

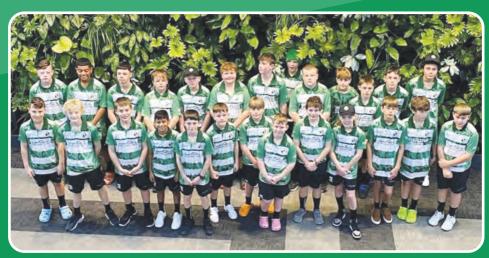
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Mike Cross, Bruce Dilks, Murray Edgecombe, Howard Heap, Jim Lyons, Peter Marshall, Kevin Tod.

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

I hope you enjoy your read of our club magazine which gives some great updates on performance of our various Codes of Sports. It gives a wonderful sense of our club, its members, and our activities and the spirit in which we operate!

Could you please note all the various sponsors included within the magazine. We could not operate without their support.

My sincere thanks. Please take note of those who support us!

In my last few reports I have noted the significant impact of the Covid pandemic and how getting back to playing sport has helped lead our way through what will be some of the most trying years ever faced. If anything it really highlighted the benefit of sport, and that a club such as ours brings.

I am advised that a recent club census confirmed that there were over 3,400 individuals who are associated with Marist sports, and more than 400 volunteers who help coach, manage and administer at Marist. Well done to you all!

Some months ago we hosted a mid-week dinner for our club life members. It was a wonderful occasion with many shared stories and a great sense of the club history from those that have been at its forefront. The people who attended were acknowledged as having made the club the success it is.

As you can see from the magazine, many of our Codes of Sport have enjoyed much success on the field, and for most playing numbers remain strong.

I would like to acknowledge Paul O'Brien (Mr Marist) for his constant daily efforts on behalf of all of our club. I would also like to acknowledge Rhys and Vikki Nielsen for administering the bar and catering services provided by the club, their services are much appreciated.

I hope you enjoy the read.

Keith Wedlock Chairman

CLUB CHAPLAIN

The Marist club is made of many different people taking part or supporting a multitude of codes over successive seasons of the year. The fellowship and wellbeing of our club depends upon players coaches and supporters all working together and playing our part to build our club. Whatever game we play, I am sure that we all begin the season with hopes held high to succeed and to do well in whatever sport and level we play the game. Although we all want to win and finish first in our grade, this isn't always what happens. Success isn't necessarily measured by the outcome, but upon how well each of us played our part together with the team. Win or loose we build a spirit in our team and in our club.



Life is like that. We build success on what we

do and how well we do it. We were put on this earth by God to contribute and build our society, our friendship and fellowship with one another. How well we have supported others through love, care and our concern for one another. God is not so worried about the outcome but on the effort, we show in our day-to-day activities, our contributions to the welfare of family and friends, the earth on which we live and being part of a team with God as our top coach and our greatest supporter.

Monsignor Brian Walsh and I pray that 2023 has been an enjoyable year. One in which you as an administrator, coach, player or supporter, have either tasted success or at least come away knowing that you have done your best and contributed according to your ability as you have taken part week by week.

May God bless you all and the Marist family.

Monsignor David Bell



EDITORIAL

2023 was our 96th year of facilitating sport for the many families & individuals associated with Marist Sports.

The highlight of the year was our census that confirmed we help 3442 individuals enjoy their chosen sport. When I commenced my voluntary duties as your Executive Director 40 years ago, we had approximately 300 members. Thanks to the 400+ volunteers that coach, manage or administer our flock, we continue to be New Zealand's largest sports club.

A couple of months ago we hosted our many Life Members at a mid-week dinner at the Clubrooms.

The Club acknowledged that their service over many decades had been the main ingredient reflecting in today's success of Marist Sports.

We commenced in 1926 and our multi-Sports Club model has been in place since 1976 when we became an Incorporated Society.



The contribution of our Council of Codes, Board and Codes Committees have ensured we continue to facilitate sports with high standards.

Paul O'Brien
Executive Director





THE SHAMROCK CLUB

Shamrock Club members continue to help create a funding pool to support Marist Sports Codes together with Manawatu sports people so that they can compete and/or gain experience at a higher level either in NZ or overseas or to obtain specialist coaching.

This year we were pleased to assist the Marist Sports Club with the Life Members Dinner to acknowledge the amazing contribution they have made over the decades.

Next March 17th, we celebrate our St Patrick's function and the presentation of the Marist Sports Club awards.

We look forward to seeing members and sponsors attending with club officials.



The Shamrock Club Membership for 2022/2023

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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A Shamrock Club information and application leaflet is available from any of the above contacts.

ST PATRICK'S DAY













SENIOR RUGBY

President's report

The 2023 rugby season will be remembered for some time as it provided many highs and lows. For the first time in the clubs history we were unable to field an U21 Colts team, which was hugely disapointing and the Senior Bs defaulted their 1st round game due to a lack of players , however after a ring around they got more numbers and played the rest of the season . The Senior As had a great start to the season by winning the Jubilee Cup [1st Round] and then went on to winning the Centennial Shield [2nd Round]. This the first time in the clubs history that we have won both rounds. Unfortunately they were outgunned by a valiant Varsity side when the students scored a length of the field try in the 82nd minute of the semi final to book a place in the final, which they went on to win. Still a very rewarding season.

Congratulations to all of our team members who made the Turbos, Evergreens and the Cyclones. A very special congratulations to Layla Sae who was offered a contract by the NZRFU and to Chis Cairns who was called in to the Hurricanes squad as injury cover for their match against the Chiefs. Also, big occasions for Max Harris & Will Treader for receiving their blazers [50 games] for the club. Congrats also to Will who was selected for NZ Marist.

Once again I would to thank all of our sponsors for their generosity ,which as we all know is imperative these days to keep the club running as well as we do. Also a big thanks to all of the bar and kitchen staff for all your hard work ,we still supply the best after match meal in the Manawatu.

Thankyou to all team Coaches, Managers, Physios, and Hydration Managers, I know by experience that this is very time consuming. Well done to Kent Higson and his Junior Rugby Committee and all Coaches and Managers who make our Marist Junior Rugby the best club in the Manawatu.

Finally a big shout out to our amazing Committee especially Chairman Dave [Danger] Wilson and Club Captain Mark Anderson, the whole committee do so much work before the season even starts to make sure that we have a well organised season and my last mention goes to Brian Mudgway who keeps the scoreboard ticking over each week Thank you Brian.

Finally thankyou to all our marvelous supporters who turn up week in and week out to support the teams, and to Paul O'Brien for his liaison from the Marist Sports Club, hope to see you all back in 2024.

Yours in Rugby

Murray Joyes President







2023 Prizegiving

Senior 1

Best forward – Brian Trehey Cup – Chris Cairns Best back – Brian Findlay Cup – Keegan Christian-Goss

Jimmy Crosswell Cup – Chris Cairns Houlihan Cup – MVP – Chris Cairns Gleeson Cup – Justin Lino Houlihan Cup (Best trainer) – Max Harris

Senior 2

Best forward – Walker Cup – Kurtis Tinetti Best back – New cup – Jakob Fraser MVP Junior Cup – William fisher

Ladies

Most improved – Ffion Barr Best forward – Brianna Wallace Best back – Wikotoria Doyle MVP Baker Cup – Kahurangi Sturmey Players Player – Rangimarie Sturmey

Club

O'Callaghan Cup – Wikitoria Doyle
Robin O'Neil Cup – Aidan champion
Irvine Robertson Cup – Chris Cairns
Oakley Cup – Ian Jensen
Marist Brothers Cup – Bronson Trubshoe
Maurice Calcott Cup – Kahurangi Sturmey
Rutherford Cup – Blair Hannam
Bids Cup – Women's team
Stewart Cup – Chris Cairns



Blazer game for Max Harris







Chairman's report

2023 has been a mixed year for Old Boys Marist the season started with the sad news we were unable to field a colts or presidents team for 2023. These teams have traditionally been a mainstay of the club. This is a sign of the times however I assure you extensive work has been undertaken to ensure we have a Colts team on the field in 2024.

Long term and loyal sponsors were again on board in 2023, including ever loyal Humphries Construction, Higgins Concrete, Altherm Aluminium and New Zealand telephone and cable. Toyota New Zealand were again our short sponsors. These sponsors have been again the mainstay of the club a pleasure to work with throughout my time as the chairman.

Some of you will know that at today's AGM I intend to stand down as chairman to allow someone else to have a go in the role. By my maths, I have been the chairman since 2017 and on the High School Old Boys and Old Boys Marist High School Old Boys committee since I was 19 years of age, some 24ish years.

I would like to thank the committee over the last number of years some names I will miss, but in particular, I would like to thank Gary Milligan and Cath Holdsworth, who both stand down from the committee today also. Your expertise, friendships and support have been immense and I thank them both for their service to this club and to me personally.

Eventually, I wish to return to coaching and wish to have a break before the next coaching venture. I will always support the committee and have mentioned that I'm happy to assist the chairman with jobs given to me from the committee for example sponsorship manager or the like.

Mark Anderson has had a huge workload with in the club and I'm sure he will continue to do so I encourage anyone in the room to support him by putting your name forward for the 2024 committee. Again, I thank Mark for his expertise, friendship and unwavering commitment to Old Boys Marist . He's made the Chairmans job that much easier for me.

To the rest of the committee from years gone by and that of 2023 I thank you for your support and I feel that we and I leave this club in a formal sense, better than when we arrived.

We go into 2024 at the time of writing financially secure and with our senior and colts coaches in place for the next season.

That leads me to thank everybody in the room for their support over the years and wish the incoming committee a great 2024 season.

Dave Wilson Chairman





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Altherm Windows Systems Ltd Development Team 2023



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NZ Telephone & Cable Ltd OBM Women 2023







2023 NZ Marist Development Team vs Manawatu U19

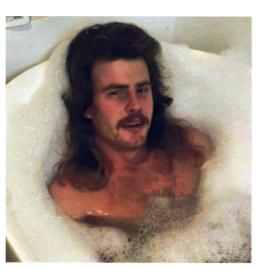
The New Zealand Marist Development team convincing beat the Manawatu U19 team 54-19.

NZ Marist were coached by Dion Waller who played his club rugby for Palmy Marist and the Manawatu team were coached by Chris Long who also played his club rugby for Palmy Marist!



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Senior Football Chairman's report

Another huge year for Marist football has rolled around with winter finishing and summer football starting with a bang in mid-October.

Several highlights this year, but none more than the Watson Integrity men winning the Federation League for the first time since 2018.

The MKM women performed well in what was a tougher Central league and will be better in 2024 if we can keep the squad together. A big thank you to Cam Smith who is stepping down.

In the local leagues Isles construction Marist Inter and Chapple Architecture Mayhem won their Leagues and Marist Park Rangers and Gree Heatpumps Evergreens were runner up in theirs.

The club has undertaken a huge body of work as we strive to cater for all our members.

The academy has swelled to more than 225 kids training in the arts of futsal and football.

The first overseas tour by our academy saw a team play in Australia and sides competed in many tournaments across the age ranges with great success.

For the first time Marist entered an Under 17 team in the National competition only missing out on a playoff spot by goal difference to show we can compete with the best from here in Manawatu!

The under 19s are also active and in the new year Marist will field men's and women's teams in the next edition of the futsal super league national competition.

We welcomed 2 footballers from the Solomons. Michael Boso and Paul Awa have joined the club to coach in the academy and contribute to our playing stocks. Welcome boys and I look forward to seeing your progress.

In the boardroom the committee has worked extremely hard to ensure we are thriving, and I am extremely grateful to work with such a strong group of committed people.

As we enter the summer months Marist never sleeps!

Summer soccer will break a record for teams with over 300 6 a side teams confirmed for the 2023/24 season along with 10 strong teams playing in the 11 a side Magners Leagues.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the club this year. I am so grateful to all the sponsors, players, coaches, managers, and parents who ensured our club continues to offer such a high caliber experience for our members.

Enjoy the summer and we will see you in 2024!

