



## MARIST COLLEGE NO.1 AUCKLAND SCHOOL

The July/August issue of *Metro* magazine ranked Marist College first among the 75 Auckland schools offering NCEA. The analysis covered retention rates, achievement at Level 2, Merit and Excellence Endorsements and Scholarship results. The article states 'half of the top 20 schools in Auckland using National Certificate of Educational Achievement exam system have a religious character. Our analysis of the last three years' worth of academic results shows 8 of the top 20 are Catholic – including top school, Marist College'.

The philosophy and ethos of Catholic schools that shapes the type of education that we offer and the way we operate our schools is fundamental to the success that Catholic schools have. The spirit of community and partnership between students, teachers and families, with high expectations and clear boundaries underpinned by Gospel values is a successful formula.

Marist College is student centered. We focus on individuals, know and value each student, differentiate teaching programmes, scaffold learning from year 7 and both students and teachers work hard to achieve their goals. Being successful is part of the school culture and our Vision statement in the Marist College Charter is "Growth through Excellence". Because we emphasise the importance of being the best possible version of the person God created us to be, success is expected and excellence is recognised and celebrated. The College community, including students, staff, trustees and parents, is to be commended on this outstanding achievement.

Kind Regards,

Monica Johnson  
Principal

### MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK - TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI 26 JULY - 1 AUGUST

This year's Māori Language Week theme for 2010 is "Te mahi kai – The language of food". Since 1975, Māori Language Week is a special time every year to focus on and encourage the use of Māori language. As an official language and taonga of Aotearoa New Zealand, te reo Māori offers unique academic, cultural, educational, economic, social and linguistic benefits for all New Zealanders.

Māori is a language for all New Zealanders, so we at Marist will be trying our best to Kōrero Māori. There will be various activities around the school promoting Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori, including a hangi being laid by Te Puna Reo Maori O Nga Maungarongo (Maori early childhood centre) at Marist on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July** (see advertisement). So come along and enjoy a kai with family and friends whilst being entertained by our very own Kapa Haka group, Te Puna Reo and guest speakers. Tickets for the hangi are \$10 per meal and can be pre-purchased at the school office, get in quick because they are selling fast!

Other things happening around the school include Maori games at lunchtime, student quiz, new words/phrases (kupu) put up around the school and in the notices; Maori DVD's played at lunchtime; and girls are invited to attend kapa haka practice to learn a waiata-a-ringa-ringā (action song). Together we can show pride in our unique national language.

**"Ko te kai rapu, ko ia te kite"** – He who seeks will find  
*Don't sit back, have a go and experience it.*

*Nau mai, Haere mai*

**Celebrate Maori Language Week**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**  
6pm in the gym

Come and share a traditional **hangi** with friends and family

**Free** entertainment (including the Marist Kapa Haka group) and speakers

Pre purchase your hangi tickets from the school office \$10/meal

### KEY DATES

#### WEEK 2

- July 26 M Maori Language Week  
Marist Youth Leader Forum  
Hong Kong Visitors  
Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
- 28 W Chess Club Competition 4-6pm  
Hangi—Maori Language Week 6pm
- 29 Th Y13 Drama Performance —Othello
- 30 F Fundraising Mufti Day  
Rotation 7-4

#### WEEK 3

- August 02 M Hong Kong Visitors
- 04 W ASS Central Zone Netball Tournament
- 05 Th Y7&8 Central Zone Netball Tournament  
Australian Maths Competition  
Careers Expo Y12 & 13 6pm
- 06 F Y7&8 Winter Waterpolo Tournament  
Careers Expo Y12 & 13  
Rotation 1-5

### FUNDRAISING DAY FOR CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION

On Friday July 30<sup>th</sup> Marist College will have a fundraising day in support of the Catholic Caring Foundation. This is an agency that supports local organisations in their work to 'love God and neighbour, especially those who are on the margins of our society. Funds are specifically raised on Caring Sunday which was last Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup>. Money goes to help with Catholic agencies such as Chaplaincy, eg in hospital and prison, to places such as Monte Cecilia Housing Trust as well as to non-Catholic agencies who work in such areas as literacy, counseling, support and prevention.

We ask so much of our school community but we are encouraging students to play their part in bringing about the Kingdom of God here on earth by being 'other centered not self-centered'.

On Friday July 30<sup>th</sup> students are welcome to come to school in mufti, we ask that all students make a gold coin donation which we will pass onto the Catholic Caring Foundation. There will also be fundraising stalls at Break 2.

