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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear reader of the Green & Gold Times

On my reckoning this is the 48th year of publication of our award-winning club magazine. It is a great read and gives updates about the various codes of sport and their performances during the year. Just as importantly, it gives a wonderful sense of the club that we are, and the spirit in which we operate.

After some debate, the consensus is that we are the largest multi-code sports club in the country, with over 3400 members who are associated with various codes of sport at the club, and more than 400 volunteers who help coach, manage, and administer. Well done to you all!

What I always find very encouraging is the strength of our junior codes, so I hope you enjoy some of the photos and the various reports. They reflect well on the future of the club.

My sincere thanks as always to those who support us. Throughout the magazine you will see acknowledgment of those sponsors, without which we could not meet our aim of affordable sport for all.

I particularly acknowledge the New Zealand Community Trust, it's significant grants, both in summer and winter help support gear, uniforms, coaching, and ground hire.

The Shamrock Club has also provided constant level of support for our individual codes, so please take note of the Shamrock Club members and support those who help support us.

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

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge Paul O'Brien for his daily efforts on behalf of the club in his role as Executive Director, and Rhys and Vicki Nielsen for their administration of the bar and catering services provided by the club.

I hope you enjoy the read.

Keith Wedlock
Chairman

CLUB CHAPLAIN

The Marist Sports Club continues to be a powerful presence in Palmerston North, providing active sporting participation for so many members, as well as a real focus of support for so many families, supporters and friends.

The very spirit of the club is so positive and uplifting that many want to belong and participate at all levels. People comment on how everyone is so welcoming and friendly! This doesn't just happen, it is because so many support the club generously with their time and effort. Well done and congratulations for this team effort.

On behalf of my co- chaplain, Monsignor David Bell, I extend congratulations to all members of Marist Sports Club and to all who

administer and support it. It has been another successful year!
Blessings!

Monsignor Brian Walsh
Chaplain



EDITORIAL

2026 will be our Centennial year.

It does not seem that long ago that at age 22, I attended the 1976 Marist Special General Meeting, held in the St Johns Hall on Cuba Street (it's still there), which resulted in the formation of a Marist Multi Sports Club!

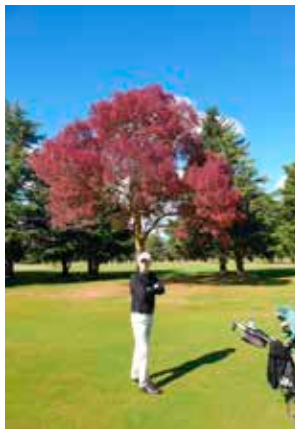
Prior to that we had separate Clubs for Cricket, Hockey, Netball, Rugby, and Tennis. Nowadays we facilitate sport for nearly 3,500 members, involving nine codes of sport.

Our Club is also used by 30 other Provincial communities and 6 National Sports Bodies.

We are NZ's largest sports club. This success is only possible because of the great work of our 400+ volunteers and our many Sponsors & Trusts.

From the accountant, lawyer and corporate citizens on our Board of Directors to the coaches, managers and the many administrators and facilitators of all our Codes of sport, whose hours of voluntary work ensure our members enjoy their sport.

Roll on 100years of Marist Sports !



Paul O'Brien

Executive Director

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THE SHAMROCK CLUB

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

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

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

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

We welcome new members so please nominate any prospective member to admin@maristsports.co.nz

The Shamrock Club Membership for 2023/2024

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.

SENIOR RUGBY

Presidents Report 2024

2024 was a interesting year for OBM. A new Chairman and Committee saw us field 3 teams in senior competitions, The old issue with Colts numbers hasn't changed and unfortunately we were unable to field a colts team. Lewis Williams, Bryce Grant did a stellar job with the Humphries Construction Senior 1 team reaching the semifinals of the Senior A competition to go down to an unbeaten Kia Toa side, the eventual competition winners. Brendan O'Conner and Marcus Prenter having a young Bs team who are certainly the future of our club if we can have these young men stick around.

Slade Sturmeay and Manager Brenda Baker did a great job with our women's team who lead the club to winning our first ever women's title.

I would like to thank all the Coaches and Committee for their efforts in 2024, a year that if we can build upon sets us up well for the future. Looking at Chairman Malcolm Burr's report outlining where our people have ended up with representative teams throughout the North Island from Manawatu, Taranaki and Wairarapa Bush to NZ Sevens, is a credit to all and the culture and direction we are trying to go in.

Please consider putting your name forward for our 2025 Committee which is vital to the ongoing success of OBM. There are great ideas coming from the club members but we need help to implement then and the old saying many hands makes light work is something the Committee needs to progress and prosper.

I know the current committee have made a huge start to 2025 already with coaches in place and ideas to be implemented, I am sure we are off to the best possible start to 2025.

I wish all the very best for the festive season and will see you in 2025.

Dave Wilson
President

Special Note from the Club Captain

2024 saw a number of Blazer presentations within Old Boys Marist. The first of what is to be hoped will be many to foundation players of the Women's team who reached the milestone 20 games, as well as two of our Senior 1st players who have now joined the exclusive 50 club. But also, to a very worthy recipient from our Senior 2nd team.

OBM would like to congratulate the following players on their achievement in becoming members of the exclusive (and well earned) Blazer Club:

Game Date	Player	Team
18 May 2024	Shaniqka Wall (#7)*	Women's Senior 1st
25 May 2024	Kahurangi Sturmeay (#20)*	Women's Senior 1st
8 June 2024	Riahn Brickland (#16)*	Women's Senior 1st
	Laura Claridge (#10)*	Women's Senior 1st
15 June 2024	Ffion Barr (#21)*	Women's Senior 1st
22 June 2024	Sam Stewart	Men's Senior 1st
	Jamie Tinetti	Men's Senior 1st
	Te Ao Mana Tahiriorangi	Men's Senior 2nd
29 June 2024	Ngano Tavake (#1)*	Women's Senior 1st

*Notes the player number of the Women's team originating in 2022

Brenda Baker, Club Captain

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Club Captains Report 2024

Being newly elected to the role of Club Captain, this report comes from the perspective of the outside looking in and from what I have observed in 2024 there are great things in the pipeline for Old Boys Marist in the coming years.

Overall, as a rugby club in the current environment of a sport which is showing a national decline in player numbers, OBM has had a good season, and has huge potential moving forward.

With our registrations for the year sitting around the 100 mark spread over three teams in three different grades we punched well above our weight.

Our Men's Senior A team through the coaching of Lewis Williams and Bryce Grant successfully made the semi-finals showing that determination and perseverance does pay off finishing the season with the Shearman Cup, Higgins Shield and the Gleeson Cup tucked away in the trophy cabinet.

Our Women's Senior A team, coached by Slade Sturmeay went undefeated (including all pre-season games) through their grade being successful in obtaining the Eketahuna Cup, the Ashleigh Knight Trophy and taking out the Prue Christie Cup in a nail biting final against Kia Toa.

Our Senior B team under the coaching guidance of Head Coach Willie Ioane and assisted by Brendan O'Connor and Marcus Prenter struggled at times to field a team due to a high injury loss and player work commitments.

We also had the opportunity to field an X Grade Women's team in the newly created Dixie Cup competition also coached by Slade Sturmeay. This gave us a chance to let all our players take to the field and enabled us to help develop younger women coming into the sport whose level of experience and confidence was not at the full 15 aside standard. From the club's point of view this has been a huge success with one player going from being very nervous and uncertain of her ability to making the Cyclones.

Off the field we have experienced the issue that is reflected around the rugby community with player recruitment and retention. Once again, we struggled to attract players for the Colts grade despite the hard work behind the scenes of Brendan O'Connor and Marcus Prenter.

Because of this, steps are now in place for the inclusion of former Marist Junior Rugby players who are currently in the Secondary School system to participate in OBM colours at the various initiatives being implemented by the MRU. It is hoped that over the next 3 to 5 years these players it will find it second nature to be playing in OBM green, white & black for 7's, 10's and other sporting tournaments that occur outside the regular school competitions, and once their school days are over have a natural progression to OBM Colts, B's and ultimately the Senior A's.

We, as always have been truly appreciative of our Club Sponsors which sadly has seen the drop off due to the current economic environment over the last few years. Plans are now in place with some new and exciting initiatives to attract and give back to our sponsors showing our appreciation for their trust and support in OBM – stay tuned.

All in all, as my first year as Club Captain it has been an honour and a privilege to watch these amazing young, and not so young people both on and off the field and I can see only good things in the coming years as our players are out there more on the local and national stage promoting themselves and OBM.

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As a footnote I wish to add to the list of achievements that have been bestowed onto our players as listed in the Club Chairmans Report. Wednesday, 9th October saw the Manawatu Rugby award where four members of OBM were nominated for awards:

- Kahurangi Sturme y – Best & Fairest Prue Christie Cup – WINNER
- Brenda Baker – Volunteer of the Year – WINNER
- Slade Sturme y – Coach of the Year – NOMINEE
- Anahera Hamahona – Rookie of the Year – WINNER

As with the list of accolades made by Chairman Malcolm Burr, we must be clearly doing something right at OBM as our players are making a statement both at Club level and beyond and what's more our secret is out, and they are being acknowledged. It can only mean better things.

To all our players, management, whanau, sponsors and supporters I thank you for putting your faith in OBM and look forward to seeing you all back in 2025 for what will be an amazing Old Boys Marist season.

Brenda Baker
OBM Club Captain



L-R - Kahurangi Sturme y, Slade Sturme y, Brenda Baker and Anahera Hamahona

Chairman's Report 2024

Members of PN Old Boys Marist Rugby ...

What is happening to senior rugby here in Manawatu ?

Like most Rugby Clubs here in the Manawatu it is a struggle to secure enough players and administrators to run our great sport.

At the beginning of the 2024 PN Old Boys Marist Senior Rugby Club struggled to get sufficient Committee Members to administer our Club, we had no Chairman, no Club Captain, no full-time Secretary, and whilst we finally got things together it was a struggle.

My thanks to those Committee Members who did put their names forward. I owe a debt of thanks to the strong support I received from Paul O'Brien.

At the start of the 2024 season we also found that we did not have enough players to field a Colts team, which was very disappointing. Plans are in place to hopefully grow our Player numbers for 2025.

A positive was that we had strong Coaches and Management with Lewis Williams, Bryce Grant and Grant Christen taking control of the Men's Senior 1st, Slade Sturmey and Brenda Baker taking control of the Women's teams, Willie Ioane, Brendon O'Connor and Marcus Prenter taking on the Senior 2nd. Thanks must also go to various others that provided valued assistance to all teams in various ways though out the season.

These Coaches and Management members must be congratulated in putting strong teams together – Women's Prue Christie team winning the Manawatu competition taking on Kia Toa in the Prue Christie Cup final taking home the silverware. Men's Senior 1st made it to the Semi-Final of the Manawatu Hankins Shield competition were they were beaten by Kia Toa who went on to win the 2024 Hankin.

Where to in 2025 for PN Old Boys Marist ?

I am pleased to advise that strong Coaches and Management have been put together for the 2025 season with all 2024 Coaches and Management returning, as are I believe most players. Thank you one and all.

We do however need more support, both in Coaching / Team Management, plus Administration / Committee members, please put your name forward.

I am currently out of the country so if you can assist please contact Dave Wilson your Club President david.wilson@police.govt.nz

Congratulations must also go out to Dave Wilson and Mark Andersen on being awarded Life Membership of PN Old Boys Marist.

Special thanks to Kim Hannam, our valued Treasurer, also thanks to Chris Cairns, our Players Rep, a strength both on and off the rugby field.

Thanks also goes out to those who have supported our great Club for many years namely Paul O'Brien, Bill Feasey, Murray Joyes etc.

Other highlights for 2024 were the highly successful Club Day, Old Timers Day and our Club Prizegiving with Dame Farah Palmers and 'MoreFM' breakfast host Sarah Laurence. We hope to make all these events and others bigger and better in 2025 attracting partners, parents and family members.

I must congratulate all our fantastic players, whether you were a winner or just enjoyed strapping on your boots – congratulations. We look forward to having you back in 2025.

Many of our Club players need to be congratulated on achieving higher honours, too numerous to mention. Many of our Coaches and team Managers also achieved higher honours, congratulations to all.

Also a big thank you must go out to our valued and loyal PN Old Boys Marist Sponsors in particular – Humphries Construction, Higgins Concrete / Higgins Group, NZ Telephone and Cable / Unity Cloud.

Don't forget the 2025 season commences in early December, please support PN Old Boys Marist. Bring along a mate or two to join you on the field or please put yourself forward for Coaching, Management and/or Administration roles.

As already mentioned the 2024 season was a testing one, to secure Brenda Baker as our Club Captain was certainly a nice gesture on her part given that this was her first year of Senior Rugby Committee involvement.

In closing let's ensure that 2025 starts on a promising note to ensure that 2025 season is a successful one.

I wish you all the best for 2025 and beyond.

Regards, **Malcolm Burr**
PNOBM Chairman
PNOBM Life Member

Higher Honours 2024

Congratulations to all our Players, Coaches and Managers that went on to higher honours in 2024.

