



From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

This week two schools were formally accepted as new members of Marist Schools Australia, bringing our membership to 56 schools nationwide. On behalf of all Marist educators, Saint Patrick's Primary School in Kilmore and Carmel College Thornlands are welcomed to the family of schools united in our desire to make Jesus known and loved through quality Catholic education in the Marist way.

Saint Patrick's Parish in Kilmore has long held a close relationship with the Marists, since the arrival of the Brothers there and the foundation of Assumption College in 1893. Saint Patrick's Parish and its school have a rich history extending back to 1844. Whilst the Parish was formally established in 1849, there exist references to a rudimentary Catholic school for boys and girls as early as 1844. Many Catholic families settled in that part of the country, and Saint Patrick's was among the first Parishes to be established between 1839 and 1849 in the southern part of the colony of New South Wales, that is now Victoria. The Parishes of Melbourne, Geelong and Kilmore represent the three oldest Parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Throughout its history the school has been supported by the Priests, parishioners and parents, under the leadership of the Sisters of Mercy, committed lay teachers and Principals. The current Principal Mr Michael Bourne has strengthened the relationship with the Marists in recent times through close collaboration with Assumption College Principal Ms Kate Fogarty, the Regional Director Ms Julie Ryan and the MLF team in a variety of ways including staff formation.

Carmel College Thornlands, was established by the Brisbane Catholic Education Office in 1993. Carmel College is a secondary co-educational school with a student enrolment of over 1250. Over the past 6 years, Carmel College under the leadership of Principal Mr Stephen Adair have engaged in numerous Marist staff formation opportunities with the strong support of Ms Pam Betts, the Executive Director for Brisbane Catholic Education. This collaboration, now formalised, will strengthen the capacity of both the College and MSA in fulfilling our mission and vision for Catholic education in the Marist way. In welcoming Carmel College as a formal member of Marist Schools Australia, the work of Brother Neville Solomon, Ms Liz Falconer, and Mr Mark Elliott is also acknowledged with appreciation.

It is fitting that we welcome these two fine schools to the Marist family in the week of the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. To assist us in reflecting upon and celebrating this significant Feast, Brother Neville Solomon and the Mission and Life Formation Team have prepared some excellent resources which are commended to you. [Assumption Resources](#)

As the world continues to meet the many challenges faced due to COVID-19, we are acutely aware of the particular pressures on our school communities in Victoria. Whilst the constant bad news of growing numbers of infected people across the globe can manifest a sense of despair, we Marists are people of hope. In solidarity during this time of crisis, schools are invited to join across the country in prayer each Friday at midday. The simple prayer on the following page is also able to be shared in print or electronically - [The Angelus](#).

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The Angelus

AN INVITATION FOR ALL MARISTS ACROSS AUSTRALIA TO PRAY TOGETHER AT MIDDAY EACH FRIDAY DURING THE PANDEMIC

As Marists, together we pray:

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary.
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh.
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Merciful God,
hear our fervent prayer for all who are suffering during this pandemic, may they find comfort in your healing presence. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may restore communities to wholeness and health. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Image: "Purity & Grace" by Jett Eckford, St. Brendan's Annandale, 2012 Christmas Story

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Yours sincerely,

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Marist College Ashgrove Services Staff Formation Program

The Services Staff are now into their second year of a three-year program of spiritual formation. It is a great opportunity for the staff from various departments, who provide such wonderful service to the staff and the students at the College, to gather and spend some time at a different pace. Hindu, Muslim and Christian faiths came together to learn about Marist Spirituality and share their own beliefs and traditions.



Service Staff at Marist College Ashgrove: Brian Dougherty, Scott Tarrant, Stacy Russell

One Wild and Precious Life – Newman College Perth

All staff at Newman College in Perth had a wonderful day exploring the Marist Association 2020 Theme, *One Wild and Precious Life*. Staff took time out to reflect on their mission at the start of Term 3, on the world of COVID-19 and examine their relationships with creation and the universe in our world's new reality.

It was a wonderful way to give thanks for the many blessings in their lives and a reminder of their call as Marists to continue Champagnat's dream in 2020, to take the Good News of the Gospel to the young.



Staff from Newman College Perth gathered at the OW&PL program



We live in a time of both crisis and opportunity. While there are reasons to be anxious, we still have hope. [We] are rediscovering the value of nonduality: a way of thinking, acting, reconciling, boundary-crossing, and bridge-building based on our inner experience of God and God's Spirit moving in the world. We're not throwing out our rational mind, but we're adding, prayerful, contemplative consciousness. When we have both, we're able to see more broadly, deeply, wisely, and lovingly.

