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CATERED 100TH CELEBRATION - NO COST

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12PM BBQ, FOOTBALL & RUGBY
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**Photos of all our deceased Life members are proudly
displayed in the Marist Club Boardroom.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear reader of the Green & Gold Times

This copy of the Green & Gold Times represents the 49th year of publication of our award-winning magazine.

I hope you enjoy a great read because I find it always gives a really good sense of the club and its various codes of sport and their performances during the year. It also gives a wonderful sense of the club that we are involved in, and the spirit in which we operate.

With over 3,400 members we are the largest multi code sports club in the country. Included within that are over 400 volunteers who help coach, manage, and administer, well done to your all!

My sincere thanks to those who support us. Throughout the publication you will see acknowledgement of a number of those sponsors without whose help we could not keep trying to meet our aim of affordable sport for all.

I acknowledge the New Zealand Community Trust and its significant grants to both summer and winter codes, they really help with sports gear, uniforms, coaching and ground hire.

The Shamrock Club also provides significant support to the individual codes of sport, so please take a note of the Shamrock Club members and support those who support the club.

I would also like to specifically acknowledge Higgins Concrete and the Higgins Family Holdings for their much appreciation and ongoing support.

I hope when reading the magazine, you can see that our future strength lies in the current strength and numbers in our junior codes. It is wonderful to see some of their photos and reflect on their performances during the year.

I specifically acknowledge Paul O'Brien in his capacity as Executive Director for the club and am delighted that Paul is soon to receive a Civic Award which acknowledges his outstanding services to our community. His various roles and contributions have been wonderful, and they extend much wider than just the Marist family. Well done Paul!

Can I also acknowledge Rhys and Vicki Nielsen for the great service they provided in the administration of the bar and catering facilities. Well done on the services you provided.

Please enjoy the read!

Keith Wedlock
Chairman

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MARIST CHAPLAINCY 25

History is a wonderful thing. Although 100 hundred years isn't a great period it does cover a time longer than what most of us live. From small beginnings as a rugby club the Palmerston North Marist club has expanded and grown into a large organisation providing resources and comradeship for participants of many sporting codes in a time when care and friendship is essential for wellbeing. A holistic approach sees to the physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing of the whole person.

In recent times the role of chaplain has grown, and most clubs have a chaplain as part of their management. How common to see players acknowledge their beliefs with a sign of the cross or kneeling in prayer at the end of a match, sometimes in the company of an opposition member. The spirituality of these players is an important aspect of their life.

What will the next 100 years bring? As a "Catholic" club, but one involving people of diverse faiths, how can we incorporate and make everyone feel welcome? While most individuals may wish to express their faith in a private manner, could the Marist family encourage a moment of prayer during their final huddle before a match, or a simple 'Thanks to God' as a team at the conclusion of a game? Can we chaplains assist?

Monsignor Brian and I wish the club every good wish and our thanks for being able to play a part in the present and future of the Marist club. "Deo Gratias".

Monsignor David Bell



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EDITORIAL

In 1926 our Rugby Club commenced, and our Cricket & Tennis Clubs completed their first season.

50 years later, our multi sports club was incorporated in 1976, with over 300 members.

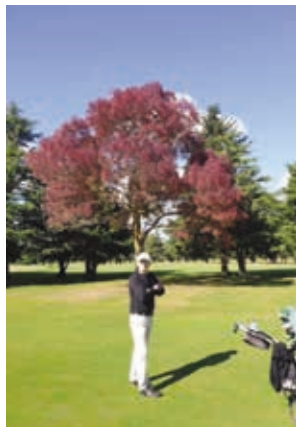
As we start our hundredth year, we are proud to facilitate 'affordable sport' for over 3,400 members.

In addition, our Summer Soccer competition for just under 4000 participants is organised by Marist Football.

Marist Sports also has a formal association with Manawatu Badminton, Cycling and PN Squash.

Our modern strategically located clubrooms next to Arena Manawatu, host over 40 community groups each year and 6 national sporting bodies.

The success of assisting over 9700 people with their sport is only possible because of our 400+ volunteers.



***Marist's centennial celebrations be held Kings Birthday weekend
from 5.30pm Friday 29th May 2026.***

Paul O'Brien
Executive Director



THE SHAMROCK CLUB

Shamrock Club members continue to provide a very important funding pool to support Marist sports codes.

Our Codes of sport pay for their significant sponsors to be members in this important Marist family, to recognise the contribution that their support provides.

Our St. Patricks day function on March 17th recognised all our Shamrock club members.

The Shamrock Club chairman delivered the Green and Gold times, to each Shamrock club member in 2023 and will do so again this year.

We welcome new members so please nominate any prospective member to
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The Shamrock Club Membership for 2024/2025

The Shamrock Club's list of members is as follows:

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We thank you for your support.

We welcome all new applications for membership. Membership for a year costs \$300.00. New members can be discounted for part year membership. If you wish, you can tag part of your donation to a particular Marist Sports code.

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SENIOR RUGBY

Presidents Report 2025

2025 was another tough year for the club, rising costs and player retention in rugby in general was factors. 2025 also saw long standing coach Lewis WILLIAMS leave the club, Lewis has been a long term successful coach with High School Old Boys and Old Boys Marist in a coaching career he should be very proud of, I thank Lewis for his commitment and dedication. Bryce GRANT a long term player and Senior 1 assistant coach also departed and I acknowledge his time as a coach with OBM and it is a disappointment he is not continuing in his role.

I myself move on from formal involvement in the club in an administrator role, I have looked on for the past few years and tried to work out where this great game is going and how we solve the issues, I see a lack of support from people paid to encourage, mentor and foster rugby locally and nationally as a real concern and commend the committee for trying their own initiatives to attempt to negate a lack of support to continue to make this club the best it can.

Tonight I would like to acknowledge Paul HUMPHRIES for his life membership. Pauls support to the club has been unwavering. The meetings we have had to discuss sponsorship has always been a “catch up” and never in doubt with regards to the commitment to Old Boys Marist. Along with Kane BARRY and business partner Adam DEKKER their support to me as the chairman and president has been greatly appreciated and unwavering during both the good and not so good times, something I will forever appreciate.

Throughout my time as a committee member Mark ANDERSEN has been a huge support to me, and I sincerely thank him for his support during my time with the club, His life membership last years was well deserved. He has held all positions within the committee including committee member, club captain and now chairman. I know from my time involved as an administrator it has never been easy to run this club, keeping the club alive financially, keeping player/coaching interest and ensuring teams are on the field isn’t easy and I challenge persons to offer their services in assistance.

I have loved my time being involved off the field but for now it’s time for someone else to have a go. Good luck to the incoming committee, what you will find is that it isn’t as easy in the current environment as you may think. I wish you all the best.

Dave Wilson
President

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Club Captains Report 2025

Having a season under my belt, I was a little more prepared for the demands that the role of Club Captain requires in order to make a club rugby season successful. It must be noted that success is not always about the score, but about the experiences of players, sponsors, friends and whanau.

We started our season in March heading to the annual Spillane tournament this year held in Hamilton. The two-day tournament saw five vans of players from both the men's and women's teams have two nights away, giving them the opportunity to get to know each other, experience Spillane and how other Marist clubs from around the country come together. Hamilton Marist put on a great tournament, and we returned somewhat battered, but a little more knowledgeable for the experience.

Once again, our registrations for the 2025 season sat around the 100-mark based across three teams – Men's Senior A, Men's Senior B and Women's. Sadly, as in the last few years we were unable to bring together enough players to create a Colts team and those that would normally fall into that age group merged themselves into our B's.

The 2025 season saw our Men's Senior A team coached once again by Lewis Williams and Bryce Grant. The team struggled somewhat due to player shortages and finished up at the lower end of the table. Player injuries and unavailability was our achilles, having to rely in Senior B players to make up the numbers some weeks. However, they still managed to hold onto the Higgins Concrete Shield, and we're happy to have it remain in the trophy cabinet.

Our Women's Senior A team, once again coached by Slade Sturmeay, continued on from the 2024 season by remaining undefeated. This meant the retention of the Eketahuna Cup, the Ashleigh Knight Trophy and back-to-back winners of the Prue Christie Cup, in what turned out to be a very one-sided final against Freyberg (73-0).

Our Senior B team took to the field under the coaching guidance of Brendan O'Connor and Marcus Prenter. As with the 2024 season, we once again had weeks where they struggled to field a team due to injuries and player work commitments. There was also a constant request to lend players to the Senior A team, who were regularly in need of borrowing players.

As with previous seasons we are still experiencing the ongoing issue that is reflected in the rugby community space with player recruitment and retention. The plans put in place last season are still in the building phase, patience and perseverance will be the key to tipping the scales back in our favour

We, as always are truly appreciative of our Clubs Team sponsors. Our Senior A Men's have been blessed for many, many years with the support of Higgins Concrete and Humphreys Construction. Our Women's team saw an additional sponsor Omega Chiropractic & Radiology join a newly renamed UnityCloud (formerly NZ Telephone & Cables), and our Men's B team once again had the backing of Altherm Aluminium. To all our sponsors we thank you for your support and appreciate your connection with our players and Old Boys Marist.

It is to be noted that 2026 will be Old Boys Marist Centennial (1926 – 2026), marking what has been a fantastic 100 years at the Club. Already the current Committee have been working hard behind the scenes to make sure that 2026 will be a season to remember, and hopefully one that will attract back to the fold both players and supporters alike. Make sure that you follow us on the various social media formats that OBM post on and look out for the events that will be taking place. The highlight being Kings Birthday Weekend (29th – 31st May) when the main celebrations are planned.



Since the Club Prizegiving back in July, further accolades have been bestowed on our players. The Manawatu Rugby Awards held in October saw two of the 16 OBM players in the 2025 Cyclones squad sweep the Awards in the Farrah Palmer Cup Premier Grade:

- Brianna Wallace
- Best & Fairest – WINNER
- Best Forward – WINNER
- Players Player – WINNER
- Player of the Year - WINNER
- Jacinta Windsor
- Rookie of the Year - WINNER
- Best Back - WINNER
- Brenda Baker – Volunteer of the Year – NOMINEE

To all our players, management, whanau, sponsors and supporters I thank you for putting your faith in OBM and look forward to seeing you all back in 2026 for what will be an historical season for Old Boys Marist, as we march into another century of rugby in the green, white and black.

Brenda Baker
OBM Club Captain

OBM Committee 2025

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Players Representative: Max Harris (Snr A), Kahurangi Sturmeay (Women's),
Flynn Russell (Snr B)

Junior Rugby Representative: Kent Higson (MJR Chairman)

Committee Members: Malcolm Burr (VP), Bill Feasey, Brendan O'Connor,
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Chairman's Report – Season 2025

As Chairperson of Palmerston North Old Boys Marist RFC, I reflect on the 2025 season with a sense of both pride and pragmatism. It has been a year marked by notable achievements, tempered by the realities of the challenges facing grassroots rugby across the country.

Our Senior Men's teams faced a tough campaign, with player numbers presenting ongoing challenges. However, this adversity created opportunities for emerging talent. Several promising young players stepped up from the Altherm Aluminium Senior 2 side to contribute off the bench for the Humphries Construction / Higgins Concrete Senior 1 team. Their performances demonstrated that the future of Senior Club Rugby at OBM remains bright.

Our Unity Cloud / Omega Chiropractic Women's team delivered another exceptional season, going undefeated and proudly retaining the Prue Christie Cup. Their consistency, skill, and team spirit continue to set a benchmark for excellence.

Following the Manawātū Women's Club Rugby season, we were thrilled to see 16 OBM players selected for the Cyclones squad. Competing in the FPC Premiership, they held their own against some of the country's top teams, reaching the semi-finals. A standout moment was their memorable victory over Auckland, a testament to their grit and determination.

I want to make special mention and acknowledgement of our Sponsors. Our club is fortunate to be backed by a loyal group of sponsors whose support is vital to our continued success. On behalf of the entire OBM community, I extend heartfelt thanks to:

- Humphries Construction
- Higgins Concrete
- Unity Cloud
- Omega Chiropractic
- Altherm Aluminium Doors and Windows
- The Shamrock Club

Your commitment to our club and our game is deeply appreciated.

The 500/200 Club saw a surge in membership this season, thanks in large part to the tireless efforts of Malcolm Burr. Malcolm's dedication, countless hours on the phone and email has not gone unnoticed. Thank you, Malcolm, for your unwavering commitment.

To our coaches and managers: your behind-the-scenes work is the backbone of our club. The hours of preparation, planning, and care you invest each week ensure our teams are ready to compete. Special thanks to Lewis Williams and Bryce Grant, who have concluded their tenure as Senior 1 coaches. Your leadership and service over the years have been invaluable. We look forward to welcoming a new coaching team in 2026.

Our OBM Committee has once again worked tirelessly from January through to December. In a time of rising costs and financial pressure, your efforts to manage resources and maintain club operations have been commendable. Thank you all for your resilience and dedication.

A special acknowledgment goes to our Club Captain, Brenda Baker. Brenda wears many hats; Club Captain, Equipment Steward, and Manager of the Women's Team. She wears them all with energy and excellence. Brenda, your contribution to OBM is extraordinary.

As we look ahead to 2026, we prepare to celebrate a major milestone, the Centennial of Palmerston North Marist Sports. Planning is well underway, with the main celebration scheduled for King's Birthday weekend. Expect a full programme of events, including the possibility of a Golden Oldies match, a great excuse to dust off the boots for a jog or a gentle stroll. We hope to see many of you on the sidelines and in the clubrooms as we honour 100 years of community, camaraderie, and competition.

However, we must also acknowledge the broader challenges facing our sport. Rugby at the club and provincial levels is under pressure, from rising costs to declining player numbers. These are complex issues with no easy solutions. It is clear that the game needs fresh thinking and bold ideas from the next generation of leaders.

In closing, to everyone who has supported Palmerston North Old Boys Marist RFC throughout the 2025 season, thank you. Your passion, time, and belief in our club sustain us. I look forward to celebrating our centennial year with you all and continuing to build a strong future for our club and our game.

Mark Andersen
PN OBM
Chairman / Life Member

Special Note from the Club Captain

As with every season, the final game brings a close to the playing or coaching career for some, the end of what has either been a successful season or one to forget. But with the end brings the opportunity to start fresh in the New Year, and 2026 will definitely be that year.

We are excited to have a fresh new coaching group for our Men's Senior A's and Women's teams, we also will be welcoming back players who are jumping on board with being part of the 100 year Centennial festivities.