PN Old Boys Marist Coaches and Managers stepping up in 2024

Bryce Grant – Asst Coach Manawatu Cyclones
Chris Day – Manager Manawatu Cyclones
Lewis Williams – Coach Manawatu B
Dave Wilson – Manager Wairarapa Heartland Men
Slade Sturme – Asst Coach Wairarapa Heartland Men

NZ Marist Rugby Federation Men

Riley Kinloch selected to tour the East Coast of the South Island on a four-game tour, starting in Invercargill and concluding in Christchurch. This year marks the 50th anniversary of this tour, a significant milestone in the NZ Marist Rugby history.

New Zealand Under 20 Men – Logan Wallace

NZ Sevens Development Squad – Jai Tamati

Hurricanes Under 20 Men – Jai Tamati, Liam O'Connor

Manawatu Turbos Men – Logan Wallace, Liam O'Connor

Manawatu Aiga Pasifika Men – Kauriri Vao, Justin Ugone-Higano Lino

Manawatu Maori Squad Men – Jay Rolleston, Leighton Osgood, Max Harris

Manawatu Development Men Squad – Hiromichi Sakamoto, Riley Kinloch

Manawatu Under 19 Men – Van Prenter, Jai Tamati, Elijah Edwards-Martin

Wairarapa Heartland Men – Alec Odell

New Zealand Women's Black Fern – Layla Sae

Hurricanes Poua Nga Whetu Women – Layla Sae, Kahurangi Sturmey, Rangimārie Sturmey, Tra'est Mafile'o

Manawatu Cyclones – Ngano Tavake, Kahurangi Sturmey, Rangimārie Sturmey, Layla Sae, Tra'est Mafile'o, Brianna Wallace, Riahn Brickland, Anahera Hamahona, Alesha Williams, Wikitoria Doyle

Manawatu Development Women Squad – Holly Powell, Briahna Jackson, Lauren Blackeley, Jessie Malaesilia, Hannah Cadzow, Ffion Barr, Maia Putoko, Kaelyn Ilangana-Latu, Keely Patterson

Taranaki Whio Squad – Laura Claridge, Shaniqka Wall, Season Blackburn Kingi (injured)

Wairarapa Heartland Women – Bia Oliveira, Monica Hoey

OBM 2024 Prizegiving

Women's X Grade

Carey Cup	Most Improved	AMELIA PRUSAS
M F Henry Cup	Best All Round – MVP	MONICA HOEY

Men's Senior 2nd

Walker Cup	Best Forward	VAN PRENTER
New Cup	Best Back	BRON TRUBSHOE
Walker Cup	Most Improved	TOVIA IOANE
Irvine Roberston Memorial Trophy	Players Player	JOEL PRATT
Junior Cup	Best All Round - MVP	JEREMY SPICER

Women's Senior 1st

Marist Rugby Club Cup	Best Forward	NGANO TAVAKE
Marist Rugby Club Cup	Best Back	RANGIMĀRIE STURMEY
Donaldson Cup	Most Improved	HOLLY POWELL
Marist Rugby Club Cup	Players Player	NGANO TAVAKE
Baker Cup	Best All Round - MVP	KAHURANGI STURMEY

Men's Senior 1st

Brien Trehey Cup	Best Forward	ALEC ODELL
Brian Finlay Memorial	Best Back	LIAM O'CONNOR
Ronald McDonald Memorial	Most Improved	KAURIRI VAO
Jimmy Crosswell	Players Player	MAX HARRIS
Houlihan Cup	Best All Round - MVP	CHRIS CAIRNS

OBM CLUB AWARDS 2024

Houlihan Cup	Best Club Trainer	MAX HARRIS
Brother Aloysius Cup	Best Attacking Back	LIAM O'CONNOR
Robin O'Neil Cup	Most Points of the Boot	LAURA CLARIDGE (68 pts)
O'Callaghan Cup	Most Tries in a Season	KAHURANGI STURMEY (15 tries /75 points)
Gleeson Cup	Rookie of the Year	ANAHERA HAMAHONA
Gerry Rogers Cup	Best & Fairest - Female	NGANO TAVAKE
Price Trophy	Best & Fairest – Male	MATENE RUAWAI



Chris Cairns
Men's Senior 1st Best All Round
Club Award – Loyal Service Award



Bron Trubshoe
Men's Senior 2nd Best Back



Slade Sturmey
**Club Award – Coach/
Administrator of the Year**



Jamie Tinetti
**Club Award – Player Contributing
Most to the Club**



Alec O'Dell
Men's Senior 1st Best Forward



Mark Andersen
Club Award – Best Club Spirit



Van Prenter
Men's Senior 2nd Best Forward



Max Harris
**Men's Senior 1st Players Player
Club Award – Best Club Trainer
(Male)**



Monica Hoey
Women's X Grade Best All Round (MVP)



Liam O'Connor
**Men's Senior 1st Best Back
Club Award –
Best Attacking Back**



**Jeremy Spicer – Men's Senior
2nd Best All Round (MVP)**



**Kahurangi Sturmei, Women's Senior 1st – Best All Round (MVP)
Club Award – Most Tries in a Season
(15 tries/75 points)**



Matene Ruawai, Club Award – Best & Fairest (Male)



Joel Pratt, Men's Senior 2nd – Players Player



**Ngano Tavake
Women's Senior 1st – Best Forward
Women's Senior 1st – Players Player
Club Award – Best & Fairest (Female)**



**Rangimarie Sturmei
Women's Senior 1st – Best Back**



**Tovia Ioane
Men's Senior 2nd – Most Improved**



**Kauriri Vao
Men's Senior 1st – Most Improved**



**Brenda Baker
Club Award – Outstanding Service
to Marist/OBM Rugby**



**Renee Sturmei
Club Award – Supporter of the Year**



Women's Senior – 1st Club Award – Team of the Year



Laura Claridge – Club Award – Most Points off the Boot (68 points)



Kim Hannam – Club Award – Committee Member Most Contributing



Anahera Hamahona – Club Award – Rookie of the Year



Holly Powell – Women's Senior 1st – Most Improved



Amelia Prusas – Women's X Grade – Most Improved



Flynn Russell – Club Award – Most Promising Club Person



Maurice Calcott Cup	Player Contributing Most to the Club	JAMIE TINETTI
Marist Brothers Cup	Most Promising Club Person	FLYNN RUSSELL
Terry Warn Cup	Committee Member Contributing Most	KIM HANNAM
Committee Cup	Loyal Service Award	CHRIS CAIRNS
DB Cup	Supporter of the Year	RENEE STURMEY
J Oakley Cup	Best Club Spirit	MARK ANDERSEN
Rutherford Cup	Outstanding Service to Marist/OBM Rugby	BRENDA BAKER
Bids Cup	Team of the Year	OBM WOMEN'S – 2024 PRUE CHRISTIE CUP WINNERS
John Berry Cup	Coach/Administrator of the Year	SLADE STURMEY – OBM WOMEN
Cam Stewart Cup	Best & Fairest Player of the Year	KAHURANGI STURMEY

NOTABLES

- **Layla Sae** – now with 5 Black Ferns test caps to her name
- **4 OBM Women's players in the 2024 Hurricanes Poua squad** – Tra'est Mafile'o, Layla Sae, Kahurangi Sturmey and Rangimarie Sturmey
- **Women's 1st XV team winning Prue Christie Cup** – first time for an OBM team
- **Men's 1st XV team reaching the semi-finals of the Hankins Shield**
- **10 OBM Women's players selected for Manawatū Cyclones** – Ngano Tavake, Brianna Wallace, Kahurangi Sturmey, Rangimarie Sturmey, Wikitoria Doyle, Layla Sae, Tra'est Mafile'o, the return of Alesha Williams and two new signings with Riahn Brickland and Anahera Hamahona.
- **2 OBM Women's players selected for the Taranaki Whio** – Laura Claridge for the second season and new to the Whio squad Shaniqka Wall and Season Blackburn Kingi who did not take to the field due to injury
- **1 OBM Men's players selected for Wairarapa Bush Heartland Rugby Team** – Alec Odell
- **9 OBM Women's players selected for the Manawatū Wahine Development XV** – Ffion Barr, Lauren Blakeley, Hannah Cadzow, Kaelyn Ilangana-Latu, Briahna Jackson, Jessie Malaesilia, Keely Patterson, Holly Powell and Maia Putoko
- **2 OBM Men's players selected for the Manawatū B's** (formerly known as the Evergreens) – Hiromichi Sakamoto and Riley Kinloch
- **3 OBM Men's players selected for the Manawatū Māori team** – Max Harris, Leighton Osgood and Jay Rolleston
- **Maia Putoko selected for the NZR National Māori U18 Wahine Squad**
- **5 OBM Men's players selected for the Manawatū U19 squad** – Logan Wallace, Jai Tamati, Eli Edwards-Martin, Van Prenter and Liam O'Connor
- **Logan Wallace selected for the New Zealand U20's squad**
- **Riley Kinloch** was also selected for the NZ Marist Rugby Federation four game tour of the East Coast of the South Island.
- **3 new players to the Club were in the 2024 Manawatū Men's Academy squad** – Liam O'Connor, Jai Tamati and Logan Wallace
- **4 OBM Women's players were in the 2024 Manawatū Women's Academy squad** – Ffion Barr, Briahna Jackson and two new to the Club Anahera Hamahona and Kaelyn Ilangana-Latu
- **Special note - Kahurangi Sturmey has been voted "Best & Fairest Player" by the MRU for the 2024 Prue Christie Cup competition**

SENIOR FOOTBALL



Senior Football Prizegiving

Cup winners

Chinese New Year Challenge Cup
Women's Division One Winners
Women's Division Three Winners
Tingey Cup Winners
Tingey Plate Runner Ups
Pelosi Trophy Runner Ups
Greens Family Cup

MKM Shamrock Rovers
Chapple Architecture Mayhem
MKM Mysteries
Chapple Architecture Mayhem
MKM Mysteries
Freedom Plus Bulldogs
Chapple Architecture Mayhem

Club awards

Believe It Or Not (donated by A Smith)
Fair Play (Donated B A Smth)
Masters Player of the Year
Kirsty Dingley Cup – Defender of the Year
Jason Flynn Cup – Womens Golden Boot
Mens Golden Boot
Mikaela Boxall – Girls' Youth Player of the Year
Youm – Boys' Youth Player of the Year
Adrian Smith Cup – Womens Player of the Year
Glenn Hewson Memorial Trophy – Mens Player of the Year
Coach of the Year
Aiken Cup – Most Successful Team

Club Personality (donated by A Smith)
Greatest Contribution

SHAMROCK ROVERS – Manawatu Knitting Mills
Players Player
Best Team Member
Most Valuable Player

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

DUNSHAEGANS – JRM Automotive
Players Player
Best Team Member

Most Valuable Player

ROYALS – Smart Phone Repairs (Trophies say Jesters)

Mysteries
Matty Greig
John Myszczyzyn
Melissa McKenna
Ariana Fitzsimons (27)
Darryl Newsome (17)
Olivia Stewart
Austyn Beales
Grace Smith
Zac Farmer
Brooke Argyle
Chapple Architecture
Mayhem
Richie Nielsen
Sarah Cowan

Masters – 9th Place
Chris Stewart
Richie Smith
Tristan Blignault

Masters – 3rd Place
Darryl Newsome
Mark Cooke
Robert Shortall

Masters – 10th Place
Kurt Poppe
Pete Darke &
Richard Nielsen
Richard Lawton &
Pete Darke
Men's Division 3 –
7th Place

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

MYSTERIES – Manawatu Knitting Mills

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

CELTS – BDF Electrical
Players Player
Best Team Member (Housie Trophy)
Most Valuable Player (donated by B&M)

GREENIES – Compressed Air Controls
Players Player
Best Team Member
Most Valuable Player

EVERGREENZ – Freedom Plus

Players Player
Best Team Member
Most Valuable Player

DEVELOPMENT – Isle Construction Ltd

Players Player
Best Team Member
Most Valuable Player

BULLDOGS – Freedom Plus
Players Player
Best Team Member
Most Valuable Player (donated by Watsons)

PARK RANGERS
Players Player
Best Team Member
Most Valuable Player

INTER – Isles Construction Ltd

Players Player
Best Team Member
Most Valuable Player

Amory Yarwood
Andrew Patterson
Joshua Fenton-Smith

Women's Division 3
WINNERS
Annie Molloy
Ariana Fitzsimons
Anna Sturm

Men's Division 2 – 9th Place
Luke Spurgeon
Jason Gardner
Rick Dykshoorn

Men's Division 2 – 3rd Place
Brendan Hurley
Ryan Young
Jed Wilkins

Women's Division 2
– 6th Place
Jennifer Wagner
Corinna Chamberlain
Anna Fletcher

Women's Division 2
– 3rd Place
Becca Sisson
Alice Kang / Caitlin Smith
Crystal Odering

Men's Division 1 – 7th Place
Jonathan Toki
Jonathan Toki
Kurtis Shortall

Men's Division 1 – 5th Place
Ethan Jacobs
Fletcher Linstrom
Scott Outtrim

Horizons Championship
6th Place
Tim Seaholme
Eli Gray-Stuart
Juan Jaurretche

MAYHEM - Chapple Architecture

Players Player
Best Team Member
Most Valuable Player (donated by J.Hudson)

MENS RESERVES

Players Player
Best Team Member
Most Valuable Player (donated by Blocks Painting)

MENS FIRSTS – Watson Integrity

Players Player (Tait Communications)
Best Team Member
Baycorp Cup Most Valuable Player

WOMENS FIRSTS – MKM Originals

Players Player
Best Team Member
Most Valuable Player

Women's Division 1

WINNERS

Toni Taufale
Jess Robinson
Jaimee Leader

Horizons Premiership

– 3rd Place

Taufilo Taufilo
Edward Kettle
Elisha Masoe

Men's Fed league

– 2nd Place

Cam Wallace
Liam Outtrim
Zac Farmer

W-League – 5th Place

Grace Smith
Mackenzie Butler
Grace Smith

Watson Integrity – Mens Firsts

Men's Fed League, 2nd place

Coaches – Adam Cowan & Josh Cremen

I would like to start by expressing our gratitude to our long-serving major sponsor, Watson Real Estate. Your unwavering support year after year is invaluable, and we couldn't take the field without you – thank you from all the players.