- Adapted from *Following the Mystics through the Narrow Gate: Seeing God in All Things* by Richard Rohr



FREE ONLINE EVENT



ST LOUIS HIGH SCHOOL, KIRIBATI

OUR 2020 SCHOOLS' CAMPAIGN PARTNER

Featuring: Br Sefo, Principal
Selaphina and a student from the school

Thursday, 20th August
12.30pm - 1.30pm AEST

Register at:
https://bit.ly/StLouisHighSchool_Event

STUDENTS LIVING WITH A DISABILITY OVERCOME BARRIERS IN CAMBODIA

LaValla School, located in Kandal Province, is a government approved school providing a full primary education to young people with a physical disability in Cambodia. Australian Marist Solidarity CEO, Rebecca Bromhead, notes, "Lavalla is a place of joy and hope, nurturing great minds and characters by focusing on what these young people can do rather than their limitations. AMS is privileged to partner with the Lavalla School and help Australians learn more about and support their inspiring work."



Br Tony Burrows, Executive Director of Marist Solidarity Cambodia, says, "No one teaches us to dream, we just do. But for young people living in remote rural areas, especially those with disabilities who have no access to education, the dreams will not carry them far."

For Cambodian children and young people with disabilities who become part of the LaValla Project, their dreams do become a reality. The dream to be accepted, to be treated with dignity, to have fun and enjoy life, to access an education, to be able to walk, to have skills for employment and more – all these different dreams have become a reality for students at LaValla.

On Tuesday, August 2, these dreams were realised by five students who finished their university courses, passing their final exams. Some of these students have been at LaValla since they started in Grade 1, fourteen years ago. They undertook courses which included Law, Public Administration, English Literature and Business Studies. Three have already gone on to employment within their field of study.

One of the students, who is now a teacher at a private school in Phnom Penh, spoke about the discrimination and ridicule he received at his school back in his village prior to joining the LaValla School. He spoke about being told that he would never amount to anything and that he should stay home and stop wasting the teachers' time. Thankfully, his father persisted, and he was referred to Marist Solidarity Cambodia who have supported him through to finishing university.

Br Tony stated, "Since our students come from the poorest of families in the country, a project like ours depends totally on the generosity of others – funding agencies and individuals. We are sincerely thankful for their generosity and belief in these young people whose lives have benefited so much from their support."

To support Australian Marist Solidarity and LaValla visit www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au

MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

Mid July Update

Remar Gold Online Experience!

The national Marist Youth Ministry team recently hosted its inaugural Remar Gold Online Experience for Year 12 Remar Gold Caravels. Caravels from schools across the country (*Assumption College, Kilmore; Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon; Marcellin College, Bulleen; Newman College, Churchlands; Notre Dame College, Shepparton; Trinity Catholic College, Auburn; Trinity College, Beenleigh*) joined together in reflection and celebration of what have been three-year Remar journeys. A deep sense of comradery among students in conjunction with dedication of school staff ensured the successful coordination and facilitation of the event.

Over the course of the experience, students were invited to consider how they have learned to “sail away from mediocrity, by living as Christ’s disciples as witnesses in their communities”. Special and heartfelt thanks to Br. James Hodge for leading students through an important and well-crafted session which asked students to contemplate how they can continue to live out God’s personal call for them and accept the greatness to which they are called through their vocations. Br. James’ personable and authentic presenting style was well met by students, and for his presence and commitment, we are continuously indebted.

Despite the continuous challenge of working in an online format, we are strongly encouraged by Marist school students. Their positivity, enthusiasm, and understanding has been a source of hope for the wider Marist Youth Ministry team. We are incredible inspired and hopeful of what the future of Marist Youth Ministry will look like with them at the helm.

Another sincere thanks to school principals and attending staff who continue to show their commitment to the Remar program and Marist Youth Ministry on the whole. It is with your support that these events are possible and successful.