So, from a Club point of view 2026 will be a new look to a new century at OBM, as we move forward with change, diversity and an openness to the challenges that face Club rugby in the 21st century.

OBM 2025 Prizegiving

Men's Senior 2nd

Walker Cup	Best Forward	CALEB GRAY
New Cup	Best Back	BRON TRUBSHOE
Walker Cup	Most Improved	WAYNE SAIO
Irvine Roberston Memorial Trophy	Players Player	FLYNN RUSSELL
Junior Cup	Best All Round - MVP	FLYNN RUSSELL

Women's Senior 1st

Marist Rugby Club Cup	Best Forward	HOLLY POWELL
Marist Rugby Club Cup	Best Back	JACINTA WINDSOR
Donaldson Cup	Most Improved	HANNAH CADZOW
Marist Rugby Club Cup	Players Player	KAHURANGI STURMEY
Baker Cup	Best All Round - MVP	ANAHERA HAMAHONA

Men's Senior 1st

Brien Trehey Cup	Best Forward	ALEC ODELL
Brian Finlay Memorial	Best Back	OLLIE BROSNAHAN
Ronald McDonald Memorial	Most Improved	EZEKIEL NEEMIA
Jimmy Crosswell	Players Player	MAX HARRIS
Houlihan Cup	Best All Round - MVP	KAURIRI VAO

OBM CLUB AWARDS 2025

Houlihan Cup	Best Club Trainer	HAYDEN DAY
Brother Aloysius Cup	Best Attacking Back	RANGIMARIE STURMEY
Robin O'Neil Cup	Most Points of the Boot	LEAH BROUGH
		– 62 points
O'Callaghan Cup	Most Tries in a Season	WIKITORIA DOYLE
		– 13 tries / 65 points
Gleeson Cup	Rookie of the Year	EZEKIEL NEEMIA
Gerry Rogers Cup	Best & Fairest - Female	LEAH BROUGH
Price Trophy	Best & Fairest – Male	OLLIE BROSNAHAN
Maurice Calcott Cup	Player contributing most to the Club	FLYNN RUSSELL
Marist Brothers Cup	Most promising Club person	GRANT CHRISTIAN
Terry Warn Cup	Committee member contributing most	BRENDA BAKER
Committee Cup	Loyal Service Award	BILL FEASEY
DB Cup	Supporter/s of the Year	WALLER FAMILY
J Oakley Cup	Best Club Spirit	FLYNN RUSSELL
Rutherford Cup	Outstanding Service to Marist/ OBM Rugby	MARK ANDERSEN
Bids Cup	Team of the Year	OBM WOMEN – 2025 Prue Christie Cup Winners
John Berry Cup	Coach/Administrator of the Year	SLADE STURMEY
Cam Stewart Cup	Best & Fairest	
	Player of the Year	MAX HARRIS



**Leah Brough –
Female Best & Fairest /
Points Boot**



**Ollie Brosnahan –
Mens A Best Back /
Male Best & Fairest**



**Max Harris –
Player of the Year /
Mens A Players Player**



**Flynn Russell –
Player Contributor /
Senior B MVP PP /
Senior B MVP**



OMB Women's – Team of the Year



**Coach of the Year – Slade Sturme
(represented by Sturmeys whanau)**



Mens A Most Improved – Ezekiel Neemia



**Committee Contributing
– Brenda Baker**



**Loyal Service –
Bill Feasey**



**Outstanding Service –
Mark Andersen**



Chris Cairns 100



**Mens A Best Forward –
Alec Odell**



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Paul O'Brien



**Senior B Best Forward –
Caleb Gray**



**Best Trainer –
Hayden Day**



**Promising Club Person –
Grant Christian**



**Rookie of the Year –
Ezekiel Neemia**



**Cap 1 – 100 games –
Chris Carins**



**Womens Most Improved –
Hannah Cadzow**



**Womens MVP –
Anahere Hamahona**



**Womens Players Player –
Kahurangi Sturme**



**Senior B Best Back –
Bronson Trubshoe**



**Womens Best Back –
Jacinta Windsor**



**Womens Best Forward –
Holly Powell**



**Most Tries –
Wikitoria Doyle**



**Best Attacking Back –
Rangimarie Sturme**



PALMERSTON NORTH OLD BOYS MARIST
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Old Boys Marist Senior A - 2025



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Back Row: Livi Tabiani, Jett Donald, Charley, Caleb Gray, Cameron O'Connell
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 Lewis Wilson (Coach), Bill Peasey (Assistant Manager), Jacyyn Stoney, Prys Carr, Liam O'Connor, Grant Christian (Manager), Bryce Grant (Coach)
 Middle Row: Celine Brownlie, Max Harris, Alex O'Connell (Captain), Heide Waller, William Fisher, Aaron Toomey, Michael Harris, Justin Lino, Logan Watson-Wallace, Shay Kitchcock, Ezekiel Neneila, Leighton O'Connell, Kobe Aghane, Tevita Vao, Tyson Savill, Jai Tamati,
 Matt Easton, Chris Cairns, Josh Greer



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2025 WINNERS

EKETAHUNA CUP - PIKE CHIRSTIE CUP - ASHLEIGH KNIGHT TROPHY

Game 1
OBSM 23 v Waiwae 10-18
Game 2
OBSM 29 v Freyberg 15
Game 3
OBSM 18 v Aka 10-10
Game 4
OBSM 30 v Bush 6
Game 5
OBSM 18 v Freyberg 2-4

Game 6
OBSM 30 v Freyberg 2-4
Game 7
OBSM 86 v Aka 10-6
Game 8
OBSM 81 v Bush 10
Game 9
OBSM 71 v Freyberg 9



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Back Row: Leah Brough (8); Brianna Wallace (17); Lydia Furse (4)
Third Row: Laila Seretinas (15); Jacinta Windhorst (7); Anahera Hemahehe (16); Yvonne Maffeo (14); Mia Palatchi (8)
Second Row: Anara Ballin (Video Analyst); Brenda Baker (Manager); Rebecca MacDonald (6); Monica Hogg (19); Mackenzie Jones (6); Kaitlyn Rangana (16); Raymond (Sport) Lowe (Medic)
Front Row: Jessie Matasila (4); Laura Clarendon (27); Helen Brackland (32); Kahurangi Sturmy (32); Holly Powell (Captain) (26); Whitireia Doyle (28); Rangimarie Sturmy (23); Hlon Barr (29)
Absent: Ella Anthoni Oliviera (14); Lauren Bickley (6); Hannah Caldwell (16); Gracie Donaldson (3); Eleanor Febery (9); Sophia Fouly (6); Bree Grondie (7)
Inset: Caitlyn Jacobs (2); Keamoy Matanga (2); Bridget McGirr (11); Mary Theresa O'Neill (23); Milla Pucio (8); Trivell Rakola (3); Ngana Taraka (26); Shantique Wall (29)
Inset: Slade Sturmy (Coach)

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1926-2026



**PALMERSTON NORTH MARIST
CENTENNIAL SEASON**

KINGS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

FRIDAY MAY 29TH - 5.30PM

CATERED 100TH CELEBRATION - NO COST

SATURDAY MAY 30TH

12PM BBQ, FOOTBALL & RUGBY
MATCHES 5 PM CENTENNIAL PARTY
NO COST

SUNDAY MAY 31ST 10AM

CENTENNIAL AT THE CATHEDRAL, THEN
11AM SUNDAY SCHOOL AT MARIST CLUB

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SENIOR FOOTBALL



Senior Football Prizegiving

Cup Winners

Chinese Cup
Greens Family Cup
Men's Division 5 Winners
Manawatu Division 5 Knockout Cup
Futsal SuperLeague Winners 2025

Watson Integrity Mens
Chapple Architecture Mayhem
Smart Phone Repairs Royals
Smart Phone Repairs Royals
Marist Men

Club Awards

BELIEVE IT OR NOT (donated by A Smith)
Futsal SuperLeague Men's Golden Boot & MVP
Kirsty Dingley Cup – DEFENDER OF THE YEAR
Jason Flynn Cup WOMENS GOLDEN BOOT
MENS GOLDEN BOOT
Mikaela Boxall GIRLS' YOUTH PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Youn BOYS' YOUTH PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Adrian Smith Cup WOMENS PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Glenn Hewson Memorial Trophy
MENS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Men's Futsal SuperLeague Champs
Gavin Hoy
Taufilo Taufilo
Paige Charlton (15)
Cristiano Yarwood (24)
Ella Johns-Stewart
Grayson Cattle
Marina Ishimoto

Nick Hayward

Shortall Cup – MASTER'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR
COACH OF THE YEAR
Aiken Cup MOST SUCCESSFUL TEAM
CLUB PERSONALITY (donated by A Smith)
GREATEST CONTRIBUTION

Ken Hodgson
Chris Mumford
Smart Phone Repairs Royal
Wayne Parker
Sarah Cowan

Player Achievements

NZ Secondary Schools
Girls Youth National League team

Women's National League team

NZ Under 16 Squad
Futsal SuperLeague Men's Golden Boot
Futsal SuperLeague Men's Golden Glove
Futsal SuperLeague Men's MVP

Grayson Cattle, Dallas Rongotea
Alice Kang, Izzy Yarwood,
Caylee Fergus, Anja Mills
Kate McPherson, Mackenzie Butler,
Ella Johns-Stewart, Leonie Heck,
Charlotte Noakes,
Chardonnay Ross-Elvin
Grayson Cattle
Gavin Hoy
Liam Outtrim
Gavin Hoy

Team Awards

DUNSHAEGANS – JRM Automotive

Players Player
Best Team Member
Most Valuable Player

SHAMROCK ROVERS – Manawatu Knitting Mills

Players Player
Best Team Member
Most Valuable Player

BANSHEES

Aaron McCann Trophy Players Player
Best Team Member (donated by Watsons)
Skinner Cup – Most Valuable Player

ROYALS – Smart Phone Repairs Men's Division 5

Players Player
Best Team Member
Most Valuable Player (donated by R. Findon)

EVERGREENZ – Freedom Plus

Players Player
Best Team Member
Most Valuable Player

MYSTERIES – Manawatu Knitting Mills

Smith Cup Players Player
Best Team Member
(donated by Compressed Air Controls)
Vangionis Whithers Cup – Most Valuable Player

Masters

Glen Fage
Kurt Poppe & Alex Gaskell
Peter Darke

Masters

Chris Stewart
Felix Rodriguez-Firpo
Tristan Blignault & Michael Johnson

Masters

Alan Dingley
Robert Shortall
Dion Johnson

Anthony Prince
Chet Greateorex
Remy Cuttle & Ankit Rawat

Women's Division 2

Jane Archer
Rachel Watson
Georgina Morrison

Women's Division 3

Phillipa Hay
Aishling Brown
Anna Sturm

CELTS – Watson Integrity

Players Player

Best Team Member (Housie Trophy)

Most Valuable Player (donated by B&M)

GREENIES

Players Player

Best Team Member

Most Valuable Player

PARK RANGERS

Players Player

Best Team Member

Most Valuable Player

BULLDOGS

Players Player

Best Team Member

Most Valuable Player (donated by Watsons)

WOMEN'S RESERVES

Players Player

Best Team Member

Most Valuable Player

MAYHEM

Players Player

Best Team Member

Most Valuable Player (donated by J.Hudson)

INTER

Players Player

Best Team Member

Most Valuable Player

MENS RESERVES – Youm

Players Player

Best Team Member

Most Valuable Player (donated by Blocks Painting)

MENS FIRSTS – Watson Integrity

Players Player (Tait Communications)

Best Team Member

Baycorp Cup Most Valuable Player

WOMENS FIRSTS – MKM Originals

Players Player

Best Team Member

Most Valuable Player

Men's Division 4

Andrew Patterson

Ronin Coppins

Tait Nielsen

Men's Division 3

Ryan Young

Jason Crawford

Brendan Hurley

Men's Division 3

Blake Lynch

Nelson Braddon-Parsons

Luke Spurgeon

Men's Division 2

Aaron Hatton

Sam Roebuck

Matty Greig

Women's Division 1

Alice Kang

Ella Payton

Caylee Fergus

Women's Division 1

Torijan Lyne-Lewis

Paige Charlton

Siobhan Patterson

Horizons Championship

Tim Seaholme

Nicolas Kiefer

Ramis Ali

Western Premiership

Ramis Ali

Kaw Hser

Ben Ditchfield

Men's Central League 2

Jaeden Shaw

Paul Awa

Nick Hayward

W-League

Leonie Heck

MacKenzie Butler

Grace Smith





Watson Integrity – Mens Firsts

Men's Central League 2, 7th place

Coach – Adam Cowan

This season for the men's first team hasn't been an easy ride — and I think we can all agree on that. It's been a year full of tight games where we've let results slip through our fingers, whether from our own mistakes, a bit of bad luck, red cards, penalties, or just those moments when football doesn't fall your way.

More than once, opposition coaches told us after the game how impressed they were — which is nice to hear, but unfortunately, compliments don't move you up the league table.

That said, this season hasn't been without its moments of brilliance. We've seen flashes of what we're capable of — goals, tackles, saves, and spells of play that showed the true quality within this squad. Those of us who've been on the pitch or watching from the sideline know exactly what I mean.

So when we look back, let's not dwell on the tough breaks or those small mistakes. Instead, let's carry forward the lessons, the experience, and the knowledge we've gained.

We finished 7th — but we all know how fine the margins were. Had we held that lead in the final game, we'd be sitting here as runners-up. That's the reality: we're not far off, and that should drive us. To the players — thank you for your commitment and what you've given to this team.

Congratulations as well to those who've achieved milestones this year. I've said it before, but it's worth repeating: very few teams can say they've had as many players stick together, play so many games side by side, and continue building something special. That is rare, and it's something we should be proud of.

To everyone who came down to support us throughout the season — thank you. Your backing means more than you know.

And lastly, a huge thank you to Ken, Marcus and Greg at Watson Integrity as our major sponsor, for your ongoing support. Without you, none of this would be possible.

Here's to taking everything we've learned this season and coming back stronger next year.



MKM Originals – Womens Firsts

W-League, 5th place

Coach – Mikaela Bouwmeester

2025 was an interesting season for the Women's first team. I take my hat off to them for the resilience they showed and appreciate their continued effort throughout.

We struggled again with injury and mid-season holidays but coming away with points from teams ahead of us showed we had the capability to be “the best of the rest”, which is what we strived to be.

We also managed to hit the barn door scoring 21 goals in the second half of the season proving the attacking threats we have across the squad. We had two major milestones, with Mel McKenna hitting 50 caps for the club and Charlotte Noakes joining the 100 club. Awesome achievements for those two.