At the beginning of the season, our goal was clear: to win the league again. With the talent in our squad, we felt confident. However, a few unexpected setbacks against teams we believed we could beat prevented us from reaching that goal.

Despite not achieving our primary objective, we finished in second place and successfully qualified for Central League 2 for the 2025 season. This new league promises to be even more competitive than the Fed League, but if we can retain and build upon our current squad, I believe we have what it takes to succeed.

Thank you to everyone who supported us this year, and congratulations to the players who received awards for their outstanding performances. Your hard work and dedication are truly commendable.



MKM Originals – Womens Firsts

W-League, 5th place

Coach – Michael Gaughan

It is really hard to sum up this season in a small write-up, so if you want any more stories come & ask me! It has been a privilege to work with the Women's Firsts this year and I believe we have built a squad primed for future success.

Having our share of injury woes, unavailability and a squad largely made up of youth players we are able to look back & reflect on what has been a successful season overall. I am very proud of the group's efforts and application during challenging moments of the season, with some very memorable results to look back on fondly.

Finishing the season against Seatoun with nine players under the age of 19 on the field is an achievement we should be proud of as a club. Looking forward to 2025 already!

Chapple Architecture Marist Mayhem

Winners Manawatu Women's Division One, Winners Tingey Cup, Winners Green Cup

Coach – Brooke Argyle

2024 brought together a new Mayhem side, after the success of last year, we were hoping to carry on the winning theme.

Greens Family Cup Winners

The team started the season right with a 3-1 over a strong Takaro side and emerged victorious in the Greens Family Cup. The team ability to perform under pressure, coupled with tactical versatility, helped claim their first cup

Women's Division 1 League Champions

The team triumphed in the Women's Division 1 League, showcasing consistent performances throughout the season. With strong teamwork, solid defense, and a potent attack, they secured the league title.

Tingey Cup Winners

In addition to their league success, the team claimed victory in the Tingey Cup. This knockout tournament saw them push themselves even more to focus on the fast style of football and they were able to finish the game with an 8-0 win over Whanganui in a goal fueled match to ultimately lift the trophy.

Season Overview

This season was marked by a remarkable treble: winning the Women's Division 1 League, the Tingey Cup, and the Greens Family Cup. The team's outstanding performance in all competitions reflects their dedication, hard work, and excellent coaching, establishing them as a dominant force in women's football.

Congratulations to the team on an incredible season! Thanks to our sponsors Chapple Architecture.



Marist Greenies Compressed Air Controls

Men's Division 2, 3rd Place

Coach – Kieran Hurley

Another solid season from the team getting 3rd overall. We had a few new players to our team that fitted in on and off the field. Plenty of effort, sweat and it wouldn't be a Greenies season without a few broken bones and plenty of laughs. Thanks Team and supporters.



**Freedom Plus Marist Bulldogs
Men's Division, 7th place**

Coach – Kent Stockman

So the mighty Marist Bulldogs decided to go forth and take on the world of the very strong Manawatu Div one for another year. A mix of old and new with a couple of very old and a fair few that just wanted a reason to go to the pub every weekend.

A couple of great summer signings meant that the lads rocked up to the first game with high hopes that "this was our year", sadly this wasn't the case and the first win was a few weeks away. In true Bulldogs fashion we like to give the greater Football community a chance to get on the field and we used over 40 players for the second season running and a great thanks has to go to the one and only Ace Smith for making sure we have enough to take the field each week.

Still with a different midfield or what seemed like it every week the lads played some amazing football with the Linton away game and the great cup run knocking out two of the top three teams to make the final just some of the highlights. Sadly we didn't get the result that we wanted but they say you have to lose one before you win one and boy did we do that so it must be our year next year.

I would like to say a big thanks to all those young and old that wore the Bulldogs strip with pride this year and look for to seeing who else we can add to the mighty Bulldogs family next year.

Up the Doggies.



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

Coach – Tim Seaholme

Season started pretty well with glimpse of good football. First round of the season found Inter on the 3rd position losing only against the 1st and the 2nd. We cannot say the same for the 2nd part of the season where we struggle with fitness and number of players. We entered in a bad streak and we couldn't win any game during the 2nd part having a bittersweet end of the season.



Manawatu Knitting Mills Shamrock Rovers Masters, 9th place

Manager – Chris Stewart

Starting the season with a full roster The Mighty Shamrock Rovers were upbeat about the coming season. However their opponents didn't get the memo and the Rovers were dealt some heavy defeats in the first half of the first round. But in true Shamrock fashion the Mighty Rovers rose-up to just above average and starting playing some decent football, this was to culminate in claiming three wins and a couple of draws to not finish bottom with 11 points that's an average of 1.6pts per game.

And a special mention for Goal/s of the season going to Karl Burns 2 40+mtr goals against Whanganui Marist, outstanding

So a successful season for us once again, Chilly Bin is life.

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

Manager – Richie Nielsen

A New team in the Masters League this year made up of some existing Marist players, but also bringing in some new Players to club.

The team had a mixed year with results, but over all the lads seem to have enjoyed the season and finished it off with a great effort at tourney.

With it all said and done the Shaggins will be better for our 1st season under our belt and we will look forward to season number 2.

This year the awards have been selected by team voting so congrats to the guys that have won the silver wear, you were selected by your team mates, so enjoy.

I hope most, if not all of the boys are keen to come back next year as i feel the Hard part is done, so just the finer things to adjust and enjoy some football in 2025.



MKM Masters



N & R Builders Marist Park Rangers **Manawatu Division One, 5th place**

Coach – Ethan Jacobs

MPR had another division lift and saw us compete in Division 1 for the first time. Whilst we had a change in coach, manager and quite a few of our team we bound together and had a fun season finishing a respectable mid table (5th).

While the new division was a challenge, we had a really good season, with some big wins notably against the north end team who were unbeaten at the time, however we did suffer a few losses along the way to. We kept our heads up and enjoyed the season at the most competitive level most of the team had played at.



Men's Masters – Banshees **Masters, 3rd place**

Manager – Ken Hodgson

Banshees 2024 year.

3rd place in Masters league. Played 18; Won 11, drew 4 and lost 3. Won Marist Tourney

The Banshees had a pretty good year. Our goal at the start of the season was to be the top Marist side and finish above Feilding for the first time.

We achieved those goals, however the new sides Whanganui Athletic Cosmos and Massey finished 1 and 2.

We were in the hunt until late in the season and even led the table into the 2nd round.

Like any Masters team injuries and other commitments made the season a bit tougher than we would like, however as a squad we still played some pretty good football and the beers were always cold.

Our potential for the season could be summed up by the winners Cosmos only dropping 6 pts and conceding 12 goals. 4 of those points and 4 goals were to us.

We had great battles as always with the other 2 Marist sides the Rovers and the (new) Duns, with the Duns taking us out of the cup on penalties.

A shout out to Ritchie and the Duns boys for lending us key players when we were short.

Look forward to 2026 when hopefully we have a larger squad.



Marist Mens Reserves Yorb Horizons Premiership, 3rd Place

Coaches – Chris Mumford & Tom Rodden

Who says playing for a reserve team is a walk in the park? This season, we had 41 different players and 3 goalkeepers, never starting the same lineup twice! Despite the challenges, the team's attitude during training and on match days has been exceptional, always giving their all.

While the frequent changes in players led to some inconsistency in our results, it was heartening to hear from other teams that we played attractive football and were competitive yet fair. Off the pitch, the team spirit was incredible, with memorable away trips filled with singing in the changing rooms, fun races at the pool, and enjoyable times at the bowling alley. On the field, we proudly became the only team to defeat Levin this year and delivered a fantastic performance with a 6-1 victory against Whanganui. Finishing in 3rd place is a remarkable accomplishment this making us the highest reserve team in the region, that reflects the commitment of our core players and the great attitude.

Just want to give a special shoutout to our young Captain Mateo, who truly embraced the role of Captain this year and did an outstanding job! A big thank you and respect to everyone involved, Chris, Tom, and Rhys.



Smart Phone Repairs Marist Royals Men's Division 3, 7th Place

Coach – Tait Nielsen

I hope everyone is having a good evening so far, I will keep this short and sweet so we can continue with the awards. I want to say a huge thank you to Maxine our manager this year. Without her we would all be lost and probably wouldn't have made it to half our games this year. She does a whole lot for this team and makes my job as coach as easy as it can be.

My first year as a coach and I couldn't have asked for a better group of lads. We had a rocky start to the season but the improvements made throughout the season is something to be very proud of, I hope to see most of you next year and thank you all for a great season.



BDF Electrical Marist Celts Men's Division 2, 9th place

Manager – Luke Spurgeon

With a newly formed team, filled with a mixed bag of football experience levels, we knew it was going to be a tough season. With half the team being very new to mens football, we certainly had a difficult start to the season.

We slowly made some progress and teams that once bet us 16-0, only bet us by 3 goals the next match.

As well as being able to close of the 2nd half of the season with 3 wins and 2 draws, the teams started to find a groove. Although we didn't have an amazing season, the team was able to have some good laughs and some hard fought victories. Bring on next season!



Manawatu Knitting Mills Marist Mysteries Women's Division 3 - WINNERS

Coach – Sophia Douglas

The Mysteries are a team of ladies who come from all walks of life and united by the beautiful game.

We are a social team of girls who have an age gap of 40 years from our oldest to youngest team members, making our experience and capability varied, despite this the spirit displayed by the team is always positive and fun.

The Mysteries have had a fantastic season. We won 13/14 games over the plate and league, scored a whopping 79 goals and consistently played with fun in mind. Yeah girls!!!



Isle Construction Ltd Women's Development Women's Division 2, 3rd Place

Coch – **Matty Greig**

As the team name suggests this season was about developing footballing skills and knowledge for a fantastic group of young women. For a majority of them this was their first taste of senior women's football, a challenge that they all rose to brilliantly.

A first season that included a plate semi final, a narrow defeat to the eventual league winners on their own patch, plenty of goals and some fantastic football is one that I hope you all agree is to be celebrated.

Well done ladies, I wish you the very best for the future and look forward to seeing you around football in the years to come. You've taught me as much as I've taught you this season, and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Thanks!



Freedom Plus Marist Evergreenz Women's Division 2, 6th Place

Coch – **Jane Archer**

First, a round of applause for Evergreenz still going strong for yet another season together!

This year, our average age has gracefully crept up towards the mid-40s, but let's be honest – age is but a number when your spirit is as youthful as ours. We've had a few of our teammates take a break to focus on other pursuits, and though we missed them dearly, we were thrilled to welcome our wonderful newcomers who have fit seamlessly into our team culture. We're so grateful to have you with us. Also a thank you to those that filled in across the season.

Our philosophy has always been about the joy of the game, and most importantly, cherishing the camaraderie that makes our team so special. We even managed a couple of wins and stayed competitive throughout.

Beyond the pitch, one of the highlights this season has been our quest for the perfect post-match coffee spot, and I think we arguably have a new favourite. Here's to many more games of football and post-match treats.



Under 17 Capital Development League – Winners

Awardees:-

Players Player – Cillian Carroll

Best Team Member – Olen Juru

MVP – Diego Coleman

The youth space at Marist FC is in a strong position. This year the best of our players merged with PNBHS in the Youm Youth Partnership and Formed our Marist U17 Youth team.

This programme has given a large group of our players the opportunity to play and perform at a competition level above what is currently available in the Manawatu.

With Central Football allowing both our U17 and U13 Teams to enter the Wellington CDL leagues it meant our players have been able to experience fortnightly travel to Wellington and on the alternate weeks hosting responsibilities for the travelling opposition teams. The players are extremely fortunate the club is in a strong enough position to support such programmes - which will go some way to ensure local players play locally, instead of the mass influx of our talent down to the big Wellington clubs.

We played 16 games – winning 14 Games.

Coaching staff challenged the players to adapt a new defensive system which proved the difference in the league, only conceding 8 goals the entire season..

After the Wellington CDL league finished the club doubled down on the investment in Youth – entering the Youth National League Qualifiers.

With couple of changes to the roster and bolstering the Coaching staff by adding Micheal and Adam to challenge the top clubs across Central and Capital Football.

Marist U17 played 4 Games – Won 3 Games, but we didn't qualify on a tight goal difference!!!



We threw everything we had at the tournament and our boys learnt a few lessons about the importance of taking changes and maybe doing things differently in certain situations – this learnt resilience will be taken with the players for the rest of their footballing careers.

A huge thanks to Brent and the Team at YOUM Mortgage advisers for sponsoring the Youm Youth programme and continuing their club sponsorship, anybody looking to save money on mortgage should go and talk to the team in their Palmerston North office. My last thanks have to go to Ace Smith, who has taken all the admin work away from me and meant all my effort went into development – this underpinning the strength of the club, thanks again.