For further information on CCF go to [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

Mrs Susan Brebner

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

- **Katherine Graaf (Year 13)** who captained the New Zealand U17 Development Water Polo Team to a series win over Queensland at the end of Term 2 at the Millennium Institute on the North Shore.
- **Jordan Milich-Misikini (Year 11)** who captained the New Zealand U15 Water Polo team to a series win over Queensland at the end of term 2. The same team then participated in the Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Festival. Jordan led her team to a 3 – 0 victory over New South Wales. Jordan is also to be congratulated on being named MVP for this series against NSW.
- **Jennifer Griffin (Year 13)** who captained the U18 Auckland Premier Hockey Team that won a gold medal at the recent National Tournament.

### PTFA News

#### Trivial Pursuit Evening

The PTFA is holding a Trivial Pursuit Evening on Friday 20th August at 7:00pm. Tickets \$10.00 each and are available from the school office (see attached poster).

We are putting together baskets as prizes for the night, so if you are able to donate any goods such as pamper pack items, gourmet food, bottles of wine, vouchers for goods and services, etc please bring them to the school office.



Your help and support would be much appreciated.

#### New Chairperson

Thank you to Maria Hayward for her service as Chairperson over the last two years. Andy Slater has now taken over this position.

#### BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE VANUATU TRIP 2011

We have a few spaces left for students in year 11-13 in 2011 travelling 23-30<sup>th</sup> July 2011. For information please contact Judi Leman 8468 311 ex 709, [j.leman@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:j.leman@maristcollege.school.nz)

### Māori Language Week

Things that you can do to promote the reo around the community are:

**Say 'kia ora'** when greeting your family, friends etc.

**At work/school - create supportive Māori language spaces.** Put up a welcome sign at your workplace/school etc - 'Nau mai, haere mai', put up bi-lingual signs – a visible way of showing that te reo is valued at your workplace. Let your workmates/colleagues/students know you're going to use the Māori word for that thing. Label several items.

**Schedule some Māori language time.** You could allocate time for a Māori language class. Māori language is used all the time - in place names, personal names etc, so basic Māori language skills are always useful.

**Listen to or view Māori media.** Māori language has never been more accessible. Watch Maori TV, listen to your local Maori radio stations. Visit the library to borrow Māori music, DVDs, videos and books. Add Māori books to your workplace shopping list!

**Use the Internet to learn the Reo.**

Learn the basics at:  
[www.korero.maori.nz](http://www.korero.maori.nz),  
[www.tokureo.maori.nz](http://www.tokureo.maori.nz) or  
[www.maorilanguage.net](http://www.maorilanguage.net)

### UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND COURSES AND CAREERS DAY

The University of Auckland is holding its annual open day—Courses and Careers Day—on Saturday 28th August from 9am to 3pm. All faculties will have lectures and displays for prospective students to explore study options, career opportunities and life on campus. Over the last few years thousands of students, parents and teachers have benefited from the day.

There is an interactive version of the Courses and Careers Day programme available on the website.

**Please note there are also special sessions for year 9 to 11 students and their parents as an introduction to University life and study.**

For more information please visit [www.coursesandcareers.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.coursesandcareers.auckland.ac.nz)

### SOCIAL ACTION GROUP WIN

Marist College won the 1st Prize, Secondary School Category in the Secondary Schools Peace Week Competition.

The organisation said that our schools' activities on Peace Week were outstanding and generated much participation (with lower years participating) and impact as these were shown to the wider school community - parents and the public.

### COUNSELLOR'S COMMENT



*Beginnings and Endings, with LIFETIMES in between.*

"There is a beginning and an ending for everything that is alive. In between is living. All around us, everywhere, beginnings and endings are going on all the time. With living in between. This is true for all living things. For plants. For people. For birds. For fish. For trees. For animals. Even for the tiniest insect. Nothing that is alive goes on living for ever. How long it lives depends upon what it is and what happens while it is living. Sometimes, living things become ill or they get hurt. Mostly, of course, they get better again but there are times when they are so badly hurt or they are so ill they die because they can no longer stay alive. This can happen when they are young, or old, or anywhere in between. There are lots of living thing in our world. Each one has its own special lifetime." (to be continued. Bryan Mellonie & Robert Ingpen.)

Mrs McEwen

### MARIST COLLEGE EX STUDENTS ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO A MARIST DAY GATHERING

**Afternoon Tea with Lucy Lawless and a Silent Auction  
Entertainment by the Maris Stella Choir**

Sunday 15th August, 1:30-4:30pm  
Mt Albert War Memorial Hall

Adults \$20.00, Students \$10.00  
(in support of the Marist College Endowment Fund)  
RSVP to [maristexstudents@gmail.com](mailto:maristexstudents@gmail.com)