I thank all the girls for their support in what was my first time in the head coach role of a team. A special thank you to Duncan Muir for his hard work and dedication to our programme - this season would not have gone a head without you. It was a privilege to coach your ladies this season.

I am proud of all of you and your ability to finish top of the Central Fed teams and “best of the rest”.



Isles Construction Marist Womens Reserves

Womens Division 1, 5th place

Coach – Kate Watson

It was a brilliant campaign with a few of the girls playing their first minutes of women's football, and others making their debut for the first team. The girls fought valiantly to the end of the season and our performances improved every week.

A fantastic group of girls on and off the pitch, with many involved in other aspects of Marist football as well. I've had a great time working with this team, and can't wait to see what they all do next season.



Marist Park Rangers

Manawatu Division 3, 4th place

Coach – Rueben Klue

MPR was reformed this year bringing together 2 previous teams.

We had a good solid season finishing in the middle of the table. Throughout the season we played some great football and had a great connection as a team, however we did lack some goal scoring power as we figured out who played best where and survived the social level injuries, and unfortunately dropped some vital points to very narrow losses and draws.

As the season went on we managed to stay positive and picked up some great wins that helped us climb up the table and find the back of the net more consistently.

Thanks to Luke and all the park Rangers lads for another fun season in green and white.



Men's Masters – Banshees

Masters, 8th place

Coach – Ken Hodgson

Glass half full season for the Banshees. 2nd year in a row we have finished higher than last year's champion, however so did 4 other teams. We played well against the top 4 however struggled to take the points, only dropped points once to teams lower than us. Had good competitive games against our 2 fellow Marist Masters teams the Shamrock Rovers and Dunshaghans.



Marist Bulldogs

Men's Division 2, 4th place

Coach – Kent Stockman

Another long year for the Bulldogs with a battle to find players seemed a lot hard this year. After losing 5 of the young lads to higher teams the chance of getting some combinations was never going to happen. Again we saw over 60 players take the field this year so the doggies are truly a club team. A big thank you to everyone that wore the bulldogs kit this yea and a special thanks to Sammy for all your help get a team together every week.

Chapple Architecture Marist Mayhem Manawatu Women's Division One

Coach – Brooke Argyle

2025 saw Mayhem back for another season. A team that has worked hard every Sunday, highlighted by both on-field success and the strong culture that has developed within the squad. We started strong with the team taking out the Greens Cup, a result that kick started the season.

Throughout the season the team performed at a high level, finishing second and narrowly missing out on first place by a single point.

While it was disappointing to fall just short of the top spot, the consistency and quality of performances across the season underline the team's strength and competitiveness within the division. This accomplishment stands as a testament to the hard work demonstrated by both players and the coaching crew.

Beyond the results, one of the most pleasing aspects of the season was the way the players worked for each other. The squad has established itself as a dedicated and supportive group, where teamwork, a strong passing game and a shared desire to succeed have been evident in every match.

Overall, this has been a season of which the Mayhem team can be extremely proud of and we look forward to building again for next season.



Smart Phone Repairs Marist Royals Men's Division 5, 1st Place

Coach – Tait Nielsen

PN Marist Royals had a great season - didn't lose a single game in 18 games. The whole season the team lifted each other, supported each other and backed each other. This whole season has been down to having heart and never surrendering even when they have been behind. A team of blended ages and experience - from 17 to 40 somethings - but still a team that came together in the end.



Watson Integrity Marist Celts

Men's Division 4, 4th place

Coach – Tait Nielsen

Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to Rhys. For all the hard work you put in organising everything for the team behind the scenes and keeping the boys fed after games. Couldn't have done it without you.

Next, the season. There really isn't too much to say apart from thank you to all the Celts. We have had some real highs and also some real lows but that comes when you are a new group.

I just want to say I am very proud of all the lads for putting the work in every game and every training. It has been a pleasure to coach you and the environment we have built is something for you all to be proud of.

We have an amazing group of lads and I look forward to running it back next year and getting some silverware.



Manawatu Knitting Mills Marist Mysteries

Women's Division 3 - 3rd place

Coach – Chris Mumford

This year we welcomed a lot of new faces and took on the big challenge of playing in a higher league. It was tough at times, but we played some great football and even found ourselves at the top of the table for part of the season.

We also had a great run at the Tingey Plate, taking out Levin in the first round who went on to be overall winners of division 2. Unfortunately, our win in the Semi Final was overturned so disappointingly that ended our run, maybe next year will be our year!!



**Isles Construction Ltd Marist Inter
Horizons Championship, 6th Place**

Coach – Tim Seaholme

The 2025 season has been one of challenges, growth, and plenty of positives both on and off the pitch. One of the clear highlights was the closer partnership built between the Inter squad and the Reserves.

A special thank you to the Bulldogs for their ongoing work liaising with us throughout the season, their support made a real difference in helping our developing players take important steps forward.

There were both highs and lows, but moments of real promise showed what this group is capable of. Ultimately, while our league placing didn't fully reflect the squad's potential, it is clear that the players have a bright future ahead of them.

On behalf of the Inter team, thank you to all the players, coaches, and supporters who contributed to this season. Your hard work, flexibility, and commitment kept the squad moving forward through a challenging but rewarding year.



JRM Automotive Marist Dunshaegans
Men's Masters, 10th Place Men's Masters

Manager – Richie Nielsen

The Dunshaegans Showed up Every week in a Highly Competitive Masters Grade.

With a New Look team YET again and yes we still had some of the old faces, as we all need to be old now. To the boys Credit we battled every week. We competed for 45 min, just no one told us the game was 90 min long. We ended up coming 2nd every week except for 2 games.

Not our year really, But Full Credit to the Boys who kept showing up. That's all you can ask for really.

A BIG SHOUT OUT goes to OUR Manager MADISYN NIELSEN..... The Best. I could not have done this year with out you. From me thank you so Much.....



Freedom Plus Marist Evergreenz
Women's Division 2, 7th Place

Coach – Jane Archer

This year has had arguably the biggest change from a team composition point of view since its history began many many moons ago. We have welcomed lots of new faces who have quickly become firmly bedded into the family. We very nearly pulled the pin on the team this year, so a huge thank you to all our new family members for making this season happen.

In terms of the football, we had a great time!

We still have a great style of passing play, and it's been a joy to watch the growth of the players and the team. We had a few good wins and some close loses that I think we can be proud of.

We are desperately hopeful for a masters league next year, and hope to continue the Evergreenz legacy.



Manawatu Knitting Mills Shamrock Rovers
Masters, 8th place

Coach – Chris Stewart

The Shamrock Rovers have had some great battles this year, and we have pushed every team right to the end. We have been competitive and players have shown great spirit to keep pushing to the very end. Unfortunately we just struggled to find the goal, despite creating a ton of opportunities. Been a season of great improvement across the team. Well done Rovers!

Watson Integrity Marist Mens Reserves
Western Premiership, 9th Place

Coach – Chris Mumford

This year was a big step up in competition for the Reserve team, with tougher opposition and the added challenge of five away trips to New Plymouth. While results didn't always go our way - and a few 50/50 calls could've made a big difference - it was great to hear from other teams that they were impressed with the brand of football we played. That says a lot about the identity and spirit the team.



Compressed Air Controls Marist Greenies

Men's Division 3, 5th Place

Coach – Kieran Hurley

This season was a good season but a sad season at the same time.

We say goodbye to two long serving greenies as Jase Crawford says goodbye to the greenies after a very long tenure. He's the longest current serving greenie and a much respected and admired part of our team. We will miss having him around on a Saturday guiding us a giving us advice (wanted or not).

We also say goodbye to Coach Kieran who is retiring from coaching to spend more valuable time with his family and grandkids. We all have enjoyed our time with him coaching and guiding us and wish him all the best. I have a feeling he will still be around and won't be too far from the sideline each Saturday.

Overall this season was a good season with new faces that I feel will be around for a long time to come.

As usual greenies are all about the social aspect and team culture and that has shone through this season. We are all looking forward to the next season and beyond.



CRICKET

Senior Marist Cricket Club 2024/25 End of Season Report

We thank our sponsors for their valuable contribution to Senior Marist Cricket, which include: Higgins Concrete, NZ Community Trust, Capture Signs (Grant McCaskie), The Fat Farmer (Grace Farrington), Rangitikei Meats (Mark Gleeson), Resonant (Kevin Judd), Brent Boddy Cars (Mitch Boddy), Beds'R'Us (Joel Yates), and Gina Collis - Harcourts. Our sponsors have been more involved than ever this season and some have shown support by setting up marques and hosting bbq's at our games which have been well received by all players and families. We will look to continue this into next season.

Our men's teams carried their good pre-new year's form into the latter half of the season, with both featuring in finals cricket.

Our P1 team reached the final of the 1-day competition after a good win against Freyberg in the semi-final. Unfortunately, the rain came on the wrong day and the absence of a reserve day meant a very good 1-day season for the team came to an end in anti-climatic fashion. The team played some positive cricket in the T20 competition and were glad to make it to the final, however struggled against a very strong United outfit. The team was disappointed not the back up last year's win but enjoyed the T20 weekend format nonetheless. The team were dominant in the red ball declaration competition finishing well ahead of the pack on points at the end of the round robin games and continued this form into the final with a comfortable win against a strong United team. This was a well overdue competition win for a team who has been pushing for trophies in all three formats for the past few years. Our P1 team will go into next season with a great deal of confidence that it can push for all three trophies.

Our P2 team had its most successful season for a very long time. With 31 players used throughout the season it was hard for the team to gain any momentum, but to their credit they never gave up and were in the fight every single game. The team showed massive improvement not just on the field but off it as well.





Whilst the team struggled in the T20 competition due to availability issues, the team played some great cricket throughout the 1-day season making it to the semi-final. The team fought hard in the final against an experienced United team setting a small total on a challenging pitch, and bowled extremely well to limit some experienced batters, but unfortunately fell just short. Despite that the team showed great character and fight and made the club extremely proud.

The success of our P2 team can be attributed to the entire club chipping in where required, but in particular to co-captains Gareth Pringle and Joel Yates for their organization throughout the season.

Our ladies team put their tough start to the season behind them in the new year. The team won all but one of their games in the 30-over competition (with the one loss coming by forfeit). With a few players returning to the team and a couple of new recruits on board, the team thrived after the new year's break making the final of the 30-over competition and winning the final against a strong United team.

The social side of our club has gone from strength to strength this season. This is a testament to our players getting involved in club activities and our sponsors for their support. We saw an increase in player numbers after the new year's break. However, even though our pool of players was bigger a number of players were only available/interested in playing one or two games, not consistently every week. Whilst these players were crucial for getting teams (particularly our P2 team) on the pitch, efforts will be made in the off-season to increase buy in from these players. Our club is starting to see the benefits of our winter junior academy which has been held over the past 5 years, with a couple of players who have attended this academy joining the senior club this year. We are hopeful many more players who attended this academy will continue to play for the club over the next few years which will assist in growing numbers. We continue to be on the look out for new players so please get in touch if you are keen to get involved in cricket for the summer.

Connor Morriss

Club Captain

Senior Marist Cricket Club

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The Fat Farmer – Grace Farrington

Gina Collis – Harcourts

Rangitikei Meats – Mark Gleeson

HOCKEY

2025 winter season

Marist hockey had another great season where the club focused on the growth and the development of players. This was attained through the hard work our committee and volunteers do alongside our sponsor Tui Early Learning who have been with us for another year. I'd like to extend a thanks to all players, everyone has made the club a welcoming and friendly environment and it is a pleasure to be a part of this club.

We saw an additional team enter in the women's competition upping our team count to 3 women's and 3 men's teams pushing the member count to 100+. Four of our teams entered into the playoffs but all unfortunately fell short in the semi finals.

The Division 3 men finished top of their regular season for another season.

The Division 1 men also finished off their regular season top of the table and playing in tier 1 of the intercity competition.

Although junior hockey participants do not join Marist, there was involvement from Marist with Connor Drummond aiding Hockey Manawatu helping with the growth of Junior Hockey in Manawatu.

The club had representation across many age ranges from u13 up to national level. I Would like to send an extended thanks to members who volunteered their time whether it be as a coach, manager or as an avid supporter.

Both the Manawatu NHC men's and women's teams were captained by our very own Marist Wolverine players Anna Willocks and Edmund Cousins respectively with Matthew Kennedy and Liam Simpson named in the wider squad. Rae-ann Beaman was given the title of the Men's manager for another season.

Kieran Scannell
Club Captain



2025 Club awards

Club Spirit:	Megan Heald	
Best and Fairest:	Angus Wylie	
Most dedicated:	Connor Drummond	
Most consistent Junior:	Pippa Cairncross	
Top goal scorers:	Men – Josh Scott	Women – Shayna Shortall
Most improved:	Men – Ben Tan	Women – Piper Brambley
Most valuable:	Men – Griffin Jacobs	Women – Annie Clark

Hockey Manawatu Awards

Women's Senior Player of the Year:	Anna Willocks
NHC Men's Player's Player / NHC MVP:	Edmund Cousins
NHC Women's Players Player / NHC MVP:	Anna Willocks

TENNIS

Tennis Season 2024/2025

The Marist Tennis Club has wrapped up another exciting and rewarding season. Our junior interclub teams performed exceptionally well, with two reaching the finals and all finishing near the top of their grades—a fantastic reflection of the depth and talent developing within the club. Our Premier and Senior A teams also delivered strong performances, while our newly formed B Grade team showed steady improvement and promising potential.

Our Saturday morning Hot Shots program remains a cornerstone of junior development. Designed for children aged 5–12, it continues to prepare young players for interclub competition. We're thrilled that a new wave of emerging talent from this program will form two additional junior interclub teams next season. A huge thank you to the parents who help each week with setup, ball collection, and sideline support—your contribution makes a real difference.

A standout highlight this year was Maia Cornell's outstanding achievements—earning selection to the Manawatu junior rep team, winning the Manawatu Age Group Junior Championship, and being named the region's Most Improved Junior Player. Congratulations also to Sebastian Sandoval, Jewel Odering, Chieko Okada and Neeve Harbott who proudly represented Marist at the representative level.

We're deeply grateful to the parents and team managers who ensure our players are prepared and punctual each week. Your support is vital in maintaining the strong team culture we're proud of.

This season also saw us take proactive steps to grow the club. We piloted a free lunchtime coaching program at St. Peter's to attract new members and are now looking to extend this initiative to other nearby schools, building new relationships and introducing more young players to Marist Tennis.