Regards,

Jason Flynn Chairman

Senior Football Prizegiving

2023 Trophy List

SHAMROCK ROVERS - MKM

Players Player Grant Rudman
Best Team Member Paul Wallace
Most Valuable Player Grant Rudman

BANSHEES

Aaron McCann Trophy Players Player

Best Team Member (donated by Watsons)

Steven Rowlett
Skinner Cup - Most Valuable Player

Roger Oliveira

MASTERS - Resonant

Players PlayerAmory YarwoodBest Team MemberChet GreatorexMost Valuable PlayerRichie Morgan

ROYALS - JRM Automotive

Players Player

Best Team Member

Most Valuable Player (donated by R.Findon)

Seumus Flanagan

Richard Nielsen

Max Morgan / Tue Cousins-Larsen

GREENIES - Compressed Air Controls

Players Player Brendan Hurley
Best Team Member Daniel James
Most Valuable Player Brendan Hurley

PARK RANGERS

Players Player Pah Eh Say
Best Team Member Amotai Scott-Kawana
Most Valuable Player Richard Penney

MYSTERIES - Tranzit

Smith Cup Players Player Danielle Storrier
Best Team Member (donated by Compressed Air Controls) Phillipa Hay

Vangionis Whithers Cup - Most Valuable Player Olivia Anderson

EVERGREENZ - Gree Heatpump

Players Player Helen Clarke
Best Team Member Helen Clarke

Most Valuable Player Karene Whitley / Jane Archer

CELTS - Smart Phone Repairs

Players Player Taufilo Taufilo1
Best Team Member (Housie Trophy) Nathaniel Rickard
Most Valuable Player (donated by B&M) Bailey Wynd

BULLDOGS - Freedom Plus

Players Player Matty Greig
Best Team Member Reuben Ellis
Most Valuable Player (donated by Watsons) Jayden Green

INTER - Isle Construction Ltd

Players Player Juan Jaurretche Best Team Member Matt Sells Most Valuable Player Charles Parker

DEVELOPMENT - Isle Construction Ltd

Players Player Bex Mahoney
Best Team Member Bex Mahoney
Most Valuable Player Amber Mahoney

MAYHEM - Chapple Architecture

Players Player Toni Taufale
Best Team Member Saskia Knight
Most Valuable Player (donated by J.Hudson)
Brooke Argyle

MENS RESERVES - Youm

Players Player

Best Team Member

Caleb Virtue

Most Valuable Player (donated by Blocks Painting)

Matthew Toes

WOMENS RESERVES - One Staff PN

Players Player Jess Robinson Best Team Member Aimee Erskine

Most Valuable Player (donated by Blocks Painting)

Jess Robinson /Olivia Stewart

MENS FIRSTS - Watson Integrity

Players Player (Tait Comminications)

Best Team Member

Baycorp Cup Most Valuable Player

Troye Aitken
Cam Wallace

WOMENS FIRSTS - MKM Originals

Players Player Ruby-Aroha Gurnick

Best Team Member Grace Smith

Most Valuable Player Ruby-Aroha Gurnick

Fun Club Awards

Believe It Or Not (donated by A Smith) Marist Greenies **Fair Play** (donated b A Smth) Diego Hector

Banshee Cup Cup you win for winning a cup when you don't win a cup cup (donated by

Patrick Manson, Marcus Watson and Ken Hodgson tbc

Player Achievements

Samoa U19 OFC Championship
NZ U16 OFC Championship
Samoa Senior Squad - Pacific Games
NZ Futsal Ferns training camp
Lilly Dowsing
Sophie Campbell
Teejay Lyne-Lewis
Mikaela Bouwmeester

Women's National League & Youth National League

Cup & League Winners

Chinese Cup Watson Integrity Men's Firsts
Marist Tournament Women's Open Cup
Lotto Central Federation League Winners
Women's Premiership Winners
Horizons Championship
Watson Integrity Men's Firsts
Watson Integrity Men's Firsts
Chapple Architecture Mayhem
Isle Construction Inter

Chairmans Award Adam Cowan, Ace Smith,

Duncan Muir, Mikaela Bouwmeester

& Chris Mumford

Club Awards

Kirsty Dingley Cup – Defender of the Year Josh Cremen

Jason Flynn Cup – Womens Golden Boot Mikaela Bouwmeester (23)

Mens Golden Boot

Charles Parker (20) Ruby-Aroha Gurnick

Glenn Hewson Memorial Trophy – Mens Player of the Year Cam Wallace

Coach Of The Year

Ian Trewhitt

Aiken Cup – Most Successful Team Isle Construction Inter

Adrian Smith Cup – Womens Player of the Year

Club Personality donated by A Smith Wayne Parker Greatest Contribution Sarah Cowan

2023 Medals List

Shamrock Rovers Players Player Grant Rudman
Best Team Member Paul Wallace

Most Valuable Player Grant Rudman

Banshees Players Player Cameron McCarthy

Best Team Member Steven Rowlett Most Valuable Player Roger Oliveira

Masters Players Player Amory Yarwood

Best Team Member Chet Greatorex Most Valuable Player Richie Morgan

Royals Players Player Seumus Flanagan

Best Team Member Richard Nielsen

Most Valuable Player Max Morgan / Tue Cousins-Larsen

Greenies Players Player Brendan Hurley
Best Team Member Daniel James

Most Valuable Player Brendan Hurley

Park Rangers Players Player Pah Eh Say

Best Team Member Amotai Scott-Kawana

Most Valuable Player Richard Penney

MysteriesPlayers PlayerDanielle StorrierBest Team MemberPhillipa Hay

Most Valuable Player Olivia Anderson

Evergreenz Players Player Helen Clarke Best Team Member Helen Clarke

Most Valuable Player Karene Whitley / Jane Archer

Celts Players Player Taufilo Taufilo

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Best Team Member Nathaniel Rickard

Most Valuable Player Bailey Wynd

Bulldogs Players Player Matty Greig

Best Team Member Reuben Ellis Most Valuable Player Jayden Green **Inter** Players Player Juan Jaurretche

Best Team Member Matt Sells Most Valuable Player Charles Parker

Development Players Player Bex Mahoney

Best Team Member Bex Mahoney Most Valuable Player Amber Mahoney

Mayhem Players Player Toni Taufale

Best Team Member Saskia Knight Most Valuable Player Brooke Argyle

Mens ReservesPlayers PlayerJeremy WatsonBest Team MemberCaleb Virtue

Most Valuable Player Matthew Toes

Women's Reserves Players Player Jess Robinson Best Team Member Aimee Erskine

Most Valuable Player Jess Robinson / Olivia Stewart

Mens Firsts Players Player Josh Cremen

Best Team Member Troye Aitken Most Valuable Player Cam Wallace

Womens Firsts Players Player Ruby-Aroha Gurnick

Best Team Member Grace Smith

Most Valuable Player Ruby-Aroha Gurnick

Believe It Or Not Marist Greenies
Fair Play Award Diego Hector
Defender Of The Year Josh Cremen

Womens Golden Boot Mikaela Bouwmeester (23) Mens Golden Boot Charles Parker (20)

Womens Club Player of the Year Ruby-Aroha Gurnick

Mens Club Player of the Year Cam Wallace Coach Of The Year Ian Trewhitt

Chairman's Award 2023 Adam Cowan, Ace Smith, Duncan Muir,

Mikaela Bouwmeester, and Chris Mumford

Club Personality Wayne Parker Greatest Contribution Sarah Cowan Womens Golden Boot Rachel Watson





























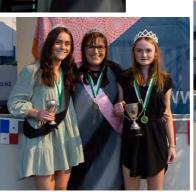






































Men's 1sts - Watson Integrity

- FEDERATION LEAGUE WINNERS
- CHINESE CUP WINNERS

Coach: Juliano Schmeling / Adam Cowan Players Player: Josh Cremen Best Team Member: Troye Aitken Baycorp Cup Most Valuable Player: Cam Wallace

We won the league! Yes... we won the league, be proud of that lads.

It's one thing we set out to do at the start of the year and we did enough to tick that box.

The next hurdle was the playoff games vs Island Bay to make it into Central league next season. We came up short



for many different reasons, we know now what we need to do to be at that level. Where we currently sit is comfortable for the group and there are a few things need to change to get us to where we deserve to be.

Thanks to everyone that supported us over the year!

Men's Reserves - Youm

Coach: Brent Jaslarz Horizons Premiership Players Player: Jeremy Watson Best Team Member: Caleb Virtue Most Valuable Player (donated by Blocks Painting): Matthew Toes

The Marist Reserve team were ready for an improved 2023 season, it didn't get off to the start we wanted with a few inconsistent results as the group were finding their way. Improvements soon came though and the boys started playing some consistent quality footy. There were



some notable results which gave the boys confidence, which took us through to the Easter cup final, unfortunately we were pipped at the post.

Overall a positive season for the group.

Thank you to the many players that helped us out during the season, very much appreciated.

Men's Inter – Isle Construction Ltd – HORIZONS CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE WINNERS

Coach: Chris Mumford
Players Player: Juan Jaurretche
Best Team Member: Matt Sells
Most Valuable Player: Charles Parker

In 2023, Inter started off the year – again - in a new league, having won promotion to the Horizons Championship. Expectations were high as the team consistently set its own high standards. First game of the season the team came out as they meant to carry on winning 5-0 nil. After their biggest defeat in the second game, the team showed their true grit and determination, digging deep to go on to win the league.



Every year the team's average age increases, yet still produces quality football and fantastic results. Well done Inter, a feat you should truly be proud of; 2023 Champions and 5 league titles in 5 years.

Manawatu Division 1 - Freedom Plus Marist Bulldogs

Manager: Dominique Mansfield Players Player: Matty Greig Best Team Member: Reuben Ellis

Most Valuable Player (donated by Watsons):

Jayden Green

With a different Starting 11 each week, plus various call-ins taking the team total to over 40 players, it was a difficult season in a challenging division for the Bulldogs. However, we couldn't be prouder of the lads who stuck it out, and ensured we had some laughs along the way. Up The Doggies!



Manawatu Division 1 - Celts - Smart Phone Repairs

Manager: - Brandon Holdt Mens Division 1: 5th Place Players Player: Taufilo Taufilo

Best Team Member: Nathaniel Rickard **Most Valuable Player** (donated by B&M):

Bailey Wynd

Celts season can be best described as — sometimes good, sometimes not so good.



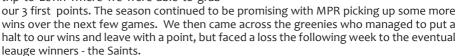
Manawatu Division 2 - Park Rangers - N & R Builders

Manager:

Reuben Klue / Jono Anderson Mens Division 2: 2nd Place Players Player: Pah Eh Say Best Team Member: Amotai Scott-Kawana Most Valuable Player: Richard Penney

MPR returned for a new season with a bunch of new faces, looking to kick off where they finished the previous season.

We started the season well with a road trip to Levin where we were able to grab



With a tough period to follow with injuries and holidays through the middle of the season MPR regularly only had 11 men, 12 if we were lucky on game day but still managed to pick up some points to stay in the race. It really showed the spirit of the team to play through and often complete the full 90.

In the end we had a good season finishing 2nd in the leauge and able to bleed some new marist blood throughout the year to help grow the team and club.

Thanks to all the MPR lads for their dedication to the team for another season, it was fantastic to be out there every Saturday with you!



Men's Masters - Resonant

Manager: Richie Morgan Masters: 5th Place

Players Player: Amory Yarwood Best Team Member: Chet Greatorex Most Valuable Player: Richie Morgan

Resonant Masters entered 2023 with great enthusiasm.

Beating last years champs in first game the expectations were high. Then the Hokowhitu pitch curse happened, but despite that we were competitive every weekend. High of the season was turning a 4-0 deficit after just 30mins against Red sox into a 5-4 win. Also semi finals of the cup against eventual champs, to which we only fell out of on penalties. 2024 will yet again be an exciting season with possibly more teams and definitely more players from higher divisions realising their bodies can chase 20-30yr old players anymore.

See ya soon!

Manawatu Division 3 – JRM Automotive

Coach: Richie Nielsen
Mens Division 3: 3rd Place
Players Player: Seumus Flanagan
Best Team Member:
Richard Nielsen
Most Valuable Player
(donated by R. Findon):
Max Morgan/ Tue Cousins-Larsen

Team put together to take on division 3.

We were a relative new team, so we needed to get used to a new style and group. We started strong and continued, some of the young talent in the team



came along well and showed how well they can play and really stood up over the last part of the year, But unfortunately, season ending injuries to Adan and Tyron did not bode well for us. We struggled for numbers towards the end. This made us 1st equal on points for the league but we missed out on the title on Goal difference, and we lost the final and came 2nd in the Knockout cup. To the Young boys in the team, it's been a Pleasure playing along side you guys and I look forward to seeing you all go far in your playing careers. To the old fellas, well done on another stellar year where we showed we can still kick a ball. For me it's time to try this master's league out I hear its Harder than the Federation League, so ill start preseason Now.

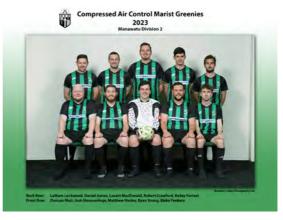
To The mighty ROYALS, Well done Boys.