It's been an absolute pleasure to coach the U17 programme at Marist this year, the club have been nothing but supportive and the willingness of the club to support this Initiative has been amazing.

Scott Coleman
Coach



CRICKET

Marist Senior Mens


Palmerston North Marist Cricket Club
Marist Senior Mens 2023/24
Winners of the Premier One T20 Competition



Back row: Grant McCaskie (Chairman), Levi Woodson, Mo Carter, Jack Donald-Channing, Connor Morris (Club Captain), Ross Barnett (Club Coach)
Front row: Matt Wells, Ariana Nozima Barnett, Jack Gleason, Dylan Lynch (Captain), Wherry Ho Magard, Isaac Edmunds, Hans Rana
Absent: Sam Prender, Sean Faulkner

Marist P1 Women

Palmerston North Marist Cricket Club
Marist P1 Women 2023/24



Back row: Sally Warrham, Tony Crocker (Coach), Connor Morris (Club Captain), Ci Kane
Front row: Jamie Croucher, Molly Nozima-Barnett (Captain), Gina Collo, Aina Cameron
Absent: Zoe Adams, Janette Culling, Anika Edmunds, Grace Morris, Jacqueline Waters, Ella Stroud-Perry, Emily Smith, Molly O'Connell, Ariana Karthama, Teira Peters, Gemma Linnwood

HOCKEY

2024 winter season

The 2024 season had 5 teams enter the Manawatu competitions. The 3 men's team all made their semis but only the division 4 'Spartans' made the final but falling short. The 2 women teams saw new coaches and players bringing a positive vision for next season.

This year saw new faces within the committee bringing new ideas to the table including a successful quiz night which opened up the doors for new possibilities.

The National Hockey Competition was held in Palmerston North this year which saw many of our players make selection for both tiers. Our 'Wolverines' Premier men's side Andy Wylie took on the coaching role with manager Rae-Ann Beaman. Liam Simpson and Matthew Kennedy were the representatives for the squad.

There was good representation from Marist at the Masters tournament. Mike Tan, Jason Belcher, Matt Black, Nick Wong all making their respective age group.

Alex Greeves made the U16 girls team which Nicole Thompson assisted with coaching.

Josh Levy took place in the Go Hockey experience North South challenge.

Ollie Belcher made the u18 boys team.

At the Hockey Manawatu awards night, keeper Carter Andrew picked up 'Best Junior Keeper'.

Hockey expenses are ever increasing so it is good to see good player retention from previous years and we hope to see this going forward. We cannot ask our players to front all the costs so we rely on grants and sponsorships to create an enjoyable atmosphere. The season started off with a grant which allowed for teams to get new uniforms and update all the gear for teams which the club was very grateful for. We also saw 2 new sponsors come onboard, Steve's tires and Tui early Learning. We appreciate their input.

We all know that we are unable to play sport without the volunteering from our officials. A special congratulations to Caleb Hansen for his appointments over the year, including his first appointment to the Division 1 final in the local comp and named as an official for the u21 North v South series and NHC competition. He was also included to the future black sticks umpiring camp, we wish him all the best for his career.

Another positive year from the club and we look forward to the next season

Kieran Scannell
Club Captain,
Marist Hockey Club

2024 Club awards

Most valuable:	Liam Simpson Nicole Thompson
Top goal:	Josh Scott Shayna Shortall
Most improved:	Roberto Goulter Marlaina Veltman
Club Spirit:	Lucas Tan
Most consistent Jr:	Jacob Papenfus
Best and fairest:	Kara Pendavingh
Most dedicated:	Julie Illingworth



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TENNIS

Tennis Season 2023/2024

The Marist Tennis Club has just wrapped up another unforgettable season. Our immensely popular Hot Shots program successfully introduced new players to the sport, while our A team made history by winning the Senior A interclub grade for three consecutive years. Their outstanding performance in the finals was a true highlight of the season. Meanwhile, our green dot team, comprised of eager beginners, made it to the finals and narrowly missed the title, losing by just one game on countback.

Our Saturday morning Hot Shots program, designed for children aged 5-12, has been instrumental in developing their skills for future interclub play. We deeply appreciate the parents who actively participated each week, helping with setup, ball collection, and supporting our coaches – your involvement makes a significant difference!

This season was indeed a triumph for our interclub teams. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the parents and team managers who ensured our players were ready and punctual each week.

We'd like to congratulate the six junior and three senior players who earned spots on representative teams this season. The future looks incredibly bright for our club, with many of our young athletes stepping up to represent Manawatu – so proud of you all!

We rely heavily on grants to sustain our club's operations, and we are immensely grateful to the Shamrock Club, Paul O'Brien, and the Marist Sports Club for securing funding from NZCT for equipment, court hire, and coaching. Special thanks also to the Lion Foundation for their generous support of our junior program. Our scoreboard sponsors deserve recognition too, as their contributions were a hit with all our players this year. We truly appreciate the support of our community; without it, our club would not thrive.

Looking ahead, our challenge is to attract new members, and we are excited to launch our schools program at St. Peter's and Ross Intermediate next season.

This year's Junior Club Championships were held on Friday nights, showcasing competitive matches. Our seniors also produced awesome tennis – congratulations to all the winners!

None of these achievements would be possible without the dedicated efforts of my committee, whose countless hours of work ensure the smooth operation of our club.

Finally, we take pride in being a fun, family-oriented club. I wish everyone the best for the upcoming season, knowing that together, the Marist Tennis Club and Marist Sports Club are vital to the future and success of tennis in the Manawatu.

John Salisbury

President, Marist Tennis Club

Interclub Teams 2024

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 2024 on the Saturday 19 October and runs for 7 weeks (no play over Labour weekend). There is no play in January 2025 and re-commences for another 7 weeks in Term 1 2025. 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 and the first practice is Friday 18th October.

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.

We need confirmation urgently that your child is going to play for our club this summer. To get your child registered so we can place them in a graded team, email me with the following details (send to johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz):

- Child's name
- Date of birth, age
- Parents name
- Contact details (Phone and email)

If you are needing advice to purchase the right racket, please contact me.

Big John (John Salisbury)
Marist Tennis Club President and Club Coach
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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 2024. It is a 6 week programme at Vautier Park commencing on **Saturday 2nd November 2024**.

- **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 child’s 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!!

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The Marist “Hot Shot” Team -Manawatu’s #1 Hot Shot Club!
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NETBALL

Marist Netball 2024 Report

This year Marist Netball had 9 teams in the Netball Manawatu competition. We had a fantastic season, with our Flipp Transport Marist A1's finishing second in the Premier 2 grade, qualifying us for the promotion/relegation series for the 2025 season, and our Spike Electrical Marist Ballbusters were the winners of their grade. We would like to thank you to all our coaches, umpires and supporters who continue to show up each week and support our community. We ended the season with our Back to the 80's 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 2024, Flipp Transport, C & R Engineering, Martin Beveridge, Spike Electrical and Adore Salon. We are looking forward to another successful season in 2025 and continuing to build on our established foundation.

Thanks **Jaclyn**

Marist Netball Committee

Committee

Club Captain – Jaclyn Turner

Treasurer – Kelsi Eccles

Secretary – Sarah Skilton

Social Media Coordinator – Kate Hadfield

Umpire Coordinator – Laura Pocock

Uniforms Coordinator – Alicia Nelder-McCormick

Other members – Michelle Drew, Olivia Korte, Glynis Lye

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Club Awards 2024

Team of the Year 2024
Harnett Cup for Leadership
Fair Play Trophy

Quigan Sportsperson 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
Spirit of Umpiring Award
Most Promising Umpire Award
Most Improved Umpire Award
C & R Engineering Marist Netball Above and Beyond Award

Spike Electrical Marist Ballbusters
Kate Hadfield
Tessa Amey and
Andrea Anderson
Madison Hadfield
Madison Hadfield
Flipp Transport Marist A1's
Megan Turfrey
Dantaye Simpson
Michelle Drew
Alicia Nelder-McCormick
Katelynn Ireland
Laura Pocock
Emily Pocock
Colleen Nelder

We would also like to acknowledge and congratulate two of our community, who received an award at the Netball Manawatu 2024 season.

**Glynis Lye Trophy for the most promising senior player Premier 2 and below –
*Madison Hadfield***
**Thelma Turner Memorial Cup for the most dedicated and determined player –
*Michelle Drew***

JUNIOR CRICKET



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Marist 7-8 JCC Gold



Marist 7/8 JCC Green



Marist 7/8 JCC Yellow



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JUNIOR RUGBY

2024 Marist Junior Rugby Chairman's Report

The Marist Junior Rugby Club completed a successful 2024 Season with 410 registered players across 27 teams, up 8% on last season. This year we continued our free fee's offer for Y1 Players. It was pleasing to see 3 girls only teams in Y1, Y2 and Y7 grades along with 2 teams with close to 50% girls as well. The teams were a success attracting new players to rugby with lots of new friendships being made.

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

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

Their contribution to the running of the club is greatly appreciated. The \$500 Club members support is equally appreciated Paterson's Exterior Plastering & Decorating, Central Powdercoaters, Brushstrokes, Mad Butcher Palmerston North, Nathan Mooney Property Brokers and Streetwise coffee. Additionally, McDonalds Manawatu's Player of the Day certificates, Sals Pizza for the coach's award 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, Jerseys, equipment, and Tee Shirts for our coaches. We were able replace our OBM Y8 jerseys this season 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 Y1 to Y8 players with help from our senior clubs' men's and women's teams who got stuck in and passed on their knowledge to the younger generation. The two-Family Club Days were a great success also. The players and their siblings were given a free fizz and chips while the parents mingled in the Marist clubrooms with some platters from the kitchen and an open bar. It was great to see the kids all playing together creating memories they will remember for the rest of their lives. The Y5-Y8 coaches again took out the bragging rights at the annual Coaches vs Coaches Rippa game for the 3rd year in a row. Finally, we ran a junior club glow disco which was very well attended. It was great to see the children having a great time.

This Year we had a Y6 and Y7/8 team travel to Taupo to take part in the 3-day NZ junior rugby festival who represented the club with pride. A big thank you to the organisers of these tours as much work goes in behind the scenes to make them a reality.

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

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

Kind regards

Kent Higson
Marist Junior Rugby Chairman

2024 Prizegiving

	MVP		Most improved		Team player
Y1 Green	Jensen Malifa		Benjamin Stanford		Reid Moa
Y1 White	Mikaere Ruruku Kauri		Paora Rakatau		Regan Gifkins
Y1 Black	Mason Barnes		Makai Turfrey		Freddie Drake
Y1 Gold	Theo Hales		Kaitiaki		Te Aroha
			Nikorima-Kakau		Dean-Bryan
Y1 Red	Theo Overton		Asher Purdy-Hodge		Hunter Kamo
Y1 Blue	Lachlan Love-Mclaughlin		Rhylan Lindop		Sione Nisa
Rippa Girls Pink	Charlie-Rose Stretch		Nikaira Mio		Kuini Henare
Rippa Girls Gold	Messiah Edwards		Charley Pointon-Gyde		Emily Bateman
Y2 Green	Evan Mik		Josiah Te Rauna		Dylan Watson
Y2 White	Carson Teau		Ethan Hadley-Jones		Jordan Farrington
Y3 Green	Jake Harper		Jackson Thomas		Dylan Lau
- Best tackler	Beauden Davidson				
Y3 White	Cohan Griffen		Mckenzie Bettridge		Benson Duffy
- Best tackler	Lola Higson				
Y3 Black	Levi Horne		Hudson Smaling		Reid Campbell
- Best tackler	Kalayo Kerrisk				
Y4 Green	PJ Gifkins		Toby Bradnock		Ellakai
- Best tackler	Isla Crosswell				Spencer-Kokiri
Y4 White	Parker Dyason		Terry Hutchinson		Fletcher Elsmore
- Best tackler	Henry Wescott				
Y4 Black	Zayn Whitaker		Kennedy-James O'Rourke		Max Witton
- Best tackler	Jackson Legg				
Y5 GREEN	Jacob Westrupp		Jahlazeigh Huriwai		Te Ariki
- Best tackler	Coby Fraser				Tawharu-Barber
Y5 White	Mason Malifa		Isla Butturini		Anahera
- Best tackler	Jethro Tupai				Rauhihi-Anaru
Y5 Black	Liam Spearpoint		Calai Hope		James Turner
- Best tackler	Blake Spearpoint				
	MVP		Team player		Best tackler
Y6 Green	Helmet Modlik		Isaac Mayo		Jacob Mamea
- Most improved forward:	Chase Royal				
- Most improved back:	Jaivan Edmonds				
Y6 White	Kingston Tangitutu		Tiuka Meehan		Archie Webby
- Most improved forward:	Sika Siu				
- Most improved back:	Leon Fugle				
Y6 Black	Finn Williams		Ryan O'Dea		Oliver Henderson
- Most improved forward:	Mason Job				
- Most improved back:	Diontaye Thomas				
Y7 Green	Angus Cadzow		Leo Bradnock		CaylisLeota-Horua
- Most improved forward:	Braxton Rigg				
- Most improved back:	Carter White				
Y7 Black	Campbell Spearpoint		Riley Andrews		Ben Nell
- Most improved forward:	Mason Kemp				
- Most improved back:	Ihaia George				
Y7 Girls	Haylo Lange		Tamsyn Le		Aria
- Most improved:	Ashlyn Rongo-Kea and Sarah Moses				Keelan-Kahaki