As always, we extend our sincere thanks to our sponsors and funding partners. Special thanks to the Shamrock Club, Paul O'Brien, and the Marist Sports Club for securing NZCT funding for equipment, court hire, and coaching, and to the Lion Foundation for their continued support of our junior programs. We also appreciate the scoreboard sponsorship from Subway and Tremaine Auto - the scoreboards have been a hit with both players and spectators.

To my committee—thank you. Your dedication and countless volunteer hours are the foundation of everything we achieve.

Finally, I want to acknowledge what makes the Marist Tennis Club special—our welcoming, family-oriented spirit. I wish everyone the very best for the season ahead. Together, Marist Tennis Club and Marist Sports Club remain vital to the future of tennis in the Manawatu.

Interclub Teams 2025

Hi everyone!

Come and join interclub this summer!

Our club enters teams into the Saturday morning Junior Interclub competition every season. There are 5 Junior grades ranging from Junior A to a newly formed beginner Orange Grade, which is played with modified balls and court size.

The competition starts in Term 4, 2025 on Saturday 18 October and runs for 8 weeks (no play over Labour weekend). There is no play in January 2026 and it re-commences for another 7 weeks in Term 1, 2026. Each player is put into a team and is expected to play for both terms.

Each week you will play 1 singles and 1 doubles match. Each team is appointed a manager. If your child is in the lower grades, you will be playing from 8:30am–10:30am. If your child is in a higher grade, you will be playing from 10:30am–12:30pm. The cost to play is included in your child's subscription of \$145.00 per season (October–March). This includes:

Club and court affiliation

Ball costs

Court hire

Competition and training

Each team is required to attend practice every Friday at 4:15pm–5:30pm. The first practice is Friday 10 October. Attendance at training is compulsory.

The location of Saturday competition varies week to week, with games generally played in or near the Palmerston North township. Travel to venues is organised each week.

A team is made up of 4 players of similar ability, and we try to carry a reserve for each team. To be placed in a team, players will need some basic tennis and scoring skills. We need confirmation urgently that your child will be playing for our club this summer. To register, please email the following details to johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz

Child's name

Date of birth and age

Parent's name

Contact details (phone and email)

If you need advice on purchasing the right racket, please contact me.

Big John (John Salisbury), President & Club Coach, Marist Tennis Club

0274 808 808 – johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz

Marist “Hot Shots” Tennis Programme!

WELCOME TO THE MARIST “HOT SHOTS” TENNIS PROGRAMME!

Tennis played on kid's terms!

Smaller courts and rackets! Softer tennis balls! A fun challenging programme with lots of friends! Thanks for checking out the award winning “Hot Shots” Coaching Programme at the Marist Tennis Club (Vautier Park). It is open to any junior player of any ability, 5 years and older. It is run by Manawatu's #1 Tennis Coach and our head coach, John Salisbury (Big John).



The programme is a structured skill development program which focuses on maximum participation and having fun, whilst teaching the fundamental skills of the game. The programme is delivered in 2 coloured stages. The children all move through each colour with skill drills and games which increase in complexity and movement.

It is a Saturday morning programme where we offer a 50 minute group lesson in Term 4 2025. It is a 6 week programme at Vautier Park commencing on Saturday 1st November 2025.

- Stage 1 – Red Squads (5-8 years) — 9am–9.50am
- Stage 2 – Orange Squads (9- 12 years) — 10am–10.50am

To confirm your child's place in the programme for Term 4 a \$112 fee is required. Payment via internet banking: ANZ 01-0745-0198533-00 Reference: Child's name. Could you also please email Big John confirming your child's participation and colour squad and that payment has been made. Please enrol A.S.A.P (johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz)

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NETBALL

Marist Netball 2025 Report

The 2025 season was another exciting and successful year for Marist Netball, with nine teams proudly representing the club across various grades.

Our Marist A1 side, sponsored by Flipp Transport and Higgins Concrete, began their campaign in April with the first promotion–relegation series. Although things didn't quite go our way in that series, the team showed great skill and determination. Through the regular season, the A1s performed exceptionally well—losing only one game and finishing third in the Premier 2 grade.

A special mention must go to our Marist Madams, who have been a cornerstone of our club for over a decade. Their dedication and teamwork paid off this season as they took out their grade—a fantastic achievement!

To wrap up the season, we celebrated with our “Netchella” prizegiving—a wonderfully decorated and fun event that brought our club community together. Congratulations to all our well-deserving award winners:

Points Aggregate Cup: Marist A1

Quigan Cup for Sportsperson of the Year:

Scully's Shield for Most Promising Player:

Spirit of Umpiring:

Most Promising Umpire:

Most Improved Umpire:

Fair Play Trophy:

Harnett Cup for Leadership:

Team of the Year:

Parkinson Cup for Service:

Martin Beveridge Cup for Commitment to Netball:

Butler Family Cup for Club Person of the Year:

C & R Engineering Marist Netball Above and Beyond Award:

Madison Hadfield

Alexia Davis

Laura Pocock

Karla McNabb

Coralee Hadfield

Anna Bailey

Amelia Rae

Marist A1

Alicia Nelder-McCormick

Dantaye Simpson

Kat Malifa

Sarah Skilton

A huge thank you to all our players, coaches, managers, umpires, and supporters for making 2025 another fantastic year for Marist Netball. We look forward to building on our successes next season—Go Marist!

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible sponsors for their continued support throughout the season:

Flipp Transport

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Club Awards 2025



A1 Team Awards



**Alexia and Sarah P
– Most Promising Player**



Commitment to Netball – Dantaye



Anna Bailey – Fair Play

JUNIOR CRICKET

Marist 4/5/6 JCC Bronze



Marist JCC Incrediball



Marist 7-8 JCC Gold





Marist 7/8 JCC White

Marist 7/8 JCC Yellow



Marist 7/8 JCC Green



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JUNIOR RUGBY

2025 Marist Junior Rugby Chairman's Report

The Marist Junior Rugby Club again had a successful Season with 400 registered players across 26 teams in 2025. This year we continued our free fee's offer for Year 1 Players. It was pleasing to see 3 girls only teams in Y2, Y3 and OBM grades along with another team with close to 50% girls as well. The teams were a success attracting new players to rugby with lots of new friendships being made.

The support of the Committee has been greatly appreciated. The countless volunteer hours you have put into the running of the club has been noticed. Thank you very much.

A club cannot run without sponsors. Our goal is to make the fees as low cost and affordable as possible. This would not be possible without generous Major sponsors, Turbine Residential Limited, Advantage, Easy Build Homes, and New Zealand Specialised Coatings

Their contribution to the running of the club is greatly appreciated. The \$500 Club members support is equally appreciated: Central Powder Coaters, Brushstrokes, Patersons Exterior Plastering and Decorating, Smith and Sons, Hard Scape Building Ltd, Higgins Concrete, Streetwise Coffee. AdditionallyMcDonalds Manawatu for the player of the day certificates, Sals Pizza for the Coaches award certificates, Brush Strokes for signage, Media Works and Streetwise Coffee for backing positive sideline behaviour and for the coffee vouchers given away every Saturday to our rugby community for positive sideline vibes. Additionally, the support from our team sponsors has also been greatly appreciated.

The sponsorship this season has allowed us to run the Family Club days, purchase new balls, Jerseys, equipment, and Coffee cups for our coaches.

The heart of our club are the Coaches and Managers who give their time each week. The results our teams achieve, and the culture created within the teams is a direct reflection of their hard work and dedication to the growth in the young men and women they coach. We are lucky to have a group of people that care so much for the growth and development of our children.

Thank you to the parents, caregivers, and whanau for your support this season. Winter sport can be a challenge given the weather conditions, but you turn up week after week.

The two-Family Club Days were a great success also with the addition of Top Town – Marist edition. The players and their siblings were given a free fizz and chips while the parents mingled in the Marist clubrooms with some platters from the kitchen and an open bar. It was great to see the kids all playing together creating memories they will remember for the rest of their lives. The Y5–Y8 coaches again took out the bragging rights at the annual Coaches vs Coaches Rippa game for the 4th year in a row.

This Year we had a Y7 and Y8 team travel to Taupo to take part in the 3-day NZ junior rugby festival who represented the club with pride. A big thank you to the organisers of these tours as much work goes in behind the scenes to make them a reality.

Best of luck to the players that are leaving our club and moving on to Secondary School. We hope to see you back at Old Boys Marist to continue your rugby career as a senior player.

To all our returning families and players, enjoy the summer. We look forward to seeing you again in February next year for Marist Academies - skills and drills and registration.

Kent Higson
Marist Junior Rugby Chairman

2025 Prizegiving

	MVP	MOST IMPROVED	TEAM PLAYER
Y1 Green	Izzy Flipp	Asher Hedge	India Murdoch
Y1 White	Paora Rakatau	Oakly Smaling	Regan Gifkins
Y1 Black	Walter Bryson	Freddie Drake	Oliver Lee
Y1 Gold	Te Maiti Terry	Carter Quinn	Bear Francis
Y1 Red	Vince Crawford	Dylan Durie-Temara	Ryan Regtien
Y1 Blue	Baxter Hobbs	Jaxon Webb	Theo Hunt
Rippa Girls Pink	Shaelah-Raen Otimi	Nikaira Mio	Oakley Dyason
Y2 Green	Benjamin Stanford	Johnston Squire	Conor Semenoff
Y2 White	Handre Pieterse	Quinn Gleeson-Long	Toby Clare
Y2 Black	Iraia Ikenasio	Hailame Kaufononga	Mason Barnes
Y2 Gold	Mikaere Ruruku Kauri	George Donaldson	Kurosh Burrows
Y3 Green	Carson Teau	Riley Taka-Stewart	Evan Mik
Best Tackler	Jordan Farrington		
Y3 White	Reid Campbell	Sione Nisa	Nanuma Kafatolu
Best Tackler	Faelan O'Hara		
Y3 Girls	Brooklyn Channon	Bella Stratford	Charlie'Rose
Stretch			
Best Tackler	Mia Larnach		
Y4 Green	Parker Lowe	Jofiliti Driso	Roman Towers
Best Tackler	Beauden Davidson		
Y4 White	Reiko Fotualii	Taylor Busch-Chapman	Lucy Modlik
Best Tackler	Cohan Griffen		
Y4 Black	Hudson Smaling	Ari Pedder	Louie Smith
Best Tackler	Kalayo Kerrisk		
Y5 Green	PJ Gifkins	Harley Docherty	Enilei Lokeni
Best Tackler	Zayn Whitaker		
Y5 White	Parker Dyason	Terry Hutchinson	Fletcher Elsmore
Best Tackler	James Mill		
	MVP	TEAM PLAYER	BEST TACKLER
Y6 Green	Isla Butturini	Danny Junior Stephens-Smith	
	Mila Palmer	Rylah Henderson	Jaxson Farrington
Y6 Black	Mason Malifa	Max Vallender	Liam Spearpoint
Most Improved Forward	- Calai Hope		
Most Improved Back	- Lachie Bishop		
Y7 White	Ryan Monk	Jonathan Parlato	Johnny Tangi
Most Improved Forward	- Tate Davidson		
Most Improved Back	- Ronnie Tavendale		
Y7 Black	Helmut Modlik	Taane Mainwaring	Oliver Henderson
Most Improved Forward	- Boston Newcomb		
Most Improved Back	- Finn Williams		
OBM Green	Junior Te Rauna	Cooper Lowe	Phoenix Tee
Most Improved Forward	- Quinn Campbell		
Most Improved Back	- Elliott Parr		
OBM Black	Kenzo Afuvai Ioane	Mason Kemp	Campbell Spearpoint
Most Improved Forward	- Tayla Keo		
Most Improved Back	- Claudius Manu		
	MVP	TEAM PLAYER	BEST TACKLER
OBM Girls	Ashlyn Rongo-Kea	Sony Ezekiel	Litia Alainūese
Most Improved	- Courtney Stretch / Temalisi Laumape		

Coach of the Year
Manager of the Year
Players Player

Jason More
Sara Paterson
OBM Green - Phoenix Tee
OBM Black - Campbell Spearpoint
OBM Girls - Isla-Rose Docherty
Levi Paterson and Cooper Lowe
Ashlyn Rongo-Kea
Alastair Cadzow

Andersen Shield
Baker Shield
Vao Shield

BRONZE LOYALTY MEDAL – 4 YEARS SERVICE

Bella Stratford	Haitelenisia (Sia) Ta'ufo'ou	Carson Teau
Greyson Gray	Harrison Hopcroft	Logan Gleeson-Long
Te Akerautangi Mio	Faelan O'Hara	Reid Campbell
Sione Nisa	Alexander Irvine	Ari Pedder
Hagan Nesbit	Hudson Smaling	Jack Yorke
Kalayo Kerrisk	Beauden Davidson	Kody Wood
Parker Lowe	Ellakai Spencer-Kokirir	Kade Salale
Jackson Legg	Maxwell Cameron	Andre Te Whatu
James Mill	Terrence Hutchinson	Jordan Sa'e
Charlie Tietjens	Harry Dench	Spencer Bayley
Oliver Henderson	James Blackley	Leon Fugle
Ryan Monk	Ataliyah Ruruku Kauri	Tarah-Maddison Watt
Leigh Swadel	Tayla Keo	Braxton Rigg

SILVER LOYALTY MEDAL – 6 YEARS SERVICE

Peter Gifkins	Jackson Rayner	Charlie Fletcher
Mahina Fonua	Ashton Povey	Blake Spearpoint
Liam Spearpoint	Cameron Stretch	Mason Malifa
Riley Sutherland	Malakai Tavita	Kruze Afuvai-loane
Amos Aaifou	Jaivan Edmonds	Luke Jephson
Taika Retemeyer	Diontaye Thomas	Andrew Irvine
Kenlei Lokeni	Oliver Moore	William Murley
Tate Davidson	Courtney Stretch	Kenzo Afuvai-loane
Te Aihe Hamlin	Claudius Manu	Elliott Parr

GOLD LOYALTY MEDAL – 8 YEARS SERVICE

Jaxson Farrington	Boston Newcomb	Daniel Mudford
Taane Mainwaring	Archie Webby	Tiuka Meehan
Jayden Holtham	Braxton Berghan	Braxton Rider
Campbell Spearpoint	Ihaia George	Mason Kemp
Rhys Kerekere	Sam Croucher	Caylis Leota-Horua

PLATINUM LOYALTY MEDAL – 9 YEARS SERVICE

31 – Cullen Ryder	23 – Riley Andrews
28 – Carter White	22 – Jayden Ahern
24 – Leo Bradnock	25 – Tyler Burden
26 – Angus Cadzow	27 – Blake Fraser
29 – Travis Mainwaring	30 – Levi Paterson
32 – Kruz Taiaroa	

DIAMOND LOYALTY AWARD – 10 YEARS SERVICE

1 – Nate Higson

Year 1 Green

Marist Green had a fantastic Rippa season, full of energy, learning, and teamwork. We welcomed plenty of first timers this year, with players ranging from 4 to 6 years old. For many, it was their first time trying the sport, and while Rippa can feel overwhelming at first, it was awesome to see so many kids turning up each week ready to give it a go—rain, hail, or shine.