Manawatu Division 2 – Greenies – Compressed Air Controls

Coach: Kieran Hurley
Mens Division 2: 7th Place
Players Player: Brendan Hurley

Best Team Member: Daniel James Most Valuable Player: Brendan Hurley

Another great season on and off the field with a special group of men. Unfortunately there were a few serious injuries along the way, although the game goes on. The effort shown was awesome and we played with heart, passion,



respect and at the end of it all many laughs and good times. Cheers Greenies.

Men's Masters - Shamrock Rovers

Manager: Wayne Parker
Masters: 6th Place
Players Player: Grant Rudman
Best Team Member: Paul Wallace
Most Valuable Player:
Grant Rudman

Positive recruiting in the offseason saw the Shamrock Rovers net a whopping 12 points in the regular season with 3 wins and 3 draws.



New recruits Matt and Grant tightened up the defence, along with Mike and Nick joining in midfield and our Columbian Sebastian joining in up front.

We looked pretty sharp when all players were present. Its nice to run with a squad of 25! Two thrilling 5-4 wins over Redsox Old Boys and Whanganui Marist were exceeded only by the upset victory over the Masters 2-1 in round 2.

Ask Richie Morgan about it. I hear he is still having nightmares!

John the Magician once again led the line but a lot more players also made the score sheet during the season and the mighty Rovers will be ready for 2024 with the confidence to get better even though we are another year older!

The one thing you get with the rovers is consistency so thanks again to Wayno for his astute management and everyone who played, supported (Kev!) and those who replenished the chilly bin.

Enjoy the offseason boys and see you all in 2024!!!

Men's Masters - Banshees

Manager: Ken Hodgson Masters: 4th Place

Aaron McCann Trophy Players Player: Cameron McCathy **Best Team Member** (donated by Watsons): Steven Rowlett

The Banshees entered the 4th edition of the Masters league with our strongest squad yet and managed to successfully get its best team out on the pitch at least twice during the season.

We had some great battles with all teams this year finishing in the top 4 and taking bragging rights over the other Marist teams by finishing the highest.

We shared 3 games with the Resonent Masters this year with a win, a entertaining 3 all draw and a loss in the cup where they were clinical on a couple of chances.

Our derbys with the Shamrock Rovers are always tough, we came away with a win and a hard fought draw where the Rovers finished the stronger of the two teams.

Look forward to 2024 as the league is getting stronger each year and us oldies still enjoy our footy.

Women's Firsts - MKM Originals

Coach: Cam Smith
Women's League: 4th Place
Players Player:
Ruby-Aroha Gurnick
Best Team Member: Grace Smith
Most Valuable Player:
Ruby-Aroha Gurnick

The squad began this season's campaign with 10 regular starters from last year departed or unavailable and a host of young and familiar faces returning, with



the focus on rebuilding with 8 high school students who saw the squad look to the future.

It took a while for combinations to build - however in the second half of the season the results started to come in the league with some quality possession football and finishing top 4 in the league and final 16 in the Kate Sheppard Cup providing respectable results.

Highlights of the year include Mikaela Bouwmeester clinching the golden boot in the Womens Central League, consistent stand out performances from Ruby Gurnick, Lauren Owen, Aimee Macnee, Sophie Campbell and Grace Smith.

If the club can retain their young players with a mix of experience, they will push well for the National League next year.

Womens Reserves - One Staff PN

Coach: Richie Neilsen Women's Fed League: 5th Place Players Player: Jess Robinson Best Team Member: Aimee Erskine Most Valuable Player

(donated by Blocks Painting): Jess Robinson / Olivia Stewart

The ladies have had a year of close calls. We had games this year where the results did not go our way, it was a case of the luck not being on our side, it was a case of little moments not going our way, it was a case of the ball not bouncing our way, it was a case of the ball not hitting the right side of the net.



But full credit to this great bunch of ladies, they kept showing up week in and week out and gave everything they had for each other and the club. They played every game fore the full 90 minutes and then some. There are games where we finished and were thinking on how we did not come away with something from that. But we all know that's Football. What I can tell you is this group of talented footballers, represented the club with grace and dignity and always did it with a smile on their faces.

To my team, good luck going forward, enjoy what you do, and keep up the great attitude.

Richie Nielsen

Women's Mysteries – Tranzit

Coach: Sophia Douglas Womens Championship: 3rd Place Smith Cup Players Player: Danielle Storrier Best Team Member (donated by Compressed Air Controls): Phillipa Hav Vangionis Whithers Cup - Most Valuable Player: Olivia Anderson

We have had an excellent season this year finishing third in our division, improving on our fourth last year. The spirit displayed by the team is always positive and fun. We have an awesome family spirit.



Our Top Goal Scorer this year was Anna Sturm with 5 goals.

Women's Mayhem - Chapple Architecture - WOMENS PREMIERSHIP WINNERS

Manager: Cat Andrews Womens Premiership: WINNERS Players Player: Toni Taufale Best Team Member: Saskia Knight Most Valuable Player (donated by J.Hudson): Brooke Argyle

Mayhem had a solid 2023 season. Winners of the Manawatu Premiership in a hotly contested league. We had a committed squad who trained and played hard throughout the season. Led by Coach Brooke Argyle, we formed a tight-knit team and had a lot of laughs along the way. Thanks to our sponsors Chapple Architecture for your ongoing support and new uniform.



Women's Evergreenz - Gree Heatpump

Coaches: Jane Archer / Matty Greig Womens Championship: 2nd Place Players Player: Helen Clarke Best Team Member: Helen Clarke Most Valuable Player: Karene Whitley / Jane Archer

The Evergreenz team continues to live up to its ambition of being a family friendly, social focused team that plays good enjoyable football and gives everyone their equal chance to shine. We have been ecstatic to welcome some new players to the team, and to have had the



privilege of a few younger players filling in from time to time. We were very happy with our placing of 8th in the combined league and 2nd in the championship. Thanks to all the other Marist teams in the two leagues, we had a great time playing you!

Women's Development - Isle Construction Ltd

Coach: Ian Trewhitt Womens Premiership: 3rd Place Players Player: Bex Mahoney Best Team Member: Bex Mahoney Most Valuable Player: Amber Mahoney

What a wonderful group of ladies. Every single one has developed their game through hard work and above all commitment. Even when they train and play for upto 3 teams, have school work, travel, coaching and other commitments outside of the game. Its truly remarkable. So a huge thank you must go out to them and



the parents and caregivers.....THANK YOU.

After the first game, they knew what they needed to do to compete. From there, they just got better and better. I am incredibly proud of them for the way they conducted themselves on the field, at trainings sessions, their communication, and the fact they actually played good clean football. They are advocates for the game, and the game has a bright future with them in it.

I look forward to seeing where their football takes them in the coming years.

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CRICKET

Senior Cricket award winners for 2022/2023 season

Team Awards

2021/22 Season

- P1 NZI Finance Cup (batting) Floyd Na Nagara Tony Penny Cup (bowling) – Arana Noema-Barnett
- P2 Rex Tremaine Cup (batting) Mitchell Boddy CR Rodgers Sheild (bowling) – Nakul Patel
- P3 Marist Brothers Old Boys (batting) Sujay Prabakar Marist Cricket Club Trophy (bowling) – Krishna Priyan
- P4 Batting Nicole Thessman Bowling – Molly Noema-Barnett

2022/23 Season

- P1 NZI Finance Cup (batting) Arana Noema-Barnett Tony Penny Cup (Bowling) – Arana Noema-Barnett
- P2 Rex Tremaine Cup (batting) Caleb O'Connell CR Rodgers Sheild (bowling) – Oshadha Samarakoon
- P3 Marist Brothers Old Boys (batting) Gareth Pringle Marist Cricket Club Trophy (bowling) – Krishna Priyan
- P4 Batting Sally Wenham Bowling Sally Wenham

Club Awards

2021/22 Season

CM Keenan Cup – Aria Cameron Gary Walker Memorial Cup – Sally Wenham Marist Cricket Club Sheild – Jack Gleeson Bruce Murphy Trophy – Zoe Adams Regan Hardy Trophy – Whetu Na Nagara BJ Clifford Trophy – Arana Noema-Barnett Hardie Cup – Dimitris Rados Presidents Cup – Arana Noema-Barnett Club Player of the Year – Adam Milne Coaches/Academy Cup – Levi Woolsten

2022/23 Season

CM Keenan Cup – Lachy Trask
Gary Walker Memorial Cup – Ashtuti Kumar
Marist Cricket Club Sheild – Not won this year
Bruce Murphy Trophy – Yash Dixit
Regan Hardy Trophy – Kirshwin Reddy
BJ Clifford Trophy – Arana Noema-Barnett
Hardie Cup – Paora O'Donnell
Presidents Cup – Arana Noema-Barnett
Club Player of the Year – Ashtuti Kumar
Coaches/Academy Cup – Caleb O'Connell





























HOCKEY

2023 winter season

We had five teams this season, of the five teams, our Premier men and Division four men made it into the finals for the 2023 season, both playing against teams from College.

Our Wolverines Premier men's won their grade claiming the Dawick Shield for the first time since entering a team into the grade, they were subsequently awarded the Vic Turner Cup by Hockey Manawatu for the best all round team.

AJ Scott was given an award by Hockey Manawatu for services to hockey.

Caleb Hansen named by New Zealand hockey Most promising male umpire 2023.

We had two members who made the National Hockey Championship representing Manawatu Ethan Presow, Kieran Scannell.

We had three members make under 18 squads, Bella Lee (Taranaki), Jamie Pedersen (Manawatu), Jonty Gaisford (Whanganui).

Juliet McKinlay made the under 16 "Thunder" team, to play in Melbourne in 2024.

A big thank you to our committee, coaches, managers, players and Marist sport.

Kylie Jefferies Club Captain

TENNIS

Tennis Season 2023/24

The Marist Tennis Club has just completed another memorable season. Operating our very popular Hot Shots programme for the new players through to winning the Senior A interclub grade two years in a row. The A team really turned on one of the best performances of the season in the final to clinch the title. We also must not forget the deeds of our junior Challenger Girls team of Anastatia, Lillian, Jewel, and Jolene who narrowly lost their final on a countback. A super congratulations to you all!!

Our very popular Saturday morning Hot Shots programme catered for children aged 5-12 and developed their skills to ready them for future interclub play. The parents got involved each Saturday, helping set up, picking up the balls, and supporting the coaches. Thanks to you all again.

As mentioned above, a very successful season for our interclub teams. Thanks to the parents and managers who supported the teams each week, making sure they were dressed and turning up on time.

Congratulations must go to Travis Christison, Neeve Harbott, Cheiko Okada, Crystal Odering, Jolene and Lillian Liu who made the representative teams throughout the season. The picture looks extremely bright for the future of our club with many of our younger players representing Manawatu. So proud of you all!

We are so reliant on grants to keep our club alive and operating as it does. We are so appreciative to the Shamrock Club and to Paul O'Brien and the team at the Marist Sports Club who secured funding from NZCT for balls, court hire and coaching you receive the biggest 'thanks' of all. We must not forget the Lion Foundation for their amazing support of the very successful junior programme. To Tremaine Auto Centre and Subway (Princess St and Rangitikei St) our new major scoreboard sponsers who have made our club look so professional. We do not take for granted the support you all give to our club, without it, we just would no be here.

It must be mentioned that the results only come from a superb team effort. My committee have put in endless supporting hours to run the club so smoothly again this year.

Finally, we are proud to be a fun, family based club. I wish all the best for the club this season, knowing that we, the Marist Tennis Club, with the support of the Marist Sports Club are necessary for the future and success of Tennis in the Manawatu.

John Salisbury President, Marist Tennis Club

Interclub Teams 2023

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 2023 on the Saturday 28 October and runs for 7 weeks. There is no play in January 2024 and re-commences for another 7 weeks in Term 1 2024. Each player is put into team and expected to play for both terms.

Each team is appointed a manager, and you will play 1 singles and 1 doubles match each week. If your child is in the lower grade 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). Your subscription covers affiliation, ball cost, court hire, competition and training.

Each team is required to turn up every Friday at 4.00pm- 5.30pm for team practice. Attendance at training is compulsory.

The location of Saturday competition varies from week to week and all games are generally played in or near the Palmerston North township. We also organise travel to the venues each week.

A team is made of 4 players of similar ability and we try to carry a reserve for each team. To be placed in a team players will require some basic tennis and scoring skills and require a quick assessment of their abilities. Players will need to attend our two Grading days to be placed in a team on Friday 13 and Friday 20 October 2023. This will be held at Marist Tennis Club, Vautier Park, Puriri Terrace from 4.00pm-5.30pm. (If you can't make both, one will be okay!)