	MVP	Team player	Best tackler
Y8 Green	Austin Haswell	Treyton Whitaker	Kade Henderson
- Most improved forward:	Royale Murphy		
- Most improved back:	Parker Hales		
Y8 Black	Zac Wormgoor	Shaquil Hewage	Tyson Sorensen-Tufuga
- Most improved forward:	Luke Tavita		
- Most improved back:	Dominic Stassen		

Players Player: Kade Henderson

NZ Marist U13 Nomination: Rocco Tavendale, Brook Jnr Bidois, Bid-warr

3.2.1. MVP: Rocco Tavendale

Andersen Shield: Vernon Tuia

Baker Shield: Haylo Lange

Vao Shield: 2023 Y5 Black team

Loyalty medals:

Bronze:

Y3 Black: Levi Horne, Louis Liddington, Mack Salmon

Y3 Green: Oliver Coatsworth, TJ McDonald, Rico Meehan

Y3 White: Taylor Busch-Chapman, Benson Duffy, Lola Higson

Y3 Green: Jackson Thomas, Keahi Wehipeihana

Y4 Black: Louhan Fourie, Louvan Fourie, Kennedy-James O'Rourke, ZaynWhitake

Y4 Green: Isla Crosswell, Gabriel Kauri, Julian Kauri

Y4 White: Fletcher Elsmore, Judah Pelman, Marshall Watt

Y5 Black: Marley Hubac-White, Benjamin Pratt

Y5 Green: David Hanson Danny Junior, Stephens-Smith, Te Ariki Tawharu-Barber

Y6 Black: Mason Job, Conrad Legg

Y6 Green: Jacob Mamea

Y6 White: Shaun Smith, Kingston Tangitutu

Y7 Black: Jermaine Manuel, Mākoha Mataira-Tahuriorangi, Raiden Pehi

Y8 Black: Jacob Noud, Christiaan Snyman

Y8 Green: Samuel Helm, Henry Hoskins, Claudius Manu, Isaac McGregor, Hunter Pilkington

Silver

Y4 Black: Max Witton, Calai Hope

Y5 Black: James Turner, Max Vallender

Y5 Green: CobyFraser

Y5 White: Charlie Purves

Y6 Black: Levi Guerin, Ryan O'Dea, Declan Tyrrell, Finn Williams

Y6 Green: Te Mana Horua, Isaac Mayo

Y6 White: Jaxon Sutton-Martin, Johnny Tangi

Y7 Black: Beau Nicklin, Kahumaki Ruruku, Lupé Taoba-Mitimeti

Y7 Girls: Karerea Patuwai

Y7 Green: Maddison Borck, Geordie Court, Cooper Lowe, Charlie Smith, Junior Te Rauna

Y8 Black: Finian Moore

Y8 Green: Treyton Whitaker

Gold

Y6 Black: Cullen Ryder

Y7 Black: Riley Andrews, Beau Greenfield

Y7 Green: Jayden Ahern, Leo Bradnock, Tyler Burden, Angus Cadzow, Braelan Edmonds, Blake Fraser, Travis Mainwaring, Levi Paterson Kruz Taiaroa, Carter White

Y8 Green: Jackson Bennett-Davies, Parker Hales, Austin Haswell, Solomon Latu

Platinum

Y7 Girls: Mia Tutaki

Y7 Green: Nate Higson

Y8 Black: HeNun Fa'aiuga, Kruz Pei, Staedis Suafo'a, Luke Tavita, Oakley Towers

Y8 Green: Liam Sutherland, Braxton Wright

Year 1 Green

Being part of the Marist Year 1 group is a great experience for all. Two new coaches, Luke Mainwaring and Hanno Pieterse, with a great group of kids faced the new challenges of the season together.

A special shout to all the parents of Marist Year 1 Green that assisted during training, ensured kids made it to the practise on Wednesdays and always provided a helping hand on game-day.

Training sessions were great even in cold windy weather, all the players were positive and very enthusiastic. Always up for the challenge. There was also some good competitiveness among the players that inspired all to just give their best. The youngsters learn that we are one team but seven players and that we have to work together. Building a wall was a massive the challenge but we got there in the end. It was great to see how fast the kids improved and how their confidence with running and ripping increased over time.

I hope we see all the same faces in 2025 for the year 2 ripper rugby.

Hanno and Luke, Coaches



Year 1 Black

it was a good mix to have. The biggest challenge was keeping the kids focused throughout the whole game. The kids showed up to training and games focused and determined, which was a real pleasure.

In the first game of the season, all the kids scored and made some impressive plays, which was a huge surprise but awesome to see. Although we didn't match that performance in subsequent games, the effort remained strong. The team had a wide range of skill levels, from kids who had played last season to those who had never played or even touched a ball before. With 12 kids on the team, we always had enough players each week, even with the typical illnesses going around.

Training was always fun, with a major focus on sidestepping and scoring tries. We also included fun games like "What's the Time, Mr. Wolf" and "Bull Rip." The kids consistently showed great effort during training, which was awesome to see and helped create a strong team bond. Parents often found it hard to get their kids in the car after training. Down at Coronation Park, the kids also loved trying to kick the ball over the goalpost.

We would like to thank the parents for showing up each week and giving us the opportunity to coach. It makes coaching a lot easier when you have supportive parents, so thank you. A highlight of the year was handing out the Player of the Day trophy; the kids' faces were priceless. The consistent improvement and hard work the kids showed were truly rewarding. We hope to see all the kids back at Marist next year and look forward to coaching them in Year 2 Ripper again

Marty Stratford, Coach



Year 1 White

Year 1 Marist White had a good mix of players this season with a few 4 year olds fresh to rippa rugby who developed in confidence in each week. It was awesome to have many returning players in the team who showed development and improved focus from last year, as well as a lot of skill each week.

Practices and games were well attended, and this is a credit to all the players' and parents' commitment. The weather this season was favourable and kept up the momentum of the players improving their skills. The focus was on having fun, practising the basics of the game, improving on skills and building a team spirit. which was lead by the dual coaching team of Hamish Clare and Rushy Naisau.

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. The team spirit was special to witness by the end of the season.

The Marist Tournament was a highlight of the year. A number of our players participated and were joined with another Marist team. They showed great comradery and won their grade.

A big thanks to the manager Shayna Gleeson-Long who did an exceptional job throughout the season.

Hopefully we see everyone back playing for Marist Junior Rugby next year, and all the best for those moving on to Year 2 rippa rugby.

Hamish Clare, Coach



Year 1 Gold

The Y1 Gold team had a ripper 2024 season.

This season saw a mix of experience, with several players returning for their second year and most joining for their first. The newcomers quickly integrated into the team, forging strong bonds, and bringing a positive attitude and eagerness to learn.

We were fortunate to have Jesse Jones, a FAHS student, and the aunt of player Harley, assist with coaching. Jesse's fresh ideas and commitment to the team was great.

The support from whanau and supporters was exceptional, with many actively participating in practices and games. Special thanks to Ruben, Oceane, and Maitlin for their invaluable contributions.

On game days, our players showed impressive progress, giving their all with remarkable diving try's, a robust defensive line, stepping and try-saving rips. It has been rewarding to witness each player's growth, and I'm excited to see their continued development in the upcoming season.

Ngā mihi, Coach, Leah



Year 1 Red

Two first time Rippa coaches and manager and a diverse playing group with varying skill levels made for an interesting start to the season. Sprinkle in new players being added on a weekly basis and the season was set to be entertaining to say the least! While as coaches/managers the expectation was we would be 'herding cats' it was far from the case. The kids were engaged and enthusiastic and grasped new concepts quickly. This was also helped by the parents doing a wonderful job of getting the kids to practice and games and helping out where they could. This all culminated in a fantastic showing at the Marist 7's tournament where our team took out the trophy. Not going to lie but that was a super proud moment for everyone involved.

As the season wore on, we began to introduce and enforce the Rippa rules more strictly. Once again, the kids adapted fantastically which resulted in some fast, free flowing games which the kids and spectators appreciated. This will hopefully set them up nicely for their second year of Rippa.

Every player showed massive improvement in all aspects of Rippa, but most pleasing was how the kids went away from it being 'all about scoring tries' to 'all about stopping them'. Every kid had their time to shine with everyone scoring a try and getting a rip. It was a highlight seeing the once shy kids that were too shy to get involved, evolve into confident kids actively looking to be a part of the game.

All in all, in our opinion a successful season and we look forward to many more to come.

Hamish Overton, Coaches/Manager



Year 1 Blue



Rippa Girls Pink

Marist Team Pink had a majority of brand-new players in the 4-6 age group, accompanied by fresh coaches and managers in the world of rippa rugby. The season commenced with some uncertainty, but as time went on, we all found our rhythm together.

Our primary aim was to foster a sense of belonging, boost confidence, forge friendships, nurture a passion for the game, and above all, ensure everyone had a blast! The pre-season game served as a valuable learning experience, highlighting areas where the girls needed support and offering insights for coaching improvements.

Initially, ripping posed a significant challenge, but once the girls embraced it, there was no looking back.

One player who initially found rugby dull and uninteresting surprised us all by eagerly taking the ball and fearlessly charging through opponents by the season's end. Shy girls who preferred the sidelines at first eventually and happily joined their teammates on the field. Our 7-year-old with prior experience took the younger girls under her wing, providing unwavering encouragement during every practice and game. Witnessing each player excel in their unique way was truly inspiring and was amazing to be a part of.

The team was fortunate to have a dedicated group of parents who consistently brought the girls to practices and games, assisted with scoring, photography, provided halftime snacks and post-match treats. Their unwavering support undoubtedly contributed to the team's achievements.

Hopefully we'll be able to reunite Team Pink next year, although a few members may be ready to advance to tackle rugby by then.

Congratulations to Team Pink for their remarkable progress and positive spirit throughout the season.

Team Pink on three 1,2,3 PINK

Rochelle Taylor, Coach



Rippa Girls Gold

Marist Girls Rippa Gold had an incredible season. For many of our girls, it was their first season playing rugby. Most of the team hadn't met before and started off very shy. But by the end of the first round, the girls had built close friendships with each other and were breezing through the games. We went up to the Year 2 grade for round 3. This was awesome for the girls, a lot more challenging which pushed them to play harder and really develop their skills.



We combined forces with another Marist team and were the winners of our grade at this year's Junior 7's Tournament. This was a big confidence boost for the team. We were also very fortunate to be the curtain raisers at two of the Cyclone's games at the arena this season. An amazing experience for the girls!

The coaching and management team were well supported by all of the families, and everyone was happy to step in when needed. Our team had a real positive culture, and our sidelines were always full of cheering supporters!

Each of our girls improved massively and grew in confidence and skill each game. They gave their all every Saturday and always had smiles on their faces. It was awesome to see them flourish both on and off the field and to see their love for rugby blossom!

Patrick and Anahera Autagavaia, Coach/Manager

Year 2 Green

A lot of change from last year, with only two boys from last year's U6 Green team returning to this team, as well as a new coach (Jaques Mik). Awesome to see some of the U6 Green boys from last year excelling in first year tackle in the year 3 teams.

A heavy early season out of town draw tested numbers, but across the second half of the season we consistently had the same team available which really helped the team gel. It was awesome to see the growing contribution from several players at the end of the season. There were multiple candidates for most improved.

The undoubted season highlight was the Marist 7s. A great experience for the kids getting to play tournament rugby. A huge thank you to the boys from the Y2 White team who joined us. Our defence was particularly strong throughout the day, with a lot of consistency against some strong teams.

Thank you to the parent group for being so positive on the sidelines. Upholding the high standards set by Marist junior rugby. This flowed on to the boys playing hard but fair, and always displaying positive behaviour.

Hopefully we see all the team back next year for the first year of tackle.

Nathan Hopcroft and Jaques Mik, Coaches



Year 2 White

Rippa Rugby 2024 was a great success for the Marist Year 2 White team. Bringing lots of new and familiar faces together.

Trainings and warmups were focused on having lots of fun, strong defence for a 6 rip handover and a conscious effort to share the ball before making it across the try line. This helped all our boys to grow confidence on the field and become a real cool team together.

A huge thank you to Kent, Sara, Craig, Hamish, Alistair and the rest of our behind the scenes people. Marist Junior Rugby wouldn't be what it is without your hard working positive efforts!

Also a big shout out to our Parents, Friends and Family members who show up on the side lines every weekend bringing the positive encouragement, half time oranges and lolly scrambles for our tamariki! Your efforts don't go unnoticed.

This season has come and gone by so quickly! Enjoy your off season everyone, I look forward to seeing you back next year for our first year of Tackle Rugby.

Ngā mihi, Jessie Leslie, Coach



Year 3 Black



Year 3 Green

The 2024 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 rippa teams in 2023.

This year was the first season of tackle for all players. The rough and tumble of tackle was second nature for some of the team (typically those with older siblings), while it was a bit of a foreign concept for others. I'm glad to say all players regardless of where they started from were a lot more confident in tackling by the end of the season and our weekly "tackler of the day" award was hotly contested over the final months of games.

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.

Also a big thanks to our team sponsors Print HQ and Nathan Mooney Property Brokers, as well as all the parents who have helped out at games and trainings, William and Tinny especially. All the support is greatly appreciated.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone back next season.

Craig and Phil, Coaches



Year 3 White

This year saw a new team come together made up of close to 50% boys and 50% girls. It is a big transition moving from Ripa to tackle as the team worked hard to develop key skills with tackle technique and bridging being the major focus. At the start of the year the team still had an individual mindset but as the season went on the team started to pass and some great team passages of play and tries resulted.