Our focus was always on creating a fun and encouraging space. Whether our players were full of confidence or just finding their feet, we were happy to see them show up and feel part of the team. And honestly, watching their confidence grow over the season was one of the best parts.

A big thank-you goes out to the families behind the scenes who made every game day feel special. From home baking and orange slices to lollies that brought smiles all around, their support was felt every step of the way.

Overall, it was a season to be proud of—and one that showed what community, encouragement, and a bit of muddy fun can really do.

Coach – Tenille



Year 1 Black

What a fantastic season it's been for our Marist black team from the very first whistle to the final game, the kids have shown incredible enthusiasm, growth, and team spirit. It's been an absolute joy to watch each of them develop their skills, gain confidence, and most importantly have fun.

A big thank you to our amazing parents for your support on the sidelines, getting the kids to early morning games to cheering them on rain or shine, we truly couldn't have done it without you.

A special thank you to Charne who managed the team this season. Your organisation and behind-the-scenes efforts kept everything on track.

To the kids you were awesome this season. Keep having fun and keep trying your best

Looking forward to seeing everyone back next year

Coach – Corey Lee



Year 1 Red

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

What an ameihi season it was for the Marist Red Year 1 Ripper Team. The tamariki turned up to the first training keen to play and to have loads of fun. Trainings were full of laughing, mud, skills, tries and heaps of ripping. Including a few indoor trainings at West End Hall!

In the games on Saturday the tamariki showed improvement every week. With never a dull moment between flying ribs being made in the corners, to rollercoaster tries being scored from the end of the earth. All our tamariki grew in skills, confidence and the way they helped each other by pointing out which flag to run to!

Kei te tino whakahihi au i ngā tamariki. I am very proud of our tamariki for their mahi this year. It was an easy first season as a coach with these kids and the wonderful support from their parents. I would like to thank our parents for their awesome positive attitudes and the way they supported not only their tamariki, but the whole team!

A big thank you to our manager, Dan Regtien who picked up the slack and made my job a lot easier.

I hope everyone took away some ripper skills and knowledge about what it means to be in a team and hope many of the team will continue their rugby journey.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Rhys Lobb – proud coach

This was our second year coaching the team, and once again, it's been an incredibly



Year 1 Blue

rewarding experience. Aside from three returning players, we had an entirely new group—most of whom had never played before.

It was amazing to watch their confidence grow and see them develop a genuine love for the game. Week after week, the whole team showed up eager to learn and improve their skills, which made coaching such a joy.

We also had fantastic support from the parents, which made a huge difference. Their encouragement and involvement environment for the players.

Thanks again to everyone who made this season so special!

Regards

Kirsten (Manager) & Henry (Coach)



Year 1 White

Coaching the Marist White Year 1 Ripper team has been an absolute joy.

From our first chilly morning of footy to the final whistle of the season, the kids brought energy, smiles, and a real hunger to learn. We had a fantastic mix of newcomers and returning players, and it was incredible to see how quickly they gelled as a team. Week by week, their progress was impressive – especially in grasping the fundamentals of ripping, passing, and supporting one another. Watching their confidence grow, with many scoring their first tries and celebrating with pure joy, was truly rewarding.

Training sessions were always lively and full of fun, even when the weather didn't cooperate. Rain or shine, the players stayed focused and enthusiastic — a testament to their spirit.

A massive thank you to Jess and Mitch, my fellow coaches, for being amazing with the kids and helping to organise a smooth, successful season. And to all the parents — thank you for your support with transport, snacks, and your passionate presence on the sidelines. Your commitment created a positive, encouraging environment where our young athletes could thrive.

We hope to see all these bright faces back on the field in 2026 for Year 2 Ripper. Let's keep building on the strong foundation we've laid this season!

Coaches – Jesse and Larissa



Year 1 Gold

From the very first game it was clear that we were working with a very young side that had no experience with rugby. The phrase, herding cats, came to mind on the first game. It was clear we had some work to do.

We had a couple of later additions to the team which added some age and experience, and the entire team has done fantastically. They went from running in every which direction to generally the right one, staying inside the lines, passing when they got ripped, sharing the ball around, and thinking like a team.

I know my team nominated me for coach of the year and while I'm thankful for that, that's a reflection on how much the kids learned and enjoyed themselves.

Coach – Darryl



Rippa Girls Pink

Wow, what a season! Being my first time coaching I was nervous but on Marist club day meeting the parents and knowing I had a supportive bunch put my nerves to rest (a little).

We had mostly new players who had never played before, didn't know each other and some were very timid and shy. Our first game of the season happened to be a no show, but the girls were rearing to play. So we formed a parent and sibling team and had a great game, this broke the ice and the girls started forming relationships between themselves with lots of interesting chat mainly about hair clips and nail polish colours.

Fast forward to the middle of the season we took off, the team morale was tight. The skills for running and scoring tries was their main focus. Teamwork was strong and lots of sharing of the ball. I could of given each girl a hundred balls and they each would have run them all. Lots of fun and smiles, it was definitely a privilege to coach these girls, they were so awesome.

Marist Club is a great encouraging and supportive club and I am very appreciative of the people behind the scenes that do so much for the club, especially Kent who had to answer all my newbie questions.

Coach – Phillip Rigg



Year 2 Green

What an awesome year it's been for the Marist Year 2 Green team! With a familiar group of energetic and enthusiastic kids — plus a few new additions — the team embraced the challenges of Year 2 ripper rugby with confidence and determination.

A big thank you once again to all the parents. Your support never goes unnoticed — from getting the kids to training each week to lending a hand on game day, you played a huge part in making this season a success.

Despite the winter chill and the occasional wild Palmerston North weather, the team's attitude stayed positive and focused. The improvement from the start of the season was fantastic: sharper ripping, more confident running, and excellent teamwork from every player.

The kids truly embraced the idea of playing as one unit and built on the strong foundation laid last year. "Building the wall" was still a challenge, but they rose to it — and now they're looking ready for the next big step: tackle!

We're incredibly proud of how far each player has come. Their enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and love for the game were on display every week. We hope to see all these young legends back again in 2026 for another exciting year of rugby!

Coach – Luke



Year 2 Black

We had a merging of teams carried over from last season with clear friendships and foundations formed. We were fortunate to welcome new players and whānau to the team and club. The earlier training sessions were focussed on mihimihi (introductions) and getting back to the basics, passing, catching, and rips. It didn't take long and the boys were connecting, communicating, and working together. Our first couple of games highlighted the step up from last year in terms of field space, duration, and fitness. Every week, we would staircase our training sessions and build on our skills and focus areas. Thankfully, we had a high attendance in our training sessions which meant that everyone was improving and growing in confidence. This also meant, asking parents to step in and support which was really helpful. Towards the middle of the season, the team were humming. The highlights were watching the ball shift from player to player, their understanding and ability to clear away and get onside, and a massive increase in our rips and defence.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa – huge acknowledgements to all of the parents, whānau, supporters, and Marist that make the sport happen.

As a first-time coach, it's been a pleasure getting to know these young players and they've definitely taught me a lot. I hope to see them return next season.

Aku mihi,
Coach – Luke Turfrey



Year 2 White

This season has been a truly memorable one for the year two White rippa team, marked by unwavering enthusiasm, soggy sideline moments, and an abundance of community spirit.

From the very first training session, the players have shown incredible commitment and energy. Our young athletes have turned up with boots laced and smiles on their faces, ready to give their best. The eagerness to learn and improve has made each session worthwhile. Attendance has been consistently high despite not being able to train every week due to poor weather.

Behind every great team is a fantastic group of parents, and we are lucky to have some of the best. From organizing snacks and helping with kit to cheering loudly (and supportively!) from the sidelines, the parents have been a huge part of this season's success. Their positive attitude and willingness to pitch in has made all the difference.



Perhaps the most inspiring aspect of this season has been the kindness shown by the team. Players consistently encouraged one another, welcomed new teammates, and celebrated each other's successes. This spirit of inclusion and teamwork has not only built strong friendships but also created a supportive environment where every child feels valued.

The season has felt short, and we are sad to see it end as it was one filled with growth, laughter, and lasting memories. A huge thank you to the players, parents, and especially the coaches Hanno and Jase for making this team such a joy to be part of. We look forward to an even brighter season ahead!

Shayna Gleeson-Long, Manager

Year 2 Gold

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After swearing off coaching last season, here we are again. To be fair, Y2 Marist Gold made it worth it. A fantastic little team full of personality and commitment which made the season enjoyable and a pleasure to be a part of.

This year the team was coached by myself (returning) and Abe Burrows (first time). We were well supported by our manager Lisa Sa'e.

It was awesome to see most of last year's team returning this year. This is a great way to keep the kid's confidence from last year as they are in a familiar environment. With about a 75% returning kids mixed with 25% new kids to the team, we were set for a positive start season.

This year we were trying to concentrate on increasing the speed of the game. Minimal down time between rips and maximum up time with the ball in play. The kids loved this fast paced approach as they were constantly engaged and on the move. We played every game in a 'try for try' format to ensure the games were not too lopsided. Throughout the year we played some really strong teams that made the kids work, and some really fun



games that the kids enjoyed. Shout out to Y2 Bush, the kids had a lot of fun playing them twice.

Towards the end of the year, you could see a clear shift in the kids skill level and game awareness. A lot more support play, better passing skills and looking to make yards first rather than score on every play. This will set them up nicely for their transition into tackle next year.

Last but not least, a huge shout out to the unsung hero's, the parents. We had great training and game attendance. We had no sideline issues and it was positive vibes the whole time. Without them there is no team.

Thanks to the Marist committee for all the support, info and organizing. Made for a semi painless season.

Until next year.

Coach – Hamish Overton

Year 3 Pink

What an awesome season for the girls! Week in and week out, they were up against the boys and gave it their all every single time.

This year, our big focus was on the breakdown and supporting teammates when they had the ball. Bridging became a key work-on, and we quickly saw that once we could win the ball back at the breakdown, try-scoring opportunities became much easier, and the speed of play lifted.

Tackling was our biggest early challenge. It wasn't about effort — the girls were just a little hesitant to get rough, perhaps being “too nice” on the field. By the end of the season, though, the improvement was huge, and they showed they could match anyone physically.

The highlight of the year was definitely our final game against Kia Toa. The girls came together as a team, brought real physicality, and outran the boys all day. It was an incredible way to finish the season.

I truly believe there is some genuine talent in this group, with the potential for future stars in the making. Well done, girls — you should be proud!

Coach – Marty Stratford



Year 3 Green

What an awesome season it has been for the Year 3 Green team! First year of tackle and nerves were a-bit high but our team rose to the challenge with determination, courage, and a whole lot of heart.

The improvement across the entire team has been very rewarding to see. Week by week, we have witnessed growth in confidence, sharper skills around the breakdown and tackle techniques. Which has in-turn grown a stronger understanding of the game and their love for the sport.

As coaches, we couldn't be prouder. Jessie and Nathan want to give a massive thank you to all our players for their hard work and enthusiasm, and to all our incredible families! Our parents, grandparents, friends, and supporters who show up rain or shine— being on the sidelines every week with your positivity is a huge part of what makes our team so special and successful.

Also a big thank you to Kent and the MJR Committee for another successfully run and enjoyable season with Marist!

Coaches – Jessie & Nathan



Year 3 White

Marist Y3 White had a fantastic year in 2025 with a skillful and enthusiastic bunch of lads ! Combining players of all shapes and sizes, our big boppers anchored the midfield while the leaner lads whipped all-round the edges and up the middle too!

We selected the team nickname "Manta Rays" and formed strong team culture early in the season with an epic team social: Nerf gun battle !

With being a new team coming together, culture was built from the outset - based on Respect, Attitude, Resilience and Team Spirit ... and fun was prioritised with training games like the Minecraft crazy lava chicken song booming every training as our warm up!

On that note, a big thanks to all the parents for forming our glamorous field entrance tunnel every week! Our parent support was consistent, very positive and humorous. Y3 White Parents should all be proud of your efforts in raising such fantastic little people.

On-field results were very strong, with only a few losses and all players going hard out + supporting one another.



Award selection was extremely tough, as there were multiple contenders for each award. Eventually MVP going to Reid Jensen for his silky smooth skills, best tackler going to Faelan O'Hara for excellent technique, most improved to Sione Nisa for great listening to coach and adjustments through the year. Most importantly our team spirit award went to our beloved Nunuma Kafatolu ... an absolute unit with a heart of gold. He always had utmost respect for coach, teammates and constantly wore a broad smile. He could often be seen helping up a downed player, patting them on the back sending them on their way with a bit of encouragement.

Let's go unbeaten in 2026 lads! But you know coach will still be saying: Fun will always be the winner!

Final thanks to Team Manager and Ref Maria Armstrong for outstanding support and admin while juggling her heavy workload in public health service!

Go well,

Coach – Scottie Sherer

Year 4 Green

Very big season this year for the boys and we couldn't be happier with their growth.

At the beginning of the year it was a rusty start. Plenty of learning and also with a lot of brand new players, we had to navigate around being independent on the field (no coaches present on the field this year) as well as knowing when and how to make the right decision.

Small things like spreading out, when to bridge and even passing the ball had been what seems almost like a chore in trying to teach, but of course, there's nothing like the real game to be able to teach these things.

At about the 5th game, we had started to see the boys making some good decisions out there, not as individually, but as a team. There was rucking, passing and supporting. One might say we started to lose hope as coaches (just a little), but oh how we rejoiced when the boys started to get it!

We realised here that it's something you can't rush. Patience is required, but it's not about the boys clicking when you want them to, it's about when they can click on their own.

From here we can only be excited to build upon that now and that we can only have a great year next year.

A big thank you to our sponsor Graphics HQ for their generous support this season—it's truly appreciated. Thanks as well to all our whānau for making sure the team made it to trainings and games each week, rain or shine. Your encouragement means a lot to all our players.