To get registered for your child's grading, email me with your child's name, date of birth, age, and contact details (send to johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz)

If you are needing advice to purchase the right racket, please see me at grading.

Big John (John Salisbury) Marist Tennis Club President and Club Coach 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 2023. It is a 6 week programme at Vautier Park commencing on Saturday 28 October 2023.

- 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 \$ 110 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 childs participation and colour squad and that payment has been made.Please enrol A.S.A.P (johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz)

Don't panic if you don't have a racket, we have them for you to use free of charge until you are ready to purchase your own. Again, see Big John for a correct fitting, he will have them available to purchase at the coaching sessions. Rackets are approximately around \$50 mark. We will provide the other equipment, just bring yourself and a friend and we will put you in a draw to win an awesome spot prize!!

The wet weather rule is to phone Big John before you leave home, if you are unsure if the coaching is on. Contact him on 0274 808 808.

The Marist "Hot Shot" Team -Manawatu's #1 Hot Shot Club! Big John (John Salisbury) Hot Shots Head Coach 0274 808 808 johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz

NETBALL

Marist Netball 2023 Report

This year Marist Netball had 11 teams in the Netball Manawatu competition. Our season started with trials held slightly later than previous years mid-February, which worked well. We had a successful season, with 9 of our teams making the semi-finals, and two winning their grade.

We hosted several social events throughout the season, our Pre-season tournament, Team Building night and Quiz night, they were thoroughly enjoyed and supported by all. This season, Netball Manawatu introduced a "Pass on the positives" initiative this was well supported by our community, and we had a number of younger girls umpiring this season. Without our umpires, we would not be able to play the game we love, so thank you to all our umpires and to Beth and Moira, who continue to show up every Saturday and support our umpires.

We ended the season with our Prize Giving, it was fantastic to be able to acknowledge this year's awards recipients. We wish to acknowledge and thank our team naming right sponsors for 2023, Tri-bro Builders, C & R Engineering, Stringfellows, Martin Beveridge, Spike Electrical and Adore Salon. We are looking forward to another successful season in 2024 and continuing to build on our established foundation.

Jaclyn Turner CO CAPTAIN

Club Awards 2023

Team of the Year 2023
Harnett Cup for Leadership
Fair Play Trophy
Quigan Sportsperson of the Year
Sponsor of the Year
Scullys shield for Most Promising Player
Points Aggregate Cup
The Wally Award
Martin Beveridge Cup for Commitment to Netball
Parkinson Cup for Service to Netball
Butler Family Cup for Club Person of the year

Martin Beveridge Marist A2's
Sarah Parkinson
Emma Calkin and Hannah Sandbrook
Michelle Drew
Adore Salon
Coralee Hadfield
Tri-bro Builders Marist A1's
Amelia Rae
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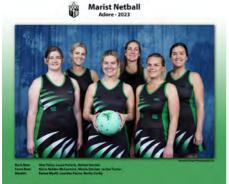
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JUNIOR RUGBY

2023 Marist Junior Rugby Chairman's Report

The Marist Junior Rugby Club completed a successful 2023 Season with 380 registered players across 26 teams, the club is in good health. This year our U6 grade player numbers grew again to pre covid numbers assisted by a free fee's offer, however the U7 numbers remained lower than historical numbers. The shining light of 2023 was the addition of 3 girl only teams in U6, U8 and U10 grades. 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 and apparel as low cost and affordable as possible. This would not be possible without generous sponsors. Our Major Sponsor NZ Specialised Coatings contribution to the running of the club is greatly appreciated. The \$500 Club members support is equally appreciated: J & R Contracting Services, Paterson's Exterior Plastering & Decorating, Turbine Residential Ltd 2014, Central Powdercoaters, Crediflex, Brushstrokes and TKR electrical. Additionally, McDonalds Manawatu's Player of the Day certificates, Steelfort for the new metal player of the day trophies and Media Works for your generous support. 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, equipment and a BBQ to allow us to cater for our clubs events for many years to come. We were able replace many of the clubs 600 jerseys this year which was pleasing.

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.

It was great to see a big turnout to the preseason skills and drills session for our U6 to U13 players with a healthy turnout from the senior clubs' men's team who got stuck in and passed on their knowledge to the younger generation. The two Family Club Days were a great success also. The registered 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 U9–U13 coaches again took out the bragging rights at the annual Coaches vs Coaches Rippa game. This year we hosted the yearly exchange with Fielding Saturday Morning Junior Rugby. Finally, we ran a Junior club glow disco which was very well attended with a que well out into the carpark. It was great to see the children having a great time.

This Year we had an U12 Team tour the Gold Coast Australia over 10 days. The Team played 4 teams winning all 4. While it was nice to see the players perform well on the field what was most pleasing was seeing the players from both teams mingle, share stories, and build memoires at the after-match functions. To me this is what makes rugby so special.

We also had 2 U11 teams 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.

Kind Regards

Kent Higson Marist Junior Rugby Chairman

2023 Prizegiving

U6 GREEN	MVP	Kalayo Kerrisk
	Most improved	Jensen Malifa
	Team player	Faelan O'Hara
U6 WHITE	MVP	Reid Campbell
	Most improved	Mikaere Ruruku Kauri
	Team player	Sione Nisa
U6 BLACK	MVP	Nikura Riki
	Most improved	Beaudi Emanuel-Knight
	Team player	Te Akerautangi Mio
U6 GOLD	MVP	Theo Hales
	Most improved	Boston Kamo
	Team player	Tiare Stewart
U6 RED	MVP	Carson Teau
	Most improved	Victor Whitten-Bouchet
	Team player	Oliver Blakiston
U6 GIRLS	MVP	McKenzie (Kenny) Bettridge
	Most improved	Gypsy Kinnear
	Team player	Charlie-Rose Stretch
U7 GREEN	MVP	Beauden Davidson
-	Most improved	Kody Wood
	Team player	Parker Lowe
U7 WHITE	MVP	Cohan Griffen
	Most improved	Benson Duffy
	Team player	Ari Pedder
U7 BLACK	MVP	Levi Horne
	Most improved	Hunter Morrison
	Team player	Hagan Nesbit
U8 GREEN	MVP	Jimmy Squire
	Most improved	PJ Gifkins
	Team player	Toby Bradnock
	Best Tackler	Jackson Rayner
U8 WHITE	MVP	Parker Dyason
	Most improved	Judah Pelman
	Team player	Terry Hutchinson
	Best Tackler	Kingston McDonald

U8 BLACK MVP Zayn Whitaker

Most improved Danny Junior Stephens-Smith

Team player James Mill Best Tackler Jackson Legg

MVP Rylah Henderson

Most improved Anahera Rauhihi-Anaru

Team player Lola Higson
Best Tackler Isla Butturini

U9 GREEN MVP Amos Aaifou

Most improved Dallas Mokai
Team player Spencer Bayley
Best Tackler Harvey Powrie
MVP Jethro Tufuga

U9 WHITE MVP Jethro Tufug:

Most improved Roen Horn

Team player Jaxson Farrington
Best Tackler Mason Malifa

U9 BLACK MVP Liam Spearpoint

Most improved Lachie Bishop
Team player Max Vallender
Best Tackler Blake Spearpoint

U10 GREEN MVP Will Murley
Most improved Shaun Smith

Team player Billy Irwin
Best Tackler Chase Quinlan
MVP Ryan Monk

U10 WHITE MVP Ryan Monk
Most improved Maverick Robinson

Team player Harper Manson
Best Tackler Campbell Spearpoint

U10 BLACK MVP Elliott Parr
Most improved Declan Tyrrell

Team player Luke Jephson
Best Tackler Oliver Henderson
MVP Aria Keelan - Kahaki

U10 GIRLS MVP Aria Keelan - Kahaki Most improved Karaitiana Rauhihi-Anaru

Team player Estela Lyons
Best Tackler Karerea Patuwai

U11 GREEN MVP Geordie Court

Team player Junior Te Rauna
Best Tackler Vernon Tuia

Most improved forward Joshua Mason
Most improved back Braelan Edmonds
MVP Brayton Wright

U11 BLACK MVP Braxton Wright

Team player Jackson Bennett-Davies Best Tackler Travis Mainwaring

Most improved forward Kenzo Ioane
Most improved back Cooper Houston

U11 GOLD MVP Suliasi "JJ" Fifita
Team player Riley Andrews
Park Tacklor

Best Tackler Parker Hales
Most improved forward Savelio Kaufusi
Most improved back Sam Croucher

U8 GIRLS

U₁₂ GREEN MVP

Team player

Best tackler

Most improved forward Most improved back

Fergus Gribbon

Jimi Higson

Joel Fraser

Jack Peters

Walker Towers

Ezekial Ma'ake

Keegan Marias

Tyler Haitana

Gus Wescott

Archie Wright

Jimmy Saunders

Jaxxon Dawson

Shaquil Hewage

Tyson Sorensen-Tufuga

Kingi Rauhihi-Anaru

U12 BLACK

U₁₃ OBM

MVP

Team player Best tackler

Most improved forward Most improved back

MVP

Team player Best tackler

Most improved forward Most improved back

Laifone Liuvaie Tyler Gilberd Jimi Higson

Andersen Shield: **Baker Shield:**

Players Player:

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Aria Keelan-Kahaki

LOYALTY MEDALS

Bronze is 4 years service Silver is 6 years service

Gold is 7-8 years service. Recipients names go on the Loyalty board. Platinum is 9+ years service. Recipients names go on the Loyalty board.

Peter Gifkins Kingston McDonald	Under 8 Under 8	2023 2023	Bronze Bronze
Jackson Rayner	Under 8	2023	Bronze
Riley Sutherland	Under 8	2023	Bronze
Amos Aaifou	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Spencer Balfour	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Claudius Manu	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Nathaniel Dawson	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Harley Docherty	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Charlie Fletcher	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Mahina Fonua	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Roen Horn	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Kruze ILoane	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Andrew Irvine	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Kenlei Lokeni	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Mason Malifa	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Dallas Mokai	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Holomesi (Junior) Patuwai	Under 9	2022	Bronze
Ashton Povey	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Lyrick Rakatau	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Taika Retemeyer	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Amani Rigby-Navitikula	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Blake Spearpoint	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Liam Spearpoint	Under 9	2023	Bronze

Cameron Stretch	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Malakai Tavita	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Ava-lili Tufuga	Under 9	2023	Bronze
Isla-Rose Docherty	Under 10	2023	Bronze
Luke Jephson	Under 10	2023	Bronze
Harper Manson	Under 10	2023	Bronze
William Murley	Under 10	2023	Bronze
Elliott Parr	Under 10	2023	Bronze
Karerea Patuwai	Under 10	2022	Bronze
Zaiden Smit	Under 10	2023	Bronze
Courtney Stretch	Under 10	2023	Bronze
Jaivan Edmonds	Under 11	2023	Bronze
William Groube	Under 11	2023	Bronze
Cooper Houston	Under 11	2023	Bronze
Kenzo Loane	Under 11	2023	Bronze
Savelio Kaufusi	Under 11	2023	Bronze
Joshua Mason	Under 11	2023	Bronze
Oliver Moore	Under 11	2023	Bronze
Diontaye Thomas	Under 11	2023	Bronze
Toby Bellhouse	Under 12	2023	Bronze
Jackson Blay	Under 12	2023	Bronze
Xavier Botherway	Under 12	2023	Bronze
Lucas Durkan	Under 12	2023	Bronze
Jaxson Farrington	Under 9	2023	Silver
Ollie Emerson	Under 10	2023	Silver
Ihaia George	Under 10	2023	Silver
Jayden Holtham	Under 10	2023	Silver
Rhys Kerekere	Under 10	2023	Silver
Tiuka Meehan	Under 10	2023	Silver
Daniel Mudford	Under 10	2023	Silver
Carter Nagel	Under 10	2023	Silver
Boston Newcomb	Under 10	2023	Silver
Sika Siu	Under 10	2023	Silver
Campbell Spearpoint	Under 10	2023	Silver
Jack Squire	Under 10	2023	Silver
Archie Webby	Under 10	2023	Silver
Braxton Berghan	Under 11	2023	Silver
Matthew Boyd	Under 11	2023	Silver
Braxton Bron	Under 11	2023	Silver
Sam Croucher	Under 11	2023	Silver
Mason Kemp	Under 11	2023	Silver
Caylis Leota-Horua	Under 11	2023	Silver
Taane Mainwaring	Under 11	2023	Silver
Bentley Reid	Under 11	2023	Silver
Braxton Rider	Under 11	2023	Silver
Vernon Tuia	Under 11	2023	Silver
Junior Bidois	Under 12	2023	Silver
HeNun Fa'aiuga	Under 12	2023	Silver
Cooper Faithfull	Under 12	2023	Silver
Max Gunning	Under 12	2023	Silver
Kade Henderson	Under 12	2023	Silver
Shaquil Hewage	Under 12	2023	Silver
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Liam O'Dea	Under 12	2023	Silver
Baxter Reid	Under 12	2023	Silver
Jimmy Saunders	Under 12	2023	Silver
Caitlin Stretch	Under 12	2023	Silver
Zac Wormgoor	Under 12	2023	Silver
Mia Tutaki	Under 10	2023	Gold
Nate Higson	Under 11	2023	Gold
Liam Sutherland	Under 11	2023	Gold
Braxton Wright	Under 11	2023	Gold
Jensen Best	Under 12	2023	Gold
Jimi Higson	Under 12	2023	Gold
Kruz Pei	Under 12	2023	Gold
Staedis Suafo'a	Under 12	2023	Gold
Luke Tavita	Under 12	2023	Gold
Archie Wright	Under 12	2023	Gold
Liam Harrison	Under 13	2023	Gold
Tyler Gilberd	Under 13	2023	Gold
Liam Qiokata	Under 13	2023	Gold
Nathan Tootell	Under 13	2023	Gold
Oakley Towers	Under 13	2023	Gold
Gus Wescott	Under 13	2023	Gold
Joel Fraser	Under 13	2023	Platinum
Fergus Gribbon	Under 13	2023	Platinum
Harlem Grout	Under 13	2023	Platinum
Zac Pattison	Under 13	2023	Platinum
Walker Towers	Under 13	2023	Platinum

Marist Junior Rugby ball boys/girls' tracksuits — Kindly donated by the family of the late Barney O'Connor.