It was pleasing to see every team member's personal development and the team culture grow over the season. We have a lot of exciting players with loads of potential. Look forward to seeing all the team back for the 2025 season.

MVP – Cohan Griffen

Most Improved – McKenzie Bettridge

Best Tackler – Lola Higson

Team Player – Benson Duffy

Regards, Kent and Mason, Coaches



Year 4 Green

Season overview: The Year 4 Marist Rugby Team had an extraordinary season, showcasing their skills, teamwork, and determination. They went undefeated throughout the season, a testament to their hard work and dedication.

Key highlights:

- **Undefeated Season:** The team played with incredible consistency and resilience, winning every match they played. Their defense was rock-solid, and their offense was dynamic.

- Marist 7s Tournament Champions: The team also triumphed in the Marist 7s tournament, displaying their versatility and speed in the shorter format of the game. Their victory in overtime in the final was a highlight of the season. Isla Crosswell was named tournament MVP by the referees.

Team spirit: The camaraderie among the players was evident both on and off the field. They supported each other through every challenge, celebrated each victory together, and learned from each experience.

The parent support was fantastic and a great group.

Season MVP – Peter Gifkins

Team Player – Ellakai Spencer – Kikri

Best Tackler – Isla Crosswell

Most Improved – Toby Bradnock.

Congratulations to the Year 4 Marist Rugby Team on an unforgettable season!

Damon, Coach



Year 4 White

First of all, I'd like to thank the Marist committee. The planning, communication, and execution this season have been fantastic. As someone on another sports board, I've learned a lot from how things are run here.

Team Dynamics: As with any sport at this age, we had a wide range of skill levels, which made the start of the season a bit tricky. Our seasoned pros were getting bored early on, which sometimes distracted those who were trying to learn the basics.

This carried over to the games, with more experienced players often dominating play.

Thankfully, with the help of three dads from our group, we managed to divide and conquer. We split into smaller groups, focusing on advanced skills with some kids while bringing the beginners up to speed in a less distracting environment. By the second half of the season, we had most of the team on the same page, and things were moving forward nicely. The biggest thrill was seeing the boys come together as a team; they all seemed like they were great mates and that became our catch cry. HELP OUT YOUR MATES. Whether it was group tackling or giving everyone a run. It was great to be a part of.

James Dyason, Coach



Year 4 Black

The 2024 season has now come to an end.

Time to reflect and remember the amazing season that was had. With two new coaches Thorne and CJ it was an exciting but daunting feeling heading into the season. These feelings of nervousness were very abruptly put to a halt upon the commencement of training and the season. With an extremely supportive group of parents and wider Whanau and the support of the most respectful, courageous and encouraging players, the task at hand was made easy very quickly.

The development of the team from the start of the season to the end was something to be hold. Sportsmanship,courage,resilience and technique were all main focuses of the coaching group and did it ever grow and show throughout the season!

An absolute special group of kids that played the game extremely tough but always clean, with great sportsmanship and within the rules. Tackle technique and the improvement made around that from every team member was extremely impressive to see. Learning many intricacies of the game especially around the ruck proved to be great value and will see all the players in a good position to continue to grow on their rugby journey. With that we sign off on the 2024 season and look forward to seeing you all again next year playing the game we all love.

Thorne & CJ, Coaches



Year 5 Green

It was an up and down year this year for the Y5 Green team with grade changes bringing different players together to form a new team. Working out each players abilities took a few weeks which opened the door to figuring out who would be a forward and who would be a back. This was still a work in progress at the end of the season but hopefully this will set the boys up nicely for the next season.

The coaching staff would very much like to thank all of our players and their families who all helped at different times to make the season work.

Many thanks,

Jacinta and Hamish, Coaches



Year 5 White

“First off, thank you for giving me the opportunity to help Coach the Year 5 White this year. It was an honour and privilege to be part of Marist not only as a Father to kids playing for the Club, but as a Coach. (Manu-Blue Samuelu)”.

Marist Y5 White had a commendable season, with a unique dynamic of having a significant number of girls on the team. The team was fortunate to have a dedicated management team consisting of two coaches and a manager who covered all aspects of logistics and coaching throughout the season. The support of the parents in bringing their children to training and games was also crucial in the team’s success.

Despite a rocky start, losing their first four games, the team persevered and gradually improved as the season progressed. With focused skills work around the ruck ball and tackling, the players were able to gel as a team and showcase their abilities on the field. This hard work paid off as the team went on to win seven out of their last eight games, demonstrating their growth and development throughout the season.

Special recognition goes to Mason Malifa (MVP), Jethro Tupai (Best Tackler) Isla Butturin (Most Improved) and Anahera Rauhihi (Team Player) for their outstanding performances and awards. The team’s success would not have been possible without the dedication of the coaches, Manu and Dave who volunteered their time and expertise to help the players improve. Also, thanks to Nara for managing the players into action! With a strong team spirit and commitment from all involved, Marist Y5 White had a season to be proud of and will look to build on their success in the future.

Manu, Dave and Nara, Coaches/Manager



Year 5 Black

This season has been a remarkable journey of growth and improvement for our team. Compared to last year, we have made significant strides in developing both our individual skills and our overall team dynamics. The players have shown tremendous commitment to refining their abilities, which has been evident in our performances on the field.

One of our key goals this season was to strengthen our team culture. We emphasized the importance of supporting one another, working collaboratively, and fostering a positive environment where every player feels valued. It was encouraging to see the team embrace this mindset, which not



only improved our cohesion but also created a sense of camaraderie and unity. The results of these efforts were clear: we played more cohesively, communicated more effectively, and supported each other through challenges.

While we are proud of the progress we've made, we also recognize that there is always room for improvement. We are eager to carry forward the lessons we've learned this season into the next, building on the foundation we've established. Our aim is to continue this upward trajectory, focusing on further skill development and maintaining the strong, supportive culture we have cultivated.

Looking ahead, we are optimistic about what the future holds for our team. We have laid a solid groundwork this season, and with continued effort and dedication, we are confident that we can achieve even greater success next year. Thank you to all the players, coaches, and supporters for their hard work and unwavering commitment to the team's growth and success. Let's take the momentum from this year and turn it into even greater achievements next season!

Regan and Tony, Coaches

Year 6 Green

The Marist Year 6 Green rugby team had an outstanding season, showcasing remarkable talent and teamwork. Helmut Modlik stood out as the most valuable player, consistently leading the team with his exceptional work ethic. Jaivan Edmonds, recognized as the most improved back, demonstrated significant progress in his agility and game awareness, while Chase Royal, the most improved forward, showed tremendous growth in his strength and tackling abilities. Jacob Mamea earned the title of best tackler, making crucial stops throughout the season. The team award went to Isaac Mayo, whose dedication and sportsmanship were exemplary.

Several players had noteworthy seasons, contributing to the team's overall success. Jack Squire and Taane Mainwaring both had impressive performances, consistently supporting their teammates and making key plays on both attack and defence. Newcomer Boston Newcomb made a strong impact arriving half-way through the season, quickly adapting to the team's dynamics and proving to be a valuable asset. Daniel Mudford also showed significant improvement, enhancing his skills and becoming a handy distributor of the ball.

The team's success was further bolstered by the powerful ball-carrying abilities of James Blackley and Temana Horua, who frequently broke through defensive lines. Moustafa Altanib, new to rugby, displayed great enthusiasm and potential, learning the game and contributing to the team's efforts. Overall, the Marist Year 6 rugby team had a memorable season, marked by individual achievements and collective growth. Coaches Shaun Mainwaring and Hayden Squire look forward to seeing these boys' return next year.

A massive thanks to our team sponsor Turbine Residential Ltd. Without your support the team wouldn't have the opportunity to express themselves on the rugby field.

Hayden Squire, Coach



Year 6 White

This year had a pretty different start due to the switch up of the grades. The team was made up of players who mostly had not played together beforehand, with a couple who were new to rugby. Despite this, the team still started off strong although there were plenty of areas to improve on as players and as a team.

Throughout the season we worked on the simple but important areas - rucks, passing, defensive structure, more rucks, and togetherness. The improvement was massive and by the end of the season they were a formidable team with every single player contributing. After the games the opposing coach would often comment on the skills and demeanour of the team.

What stood out to me the most this year was how positive the players and whanau were, it was an awesome environment to coach in and I'm immensely proud of all the players.

Chris Webby, Coach



Year 6 Black

2024 started off with a lot of uncertainty with the introduction of year levels and no longer having age grades. This change up meant that our team who had been together for the past 4 years would unfortunately be split up. Team announcements saw 9 new players enter our squad, 4 of whom had never played rugby. This was most definitely a challenge for us as we had to teach our new kids the basics as well as trying to up skill our kids who already had a good understanding of the basics. Not only was this a challenge, but we also had to learn to play on an almost full sized field with slightly more players, positions and a bit more structure.

Despite the challenges, the boys all got stuck in and pushed themselves every week in both trainings and in games.

We did not expect to do very well this season considering we were a newly formed team however, we were able to compete against all but 2 teams which we were all super proud of.

The boys have all made a tremendous amount of progress in their game and they have also created some great friendships. As the coach, I have really enjoyed this season and watching our boys grow in confidence and I'm really looking forward to next season where we will have to adapt to a few more changes again but will continue to further develop and build on what we have achieved this season.



On behalf of our team, we would like to thank the Marist Junior Rugby Committee for your tireless mahi that goes on behind the scenes to make this experience an enjoyable one. It definitely doesn't go unnoticed.

I would also like to personally thank Maegan Legg, our team manager, as well as our co coach, Lance Retemeyer for your support and mahi throughout the season.

And finally to our amazing parents for being there week in and week out, cheering the team on and helping set up/pack up the gear. You guys are the real MVPs!

Year 6 Black signing out for 2024!

Kind regards, Josh Tyrrell, Coach

Year 7 Green

An interesting start to the season with the change from Unders ages to Year group. We lost some of our U11 Green team up to Year 8 and we gained some kids from last year's U10s, but we got straight into it & the season just flew by! This 2024 season has been a fun and successful season.

It was evident from early on that this combination would play some good footy and have fun! The team has certainly grown in confidence as a group, building on the strengths of being stronger playing as a team, and learning and understanding their positional and team roles.

The kids had 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.

Last year we started positional play, so this year we were able to have kids work on their own personal skill improvements and get more skilled in 2-3 positions.

The major focus this season was team play and structure and we made significant improvements moving kids from a focus on individual play to team play. It is certainly rewarding to see some of this come together on the field on a Saturday!

We were just a Y7 team, however, we were pitched against 3 or 4 Year 8 teams. We faced some physically bigger teams and although initially intimidated by the size difference, the boys stepped up and made their tackles. Being smaller, fitter and faster we would gain advantage in the second half and score a few late tries.

Thanks to James for stepping up as the team ref – great job. And a shout out to Jared Bron who assisted with refereeing a few games too – hugely appreciated.

A big thank you to all the families for their support throughout the year – a very positive sideline support crew! As coaches, we were stoked to see good numbers at trainings throughout the season – thank you to the parents for getting them there!

Thank you to our team sponsors, Paterson Exterior Plastering Ltd and Turbine Residential Ltd.

And finally, thanks to all who make Marist Junior Rugby a great place for our kids to have fun!

Alastair, James, Jeff (Coaches) & Sara (Manager)



Year 7 Black

The 2024 season kicked off with a group of players who were mostly strangers but ended with a tight-knit team of mates, thanks to consistent attendance at training sessions and a shared commitment to the game. This strong team cohesion was a highlight of the season.

Our early focus was on instilling a culture of respect and fitness, crucial for adapting to the demands of full-field, 15-a-side rugby. This foundation paid off during matches, where the players' discipline and fitness were evident. As the season progressed, we shifted our attention to refining both defensive and offensive structures. This development not only enhanced our gameplay continuity but also built trust in the support systems we established on the field.

To further hone our skills, we introduced a split structure in training, concentrating on specific forward and backline strategies followed by integrated simulation plays. This approach allowed the players to confidently engage in scrums, manage breakdowns effectively, and execute key offensive and defensive plays with precision.

The results speak for themselves: 73 tries and 51 conversions scored, leading to a 70% win ratio. This successful season has laid a solid foundation for what promises to be an exciting 2025 season. A special Thanks to Tony Croucher, Gareth Andrews,

Regards, Naas - Coach



Year 7 Girls

2024 was the inaugural season for the Marist 15-a-side girls only junior rugby team. A year of mixed results, both winning and losing games.

The group of girls ranged from year 5 to year 8, and as coaches we couldn't have asked for a better team to have worked with and developed.

The Marist Year 7 Girls challenged us coaches with our ability to deliver skills and drills. This was through the many questions they had especially the question "why?".

As well as their ability to get distracted very easily from things within their environments.

We spoke at the beginning of the season with our parents and caregivers regarding our goals and coaching philosophies for the year. This was particularly regarding not specialising the girls in positions.

This was deliberate to allow the players to choose a position they would like to play or learn about one. And as coaches we understood it is possible the girls might change their minds next year and potentially through secondary school as well.



Through the season the Marist Year 7 Girls were resilient when it came to the losses. they learnt quickly and took all their growth through the season into each game, each weekend.

Overall, the season was a great success and as coaches and a club we look forward to seeing where each of the Marist Year 7 Girls decide to pursue their career in sport.

