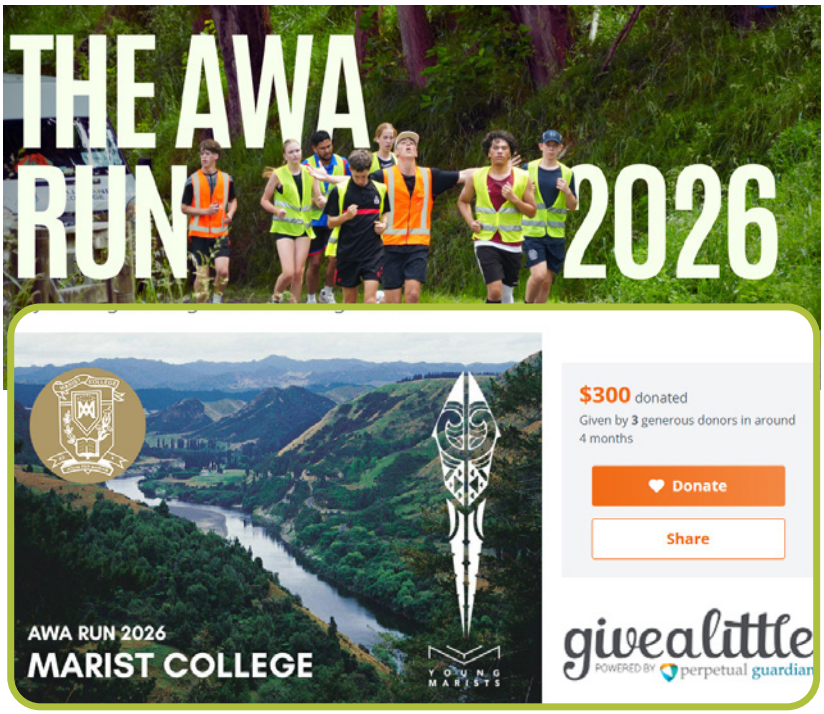
Coaches & Managers Wanted for 2027
Join the Marist Sport whānau!

We are looking for enthusiastic coaches and managers to support our Marist College sports teams in 2027, particularly in Football, Hockey, Netball, Tennis, Touch, Volleyball and Water Polo.

Whether you're experienced or keen to get involved, we'd love to hear from you! We're also open to discussing new sports not currently offered at Marist.

Interested? Complete our 2027 Expression of Interest Form or contact the Sports Department at sports@maristcollege.school.nz.

https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/539951



Marist College & St Peter's College present

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

LYRICS BY TIM RICE MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre
May 2027

Auditions February 2027
Sign up now for an audition pack

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Albert-Eden Schools' Cultural Festival 2026



Enjoy a day of community connection at the Albert-Eden Schools' Cultural Festival.

There will be food trucks, performances and more.
Presented by Albert-Eden Local Board.

Saturday 28 November 2026, Rocket Park, Councillors Drive, Mt Albert, 10am-4pm

Open Your Home to the World
Become a Marist Homestay Family!

Have you considered welcoming an international student into your home? Homestay is a fantastic way to experience another culture, make lifelong connections and show a student what Kiwi life is all about. We welcome students from all over the world, with hosting opportunities ranging from two weeks to a term, or even a full year. What's involved? Simply welcoming a student into your home and making them feel part of the family.

Hosting payment: $400 per student, per week.

It's a rewarding experience for the whole family, offering the chance to share our way of life while learning about another culture along the way. Interested? Get in touch with Maria Walker, Homestay Coordinator. We'd love to hear from you, email homestay@maristcollege.school.nz

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.

MALAGA TAUTUA 'TO SERVE WITH LOVE'
LOOKING FOR DISCIPLES TO JOIN THIS GREAT MISSION! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.





SAMOA

11th - 16th Dec 2027

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
https://forms.gle/PURgmvVKhBFRkL4JA

www.servicetripsabroad.com info@servicetripsabroad.com +64 0223234367

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