Lachlan Scott and Ella Beveridge, Marist Youth Ministry Melbourne



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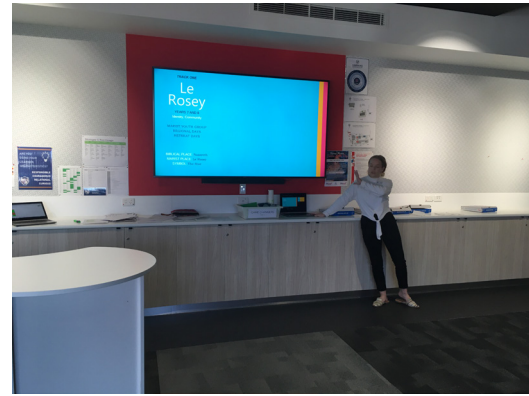
MYM Adelaide

What's happening at Sacred Heart, Somerton Park?

Late Term 2 **Game Changers** was finally able to begin at Sacred Heart College, Champagnat Campus with the launch day held for year 7 and year 8 students. School Youth Minister Aisling lead the launch with support from Marcellin Campus Youth Minister Cara, Game Changers' Coordinator Maddy, Mission Coordinator James and Game Changers Mentor/MYM RA Sara. Students gathered for pizza and explored what being a Game Changers truly means, with a focus on possible ministry and service activities. The senior school students at Marcellin Campus soon followed, with regular meetings beginning for all Game Changers groups in Term 3.

Marist Youth Ministry Regional Assistant Sara was also lucky enough to meet with year 12 leaders Alex, Mat and Rhi who attended the Student Leader's Gathering in Melbourne in late 2019. The leaders reflected on what has been a very interesting and challenging year and shared the progress they have made on goals set at SLG. It was most impressive to see the implementation of a brand new inclusiveness project called 'A Home For All Hearts'- what a legacy to leave! Congratulations SHC student leaders.

Sara Petruzzella, Marist Youth Ministry Adelaide



MYM Perth

What's happening at Newman, Churchlands?

Last weekend, MYM had the pleasure of being present at Newman College's Remar Blue and Gold Retreats. This saw the Year 12 Golds participating in the Gold Online Experience by the National MYM Team via Zoom, and the Year 11 Blues experiencing a retreat run by Cassandra Hall, Leader of Youth Ministry and Advocacy at Newman, and our Young Marist Volunteers.

The weekend was incredibly rewarding, as our YMV's got to assist these Blues and Golds in developing self-understanding, deepening faith and experiencing true Marist community. It is truly encouraging to see these young people living as Christ's disciples and being witnesses in their community. A big thank you goes to Simon Martino and Cassandra Hall for inviting us to participate, as well as to our YMV's Georgia, Liam and Chris for generously donating their time.

Daniel Litjens, Marist Youth Ministry Perth



MYM Queensland

MYM QLD Year 11 Forum

Students and staff came together at the Marist Centre in Brisbane for the Year 11 Forum on Wednesday 5th August. The event was attended by 52 students, representing five Marist schools in the Brisbane area (Trinity College Beenleigh, Carmel College Thornlands, Marist College Ashgrove, Mt Maria College Petrie and St Peter Claver College Riverview).

Coinciding with the National Vocations Awareness Week (2nd-9th August), the Forum was themed “Meaning and Purpose” and helped students reflect on God’s call in their lives. Through sessions on “worthy questions” and discussion on what a “wild and precious life” is; students realised they shared a common goal to create impact and change in the world.

The Forum finished with a moving ritual, where students received a tealight candle representing the light they share with the world (Mt 5:14-16). Many students paused prayerfully and reflectively to consider that calling and their real impact in their communities.



What’s happening at St Augustine’s, Cairns?

The MYM team spent time with the Year 12 and 7 Saints boys on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 5th. A morning session in the beautiful College Chapel with the Year 12s focused on the journey to the end of school. Taking the image of Walking on Water (Mt 14:31), the boys reflected on the “water” they will be stepping upon in the coming months.

Five sessions with each Year 7 homeroom was an opportunity for the students to preview the **Game Changers** program. The students considered who are Stars, in their life and in culture, who inspire them. They also considered the three Stars of the Marist story: Marcellin, Mary and Jesus; and why they are so important to who and how we are as Marists.

Adam Burns, Marist Youth Ministry Brisbane

MYM New South Wales

**REMINDER: NSW Online Super Connect 21 August
– registrations due 14 August**

What’s happening at St Patrick’s, Dundas?

On Friday, 7 August the MYM Sydney team visited student leaders at St Patrick’s, Dundas to support them in their organisation for their annual Winter Sleepout. The team are grateful for the invite and wish the students all the best for the event and their fundraising efforts for Marist 180!



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