Hoping it is in rugby, however, as they are multi-talented athletes the world is their oyster, and we will support no matter what.

2024 Awards

MVP = Haylo Lange

Most Improved = Sarah Moses

Team Player = Tamsyn Le

Team Player = Ashlyn Rongo-Kea

Best Tackler = Aria Keelan-Kahaki

Coach of the Year = Kahurangi Sturmey

Kahurangi Sturmey, Coach

Year 8 OBM Green

This season was the first under the new ‘school year’ grading criteria. Marist were fortunate enough to have two OBM teams in the Y8 grade and along with the new grading criteria, meant a lot of the team hadn’t played together before.

The season has provided plenty of challenges and learnings for the players as they got use to new combinations, adapting to full field 15 aside rugby and a more structured way of playing.

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 structured rugby.

We were fortunate to once again have a great group of parents and whanau that supported the players unconditionally and were always around to lend a hand and help if needed either at trainings or on game day. A big thanks to everyone who made the effort to come down and support the team throughout the season. For most of the team this was their last season of junior rugby before heading off to high school next year.

Thanks to Shaun and Fiona (Turbine Residential) and Ben and Leah (Enhance Builders) for their 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 and Hamish Sutherland.

Jared Wright, Coach



Year 8 OBM Black

The 2024 season saw many players returning from Under 12 Black of 2023, 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 a team who 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.



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 players 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. We were also lucky to have some Turbos turn up during the season and this saw an immense lift in intensity...I am sure they were impressed.

The team and their supporters who 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. 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, even with a new born!!!!

We would like to wish the team all the best as they move off to High School in 2025 and hope to see you continue playing sport next year and beyond.

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

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

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Marist Junior Football Chairman Report

It gives me enormous pleasure to be part of the Marist football club. The club has such a dedicated and vibrant community and I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each one of you, for all that you contribute.

To the committee members: Thank you for your tireless work behind the scenes. You are the engine that keeps this club running, making sure everything operates smoothly. Your commitment to ensuring that we provide a nurturing and professional environment for our young players is invaluable.

To our coaches: You are the heart and soul of this club. Week in and week out, you give your time, energy, and passion to develop our players—not just as footballers, but as individuals. Your encouragement, guidance, and belief in the players build their confidence both on and off the field.

To the players: You are the reason we're all here. It is great to see the hard work and dedication you show every time you pull on the green Marist jersey. Football is not just about winning, it's about teamwork, discipline, respect, and love for the game. You have demonstrated all of this and more, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for each of you.

To the parents and whānau: Without your support, none of this would be possible. From the early morning drop-offs to the loud cheers on the sidelines, you make sacrifices so that your tamariki can chase their dreams. You are the unsung heroes of this club, and I want to thank you for your commitment and for believing in the power of sport to shape our young people.

Lastly, I want to say how proud I am of what we have achieved as a club this season. It's been a journey full of challenges, growth, and success. But above all, it's been a season that's shown the strength of our footballing whānau and community.

As we move forward, I'm excited about the opportunities and challenges ahead. Together, we will continue to grow, improve, and strive for excellence.

Thank you all for being part of this incredible journey. Let's keep building a club we can all be proud of.

Chris Mumford

4th/6th Grade – YOUM First Kicks



4th - 6th Grade Youm Marist First Kicks - 2024



Back Row: Melissa McKenna, Jessica Holden, Izzy Yarwood, Ivy Henderson, Natalia Gaskell, Aimee Erskine
 Middle Row: Xavi Lyne-Lewis, George Sturley
 Front Row: Peyton Naicker, Lucas Edwards, Rafion Kirk, Archer Poole, Thompson Ebbett, Maddison Bollmann

7th Grade – Marist Titans

- Coach** Adrian Cole
- Most Valuable Player** Paxton Armstrong and Arfon Jones
- Best Team Member** Nate Withy

This group of characters certainly put the fun into the fundamentals of football. We certainly learnt and developed through the season, both individually and as a team, but also as a coach. Thank you lads, for making football fun again and bring on next season.



7th Grade Marist Titans - 2024



Back Row: Jack Withy, Francis Adams, Daniel Cole, Coach
 Front Row: Luke O'Connell, Logan Redden, Lachlan Cole, Arfon Jones
 Player: Nate Withy

7th Grade – Marist Warriors

Coach Josh Sharp
Most Valuable Player Flynn Hartridge
Best Team Member Wyatt Rasmussen

We've come a long way this season!

Everyone's skills have progressed in leaps and bounds.

Weather it's Flynn or Jacob on attack, Wyatt or Jack setting up our mid field, Zidayn and Thomas showing a strong defence and willingness to get amongst it and Kipp cleaning up all our messes with some amazing skills and iron wall defence. We grunted through the first half of the season to be joined by Cayden, our missing piece, and have been unstoppable ever since.

Thanks so much Warriors.

Catch you all next season.



7th Grade – Ace Electrics Marist Rangers

Coach David Gallie
Most Valuable Player Jaxxon Zellman
Best Team Member Luke Holdaway and Hunter Gallie.

This year coaching the rangers has been an absolute pleasure, the boys were always ready to play and give there all each and every week, every one of these boys is a super talented football player and it was just awesome to watch them play and improve each week, they had an amazing season only losing one game and that was to the spectacular parents



7th Grade – Marist Legends

Coach

Chris Britton

Most Valuable Player

Austin Palmer

Best Team Member

Ollie Stevens-Ward

The Marist Legends had an interesting start to the season, with the coach and team getting to know each other, but soon the team found their rhythm.

It's inspiring when young players step up and shine and you all showed real growth and teamwork. It's always special when a group of players can build that kind of camaraderie and support for each other, well done guys I'm real proud of what you achieved this season.

I would also like to give a special shoutout to Yasmin for her incredible multitasking on the sidelines, managing subs and Player of the Day awards while caring for her new baby, truly impressive! Of course, a big thank you to all the parents who contributed to making the season so special - your efforts were greatly appreciated and made a big difference!

Let's do it all again next season.



8th Grade – Marist Bobcats

Coaches

Rewi Hudson /

Waimarie Mason

Most Valuable Player

Micheal Arbon

Best Team Member

Harlem Smith

It has been my pleasure coaching the Bobcats team this season, alongside Rewi Hudson.

Our boys have worked extremely well as a team and have improved their skills and gameplay amongst one another.

Also a big shout out to the parents for your continuous support and encouragement towards the team and coaches.



8th Grade – Francis Water and Drainage Ltd Marist Jaguars

Coach Phoebe Lockett
Most Valuable Player Oliver Reynolds
Best Team Member Eden Francis

As the coach of the Jaguars for the last couple of years, I've seen these boys all progress and their confidence grow hugely. The teamwork and effort they put into their games is amazing, and it's a privilege to be their coach. Also, a huge thank you to their parents who happily stepped up when I couldn't make it. Your support made it stress free when we were down with illnesses and injuries, I'll hopefully see you all next season!



8th Grade – Marist Lynx

Coach Nick Clarke
Most Valuable Player Chad Mafoa
Best Team Member Leo Toki

It has been an absolute pleasure to be able to coach the Marist Lynx in 2024.

These boys have stayed committed throughout the season, practicing rain or shine and even in the same place the All Black have.

The boys have listened throughout, taken the game seriously but also had an amazing amount of fun. Their skills have improved so much and formed an amazing bond with each other. They know where each other are or will be, are always looking ahead for opportunities, have fabulous defence and most importantly, trust each other and their individual leadership skills have grown.

We have had the best set of parents and siblings that have supported our team throughout.

Boys, 2024 has been a great season and I look forward to doing it all again in 2025.

Remember our motto: Be ready before they're ready, pass pass pass and have fun fun fun!



8th Grade – Marist Cougars

Coach Renee Gleeson / Toni Brown
Most Valuable Player Ben Stanbra
Best Team Member Arlo Gleeson

They came together as strangers at the start of the season and have grown into friends that have fun on the field and have made incredible progress with their skills. More importantly, they've learned the value of teamwork—supporting each other, communicating on the field, and working as one unit. It's been amazing to watch them develop not just as individual players, but as a cohesive team. Their hard work and determination have made this season a success, and we couldn't be prouder!



7th/8th Grade Girls – Marist Lioness

Coach Brent Argyle
Most Valuable Player Scarlet Chan
Best Team Member Alice Sharp

The year of the lionesses started with a good team of 6 girls keen to play football. After a few weeks, the girls gained confidence in playing and started to show some great skills and cohesion.

After gaining 2 extra players during the season, the girls were excited to have subs every game and welcomed them into the team.

Whether cheering from the sideline, celebrating the goals or their enthusiasm and camaraderie this was a great 1st season for the Lionesses.



7th/8th Grade Girls – Marist Tigress

Coach Taufilo Taufilo
Most Valuable Player Tenley Chittenden
Best Team Member Mahiya Narayan

As a first-time coach, there is no better team I could've had the pleasure of coaching than the Tigresses. Thanks to my little sister who decided to give football a shot and take me with her because it has been such an enjoyable



season seeing firsthand what the future of football looks like and to be a part of these girls' football journey has been an honour. They were so great to work with to the point where the only difficult part of coaching was waking up on Saturday mornings. I hope that they, and their parents, have had as much fun as I have.

This girl is not only a passionate football player, but she always gave off bubbly and positive vibes within the team. A great player is not only skilled but is inclusive both on and off the field. This girl embodies all of the above. The Best Team Player award goes to: MAHIYA NARAYAN

This girl shows a deep love of the sport. Whether it was pregame activities or actual games she was attentive, active and played with drive and power. Always chasing the ball, the wins and giving it her all. The Player of the Year award goes to: TENLEY CHITTENDEN

9th Grade - Marist Leopards

Coaches Jon Bailey and Martin Correa-Luna
Most Valuable Player Fafita Hukehuke
Best Team Member Caleb Harvey

It was a great season with some fantastic football being played and close games had. The boys grew as a team and individually improved on their skills whilst having lots of fun in the process. As Coaches we thoroughly enjoyed training with the boys and seeing them enjoying the games on Saturday. We saved our best till last with a great team performance against Ashurst. We seemed to put it all together at the end which is encouraging signs for next season. What was most pleasing to us as Coaches was receiving positive feedback from other teams, coaches, referees and parents on "what a lovely team the Marist Leopards were...always demonstrating the true spirit of the game through teamwork and sportsmanship".

It was great to combine with Marist Griffens for the Redsox tournament and after some tough games we managed to clinch 3rd place which meant the boys took home a medal!! Brandon and I were pleased with the way the boys came together and gelled to make for a strong and cohesive team!! Looking forward to next season. **Jon and Martin**



9th Grade - Marist Jackals

Coach Kaush Kishore
Most Valuable Player Axl Montgomery
Best Team Member Isaiah MacDonald

It has been an honour to coach a team of players who are so passionate about football. They come to play because they love the sport, and this allows them to dream. Dream to be like Cristiano Ronaldo. They all have individual strengths on and



off the field and it took a while to use those individual strengths to grow as a team, but we got there in the end. These boys have not only developed as football players but as resilient leaders. They have learned about team culture and respect which shapes up how they engage with one and other. Again, it's been a privilege to coach these boys and an honour to plant the seed for the love of football.

9th Grade – Marist Griffins

Coach Branden Hansen
Most Valuable Player Hamza Tamim
Best Team Member Hunter Faithfull

Marist Griffins played extremely well this season. Their continuous commitment to each other and dedication to learning the true craft of football was evident in the results they achieved throughout the season. These young men have shown respect for each other as a team and their opponents. It was an absolute pleasure working with each and every one of them.



10th Grade – Marist Foxes

Coach Dan Minchin
Most Valuable Player Archer Robb
Best Team Member Sebastian Jaurretche

What a season! As a team, we have really improved with every game we've played, and I'm proud at the way every Fox has never given up and supported each other. Each player has tried their best at each position, and there have been some cracking goals scored and fantastic goals saved this season. Many of our games have been really tight and the things we've been working on at practice have been shown during the games. This has been the first season of winter football for many of us, and the Marist Foxes have really gelled as a team and all the boys have been a pleasure to coach. Thanks for a great season!



10th Grade – Ace Electric Marist Tigers

Coach Charles Parker

Most Valuable Player Kieran Lauder

Best Team Member Matthew Shin

After a rough and ready start to the Season where we faced off against every top team during grading the Ace Electric Tigers quickly found their form. We stormed to third in our pool in the Feilding 10th grade tournament and gave the eventual 3rd place team a run for their money getting the hard-earned win. In the regular Saturday competition, the boys were flying in pool B, racking up result after result. Unfortunately, our quality could not be ignored, and we

were given our toughest challenges in the last month of the season, moving up to pool A to duke it out with the best of the best. We took some hard losses, but I know we learned some valuable lessons from these games and we never quit fighting until the final whistle blew. Super proud of the boys this season and we'll be back as strong as ever next year.



10th Grade – Stagg Built Marist Pumas

Coach Krishan Kumar

Most Valuable Player

Dante' Wightman

Best Team Member Ioane Wright

A team effort week in and week out. All players have developed their skills. Great to see the development at training and at the games. Great efforts!