Bring on 2026!

Coaches Craig, Dillion & William



Year 4 Black

Year 4 Black had a fun and rewarding 2025 season, guided by two new coaches stepping into the role for the first time. With the support of an awesome group of parents and whānau, the transition was smooth, and the season kicked off with great energy.

The players were a fantastic group of kids, full of positive attitudes, determination, and team spirit. Over the season, it was amazing to see how the team developed, not just in skill but in confidence and teamwork. Whether it was solid defence, quick tries, or clever support play, every player contributed to the growth and success of the team.

Week by week, the team bonded and grew stronger together. They showed up ready to learn, worked hard at training, and brought real heart to every game. The improvements were clear, and by the end of the season, they had become an impressive, cohesive unit.

A huge thank you to all the parents and supporters who showed up each week with encouragement and positivity. Your backing made a big difference for both the players and coaches.

We're proud of everything this team achieved and hope to see everyone back in Marist colours next season, ready for Year 5 rugby!

Cheers,

Coach – Cameron



Year 4 White

This year's team had a range of experience and ability, a mix of boys and girls and some kids that had played together since their first rugby season versus some new to the team. The season went well with only a couple of losses, and it was great to see the kids step up when some of the better players were away. Great progress was made early in the season to bring some kids up to speed around the rucks and bridging. Some momentum was lost during the middle of the season due to weather affecting trainings and illnesses, but it ended with a strong finish.

It was great to see the improvement in tackling, turnover attempts and decision making around passing and spreading out on attack and defence. A good team culture was



encouraged to back each other and give everyone an opportunity with the ball which resulted in some great runs and tries to boost confidence (and keep warm!).

The season wouldn't have been possible without the support of family and extended family who were amazing on the sidelines. A joint coaching effort from Hamish Clare, Helmut Modlik and Liam Duffy allowed some more individual attention to skills and less down time during training. Thanks to Craig Lowe for his support in this grade and Lauren Appleyard for managing.

There are a lot of exciting players with loads of potential, and I hope to see them back for the 2026 season.

MVP – Reiko Fotualii

Team Player – Lucy Modlik

Best Tackler – Cohan Griffen

Most Improved – Taylor Busch-Chapman

Coach – Hamish Clare

Year 5 Green

The 2025 season saw the return of several familiar faces as I rejoined a team, I had previously coached a couple of seasons ago. It was pleasing to see the players development and love of the game still strong.

As a team we had talent across the park with players bringing their individual skills and show casing them on Saturday mornings. The team's goal was to learn some patterns of play so the team could move from individual play to team play.

The introduction of a half back and pods helped playing from sideline to sideline. By the end of the season the team were scoring some fantastic try's from phases of play and passing. This has set the team up nicely as they move into full size field, 12 aside rugby next season.

For the most part we had good attendance at trainings and games which was key to the individual players and teams' growth and development throughout the season.

Thank you to Jono for your support coaching this season and Meagan for Managing. Much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the whole team on a fantastic season. Every player developed and added value to the team which is all coaches can ask for. I look forward to the 2026 season where players will lean positions and continue to grow as players.

Coach – Kent



Year 5 White



Year 6 Black

The Year 6 Marist Black team has had a fantastic season in 2025, showing growth, resilience, and a strong sense of unity. Over the course of the year, the players have developed a real bond and team spirit, which has been a driving force behind their on-field performance and enjoyment of the game.

Our ball-handling skills have continued to improve, and our defensive game has gone from strength to strength. One of the most pleasing aspects of the season has been the team's progress in structured play. The boys have embraced this aspect of the game, showing a clear understanding of positioning and tactics as the season progressed.

This was our first year introducing specific playing positions, and most players have found roles in which they feel confident and capable. For those still exploring where they best fit, we know the continued experience and support will help them find their place.

One of the team's standout qualities is their determination — they never give up and continue to push for points right through to the final whistle. Communication and teamwork are constantly improving, and it's been rewarding to see the players develop not only as individuals but also as a cohesive unit.

A huge thank you goes to the parents, caregivers, and supporters who have been there each week — your encouragement, time, and commitment make all the difference to these young players, and we are incredibly grateful.

We're proud of everything the Year 6 Marist Black team has achieved this season and look forward to what the future holds for these talented young athletes.

Coach – Regan



Year 6 Green



Year 7 White

The 2025 season brought together a great mix of players—many returning from Year 6 White, some coming back to rugby after a break, a few new to the club, and even some playing their very first season. From early on, it was clear this combination would create a team ready to play some great footy and have a lot of fun!

As the season progressed, the team grew in confidence, building on the strengths of a few key players while learning their positional and team roles. It was awesome to see how they gelled as a group.

As coaches, we were stoked to see (mostly!) strong attendance at training, positive attitudes, and open minds. Watching the players absorb feedback, adapt, and apply it on the field was incredibly rewarding. It was especially pleasing to see the more experienced players step up, lead by example, and show what it means to train hard, stay humble, and play for the team.

A special highlight was having some Turbos visit during the season, which gave the team a real boost in energy and intensity—we're sure the Turbos were impressed!

The team and their supporters represented Marist with pride all season, and we're grateful to everyone involved. Huge thanks to the parents for getting the kids to training and games, and to those who helped out on the sidelines—it made a big difference.

We wish the team all the best for the summer and hope to see everyone back in 2026!!!!

Coaches – Chris and Jason



End of Year Rugby Report: A Season of Heart, Determination, and Passion

2025 rugby season ☑, we look back not just on the games played, but on the journey we've taken together. This year was anything but easy. It was a season marked by tough losses, and moments where the score didn't reflect the fight we put in. But through it all, one thing remained constant: our passion for the game and our commitment to each other.

A Season of Grit and Growth

From the very first training session, it was clear this team had heart. The season threw curveballs—unexpected injuries, brutal weather, and opponents who tested every part of our play. But we never backed down.

- On the Field: We battled through nail-biting finishes, a hard-fought win, and games that didn't go our way. Each match was a lesson in perseverance, and every setback became fuel for the next challenge.

The Power of Rugby Whanau

Rugby is more than a sport—it's a community. And this year, that truth rang louder than ever. The friendships forged in the heat of competition became the backbone of our team.

- Shared Struggles: Whether it was a tough training session or a heartbreaking loss, we faced it together. We picked each other up, held each other accountable, and never let anyone walk alone.
- Unforgettable Moments: From training day banter to sideline celebrations, we created memories that will last far beyond this season. The laughter, the tears, the inside jokes—they're all part of the tapestry we've woven together.

The Ups, The Downs, and Everything In Between

This season had its fair share of highs—those moments where everything clicked, and we played with unity, precision, and fire. But it also had its lows—games that didn't go our way and times when morale dipped. And yet, through every twist and turn, we stayed the course.

- Resilience: We didn't just survive the tough times—we grew from them. Every challenge strengthened our resolve and deepened our understanding of what it means to be a team.
- Reflection: We've taken time to look inward, to assess not just our performance but our mindset. And what we've found is a team that's hungry, humble, and ready to rise.

Looking Ahead

This season may be over, but the journey is far from done. We're not just closing a chapter—we're setting the stage for something greater. The lessons we've learned, the bonds we've built, and the fire we've ignited will carry us into next year stronger, smarter, and more united than ever.



- Goals for Next Season: Sharpen our skills, deepen our discipline, and build on the foundation we've laid. We're aiming higher, training harder, and dreaming bigger.
- Legacy: This year was defined by character of the boys and that legacy will echo in every future team talk, every training drill, and every match we play.

To every player who gave their all and every supporter who stood by us—thank you. You were part of something special. And while the season ends, the spirit we've built lives on.

Here's to the bruises, the breakthroughs, and the brotherhood. Let's carry the fire forward.

♥♥♥ #OneTeam #RugbyFamily #SeasonOfHeart

Looking forward to OBM next year!

Coaches – Josh Tyrrell and Shaun Mainwaring

Year 8 OBM Girls



Majority of this team were year 8 with a few year 7 & 6 girls to boost the numbers. They challenged us coaches every training and game with the giggles and constant chatting. But they are such an exciting group of girls to work with, each and every one talented in different areas of the game.

The OBM Junior Girls had a 50:50 split this season with our results. Winning a couple of games at the start of the season landed us in a mixed grade. This was followed by some challenging matches against some really tidy teams. Towards the backend of our season the girls found their rhythm and all their hard work at training paid off with some wins.

In our team, I encourage the girls to draw on their skills from their other sporting codes. I believe this has had a positive effect on how the girls game is growing and it continues to

evolve. You can see this is the way the girls play freely and smiley with their mates.

Every year I have coached this team, the two challenges of this group were the absence of players at training and the lack of viewing rugby games. Whether that is on television or in person. This year we noticed the most growth and development came from those players who were able to watch as much rugby as possible. This taught game awareness and understanding of the rules, that normally takes a little while to coach.

A few of these players were recognised for their efforts and received awards at the Marist Junior Rugby prize giving. Including Ashley Rongo-Kea who was awarded the Baker Shield and team MVP. When coaching young girls they often don't know what position they want to be yet. So in our team we don't force girls to pick a playing position. Therefore, we also recognised two players for their growth this season. Courtney Stretch and Temalisi Laumape who were awarded Most Improved players for our team as a result of their development across all aspects of their rugby.

This year we worked hard on knowing our areas of the field and using the width to our advantage. This varied from running straight and up the middle to earn the right to attack wide or, attacking wide to open gaps in the middle of the pitch for our dominant ball carriers.

As coaches our overall goal was to make sure girls had fun. Enjoying their rugby while developing skill sets and drawing on individual strengths to build team and self-confidence.

This team is special. With the many different personalities there was never a dull moment with the OBM Junior Girls in 2025.

**Ngā mihi,
Coach – Kahurangi Sturmey**



The 2025 season for our year 8 Green team has been a real pleasure to be involved with. The players are at an age now where they are very much starting to slot into their individual positions within their team and it has been exciting to see them all flourish there. Our players have grown not only as rugby players, but also as young men, and i am looking forward to seeing them step up and into the world of high school rugby next year.

Alastair and I both have had the privilege of coaching players within our team from the age of 4, right up to their high school years. This includes both of our own Son's.

This season, like seasons prior, has seen our team end up being not necessary the largest players in stature, but always the team with the biggest hearts and best fitness on the field. This often leads to opposition teams coming un-stuck against us especially in the later parts of the games we play.

We honestly couldn't be prouder of our bunch of lads, and also the team families that get involved every week in support.

Having my wife Sara heavily involved with the Marist committee over the past few years has given me a real insight into just how much time and effort all of these committee members as volunteers put into this club to make it what it is, so huge thanks on behalf of everyone for doing what you do. The players simply wouldn't have the opportunity to play in such a well organised club if it weren't for you.

As always, I'd like to thank Alastair for co-coaching, Sara for her managerial skills, Jason for often stepping up to referee, Belinda for the Saturday morning coffees, our team sponsors for making it all happen, and last (but not least) the players for making the coaching gig an enjoyable one.

Leaving the club this season after 9 years as a coach, is the end of an era, bit it's an era that i will look back on fondly. This club, and the environment they have created is a huge asset to Junior rugby in our region.

Co Coach – James

Year 8 OBM Black



The 2025 Season kicked off with a large number of kids coming from the year 7 black team of 2024, a group of good mates ready to do battle in the upcoming 2025 season.

We picked up a bunch of new players and coaches to bolster the new season and all players and coaches fitted in well.

With the help of parents when coaches had other commitments thanks to Jimmy, Jared & Manu for their enthusiasm and knowledge they shared with the kids.

We started with a squad of 21 players which by the end of the season had shrunk to 17. This was due to kids being injured, sick or unavailable, which made it challenging. However, with the nucleus of the team intact, we went very well in the season with some great results along the way. The team played 12 games: lost 4, 3 by only 4 points and the rest of the games we dominated. With great coaching from Willie, Tony, Te and Chance, the kids took the learnings from the practice field to the playing field.

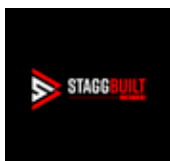
The game of the season for us was Marist vs Marist round 8, where we beat Marist Green, which has been the top team for the last couple of years. This was a satisfying result for the kids and the coaches, with the work ethic, skills & passion put into the game to take the win.

The team spirit of this team has been the winner!! The kids are all good mates and are thrilled when their teammates do well & achieve, which makes us as coaches proud to see their growth and development as young men. I would like to thank Willie, T, Chance, and Lisa for their hard work to get the kids onto the field and the parents for letting us coach their young men. We wish them all the best for high school and the future.

Tony, Willie, T, & Chance (Coaches), Lisa (Manager)

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

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Marist Junior Football Chairman Report

It has been another outstanding year for Marist Junior Football, with over 400 junior players taking to the field — our largest number ever. The growth across all grades has been phenomenal, and seeing so many young players in green every weekend is a real testament to the health and spirit of our club.

This season we fielded 33 teams, plus our First Kicks programme, which continues to thrive as the perfect introduction to football for our youngest players. It's also been wonderful to see the continued rise of the women's game within the club — eight all-girls teams proudly representing Marist in 2025. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and improvement each week show that the future of girls' football is incredibly bright.

As always, success on and off the field doesn't happen without the incredible people who make up our community.

To our committee – thank you for your dedication behind the scenes. Your organisation, planning, and countless volunteer hours ensure everything runs smoothly, from registrations to uniforms to game day logistics. You are the backbone of our club.

To our coaches and managers – you continue to be the heart of what makes Marist so special. Your time, encouragement, and commitment help shape not only better footballers but better people. Watching our players grow in skill, confidence, and love for the game is a direct reflection of your efforts.

To our parents and whānau – your support is invaluable. Whether it's standing on the sidelines in all kinds of weather, helping with transport, or cheering your tamariki on, your enthusiasm keeps the spirit of junior football alive and thriving.

To our sponsors – a heartfelt thank you for your ongoing generosity and belief in our club. Your support helps us provide quality gear, equipment, and opportunities for our players to thrive. A special shout out goes to those who have sponsored new kits for their teams this season – your contribution not only helps the players look fantastic on the field but also builds a strong sense of pride and belonging within each team.

And finally, to our players – thank you for making this season so much fun to watch. Your energy, determination, and sportsmanship make everyone involved proud to be part of this club. Football is about learning, teamwork, and enjoyment, and you've shown all those qualities week after week.

As we reflect on this record-breaking season, we can all take pride in the growth and sense of community that defines Marist Junior Football. With more players, more teams, and more passion than ever before, the future looks incredibly bright.