This new tracksuit is for the OBM Senior A Men's and Woman's teams Ball kids. This will keep the Ball kids looking uniform and professional. It will further drive the connection between the senior OBM club and Marist junior rugby.





Marist Junior Rugby 2023 U12 Gold Coast Tour



In July the Marist junior rugby U12 team departed for a ten-day tour of the Gold Coast Australia. The touring team of 26 players was made up of players from U12 Green, U12 Black and the U13 OBM team. In addition, 20 parents joined the touring party.

The goal of the tour was firstly to give the players a fond lasting memory of there time at Marist Junior rugby but also to grow the players confidence both on and off the field. The players further developed their rugby skills through training daily but also developed life skills that will hold them in good stead in the future.

The team played Four games on the tour verses the Helensvale Hogs, South Port Eagles, Surfers Dolphins, and the Griffith University Knights. The team won all 4 games with a 203 for and 31 against record. The Surfers Dolphins who were unbeaten in their local competition put up a great fight leading the first half, but the Marist team were able to keep them scoreless in the 2nd half while scoring two tries to secure the win. All four teams were fantastic hosts that provided memorable and generous after matches. At the conclusion of every game, it was pleasing to see the kids mingling comparing notes on the game and building new friendships.

The Hogs hosted us to watch the first Bledisloe cup game and their field became our daily training ground. The South Port Eagles had one of the most beautiful back drops with the Nerang river on one side and high-rise buildings on the other. The Dolphins provided a guard of honour and played the national anthem. Griffith University hosted us for the 2nd Breslow cup match. We are very thank full to the clubs who hosted us.

While in the Gold coast the tour party visited 3 theme parks: Sea World, Wet and Wild and Movie World. We also attended the Auckland Warriors vs the Gold Coast Titans NRL game. During the week leading up to the game we had the fortune to attend the Titans training session and the Warriors captains run which built nicely into the game and gave the players a taste of professional sports. Both teams were very accommodating which enhanced our tour teams experience.

A ten-day international tour with 46 people in the tour party would not have been possible with out hard work by the players and parents to fundraise and the generous business that sponsored the team. A special tank you to our major sponsors Triumph homes and our 2nd tier sponsors Allied Moving Service, Higgins Concrete, Tremaine

Energy Centre, Vining Group, Property Brokers Palmerston North and Plumbing world. Additionally, to the back of jersey sponsors and those who contributed in different ways your contributions were very much appreciated.

Finally, a big thank you to the tour committee and team's coaches that made the tour a reality. We did not have a template to work from so had to generate our own. From fundraising ideas to their implementation, tour apparel, all the bookings and day to day run sheets. Many hours of planning and time when into the tour. The result was a very well-run tour that went to plan that achieved the main tour goals and much more.

Regards,

Kent Higson

In Memoriam - Vaivelata Vao

The Marist Junior Rugby club wishes to share our deepest condolences and love to the family of Vaivelata (Lata) Vao who passed away on the 2nd of June after a brave battle from a sudden illness.

Vaivelata made a big impact on his U10 Black teammates and those around him. He will be sorely missed by everyone that had the fortune to share in his life.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Vaivelata and his family.



U6 Green

A big change from last year when the team was almost all new, to six returning players this year, with four new players. The kids have been a pleasure to coach, with great commitment to making trainings and games, and a supportive family environment on the sideline.

The team gelled from the start, bringing a lot of enthusiasm. Our 'caged lions' certainly turned up with energy and showed commitment to trying their hardest. This makes for an enjoyable experience coaching them.



The try scoring and ripping was shared amongst the group, making for a successful season. One of the most pleasing aspects was the attitude of several the team to put their hands up to help when other teams were short on numbers. This made for some entertainment with our team battling amongst themselves, when playing on opposing teams.

Thank you to the parents and other supporters, especially Amelia Rae for managing the team again.

We look forward to seeing where rugby takes these kids, hopefully many more years with Marist.

Nathan Hopcroft and Jacob Ross (Coaches)

U6 Black

With two new coaches Marty Stratford and Joe Claridge starting the season there were a lot of new challenges ahead. Handling both their own kids in the team was probably the biggest challenge of all! The season started well with a lot of different levels of skills between the players some that just got it straight away and others needing guidance throughout the season. Trainings were awesome with a big focus on the use of side stepping to avoid defenders and just overall having fun.



Weather and sickness definitely affected the season but every Saturday the kids showed up with the right attitude and had a lot of fun. Joe and I both feel blessed with the kids we had and the parent group that came along for the fun and helping out when needed. Highlights of the season was the player of the day trophy and the look on the kids faces is priceless and all the kids deserved it when it was there turn playing their best game.

Marty Stratford & Joe Claridge

U6 White

Marist U6 White had a good mix of players this season with a few 4 year old's fresh to rippa rugby playing alongside their older siblings, through to some returning 5 and 6 year old's who showed a lot of skill each week.

We had great numbers to practice and games each week, despite some marginal weather. This is a credit to all the parents and kids' commitment. With the dual coaching team of Hamish Clare and Lachie Campbell, the activities and games were



often split to accommodate for the different levels of experience. The focus was on having fun, practicing the basics of the game, improving on skills and building a team spirit.

It was great to see the younger and new players scoring tries and rewarding to see everyone's improvement through the season, especially with getting rips.

Big thanks to the manager Kristen Campbell who did a great job.

Hopefully we see everyone back playing for Marist Junior Rugby next year, and all the best for those moving on to the Under 7s next year.

U6 Gold

It was a season of firsts for the U6 Gold team. For all of our players it was the first time playing in a team sport with the players being mixed ages from 3-5, and first time coaching for the coaching team.

We had a small but enthusiastic number of players which meant come game day everyone got a full game and plenty of opportunity to get those rips and score some great tries.

Throughout the season the players gained in confidence, skill and developed strong connections with their teammates.



It was incredible to see how much the team improved from game 1.

We are so grateful for the support of the club and committee and most of all for the dedication of the whanau and supporters who showed up for their tamariki each week.

Ngā mihi nui

U6 Red

The season for the Under 6 Red team started well with a few different ages of children and stages of developing skills in the mix. Most of our players had an idea of the basics of ripper and needed to build their confidence which was achieved as the season went on.

We lost a number of players, gained some players and then lost some more players however, we had a dedicated core group of children that enjoyed the drills at training and turned up on match day.



Main things we focused on was having fun, building a wall, ripping and making sure we were giving enough space each time opposition was ripped. Everyone had a go at running with the ball & most in team Red have scored a try or at least been very close and everyone has got a rip along with player of the day.

We are very proud of the improvement our team has made from the first game back in April to our end game in August, our team showed up every week in good spirts keen to have fun and we are thankful to our parents who made a commitment to being available to bring their children to trainings and game day every week!

We had our breaks over school holidays and our team were enthusiastic and motivated kept the fire for ripper burning. Going into the next season we have some who will move into the U7 grade and some who are going to build on the skills they have developed this season to stay in the U6 grade due to their age.

We are proud of how our team came together, encouraged one another, respected the other teams and showed up each with week with enthusiasm and motivation to play the best game they could.

Maria and James (Coaches)

U6 Girls

In 2023 I had the pleasure of coaching Marist U6 Girls. This was an all-girls teams created off the back of the Black Ferns success at the 2022 Women's Rugby World Cup in NZ.

I was really excited as I haven't coached an all-girls team before however being a dad to a house full of them, I knew with the right approach we would have a blast!

It didn't take long for the girls to get comfortable around each other and genuine



friendship quickly began to form. We used the phrases "girl power" & "let's smash the

boys" all season which really instilled a sense of pride to be part of this team & belief they can beat anyone!

Through my years of coaching this grade I have noticed girls in a mixed team can sometimes be a little less confident about having a go due to the boys naturally dominating physically. However, this year surprised me, as all the girls were willing to try anything no matter their level of skill, which I firmly believe is because we were an all-girls team who stuck together. When we came up against tough opponents and things seemed a little scary, I saw some great encouragement between the girls telling them they would do it with them and to just do their best. I really thought this was a heart-warming gesture and showed me we had created a special team environment.

Our focus this year was all about having fun, building a great understanding how the game was played and then on to skill development. We spent a lot of time working on our evasiveness, side stepping and accelerating towards space. When ripping, we talked a lot about keeping our hands up, getting back, being ready and just being brave enough to have a go.

In summary my goal is to always create a safe, fun and inclusive environment where parents and players enjoy turning up each week to play rugby. My measure is whether both parents & players want to come back the following year, which I'm confident I have achieved.

I would like to thank Sarah Saunders and the U10 girls who we met up with on 2 occasions to connect both teams and give our girls some role models to look up to for the future. Your team was patient and caring towards our young ones which is a testament to your leadership of that group.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank my parents who were a fantastic bunch, everyone was helpful in their own ways whether it was helping on the field, bringing in all the gear at the end of a game, picking a player of the day or simply turning up on time. I couldn't have asked for a better group, and it certainly made this season even more enjoyable.

I can't wait to see these girls go through the grades together, create friendships for life and continue to "smash the boys!" (Not to hurt them - just to win lol) all the way to the top!

Regards

U7 Green

Coach Scott

The 2023 season saw us build off the foundation from last year with the core of the team having played together already or were a part of other Marist U6 teams in 2022.

We also welcomed a few new additions to the squad from other winter codes which was great because they bought with them some different skills the rest of the players were able to learn from.



This year our focus was on developing skills that meant we could play a faster game with firmer rules – especially using correct passing and catching technique, using strong hands and fast feet for rips, and staying in the field of play.

It was clear from the first training that we had a capable team of young athletes and we were going to be in for a great season. It's been awesome seeing the players grow and develop throughout the season. It was very evident when we started playing teams from earlier in the year again just how far we had come.

All the games were well contested and played in great spirits. We are proud of our team for always encouraging each other, respecting the other teams, and showing up with enthusiasm and a winning attitude.

We've had great numbers at our trainings and games and are thankful to our parents who made a commitment to getting everyone where they needed to be each week.

Going into the next season we have the bulk of the team who will transition into the U8 tackle grade. We're excited to see how everyone will go with this next step and know they will be up for the challenge.

Craig and William (Coaches)

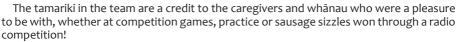
U7 White

The Team had a fantastic season with great contributions by all team members as well as supporters and whānau.

Some players were relatively new to the club game and whilst perhaps shy at first, came out of their shell. There were some memorable games that the tamariki played, especially against Te Kawau and Kia Toa!

Cohan, Kade, Taylor, Benson, Keahi, Max, Ari, KJ, Jaydah and Jacob continued to hone in on

their skills and talents and have flourished in the game throughout the season which has been heartening to see.



Overall, a good year and no doubt there are exciting experiences and adventures ahead for each player in 2024.



U7 Black

The Marist U7 Black team has had an excellent 2023 season!