10th Grade – NZ Travel Brokers Marist Lions

Coach Rolando Saltini / Richard Long

Most Valuable Player Harry Long

Best Team Member Nico Walton

Seven of the Lions team from 2023 were joined by 3 new members – Zavier, Rohi and Charlie, and under the guidance of Rolando, and the kind sponsorship of NZ Travel

Brokers, they kicked off the 2024 season. The boys started off with a bang, picking up fine wins against Marist Pumas and a couple of the Red Sox teams. A close loss to a 3rd Red Sox team was followed by a bigger loss to Ruahine Cobras, but they got back to winning ways in the next 2 games with victories over... yes, you guessed it, two more Red Sox teams! The regular fixtures were then broken up by the Feilding 10th Grade tournament where the boys played well to finish in third place. The season continued with 3 more wins, against Tigers, Takaro and Pumas, before the fixtures for the last month were announced. The Lions had earned a place in Pool A for their efforts! It was at this point that we farewelled Rolando and Bruno as they upped sticks and moved to Auckland, and I took on caretaker coaching duties. Pool A, as you would expect, saw the Lions come up against the best 10th Grade teams around. A loss to the Ruahine Cobras was followed by a loss to the Marist Wildcats, but the boys did really well to keep the scoreline to a respectable 5-0, and if you've seen some of the Wildcats winning margins this year you'll know what I mean! Our final game of the season was against the Tigers, and the boys played really well to end the season on a high with a 4-2 win. The final stats: Played 14, Won 9, Lost 5. That's not a bad return.

A few words on the team...

Bruno – you're a skilful player and I'm sure you'll find your feet in the big Auckland football leagues once you get settled in. **Charlie** – you've settled into the team really well and I hope your dad is happy that you're kicking a round ball and not following in his footsteps! **Chase** – you've been in the Lions since the start and each week you turn up with a smile on your face and have put away some great goals this year.

Harry – our very own "Mr Versatile" who can play in pretty much any position on the pitch, including in goal where he's made some fabulous saves in the latter part of the season. **Jackson** – one of the Lions strong defensive units, there's not been much that has got past Jackson and his dancing feet this year! **Max** – another player who's been there from the start, Max doesn't give an inch and applies constant pressure to win the ball off the opponents. Your gymnastics strength shines through Max! **Nico** – one of our 'regular' keepers, Nico broke his arm early in the season but continued to come and support the rest of the team at training and on match days. You're such a great team-mate! **Rohi** – rock-solid in defence, Rohi quickly gets the ball away from danger. You have joined the team this year and have really grown as a player as the season has progressed. **Rylan** – you haven't let a nasty bout of bronchitis stop you from scoring some fantastic goals this season, and you're developing into a great player. **Zavier** – the third of our new players this season, Zav is a skilful player who has great control of the ball and has scored some fantastic goals in his first season with the team. The last few words of thanks go to Rolando for coaching the team for the bulk of the season, to John and Rochelle from NZ Travel Brokers for sponsoring the Lions this year, and to all of the grown-ups who bring the boys along each week and cheer them on from the sidelines. Thank you for helping out with the substitutions over the last few weeks too.



10th Grade – Marist Wildcats

Coach	Jason Smith
Most Valuable Players	Brodie Palmer & Isaac Smith
Best Team Member	Leo Wagner

Firstly, a big thank you to Kirsty Kiri for being such a supportive team manager this year, and stepping in to help coach the team whenever I was unavailable to do so.

We were very fortunate that all of our players came from the Marist Football Academy, and the benefits of training together through the Academy were on full display every Saturday morning.

2024, has been a very successful year for the team, going undefeated in all league games, winning the Wynton Rufer U11 tournament in May, and also winning the Ruahine U11 tournament in July, with eight players selected from this team in all competitions to represent Palmerston North Marist Football at both tournaments. A great achievement given their younger age group representation.

Our best team player goes to Leo Wagner, a fantastic team player who possesses great skills and has come to be relied upon in big games to deliver consistent performances at a very high level. Leo is very vocal on the field and positively encourages his teammates to play fast attacking football.

In a team full of future stars, it was hard to pick the most outstanding individual, however; the engine room of the team is where this joint award will go to two players who have played entertaining football; whilst absolutely dominating the midfield battles this year, and these go to Brodie Palmer and Isaac Smith. For me, both Isaac and Brodie were the driving force in both attack and defence, delivering relentless individual performances throughout the season. Two great teammates that work hard for each other on the field; and never give up until the final whistle.

Finally, Thank you to the amazing families who turned up to support the team every week, you could always guarantee there would be an abundance of goals scored to match the fast attacking style of football played on the pitch, a real joy for the proud parents and coaching team to watch from the sidelines.



9th/10th Grade Girls – Marist Meerkats

Coach	Oliver Kirk / John Myszczyzyn
Most Valuable Player	Sara Rodriguez Firpo
Best Team Member	Zara Jones

The Meerkats were a pleasure to coach this year.

We were a younger team in the grade. For all of the girls, it was their first time playing on a larger field and larger goals. Over the year we worked on structure and positioning, creating space and passing. There was a very noticeable improvement over the year,

including the girls using their bodies more and getting more physical as the season progressed.

The team were very positive, enthusiastic at practice and looked like they were always having fun, enjoying football and building friendships. They trained very hard and gave 100% on every game. This was a team that never gave up and even after a tough game, they could hold their heads up high as they gave it everything.

The Meerkats ‘Golden Boot’ for the year was Ellie Myszczyzyn.

Well done on a great season and you should all be very proud of the efforts you all put in...



9th/10th Grade Girls – Tall Poppy Real Estate Marist Emeralds

Coach Tony Foale
Most Valuable Player Harper Knyn
Best Team Member

Emma Walton-Durry

When we first got together this season, we had a group of girls that had come together to play football. We had a few girls that had played before, a few that had a year or two break, and a few that had never played at all.

Our first two games were goal fests – over twenty goals were scored – unfortunately, all by our opponents. This led me to wonder what kind of season we were in for....

What I found was a season of growth and determination. This group of girls very quickly became a team of footballers. As the season progressed, games became closer, goals started coming, and then a lovely 7-4 win against Red Sox followed!

By the end of the season, we had four wins, and scored forty goals – and a team that shined together as the Marist Emeralds.

I couldn't be prouder of the development in each and every player and I can't wait to follow your footballing journeys.



11th Grade – Elite Powder Coaters Marist Hyenas

Coach Glen Fage

Most Valuable Player Erien Calignonan

Best Team Member Harrison Carpendale

Thoroughly enjoyable to have coached this team of positive and enthusiastic young men this season. Everyone in the team trained and played hard. For some of the team it was their first season playing football and the progress they each showed throughout the season was really pleasing to see. So well done to all the team, enjoy the summer and hope to see you all again next season.

As voted by the team, the award for best team member goes to a guy who played every match and only missed 2 trainings all season. He always brought a positive attitude, did some awesome shifts in goal and was a rock in defence making some huge tackles and that is Erien Calignonan.

As voted by the team, the award for most valuable player also goes to a guy that was consistently available, he too played some great shifts in goal, was also mighty in defence, a great center midfielder as well as striker and scored the goal of the season - a top bins banger from distance after playing himself into space. Big congratulations to Harrison Carpendale.



11th Grade – Studio BAA Marist Mustangs

Coach Matthew Argyle

Most Valuable Player Carter Argyle

Best Team Member Hugo Suematsu

What a fun season the Mustangs had! A great bunch of boys came together at the start of the season with a mix of players, some returning from last year, and some joining for the first time. It took a few weeks to gel, but once they figured out each other's strengths and weaknesses they really developed as a team playing some great football. Win, lose or draw they always came off the field with a big smile and having a laugh, and generally becoming a good bunch of mates.

As always, a huge thanks to all the families for their positive support and encouragement from the sidelines, and a big thanks to Glen Fage for his support through the season as we ran joint training sessions with the Hyenas and Mustangs.

Looking forward to you all returning for 2025!



12th Grade – Brendan Lodge Photography Marist Wolves

Coach Matty Greig
Most Valuable Player Connor Reader
Best Team Members Nate Hutson
and Dylan Farrelly

A great season of fun and learning for our 12th grade team. Although results didn't always go our way the lads always tried their best to play good team football and worked hard for each other till the very end. Massive thanks to the parents who helped and supported on the sidelines and during trainings and best of luck to those lads heading off to college next year.



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

Coach Shellee Wood
Most Valuable Player Ally Rogers
Best Team Members Maddie Murrie & Scarlett Jefferies

Again it was my pleasure to coach the Vixens this year, some old girls and some new ones trialling the sport for the first time.

The girls ranged from 9-12years old and all with something different to give to the team..

The season was a little rough with most teams we played having all 12year olds in the team and also the occasional 13year old, but the girls were not intimidated of their size and got stuck in and loved the challenge!

Id like to thank all the parents who were there every weekend to help put up nets and encourage the girls on the sideline, also a big thanks to Nathan Jefferies and Douglas Juru for training and gamedays in which I could not make – and also Douglas for referring most of the time and Chris Stewart on the odd occasion.

Another great year and I hope to see the Vixens again next year.

They were a joy to coach.



13th Grade – Independent Energy Marist Phoenix



13th Grade Independent Energy
Marist Phoenix - 2024



Back Row: Milo Keenan, Lukas Hasenbank, Jackson Manly, Tony Dove-Wright, Piyvi Palmas, Liam Stanford,
Matt Keenan (Coach)
Front Row: Max Hansen, Brody Jackson, Lachar Christensen, Sebastian Sandrovi, Luke Capper, Tane Lucas
Abner: Angella King, Lorraine Peta

Coach	Matt Keenan
Most Valuable Player	Lukas Hasenbank
Best Team Member	Tane Lucas

The Phoenix has had a great season, finishing 2nd on the table, our best season yet. We were a team made up of many solid reliable performers with Lukas, Milo and Max being the glue that held it all together. We were competitive and challenged every team we played, and apart from 2 heavy losses when the team was hit with sickness and lack of subs, we played well together and toughed out some good contests.

The whole team improved remarkably through the season and were a pleasure to coach. They supported each other well with positive encouragement and comradery. Each player contributed well and to the best of their abilities, which was great to see from the sidelines.

13th Grade – Northern Comfort Portable Buildings Marist Panthers



Coach	Jason Smith
Most Valuable Player	Frank Mouat
Best Team Member	Joshua Barbour

Firstly, thank you to our amazing sponsors this year – Northern Comfort Portable Buildings, without your support the Club would not be able to provide the players with the positive footballing environment they have today, which nurtures player growth and pathways to success.

A big thanks must also go to Michael Mouat for being a top Equipment Manager. Michael ensured the goal nets were put up, corner flags in place and the balls were pumped up and well looked after each week. Michael also stepped in to help coach the team whenever I was unavailable to do so.

We were very fortunate that all of our players came from the Marist Football Academy, and the benefits of training together through the Academy over a number of years was clear to see on the pitch every Saturday morning.

2024, started very successfully for the team; winning the 13th Grade Marist Graded Tournament held in May, then finishing the season as Runners-up in Pool A of the U13 league table, only losing twice in all league games. This was a great achievement given their younger age group representation and the players effectively playing up one grade.

Our best team player goes to Joshua Barbour, a solid defender at the back who did his job consistently every week. Joshua is a great communicator on the field and positively motivates his teammates to play great football and keep their heads, whilst also encouraging them to correct any mistakes made during the game and to move on quickly from these.

This year, the Most Valuable Player award goes to Frank Mouat. This was my first-year coaching Frank and quickly identified him as a midfield enforcer. Frank possesses determination and grit to win the one vs one duels in the middle and has a solid left boot that can score goals from distance. A vocal player on the field, Frank is a Leader with quick decision-making ability and has had a fantastic season.

Finally, an acknowledgement of appreciation for the amazing families who turned up to support the team every week, you could always guarantee there would be exciting football played, which was a real joy for the proud parents and coach to watch from the sidelines.

13th Grade Girls – Elite Powder Coaters Marist Ferns



Coach

Patrick Hurly

Most Valuable Player

Livvy Watson

Best Team Member

Sarah Assa

This season, our Marist Ferns truly embodied the spirit of the game. From the first kickoff to the final whistle, they played with remarkable grit and determination, never backing down, no matter the challenge. Every match was a testament to their “never give up” attitude, and the way they grew as a team was nothing short of inspiring.

It was an absolute joy to watch these young players embrace different positions on the field, stepping out of their comfort zones and growing in both confidence and skill. Their willingness to try new roles not only made them more versatile players but also deepened their understanding of the game.

A massive heartfelt thanks goes to our incredible parents. Your unwavering support—whether it was cheering from the sidelines, taking on the whistle to ref, setting up nets, or helping with the tricky task of selecting the Player of the Day—made all the difference. You played a vital role in making this season so memorable.

In every game, there were moments of brilliance, laughter, learning, and even some break dancing! This season wasn't just about the score; it was about the journey, the growth, and the joy of playing together. The Marist Ferns have much to be proud of, and we can't wait to see what they achieve next!

13th Grade – OneStaff PN Marist CDL Team



The PN Marist U13 CDL Academy Team had an incredible debut season in the Capital Development League, completing 22 competitive games that they will always remember.

Travelling together on early Sunday mornings formed a strong bond among the team, filled with laughter and banter.

Finishing 2nd in the league, the players showcased an impressive style of football, earning praise from other teams for their performances. They scored a remarkable 125 goals while only conceding 36, successfully implementing a back 3 formation and learning to press opponents effectively.

Fletcher Mossman stood out as the MVP with an impressive 47 goals, while Darrshan Tamil Maran was recognised as the Players Player for his versatility and exceptional contributions in various positions.

James Moutat and Taj Cowan received the Best Team Members award for their discipline, dedication, and leadership throughout the season.

Adam Cowan
Coach

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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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