Thank you all for being part of another fantastic year — here's to an even bigger and better 2026! UTM!

Tony Foale,
Secretary

4th/6th Grade – YOUM First Kicks



Youm First Kicks 4th-6th Grade - 2025



Back Row: Ella Dooney (Coach), Clifton Sans, Archie Horvath, Taliaferro Pomara, Theo Leamonth, Oakley Curtis, Oscar Hobbs, CJ Price (Coach)
Third Row: Esther Stewart (Coach), Lucas Turnbull, Pascal Clements, Mondakui Bould-von Douchage, Manawa Kahukura, Gray Stephens, Tobias Miller, Archie Perigo, Ryan Venton, Billie Jo Kelly (Coach)
Second Row: Dagan Poudel, Wason Hayward, Mia Pakivich, Ella-Grace Curtis, Lina Williams, Masha Ghimney
Front Row: Emmanuel Paul, Jacob Morgan, Jada Rai, Imogen O'Hara, Matilda Stephens

7th Grade – Hotspur

Coaches - Dave Tarrant and Nick Hanly
Most Valuable Player - Emmanuel Paul
Best Team Member - Jordan Tarrant

The Hotspur team faced some real challenges this year, but one thing stood out above all — this group has a committed core of young footballers whose attitude and determination promise a bright future. If they keep bringing that same energy, they're going to go far.

A huge thank you to the kids for letting their football do the talking week after week. I also want to extend a big shout-out to Dave and Nick for their help with matchday coordination, and to all the parents who showed up rain or shine (and even when the coaches didn't!). Your support means everything.

The best part for the Hotspur kids? No two seasons are ever the same — and that means next year will be even more fun!



Marist Hotspur 7th Grade - 2025



Back Row: Emmanuel Paul, Jordan Tarrant
Front Row: Nick Hanly, Dave Tarrant, Emmanuel Paul, Jordan Tarrant, Nick Hanly, Dave Tarrant

7th Grade – Tall Poppy Real Estate Marist Phoenix

Coach - Tony Foale

Most Valuable Player - Kaarden Penrose

Best Team Member - Thompson Ebbett

Coaching the Phoenix boys this year has been an absolute pleasure. After coaching girls' teams only over the previous five years, adjusting to the different “style” of play was my first challenge. Together this team of boys bonded well, understanding the importance of passing and finding space and we became masters of the counterattack – soaking up the attack followed up by a strong kick up field from our defenders leaving Kaarden, Thompson and Dev a nice easy run through on goal.

Thank you, Phoenix families, for all your support through the season, whether you were providing Oranges (or other sources of sugar), helping set up, pack up or even running the day when I wasn't around. The coaches' job is a million times harder without your support – so thank you all for being amazing.



7th Grade – Marist Rovers

Coaches - Lydia & Richie Arber

Most Valuable Player - Victor Whitton-Bouchet

Best Team Member - Shraey Prasad

This season, the Rovers have grown tremendously – developing their skills, learning to work together, and improving with every match. They've formed strong friendships and learned the value of teamwork, effort, and sportsmanship. Most importantly, they've had fun!



7th / 8th Grade – Ali-Fix Aluminium Marist Lioness

Coach - Brent Argyle

Most Valuable Player - Scarlett Chan

Best Team Member - Olivia Barbridge

The Lionesses 7th/8th grade girls' team finished their season undefeated! Special mention goes to Scarlett and Olivia, who were selected for the West Ham Academy in Australia.

The team had a great core returning from last year, with Molly and Lily being excellent additions.

I'm really proud of the girls' performance this year; their skills and teamwork showed significant improvement.

Hopefully we see this group stick together and I'm excited to see what they accomplish in 9th and 10th grade!



7th / 8th Grade – Marist Tigress

Coach - Sam Roebuck

Most Valuable Player - Frankie Morland

Best Team Member - Frankie Morland

This group came together for the first time this year with a mix of new footballers and a couple with a years' experience.

We started by learning the basics and of course having fun. By the end of it they were passing down the wings and spreading out and all getting stuck in.

Special thanks to Jason who helped coach when i was away and i look forward to hopefully keeping these girls together as much as possible and building that chemistry even more next year.



8th Grade – Marist Legends

Coach - Leesa Palmer

Most Valuable Player - Samuel Curry

Best Team Member - Oliver Stephens-Ward

It has been a lot of fun alongside the boys this season and getting to know them. The more time they spent together the more they passed, scored goals and of course celebrated! it's gone soo quick.

The little conversations between them and teamwork have been awesome to stand back and observe. Every one of the boys have their own unique trait/ talent they have bought to the team and seeing it develop over time has been really cool.



8th Grade – Landscape Supply Yard Marist Marvels

Coach - Kelly Hargreaves

Most Valuable Player - Mason Reynolds

Best Team Member - Fenix Hargreaves

In their debut season, these absolute stars smashed it. Each showcasing their own unique skills and hilarious sense of humour. They worked hard, swiftly coming together to form a tight-knit team - unlocking their ultimate superhero power: teamwork.



8th Grade – Marist Warriors

Coach - Josh Sharp

Most Valuable Player - Okiru Rathnayake

Best Team Member - Flynn Hartridge

All the Kids put in a top effort this year! Showing our opponents respect was a big focus and was really proud of our practice turn outs! A big THANK YOU to the parents help and a special shout out to Ava Knowles for running the bench at Every game!



8th Grade – Marist Rangers

Coach - Daniel Gallie

Manager - Melanie Crow

Most Valuable Player - Luke Crow

Best Team Member - Hunter Gallie

This year the Rangers had another outstanding season. Week after week you played with your hearts on the field.

You passed the ball around like professionals — calling for the ball, making space, and, most importantly, having fun.

We were Relentless – hard-working, tenacious, always adapting to whatever came our way.

We were Fearless – courageous and ambitious, never afraid to try something new... even a shot from our own goal!

And we did it all Together – supporting and respecting every teammate.

That's what makes this team special: skill, teamwork, and our values. Every single player who wore the Rangers jersey this year should be proud.

Well done, Rangers!



8th Grade – Marist Titans

Coach - AJ Cole

Most Valuable Player - Paxton Armstrong

Best Team Member - Cole Chardon & Archer Cole

What difference only a year makes, the level in understanding the game plan, in the individual playing ability but more importantly in the teamwork and the enjoyment, showed through in every team member. We have an incredible bunch of young footballers that echoed the PN Marist values through and through, and in just about everything they did, the only exception was explaining to me what they learnt at school that week as, they appeared to have learnt nothing all year.

A huge thank you to the CJ, Ella, Tony, the committee and the PN Club in general but a huger thank you to our supporter base and to the parents for allowing me to coach these characters. See you possibly again next year??



9th Grade – Francis Water & Drainage Marist Jaguars

Coach - James Reynolds

Most Valuable Player - Oliver Reynolds

Best Team Member - Noah Riley

It's been a great season! I'm so proud of every single one of you. I know we had some good wins and some tough losses, but that's what makes football so great. It's not just about the score at the end of the game. It's about all the fun we have, those moments that we feel proud of ourselves and each other, and the hard work we put in.

The Team Spirit

You guys are such a good team in the way you encourage each other and celebrate each other's successes. If we played with the same level of enthusiasm as you so often showed after our games, I'm sure we would have been unstoppable!

What We Learned

This season, you've all gotten so much better. I've watched you all learn new skills, from dribbling and passing to defending, shooting and positioning. But most importantly, you've learned to have fun, to bounce back from low moments and to enjoy the game.

I can't wait to see all of you out on the field again next year. Thank you all for a fantastic season!



9th Grade – Marist Lynx

Coach - Nick Clarke

Most Valuable - Mikaere Graham

Best Team Member - Chad Mafoa

This is the 2nd year that we have played together, and we have just got better and better. Every single one of our boys comes in with focus and energy. We train hard and non-stop each week, our boys are fit, and the results speak for themselves having only lost one game all season. You have all made me very proud.

You've listened, learned (and I've learnt too!) and leveraged off each other's skillsets, trusting in each other to be where they need to be and to do their job on the field. Your skills have improved so much and most importantly, you are a team who has each other's back each week and this is where your real strength lies.

Thanks also to our parents for another fabulous year, for bringing the oranges and treats and for allowing our young men to thrive. Well done, Lynx, you guys are the best.



9th Grade – Nathan Mooney Property Brokers Marist Bobcats

Coach - Chris Mumford

Most Valuable Player - Michael Arbon

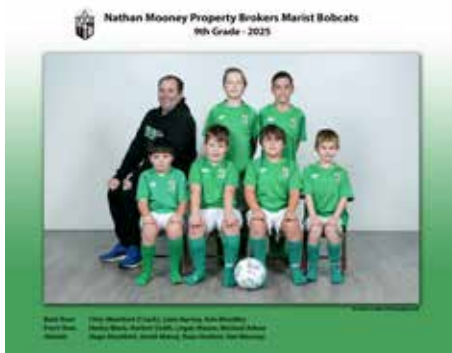
Best Team Member - Harley Black

The Bobcats have had a fantastic football season! Over the year, the team has grown so much - learning to play in position, creating space, and working together better than ever. It's been great to watch them improve every week and play with real passion and teamwork.

Most Valuable Player - Michael Arbon.

Michael is a natural left-footed defender who never shies away from a challenge. He's strong in defence, brilliant in the air, and confident going forward - a real all-rounder and a huge asset to the team!

Best Team Member - Harley Black. Harley has shown great commitment all season, always turning up with a positive attitude and giving 100% effort both on and off the pitch.



9th Grade – Marist Cougars

Coaches - Nikki Stockman and Kent Stockman

Most Valuable Player - Dhyan Patel

Best Team Member - Liam Buckley

Marist 9th Grade Cougars had a great season with the boys playing together for the first time, and some new to Marist completely. Everyone put in 100% effort at trainings and in games and had a real team spirit.

We were a small but mighty team with most games having no subs and rotating goalies.

I am so impressed by the fair play, wins, support to each other and skill improvement every person in the team made.



9th/10th Grade – Marist Meerkats

Coach - Taufilo Taufilo

Most Valuable Player - Maddi Kenyon

Best Team Player - Millie Simons

It has been a pleasure coaching this group of girls. We can definitely say this season has been challenging but not only were the girls up for it, it brought out the best version of them.

I couldn't have chosen a better mix of individuals to be the last team I coach. I am proud of you all and hope that you continue to pursue the great sport of football.

All the best Meerkats.



9th/10th Grade – Marist Emeralds

Coach - Toby Moreland

Most Valuable Player - Quinn Morland

Best Team Player - Emma Walton-Durry

What a fantastic season the Marist Emeralds have had. A team with very little experience started the season but with regular trainings and some tough games the team grew with confidence each week. With weekly improvements the Emeralds turned into a formidable team, scoring some great team goals, defending like demons and went unbeaten for the 2nd half of the season.



9th/10th Grade – Mkm Marist Merino

Coaches - Oliver Kirk and John Myszczyzyn

Most Valuable Player - Ellie Myszczyzyn

Best Team Member - Tenley Chittenden

10 Wins / 1 Draw / 3 Losses

This season has been an incredible journey, showcasing not only skill on the field but also the strength of character each player brings. Together, as a team, we have demonstrated what it truly means to be **Relentless**, **Fearless**, and **Together**.

Relentless in every sense, this team never backed down from a challenge. We had some really challenging moments this season, some tough opponents and games, playing their hearts out when we were behind... These girls worked hard, pushing through the toughest moments with grit and determination. Their ability to adapt, whether learning new strategies or adjusting to new structures / positions, was nothing short of inspiring. Each practice and game was an opportunity to grow stronger, and they took every challenge head-on.

Fearless on the field, these young athletes showed remarkable courage, not just in going after the ball but in believing in their ability to succeed. They were always ready to think creatively, try new tactics, and explore imaginative plays that kept their opponents on their toes. They were an ambitious team, they set goals and worked tirelessly to reach them over the season and always striving for improvement. Their courage didn't just show in the big moments; it was there every time they stepped onto the field, ready to give their best.

But perhaps the most powerful value of all this season was **Together**. This team has been more than just a group of players – they are a true team and little football family... They supported one another on and off the field, creating an atmosphere of respect, inclusivity, and kindness. Every player contributed, lifting each other up through victories and losses alike. They respected each other's differences and celebrated their collective strengths, showing that when we work together, we can achieve great results, and they did...

This season has been a testament to their growth, their teamwork, and their unwavering spirit. Each girl has shown what it means to be **Relentless**, **Fearless**, and **Together**. Congratulations to you all for an unforgettable season and it was a pleasure to coach and work with you over the season.

Thanks also to the parents / caregivers for being so supportive of your young players, being positive on the sidelines, assisting with practices and on game days. You all made the coaching experience so rewarding...

We had some sponsorship this year from Manawatu Knitting Mills and the girls loved their new strips. Manawatu Knitting Mills are one of the major sponsors of the club and really appreciate their support and generosity over many years...

Lastly - thanks again to the team. Well done for the season and look forward to seeing you on the field again next year!!!



10th Grade – Marist Griffins

Coach - Branden Hansen

Most Valuable Player - Hunter Faithfull

Best Team Member - Ravi Birondo

I am very proud of the team. They made it so difficult to pick Two stand out players that I made them vote for each other. They all deserve these awards.

I have been coaching kids for about 8 years, I have never come across a more competitive bunch of boys. They love winning and they work hard for their wins.

Congratulations boys on a successful season, you are all MVPs in my eyes, it was such a pleasure to coach you all this season.



10th Grade – Marist Hyenas

Coach - John Rasmussen

Most Valuable Player -
Lincoln Tuffey-Scott and
Walter Rasmussen

Best Team Member - Jensen Keates

U10 Hyenas had a shaky start to the season with a mix of wins and then losses in Pool A for a team that have never played together and in some case never played the game

Moving to the B grade in the second half of the season they have managed to win or draw the rest of the season. throughout the season and are all valued

It not an official Award, but we would like to mention for the most improved player this year for the Hyenas, in his first year playing the game, Sebastian Gumangan.

Finally, the coaches would like to thank all the players, for their hard work and dedication throughout the season.



10th Grade – Marist Leopards

Coach - Jon Bailey

Most Valuable Player - Joseph Adams

Best Team Member - Lewis Ebbett

2026 was an enjoyable season which saw us grow immensely as a team. The first half of the season saw some excellent winning performances, while in the second half we met with some stronger competition and encountered some very close games and some defeats. As a Coach it was really pleasing to see the effort the whole team put into improving their individual skills and even when the games were hard they all continued to try their best as a team. It was really encouraging to hear from other Coaches that they enjoyed playing the Marist Leopards and while we were competitive, we always played with fairness, teamwork, and respect for the opposition.