This has been my first-year coaching but I was well supported by Jarrod Nesbit, who has done it before. Jarrod and I were so lucky to have a team of very talented and motivated boys and coaching them was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

I want to thank the unofficial team manager, Rachel Nesbit, for her help on Saturday mornings with keeping track of the boys and the score. I also want to thank my



husband for his help on a Saturday morning with carrying the bags and looking after our other two children during the game. Lastly, I want to thank the parents, grandparents, family, and friends who have all supported the team over the season sometimes in some very wet and bitterly cold conditions. Without your support and dedication to practice and games, junior rugby would not be possible.

I look forward to seeing what the next season brings.

Eloise Yorke (Coach)

U8 Green

2023 was the first year for tackle rugby, however carrying through a large group from the under 7 Green team meant we gelled quickly as a unit. The team quickly displayed very good attacking skills and were very enthusiastic. From our first game the players were eager to get up and make a tackle and get their hands on the ball to score tries. As the first round progressed, we demonstrated some dominant performances and were well respected by the opposition. The second round saw other teams in our grade improve and we had tighter competition which was



good as it meant we did not get complacent. Working as a team, our defensive skills continued to improve, particularly with our tackles. The players in under 8 green showed resilience and passion throughout the season. We would like to thank coaches Hayden Squire and Damon Durie for giving up their time and willingness to pass on their skills. We would also like to thank our parents and whānau for their support and encouragement of the whole team. And lastly, thank you to the players for your enthusiasm and enjoyment of the game. Hope to see you on the rugby field next year.

Jo Durie (Manager)

U8 Black

The 2023 season welcomed new team mates and presented the enormous new challenge of physical tackling which the team met with enthusiasm and positivity. Hamish, our new coach for the season, was knowledgeable and calm and supported the whole team to learn new skills and approach games with resilience and the attitude of never giving up. The team demonstrated excellent comraderie and cohesion, even when faced with some difficult opposing teams, which made everyone very



proud. As the season progressed, the bridging, passing, and tackling improved which made for some exciting phases of play! It's really good to see the team developing as players and recognising and utilising each others strengths.

Thank you to the parents, whānau and behind-the-scenes supporters who made all of the practices, games and positive attitudes possible – we appreciate you. See you all next year!

Hamish, Richie and Maegan

U8 White

We had an amazing season. All players but one was new to tackle and as the season evolved so did the skills and confidence of the players. One of our main goals this year for the team was to develop a strong sense of unity. We felt that we achieved this right at the beginning of the season with a whānau day at the Esplanade where all the parents and kids got to connect over some pizza and play. In addition to wanting to achieve a strong sense of unity, on the field we wanted to make sure that the boys were prepped with some basic



foundational skills such as correct tackle technique, bridging over the ball as well as working on simple ball handling and running skills. The team was well supported by all of the parents, and we had many hands to help carry the load when it came to trainings and game days.

Despite the chilly wet weather and winter bugs, the attendance and commitment of the players was consistent throughout the season. A special mention to James Dyason (one of our players dad's), who was our dedicated referee for the season. It has been a pleasure being a part of the first year of tackle for majority of the boys and has been really inspiring watching them grow, endure and battle together on the field. We wish them all the best with their future rugby aspirations and hope that some of the boys will get to play together again sometime.

Once again just a big thank you to all the whānau for all the support. Without this, our team wouldn't have been the same.

Regards, Coach - Tony McDonald

U8 Girls

This year Marist were able to register a girl's team in the U8 grade. Our Black Ferns World Cup result have certainly boosted the interest in rugby across the country and we are thankful that Marist were able to make this happen this season.

The team consisted of a variety of experience from newcomers to the sport of rugby to girls bringing their natural talent from multiple sporting codes. It was awesome to see the development and confidence gained week



after week. Some amazing team tries, great tackling and improvement every week are highlights and compliments made from parents during the season.

Thanks to Kent who has been instrumental in bringing the team together with well drilled and organized practices, encouragement, and a lot of patience with a bunch of girls keen to give anything and everything a go. Also, thanks to all the parents who have been supportive throughout the season. We look forward to what next year brings.

Nara (Co-coach)

U9 Green

The 2023 season for Marist U9 Green has seen half of our team with newcomers to the squad.

We started the season having to improve and develop defensive techniques to try and compete against some pretty competitive other clubs. The boys really enjoyed being able to "fend" for the first year and run straight up the grounds instead of close to the outside lines which they seem to do in the first year of tackle.



While lineouts and scrums were not contested, each player was able to figure out and enjoy playing in some strong positions and I felt some of our kids really could see the vision with the contest. There were some standout individual strengths for some of our players and I hope they come back next year to improve their skills and development.

I had the help of the Woman's Marist players on my coaching team giving their amazing skills and development tips every week and mostly sharing their patience at training. (Fourteen kids all hyped up on a Wednesday afternoon is a work in progress every week). Giving up time each week when they already had their own development squad pressure and full-time study is an amazing support and much appreciated.

While we missed a few games due to the weather, the coaches, and kids every week turned up in the rain sometimes with winter illnesses and really gave good support. Some

of the parents would contribute some of their older skills and drills that they had back in their playing days. Thanks to our coaching and parent support on the side-lines every week. We had good feedback from the other teams about our kid's behaviour and that is important for future sports as side-line behaviour is learned behaviour.

Coaches: Jacinta Fraser, Rheanna Wood and Maddison Reid

U9 White

What a successful season of Rugby we have had!

Being our second year of tackle and a show of new players it was exciting to see new faces, skills and families join our already amazing players from U6 ripper.

Matt Davidson and myself had lots of fun teaching the kids break down at the ruck at trainings and focused heaps on keeping our tackles low to be successful tacklers on game day! We also found giving our children set positions for the games really



helped to up skill their level and knowledge of tackle rugby. They played hard each week more as a team than just hungry little individuals. We are proud of each and every one of our players and can proudly say we seen growth in all of them over the season!

A real big thank you to our parents and grandparents who stood by us every weekend filling up the side-lines with their positive side-line support!

Also big thank you to Kent, Rach, Craig and the rest of the behind the scenes people for making the season successful. Marist Junior Rugby wouldn't be what it is without your endless efforts!

Looking forward to prize-giving night and Rugby 2024. Take care everyone and enjoy your off season!

Thank heaps, Jessie Leslie and Matt Davidson (Coaches)

U9 Black

It brings me immense joy to reflect on the U9 Black Marist rugby team's journey over the past four seasons. These young athletes have been fortunate to play together for this extended period, fostering strong bonds and friendships beyond the game. As their coaches, we have witnessed the team grow both on and off the field, and it has been a pleasure to guide them through this transformative process.

Throughout the season, we noticed that the players are still learning to function as a cohesive unit. Despite their friendship, they sometimes get easily distracted during matches, but we have been actively working on improving their teamwork. Our primary

focus has been on refining fundamental skills, including draw and pass, defending at the breakdown, scrums, and lineouts. Seeing their progress has been truly rewarding.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of the parents and spectators who have been there to cheer the team on every step of the way. We are immensely grateful to Marist Rugby club and MRU for their impeccable organization and dedication to nurturing young talents. It is heart-warming to witness the passion



and commitment of these budding rugby players on Saturdays, as they give their all on the field.

Lastly, we extend our sincere gratitude to the players themselves. Their hard work, teamwork, and enthusiasm for the sport have kept the love of rugby alive within our team. We commend them for their efforts and look forward to seeing them grow even further in the upcoming season. A special shout-out also goes to the four coaches who have collaborated seamlessly to make this season possible.

Thank you, everyone, for an incredible season, and we eagerly anticipate reuniting in 2024 for another exciting journey filled with rugby, camaraderie, and personal growth. Go Marist Under 9 Black!

Many thanks, Regan (Coach)

U10 Green

With most players enjoying consecutive years together, the coaching staff were excited to see what the team could achieve and how the players would adapt and grow into a team and position orientated game. Head coach Andrew Murley had an effective training system that allowed the players to focus on their core roles within the team. Game day was focused on enjoying each other's company and improving on each game.



After a few "pre-season" games the team really combined with a sense of comradery that focused on playing together rather than as individuals. It showed in the positive style of rugby that the team produced. All players offered support on the field whether it was backing up missed tackles or supporting the runner. More importantly, the kids positively supported each other when mistakes were made and used these as learnings for the team.

With all players playing their part within their team and striving to improve as each week it made the coaches job of selecting awards difficult. Will Murley was a standout each week and deservedly was awarded team MVP. Most improved went to Shaun Smith for being a sponge at training and implementing on game day. Team player went to Billy Irwin for being a positive role model leading by example, and best tackler went to Chase Quinlan for his technique.

Many thanks to the parents that contributed to the environment of the team this year and a massive thanks to our sponsor Manawatu Security Screens for your support. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Coaches - Andrew Murley, Hayden Squire, and Leo Quinlan.

U10 White



U10 Girls



U10 Black

The 2023 season we have seen all of players from Marist Black U9 return, except one, our players have displayed excitement, passion, and new energy for rugby. Our team has been together between 3-4 years.

Initially we didn't have a team sponsor but we were lucky enough to have been sponsored by Luke's Jephson's Grandparents (who did not want to name the team). The control of the co

We welcomed new whanau, Jaques, Danie, Mickaere, Lata and we continue to have an enthusiastic and supportive culture from players and parents.

Our players have made tremendous progress from U9 to U10 as all players regularly attend training to improve their overall skills and development. All players are supported by their Whanau and have shown commitment by attendance of both training and Saturday morning rugby.

Every player has offered different energy and strengths to the team. The boys have naturally fallen into their positions and know they bring different levels skills and strengths to the team.

Our focus for this season was further building foundations of rugby, support play, exploring relationships and proposing more structured rugby. The boys have excelled in every aspect.

Early in our season our team went through the passing of Lata. It has been challenging to move the boys through different emotions and navigating through their individual needs. Collectively between the team and parents have we've continued to hold Lata in spirit, we will continue to hold Lata in our hearts and keep him in our thoughts. Rest in love Lata.

We thank you Kent, the Marist Junior Rugby Committee for the continued support throughout of season.

Josh Tyrrell (Coach) & Mike Parr (Assistant Coach)

U11 Green

With the move to 12-a-side rugby in the U11 grade, last year's 5 Under 10 teams were cut down to 3 larger squads with 'Green' and 'Red' from last year merging.

The kids came together quickly and gelled very well. It has been pleasing to see the new friendships develop.

As coaches, we also gelled very well together and as a group we really promoted positive team culture and team play right from the start. Overall, we have had a fantastic season with our team play getting



better each week. It has certainly been rewarding to see some of the team tries we have scored this season, one end of the field to the other, through 5,6 or even 7 pairs of hands. Great inter-passing and off-loading. We scored 86 tries across 13 games!

A big thank you to all the families for their support throughout the year - bringing kids to training and then being there on the side-line each week – we are very lucky to have such a positive side-line support crew!

And a big thank you to Sara for all her work and great comms every week. And finally thank you to our team sponsors, Paterson Exterior Plastering Ltd.

These kids are lucky being part of the fantastic club that is Marist Junior Rugby.

Alastair, James, Jeff & Jared (Coaches)

U11 Black

This year we were fortunate to have 13 players return from last year's squad along with welcoming 6 new players and families to the team as we made the transition into 12-a-side rugby with a squad of 19 players.

The season has provided plenty of challenges and learnings for the players as they adapted to the bigger field, set positions and a more structured game.

It's been fantastic to be a part of and watch the boys further develop their understanding of the game and positional



play. Each player has developed and improved in their own way throughout the year and contributed to the overall team game and environment. The team really started to put it together in the second half of the season and played some awesome rugby.

We were fortunate to once again have a great group of parents and whanau that support the players unconditionally and are always around to lend a hand and help if needed either at training or on game day. A big thanks to everyone who made the effort to come down and support the team throughout the season.

Thanks to Shaun and Fiona (Turbine Residential) for another year of support and sponsorship of the team.

A special thanks to Tania Bennett-Davies for managing the team again this year and the rest of the coaching team; Gerald Bennett-Davies, Shaun Mainwaring, and Jono Whitaker. **Jared Wright (Coach)**

U11 Gold

This season was another successful year for the mighty GOLD. The move to 12 a side and full field suited our team well as it allowed them to play the expansive passing game they love so much.

This year we were joined by a bunch of exciting new players and their families who added heaps to the success of the team, namely;

Sam Croucher, Suliasi Fifita, Parker Hales, Savelio Kaufusi, Beau Nicklin, Maddison Woodmass-Rauhihi



The staff of GOLD would very much like to thank all our wonderful players and their families for the huge amount of support given to us this season.

Finally, and sadly the GOLD team says goodbye to the Van Zyl family who are moving to the sunny Kāpiti Coast. Coach Pieter Van Zyl, his sons Liam and Tana and his wife Yolandi have been the heart of the GOLD team for 5 years. The effort and care you guys have put into this team will never be forgotten by these kids. Wherever life takes you, you will always be GOLD.

Ngā mihi nui, Stacey Moore, Pieter Van Zyl and Hamish Sutherland

U12 Green

We began the season welcoming a number of new players into the Green team as we moved from 12 aside to 15 aside rugby. This meant we needed a larger squad and specific positions. As a team the new players slotted in well and were welcomed by the established Green players and families.

It has been pleasing to see the team develop over the season from a group of individual players to a team that when they gel can play some excellent expansive rugby. The friendships made will continue for years to come.



As a team we place a large importance on the basics, catch, pass and fitness. The teams' players have developed basic skills which will assist them in their future rugby careers regardless of the positions they end up playing.

It was beneficial again to have the 2 coaches in the team allowing specific focus on forwards and back plays. This benefited our players as they were able to receive position specific training and develop in their roles. Our forwards have moved from one off runners to pods and the backs have introduced more intricate moves with the addition of a full back.

As a team we spoke about 'attitude' and adding value. This was a driver to our team's improvement throughout the year and I hope the players keep that in mind to continue their growth.

Many of our team will move on to High School next year and I hope they continue to play rugby for their respective schools and then come back to our senior OBM club as adults. I wish the leavers all the best with their futures. To those returning to the Marist club next season and joining the OBM U13s I also wish you all the best. Take your learnings and become leaders in the team.

A big thank you to the teams Co-Coach, Bertus. Your knowledge of the game, calm nature and skill set have been invaluable to the players but also my self as I have also learned much from you. Thank you for the support over the past years. To Bridget thank you for the help in the Managers role and running our social media, much appreciated. Thank you to the families who have been an incredible side-line and allowed our team to learn from their mistakes and grow in a positive environment. Additionally, all those that have run out the tee, filled in for myself or Bertus, held hit shields, kept time, thank you. Finally, a big thank you to our teams sponsors Central Power Coaters.

Best of luck, regards

Kent & Bertus (Co-coach), and Bridget (Manager)

U12 Black

The 2023 season saw many players returning from Under 11 Black in 2022, a few returning to rugby after a period of absence, a few new to the club from elsewhere and even some even playing their first season of rugby.

It was evident from early on that this combination would bring about improved results in regard to win loss ratios, but of most importance the team were going to play some good footy and have fun! The team has certainly grown in confidence as a group, building on the



strengths of a few key players and learning and understanding their positional and team roles.

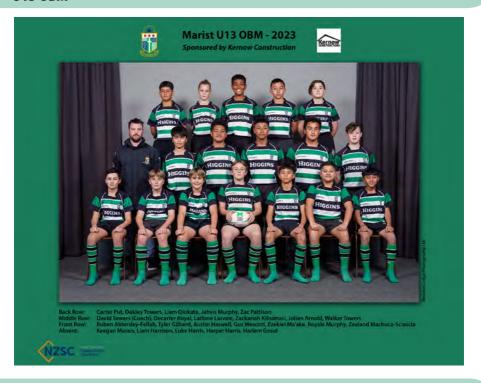
The shift from 12 to 15 players and increasing to full size fields has shown the importance of personal fitness. Fitness also helps enjoyment, and it was good to see the teams fitness improve over the season and thus, the boys enjoying their rugby. As coaches, we were stoked to see (mostly) good numbers at trainings and positive attitudes with open minds showing the ability to be coached. Seeing the boys take in the info, adapt and then put into play is always pleasing from a coach's view. Having the more capable step up and lead by example was fantastic, showing others how to train and play, displaying the attitude required to improve while also remaining humble and working for the team as opposed to themselves. No names are required, the boys will know who they are.

The team and their supporters represented Marist impeccably this season, and for this we thank them all. Thanks to the parents also for getting the kids to training and games which has contributed to this enjoyable season. Thanks to all that mucked in at trainings and on game day, it was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to our amazing sponsors – Allied Movers. A special thanks to the GOAT Manager, Hilary, who once again went above and beyond in the managerial role for the Black team this season. We truly appreciate it.

We would like to wish the year 8 lads all the best as they move off to High School and hope to see you continue playing. For the Year 7 fellas, I hope you return in 2024 and we can continue to work together and have more fun!

Jason and Burga (Co-Coaches) and Hils (Manager)

U13 OBM



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2023 Marist Junior Football Chairperson's Report

It has been a great delight to see our junior footballers get out and enjoy another fantastic year of football. It brings me a huge amount of joy to watch as many players have challenged and pushed themselves, developed friendships, improved skills and had lots of fun with their friends and teammates.

With the FIFA Women's World Cup being held in Australia and New Zealand it has been an amazing platform to promote and showcase the amazing talent of our female players. I personally believe that events such as these can be life changing for our young players, giving them the opportunity to be inspired and to dream big! I hope as many of you as possible grabbed the opportunity to watch some amazing talent.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our sponsors, who without, running a club of this size would just not be possible. Your kind support allows us to provide an environment to foster passion for sport that can give our children and communities so much back in future years.

I would also like to thank the committee members and in particular Renee Barbour who has stepped into the busy role of Secretary this year and done a fantastic job. The committee puts in a huge effort to ensure a positive experience for our junior players.

To all our coaches a massive thank you for all the time and effort you put into our players. Week in and week out the care and effort you put into these young players is impressive. Without volunteers willing to coach it is simply not possible.

To all our junior players I would like to thank you for choosing to play at Marist. We all look forward to seeing you continue your passion for football with us.

Chris Stewart
Chairman

4th/6th Grade - YOUM First Kicks

Coordinator: Ian Trewhitt

Coaches: Christina Trewhitt, Aimee Erskine, Madison McCormack, Lachie Smith, Izzy

Yarwood & AJ Cole, Oliver Kirk

Best Team Member – Silver Surfers Arfon Jones
– Green Arrows Jasper Liu

Royal Tee
 Red Rascals
 Orangitans
 Sky Hawks

Auctin Palmor
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- Sky Hawks Austin Palmer - Yellow Subs Ivy Douglas

Pretty in Pink
 Te Aroha Joy Dean-Bryan

Most Valuable Player – 3-4 yrs boy Riley Lees

- 5 yrs boy- 6-7 yrs boyZain Rizvi

– girl Ryder Charli Griffin

I'd just like to once again thanks the players for all their efforts and I think I can be safe in saying that you all had lots fun and really enjoyed playing with your teammates. Special thanks to our coaches and their fantastic attitude. Fun and energetic with all the players, every week. And of course all the parents and caregivers. You guys are the heart and sole of this program. Without you buying into the spirit of each week's sessions, and supporting ALL the players, not just your own, the atmosphere can become stagnant and unproductive.



7th Grade - Forest 360 Marist Jaquars

Coach: Phoebe Lockett

Most Valuable Player: Robert Murphy Best Team Member: Louie Smith

I have had the best privilege of being able to coach our U7's Jaguars this season. From the get go, they have continued to impress me with their on field skills and also every single one of them picking up the drills. All the boys get along so well and in every aspect have made it fun for me as a coach, and I hope they've had fun this season too.



7th/8th Grade – Grey Street Dental Surgery Marist Meerkat

Coach: Oliver Kirk & John Myszczyszyn Most Valuable Player: Zoe Robinson Best Team Member: Freja Kirk Best Team Spirit: Kylah Martin-Prisk

It has been a real pleasure to Coach the Grey Street Dental Marist Meerkats this 2023 season.

Thanks to Grey Street Dental for sponsoring our team this year. The team represented Grey Street Dental extremely well on the field this season.

Thanks to the parents for being supportive and helping out with the

always having fun together.

subs, transporting the girls to training and games, and being a positive influence on the sideline.

Grey Street Dental Surgery Marist Meerkats 7/8th Grade - 2023

The girls worked really hard this year. They turned up on Saturday mornings very enthusiastic to play, they focused on the pre drills and as a group looked like they were

Our main challenge as a team was having such a big squad, but the effort the team put in when they were on the field was very noticeable.

The main goal for me as coach of the Meerkats, was that the team enjoyed the season, friendships made, and that the girls would continue playing with summer football, winter football and other Marist football opportunities.

I had numerous parents comment that had seen some great improvement over the season, and it was great to see the girls start to understand space and passing which is fundamental to their development and moving into the higher grades.

Thanks to the whole team for their efforts. Every team member should be very proud of how they played and their enthusiasm for football the entire season.

7th Grade - Refresh Renovations Marist Lynxs

Coach: Andrew Robertson & Jayden Weston

Most Valuable Player: Chad Mafoa Best Team Member: Flynn Clarke

Thank you to all the players, parents and supporters of the Refresh Renovations Marist Lynx.

We had a terrific season with a great bunch of boys who were already great football players at the start but all showed major improvements throughout the season particularly as a team and with their positioning and structure on the field. It was impressive



to see the skills the boys are developing at such a young age. Well done to all of you.

A special thanks to Jayden who was the first to put his hand up to coach the boys at the start of the season and to our helpers on the sideline doing our substitutions.

Lastly, thank you to Ian and the Marist Junior football team for your tireless efforts throughout the season.

7th Grade - Fast Fix Marist Bears

Coach: Mike Smith Most Valuable Player: Logan Mason Best Team Member: Michael Arbon

Its been a real joy seeing the bears smiling faces each and every week. They are all great kids that show up and give 100% every week. They have all improved their skills and have built friendships that will last past this team.

A big shout out to the parents! They have all pitched in whether it be managing the subs, collecting the cones or bringing the half time oranges. The support from the parents



along with the great group of boys has made the job of "coach" a pleasurable experience.

8th Grade - Marist Griffiins

Coach: Ash Faithfull

Most Valuable Player: Hunter Faithfull **Best Team Member:** James Low

The marist griffins had an absolutely fantastic season, learning new skills and developing skills they bought to the team. They started as strangers bu quickly developed a supportive and fun team culture. It has been rewarding to watch their confidence grow and see their wonderful sportsmanship towards each other and respect to the other teams, We worked on passing and picking a player to defend mainly, which set the team up to score loads



of goals and save them from scoring against us too! it has been a pleasure to watch the team gain confidence and i attribute his to their motivation to play as a team and the postive sideline we had supporting us each week. Thank you griffins for all your hard work!

8th Grade - Cloudlink Marist Leopards

Coach: Melissa McKenna Most Valuable Player: Lewis Ebbett Best Team Member: Fifita Hukehuke

It has been a pleasure to coach the Marist Leopards this year and has helped me massively this season in many ways. They showed great team work and positivity on and off the pitch with lots of enouragement.

We focused on passing and spreading out so we were not so congested and im happy to say that me saying "spreadout" caught on as Lincoln would say this on the pitch



each game. They have been a great bunch to coach this season and have throughly enjoyed this year. I want to thank the sponsor and a massive thank you to all the parents for all of their support throughout, I am very grateful.

8th Grade - Marist Jackals

Coach: Kaushik Kishore

Most Valuable Player: Safwan Jaffal Best Team Member: Hamza Tamim

The team started off with a group of boys who did not know each other. When I watched them, I observed such great individual talent.

As the season progressed, the boys learned each other names and developed confidence in asking for the ball on the pitch. This built a great team chemistry with everyone on the field which lead to a great team talent.



The fluidity on the ball and willingness to have each other's back was a great example of team sport. They were great listeners and applied empathy most of the time.

These boys would support their opposition and encourage them despite the result. They aren't just great players, they demonstrated that they are great leaders.

It has been an honour to coach these boys and I hope that I have the same opportunity next season.

9th Grade - Spark NZ Marist Foxes

Coach: Eric Dong

Most Valuable Player: Brodie Palmer Best Team Member: Jahaan Climo

I believe each of foxes player has enjoyed the game as much as I do for the season, and I am so proud to be your coach this season as I have seen your attitudes and hard works put into training and game, always help and support each other, play like a team.

Well done boys, remember Together we stand, divided we fall!



9th Grade - NZ Travel Brokers Marist Lions

Coach: Rolando Saltini

Most Valuable Player: Mason Pivac Best Team Member: Nico Rehu

This year I had the privilege to be the coach of the Lions team. When we started the season, we had 10 passionate and enthusiastic players who were doing their very best.

However, by the end of the season we didn't had 10 players, we had a team that was working together to get the best outcome in each single game.