Our new players contributed well this year, and they were welcomed into the team by the older players. Rico, you had an excellent first season, you're dribbling and shooting skills made you a threat for opposition defences. Lachie, you were great in the midfield with some fantastic runs and found yourself enjoying and excelling in goal!! Vident, you came on leaps and bounds and were great in the midfield.

To the boys who returned to the Leopards this year. Jonty, you were solid in the midfield and I loved how hard you worked to get up and down the pitch in the games and you scored some great goals too. Lincoln, I love to see you making those big tackles in defence and you have found yourself at home at the back, having grown in confidence in your game. Caleb, you had a great year on the left hand side, those long left foot passes up the line were great to watch! Fafita, you had another great season and always worked hard when out on the pitch, also making some fantastic saves when you spent time in goal! Fermin, you had a great year up front in attack. Those lovely passes and goal assists were great to watch

Joseph you were a pleasure to Coach, always listening, always helping and always willing to work on your game. You have come a long way over the last two years and have grown in confidence as an accomplished defender.

Lewis you were excellent in the midfield. You worked really hard to improve your fitness and your skills and towards the end of the year you could see a noticeable difference in your ability to get around the park and make an impact on the game!!

Thank you to Martin and Hayden for the support you gave with coaching, refereeing, running the subs and sorting gear. Much appreciated. And thanks to all the parents for your commitment and support on the touchlines!!!



10th Grade – Marist Jackals

Coach - Kaushik Kishore

Most Valuable Player - Hamza Tamin

Best Team Member - Axl Montgomery

I've been coaching the 10th grade jackals for my third season now and I truly value the significant development I have witnessed.

There are so many individuals' brilliances displayed in this team, however when they started learning, applying and understanding the value of teamwork, is when they grew.

They won almost every game bar one loss against a strong Levin side. The loss was fair and a great learning experience for their resilience. It's also important to recognise they participated and came second in the fielding 10th grade tournament final. They played and performed with character, purpose and collective skill. They started scoring more goals together and were heading towards that 100 mark which was crazy to witness. They grew significantly in their skill development, and we continue to grow as a team and community.

They are mature leaders when they need to be but deep down inside, they are still kids who play like streetballers on the field.



11th Grade – NZ Travel Brokers Marist Lions

Coach - Dan Minchin

Most Valuable Player - Max Pratt

Best Team Member - Roczen Hargreaves

It has been a pleasure coaching the Lions this year. Most of the boys had come from the 10th grade Foxes team last year and the thing that stood out with that team, and what's carried on this year is the heart the boys have shown through the season.

We've had some tough games where we've struggled for numbers due to injury and other circumstances, and so the majority of the season the boys have played for the full hour without any subs, and not able to field 9 players.

This season we worked hard at developing our football brains and through the weeks, it was evident they were executing these important skills of creating and finding space, and using the width of the pitch to move up the field.

At the end of each game I have been so proud of each of the boys who ran the whole time, continued to tackle, chased the ball and kept pushing to score more goals. They



never gave up, they never dropped their heads when goals were scored against us and they continued to support each other. They showed dignity, respect and compassion when faced with challenging teams and players but showed the Marist values every time they stepped foot on the pitch as well as at practices. Well done this year boys.

Most Valuable Player: Max Pratt

Max was our top goal scorer for the Lions this year and showed a lot of skill and determination in some tough matches. Max stuck to our game plan and stayed in position which helped take pressure off our defence and put pressure on the opposition by scoring goals. Max never dropped his head when we were down and scored a few goals in the last minute of the game which showed he didn't give up. He would feed the ball through to the forwards and worked hard to be there in support. Awesome season Max.

Best Team Member: Roczen Hargreaves

Roczen has been our go to dependable member of the Lions who has pulled off some unbelievably fantastic saves this season in goal - with his quick reflexes and ability to read where the ball will go, he was willing to put his body on the line. Roczen has kept us in the game with the amount of goals he has saved. When he is out in the field he never gives up and is happy to play in any position to help the team. One of Roczen's real qualities in the Lions is his support of his team members. He is always there to offer encouragement to others - including the opposition and he is a real asset to our team.

11th Grade – Ace Electrics Marist Tigers

Coach - Charles Parker

Most Valuable Player - George Stockman

Best Team Member - Max Wallace

I'll just get it out of the way at the start to please the parents who were giddily counting down the games remaining in the season.

The Ace Electric Tigers went this whole season undefeated.

Now I don't usually like the idea of parroting on about kids football teams going undefeated or winning every game, that's not what this game is all about.

But, in saying that, the reason that I am proud to say it is that in my time coaching the Tigers, three years now, it has seemed more likely that we would go winless rather than undefeated.

From the first season where we struggled mightily, winning very few games, to a better second season where we played a very mixed bag, and ended the season on a string of losses.

To watch the boys this season, many of them the same boys who I coached in 9th grade, really brought home something about the nature of football, and of perseverance and resilience. These boys have grown so much, as footballers, because they're still really short, in the time that I've had them and it was incredible to see the leaps and strides they made this season.



Every one of them has stood up this year, put in the effort where it counted, worked hard for their teammates and if I could give them all awards I would, which, though a logistical nightmare, is a coaches dream.

I want to congratulate all the players:

Hugo – my most improved player with a knack for being in the right place to score a goal.

Ollie – huge boot and showed great skill in one-on-ones. Rewarded with a hatrick.

Alexander – Huge saves in goal to keep us in games. Solid defender.

Muhammad – Reliable when I needed a defender.

Kayan – Excellent when the goal was in sight.

Joel – Like Hugo was excellent around goal.

Gabriel – Grew immensely through the season. Made some great runs and memorable goals.

Harrison – Dependable at the back (in goal too). Has a great boot.

Erien – Who I went to when needing defence.

Logan – Mr consistent. I could place him anywhere on the field and get a good result.

Zac – only played a few games but showed great talent on attack.

Heath – Our fastest player who tore through defences down the wing. A pleasure to coach.

Hunter – Reliable on the left, great speed and setup some great attacks. Memorable hat trick in one game.



12th Grade – MKM Marist Angora

Coaches - Ella Doocey and Kelly Spencer

Most Valuable Player - Maddie Murrie

Best Team Member - Sophia Barbarich

Angora are an U13 team, but there wasn't an U13 Girls' league for them this year, so they were placed with U12 Boys to keep challenging and developing them.

The girls were lucky to have Ella Doocey coaching them this year and they have all gained a lot from her. They have been relentless all season, persevering, and learning how to play a more physical game, regardless of the scoreline.

The girls have bonded as a team over the season and were playing some really high-quality football at the end. They all developed in their ability to trust each other, create space, and challenge for the ball this year. It has been a joy to see them all grow into more mature footballers. It was very difficult to pick awards as all the girls deserve recognition and the voting for Players' Player was extremely close.



12th Grade – Marist Wildcats

Coach - Jarrod McDonnell

Most Valuable Player - Isaac Smith

Best Team Members - Lockie McDonnell & Leo Wagner

This group of kids have been a pleasure to coach all season, showing true sportsmanship and grit, playing up a grade against much larger kids and still giving it their all with only 1 loss for the season, the boys have something to be really happy about.

All the best boys.



11th/12th Grade – Top Cat Contracting Marist Vixens

Coaches - Shellee Wood and Tony Foale

Most Valuable Player - Scarlett Jefferies

Best Team Member - Arya Whittaker

Shellee says: I'm honoured to have had the opportunity to coach the Vixens this season. The girls' tireless efforts, passion for football, and commitment to teamwork have been a true inspiration. As they move forward, I'm confident they'll continue to excel, achieve their goals, and make a lasting impact on the field.

I would also like to thank Tony and Nathan for the coaching the girls guy or the later part of the season in my absence. Truly appreciated!

Also the parents, the commitment to bring your girls to training and games and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves

Thank you again

Shellee

Tony says: It was a pleasure to step in and take over this group of girls when Shellee went off on her overseas adventure. As the season has progressed it has been great to see their footballing identities shape and strengths in certain positions. We made a change in formation, and convincingly won almost every game we played in Pool B.

It has been a great experience coaching you and seeing the development over the course of the season and as I say every week, every player has a great claim on all the awards.

I want to say a big thank you to Nate for his **very** vocal sideline support and running the subs – and to every parent who did what they had to do to get all the girls up and out ready for those brisk mornings – Thank you.

And to the girls – a huge thank you too you too. Everything we have asked you to do you have listened to us and tried to implement, even if it put you out of your comfort zone. The more of this you do, the further you will go in life!



13th Grade – Brendan Lodge Marist Wolves



Brendan Lodge Photography Marist Wolves
13th Grade - 2025



Back Row: Ashken Petherick, Dylan Farrelly, Jack Bell
Middle Row: Matt Greig (Coach), Jaxon Rai, Brody Jackson, Kalden Ghale-Pond, Connor Reader
Front Row: Deon Joseph, Nate Hudson, Makara Cassidy, Leo Tatters, Lucas Greig
Absent: Seanlie Carter, Lennae Potts, Grayson Manning, Braxton Brax

Coach - Matty Grieg

Most Valuable Player - Connor Reader

Most Improved - Brodie Jackson

Best Team Member - Dylan Farrelly

A massive thank you to the young men and their parents who endured this season with me as their coach!

This marked my 16th consecutive year coaching junior football teams across two clubs and three sons and I'm happy to say that you young lads have been some of the most fun kids I've ever had the pleasure of working with.

We had a tough season on the pitch, but I feel like you have all grown in one way or another and it makes me happy that you always left the pitch having learned or enjoyed something on the day.

I wish you all the best of luck with the move to High School and I hope that if we bump into each other again you say hello and tell me you're still playing footy!

Thanks again boys, it's been a laugh! I'd also like to give a shout out to the Goal of the season from Deon Joseph.

13th Grade – Elite Powder Coaters Marist Mustangs



Coach - Matt Argyle

Most Valuable Player - Maddox Simmonds

Most Improved - Jacob Pyle

Best Team Member - Alex Young

2025 was a year of development for the Elite Powder Coaters Mustangs, with many of the team stepping up from 11th grade last year to 13th grade this season. The boys quickly learnt that they weren't going to be the fastest, biggest, or strongest players on the pitch, but they were able to establish a style of play that suited their individual skills. Competing in first grade was a real challenge, and while the results alone might not show a successful year, the individual and collective progress the players made—and the experience they gained—will set up those returning to 13th grade in 2026 for a strong season.

A big thanks goes to the awesome group of parents who were on the sidelines each week supporting the boys, to Elite Powder coaters for sponsoring the team, and to Glen for stepping in to referee when he could, allowing me to focus on coaching.

Finally, to the players who had their final year playing for Marist as they move on to secondary school—we wish you all the best in your footballing future. Keep enjoying the game, and we hope to see you back in green and white one day.

13th Grade – Marist Northern Comfort Portable Buildings Central Development League



Northern Comfort Portable Buildings Marist
13th Grade Central Development League - 2025



Back Row: Lucas Knight, Kahoara Robinson, Sachin Bulchira
Middle Row: Jason Smith (Coach), Daniel Cooley, Noah Kai, Lucas Hosenbent, Maxwell Harvey, Lenox Smith, Riley Cooley (Manager)
Front Row: Frank Mouat, Reed Ansell-Martin, Hugo Siammatia, Stefan Leuninger, Levi Teeter
Absent: Henry Bully, Ryan Wade

14th Grade – Marist Pure Beauty Central Development League



Pure Beauty Marist
14th Grade Central Development League - 2025



Back Row: Patrick Flaherty (Manager), Olivia Campbell, Fern Chamberlain, Elise Broderick, Ivy Henderson, Sarah Anis, Ian Trewhitt (Coach)
Middle Row: Livvy Watson, Ava Campbell, Courtney Stewart, Sofiana Jaffal, Adler Blackwood, Danielle Hayes-McEwen
Front Row: Talia Hurty, Olivia Johnson, Chadley Kauri, Marlee Krays, Grace Page

15th Grade – Marist Studio BBA Central Development League



Studio BBA Marist
15th Grade Central Development League - 2025



Back Row: Hayden Naeve, Isaac Mukahumuma, Calden Hansen, Tyler Briggs
Middle Row: Adam Cowan (Coach), Giovanni Bayrakt, Declan Slater, Fletcher Mossman, Aaron Argyle, Taj Cowan,
Durham Mossman (Manager)
Front Row: James Mouat, Becher Tamin, Nate Kingston, Patrick Curry, Whinnie Grant, Farhan Mohd Jabin, Theodoraschhan Tamil Maran
Absent: Rukia Piver

Central Development League Prizegiving 2025

We had an awesome evening recently celebrating the end of the first Central Development League Season and acknowledging all our players who were involved in the teams, as well as the individual award winners.

PURE BEAUTY U14 GIRLS CDL TEAM

Best Team Member – Asher MacDonald

Players' Player – Livvy Watson

MVP – Livvy Watson

NORTHERN COMFORT PORTABLE BUILDINGS U13 BOYS CDL TEAM

Best Team Member – Noah Kiri

Players' Player – Frank Mouat

MVP – Frank Mouat

Coach's Player of the Year – Lucas Knight

STUDIO BBA U15 BOYS CDL TEAM

Best Team Member – Declan Slater

Players' Player – Fletcher Mossman

MVP – Fletcher Mossman

A huge thank you to all the amazing parents, supporters and sponsors who made this season a fantastic one for our players.

And of course to our Coaches and Managers who put a lot of time, thought, energy and passion into the teams – Ian Trewwhitt, Patrick Hurlly, Jason Smith, Riley Cody, Adam Cowan and Durham Mossman THANK YOU!!

We are already looking forward to 2026!

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- ◆ **WE WILL** help all players reach their potential in personal development and in their chosen sport.
- ◆ **WE WILL** promote fellowship and goodwill in a Christian spirit of unity.
- ◆ **WE WILL** provide, maintain and manage facilities and opportunities for sporting and social purposes.
- ◆ **WE WILL** support our players in respectful ways.
- ◆ **WE WILL** honour and celebrate our Marist historical origins and contributors to the Club over the years.
- ◆ **WE WILL** welcome as our guests and show hospitality to other clubs and the community.
- ◆ **WE WILL** encourage cultural activities and appropriate entertainment for our members and supporters to enjoy.
- ◆ **WE WILL** seek to advance club growth and adopt modern practices to continuously improve our performance and management.
- ◆ **WE WILL** accept applications for membership from all walks of life without discrimination.
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