I would like to say "well done" to the Lions team, especially for the passes, the crosses, the hugs and the high-fives with each other, but above all for each player to play their part in the team.

I have certainly learned a lot this year as a coach, and would like to say Thank you to the players, the parents and the Marist club especially Lisa and Renee to make it happen!



9th Grade - Stagg Bulk Marist Pumas

Coach: Krishan Kumar

Most Valuable Player: Jackson Stagg **Best Team Member:** Fernando Walangu

Has been rewarding watching the team of young players loving football. Every single player has played there part to complete this team.

From our defence line through to our attackers. Our goalies saving many goals and winning matches for us.

The young players played various positions and weren't afraid to swap positions and give it a try.



Our once-a-week practise sessions has developed the teams spirit, team work and skills levels showing this through at our matches.

9th Grade – Ace Electrical Marist Tigers

Coach: Charles Parker Most Valuable Player Lachlan McPhee Best Team Member: Ashton Ayres

The Tigers experienced a rough start to the season, coming up against a bevy of teams that towered over us. But we soldiered on and crafted some good performances against tough opposition. Once the leagues were re-balanced we were able to show our stuff and put together some brilliant performances.



9th Grade - Youm Marist Wildcats

Coach: Ben Mathews / Eric Liu Most Valuable Player: Eli Boniface Best Team Member: Sebastian Liu

The boys who played for the Youm Wildcats in 2023 can be very proud of how they have progressed and what they have achieved this season. They are a group of players who show a great love for the game, and have demonstrated an ability to compete non-stop, from the first whistle to the last, in both training and in matches. Watching them combine together on the field to create goal



scoring opportunities has brought great joy to their parents watching on, as has their determination to also protect their goal keeper in defence.

The boys are attentive, willing to share their opinions in front of the group, and ultimately are hungry to learn how to improve. Well done and thank you to all the families who have helped make this year an enjoyable one to be a part of.

9th/10th Grade - Top Cat Contracting Marist Vixens

Coach: Shellee Wood Most Valuable Player: Ally Rogers & Onyx Juru Best Team Member: Isla Ebbett

Well what can I say, another great year with a bunch of young girls, 8, 9 and just turning 10 showing their skills and the excitement of playing football for another season. Add in some Sass and great friendships made and we are the Vixens.

We had a few wins some losses but these girls would always be smiling when they came off the feild, even

clapping and cheering for each other on the sideline.

Top Cat Contracting Marist Vixens
9th/10th Grade - 2023

Annual Contracting Marist Vixens
9th/10th Grade - 2023

Thankyou too all the parents who showed up every Saturday and supported the girls and myself with setting up the field and dragging everything to my car, Legends! I hope many if not all will play again next season and III be there again for you all, rain. snow and hail!!!!

10th Grade - Rees Race Cars Marist Hyenas

Coach: Glen Fage

Most Valuable Player: Suhaib Jaffal Best Team Member: Hugo Suematsu

Firstly a big thank you to the Rees family and Rees Race Cars for sponsoring our team this year.

Thoroughly enjoyable to have coached this team of positive and able young men/footballers this season. Every one in the team played hard, improved as the year went on and encouraged one another. Each brought to the team their own value and strengths.



We were a big squad of 12 playing 7 aside so we almost always had a solid bench to rotate. We were spoilt for choice all season for goal keepers with a number of the lads putting forward strong cases as first string keepers. Amidst playing in more forward roles at times - Kyan, Hugo, Joel and Harrison all put in some big shifts as full backs . Isaiah, Carter, Dalton and Jackson forced turnovers, held possession, won aerial contests, run their hearts out and distributed through the mid field very nicely. Suhaib, Oliver, Zaviour and Xaviour were always on point to create some magic up front and finish in style throughout the season.

We had a number of players with real goal scoring appetites and ability. One really stood out. He has excellent ball skills, shooting ability, confidence, awareness and understanding of the game. He can beat players, more than one at a time but he also made some really great assists, through balls and passes to open the play up ahead of him and wasn't afraid to go back to go forward. He scored so many goals that we lost count. He is our golden boot and most valuable player - absolute pleasure having you on the team and congratulations to Suhaib Jaffal.

We were also blessed to have a number of players with true pace to burn. One in particular played sweeper throughout the season. His pace, skill and tackling ability meant the rest of the team could confidently play high and deep in the opponents half. He attended almost all of of the trainings and games, was always positive with his attitude towards the game and his team mates. He has grit and determination and played on after having some heavy knocks. He is very polite, listened carefully to instructions, executed instructions and in general was a model player. So our Coaches Choice/Best Team Member this year im delighted to say goes to Hugo Suematsu.

10th Grade – Robertson Prestige Marist Mustangs

Coach: Krish Lal Most Valuable Player: Carter Argyle Best Team Member: Kaleb Fohren

Firstly, big thank you to our sponsor Robert Prestiage and the all the parents for their support. We had an up and down season.

Playing well but not getting results we wanted. We learned and grew as a team and finished out season strong.



11th Grade - Hayds Electrical Marist

Coach: Michael Barbour Most Valuable Player: Frank Mouat Best Team Member: Kahukura Robinson

We had an extremely successful year going undefeated in league games and only losing one game in a penalty shootout in the semi final of the Levin tournament. We have estimated that we scored just on 100 goals and conceded 10 all season.

We were fortunate that all our team came from the Marist Academy and a lot of them had played together before, we



had some very talented individuals and the challenge was to teach them to pass and learn that the ball can move quicker than they can!

We don't have a most improved award but if we did, it would be Dillon. It was great to see him in the last game taking on much bigger players and coming out on top.

It was a pleasure coaching the team and it would be good if next year they could be challenged a bit more on a Saturday.

Our best team player goes to Kahukura, always happy to play in goal even when in some games he barely touched the ball, always helps at training, always thanks you after the game and he is also one of the main reasons we only conceded a few goals this year.

In a team full of outstanding players it was hard to pick the most outstanding player however the award goes to Frank Mouat. For me Frank was the most consistent player throughout the season on and off the field, he played where he was asked, listened and never sulked. Frank plays with passion and determination which is something that is hard to teach.

11th Grade - Brendan Lodge Photograpy Marist Panthers

Coach: Kimmy Woledge
Most Valuable Player: Carter Goodall
Best Team Member:

Devlin Johnson-Soloman

Panthers has had a real good team spirits loved working with each of the boys if i could give each an award i would was very hard choosing. also a massive shout out to the parents of the panthers for being there on game day to helping when i was away to helping choose player of the days to almost being every boys parent on and off the



field to sharing uniforms to our team when ones sick to give to fill in kids so much fun this season for sure the boys have made some new friends in this team.

11th Grade - Marist Wolves

Coaches: Duncan Palmer & Matty Greig Most Valuable Player: Sebastian Sandoval & Levi Palmer Best Team Member:

Conner Reader

It's been a privilege getting to know and coach this group of boys. All of them have come a long way with there football skills, understanding of the game and teamwork between each other.

It's great to see them grow as young players throughout the course of the season. Also thanks to all the parents



for there support on the sideline and throughout the season. Thanks Wolves for all your hardwork this year.

11th/12th Grade - Marist DC Power Ferns

Coach: Patrick Hurly Most Valuable Player: Ivy Henderson Best Team Member: Talia Hurly

Throughout their journey, our Ferns squad really came into their own as a tight-knit unit. Watching them grow together was something great, week after week we witnessed the team bonding and building on their skills.

While some results didn't go in or favour, the team always showed great fight, determination and spirit. It has

been great watching the confidence of these young ladies skyrocket over the season.



A huge shoutout to Brian for keeping the games in check as our go to ref, and major kudos to Brooke from the academy, who made Mondays awesome with her training. Finally, our parents deserve a nod too – they were right there on the cold sideline, doing everything from picking Players of the Day to sorting out the nets and cheering the young ladies on. All in all, it's been quite a season for these young ladies and a pleasure to have been part of.

11th/12th Grade – Elite Powder Coaters Marist Emeralds

Coach: Corinna Chamberlain Most Valuable Player: Kaija Johnson Best Team Member: Grace Fage

The Emeralds began the year as a group of young ladies who had never played together before. Two were even new to the sport, as well!

Although illness, injuries, and lack of players often made for a challenge at game time, the Emeralds have persevered to show strong teamwork and tenacity.

They have been a fabulous group to work with and I have enjoyed the season with them.



12th Grade - Studio BBA Marist Lightnings

Coaches:

Matthew Argyle & Adam Cowan Most Valuable Player: James Mouat Best Team Member: Patrick Curry

2023 has been another stand out year for the Studio BBA Marist Lightnings. The benefits of training together through the Marist Football Academy and also having been playing together as a group for 4 years showed, with only one game dropped, some hard fought wins and taking away the U12 Tournament a highlight.



The style of football played was top class and the team showed great development across the season, Thanks to Adam for his expert football knowledge he has passed on to the team, the improvement across all the boys from beginning to end has been impressive.

Thank you to the amazing families who turn up to support the team every week, you could gurantee there would always be oranges at half time! For a couple of players, this is likely their last season with Marist, so to them, good luck with your football as you head off to secondary school. To the others, we look forward to seeing you back in green and white next year!

12th Grade - Stewarts Mitre 10 Mega Marist Phoenix

Coaches: James Capper, Matt Keenan, Mark Bellhouse Most Valuable Player: Cody Heenan Best Team Member: Shannon Kingsbeer

Another rollercoaster of a season for the Phoenix – many highs with comprehensive wins over strong opposition, some strong losses also, but all mixed in with some out of character performances that frustrated the team.

The old guard of Cody, Finn, Nathan, Luke, Olly, Trey and Milo were well represented, but new signings Cooper,



Shannon, Lachie, Byron, Hanlo and Jax showed great skill, heart, promise and improvement.

Throughout the season the team's passion was evident and we can only hope that next year some of the lessons learnt will prove fruitful.

13th Grade - Mossman Construction Marist Titans



Mossman Construction Marist Titans 13th Grade - 2023



Middle Row: Durham Mossman (Coach), Lucas Allen, Nathan Howarth, Finley Jansson, Austin Calder, Omar Al Kassaa Charlie Brock, Luke Johnstone, Mason Smith, Luai Al-Sakkaf, Connor Brodie

Coach: Durham Mossman

Most Valuable Plaver: James Harvev Best Team Member: Lucas Allen

We started the season with seven new players to Marist. Five of them being great players from other clubs and two of them being brand new to football, playing their first ever season.

The pre-season 13th grade tournament ended with us having fairly average results and showed us we had a lot to work on. The boys and I talked about our weaknesses after that tournament and them worked hard on them at trainings every week. This hard work resulted in us us improving our game each week and eventually ending the season as one of the top teams in our grade.

A stand out for me this season was how we worked as a team even though the boys had a big range of skill levels, from experienced players training with the Marist academy each week for the past few years to our guys playing their first ever season of football.

It was great to hear the encouragement, advice and general conversation between the players at trainings and games throughout the season. This team work was a huge part of our success for the season.

Thanks Titans. Its been a blast coaching the team for the past four seasons. I look forward watching you all grow and develop in your football throughout the high school years and beyond.

13th Grade - Watson Integrity Marist Valkyries



Watson Integrity Marist Valkyries 13th Grade - 2023



Coach: Lisa Smith

Most Valuable Player: Livvy Watson Best Team Member: Bryleigh Chittenden

It has been my honor to coach this awesome group of girls. Valkyries was formed in 2020 under Kerri Mills and I have been lucky enough to coach them the past three years.

These girls show how to enjoy football with a group of friends and how to keep going till the end whistle. Their upbeat nature is what makes coaching a delight. They have come a long way in the four years and I know I speak for their parents too, when I say that even under pressure they play a great passing game.

Thanks to their supportive parents that are always encourging from the side line, your encouragement is also what keeps these girls heads up and passion. Thanks Valkyries I will miss you all and hope you continue playing and enjoying football.



Marist Green Beans 13th Grade - 2023



Coach: James Irwin

Most Valuable Player: Anahera Easton **Best Team Member:** Alice Kang

The Green Beans in 2023 competed in the mixed u13 grade. The team was set up to provide game time and and training for enthusiastic u14 girls, who wanted to develop their football beyond what was on offer at their school.

Over the course of the year we became a close-knit team that developed a successful high pressing game. We benefited from training at Ashurst on Thursday nights alongside the Marist Women's Development Team - thank-you lan.

Highlights of the year were tightly fought games against the Titans and the Ruahine Gazelles during the season, meeting the world champion Spanish Women's Football Team at Massey, and going undefeated through the Whanganui u13 tournament in July. Thank-you to all of our parents for your support, and transport services, over the year -awesome!

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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.
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