

A newsletter for Member Schools of Marist Schools Australia published fortnightly during term time

From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

In 2017, the XXII Marist General Chapter took place, which brought together brothers and people from all over the world to, among other things, guide the future of the Marist Institute. The motto that captures the feeling of what was lived and experienced is: "**Journeying together as a global family**". As a result, and to translate it into actions, the General Council promoted the idea of launching a **Marist global network of schools** in order to strengthen the Marist educational mission, among the 600 schools that have been established throughout 80 countries of the world in the past 200 years.

For two years, a team, appointed by the Marist General Council in Rome, sounded out the need to create the network proposed by the General Chapter and for this purpose a global consultation was held in which 15,956 members participated, comprising of principals, teachers, administrators, students, and families from 58 different countries. The Australian Marists were well represented in this consultation due to the high level of engagement by school communities throughout their network. Since this initial consultation, foundations for the further development of the project have been established to facilitate collaboration and participation by all peoples involved in the Marist educational task. On 26 August 2021 there is to be an online gathering involving representatives from each country and region, including, students, parents, teachers, principals, and Directors of Marist Education. Australian school communities will be represented by Assumption College Kilmore and Marist College Canberra.

The creation of the **Marist Global Network of Schools** will present many opportunities for thousands of teachers and students. Foremost will be the strengthening of relationships and understanding as brothers and sisters of the one human family, or in the words of Pope Francis "fraternity and social friendship".¹ Educationally, the Marist Global Network will provide a platform through which sharing can occur in relation to improving literacy, numeracy, leadership capacity and teacher efficacy. Spiritual formation experiences will also be able to be facilitated. We look forward to the development of this important project and the eventual participation of all 56 Australian Marist schools.



Yours sincerely,

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

1. *Encyclical letter Fratelli Tutti of the Holy Father Francis on Fraternity and Social Friendship*

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, NSW

Deputy Head of College

Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Applications close: 13 August 2021

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College, Alice Springs, NT

Assistant Principal Religious Education

Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Applications close: 15 August 2021

Marcellin College Bulleen, VIC

Deputy Principal: Student Wellbeing

Deputy Principal: Faith and Mission

Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Applications close: 19 August 2021

Media Release: New Marist Brothers Vocations Website

"On Wednesday, 4 August, as part of marking *National Vocations Awareness Week*, the Marist Brothers Province of Australia will launch its new Vocations website, located at <http://www.maristvocations.com.au/>. This new website is dedicated to providing material and resources about the life and mission of the Marist Brothers in a contemporary context, as well as materials that can assist a person discerning life as a Marist Brother." The full Media Release is available to read [HERE](#).

REMINDER

LAVALLA MAGAZINE

Please use Lavalla to share some news from your school with the rest of Marist Schools Australia.

The cut-off date for contributions for the next edition of Lavalla is **Friday 27 August 2021**.

All submissions should be sent to Br Michael Flanagan (michael.flanagan@marists.org.au).

While many of us are back to living in lockdown and with a myriad of restrictions, more than ever, we need the gift of the Spirit to bless us, move among us and anoint us. Of course, there are as many gifts of the Spirit as there are needs and there are so many, many needs. May the gift of the Spirit embrace each of us as we continue to speak our own language, experience our own feelings and share our own stories about what COVID means for us. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit bring us life, healing, hope and peace.

This is our prayer.



Breathe in the Northern Territory



Left to Right: Brett Robinson and Jess Wright

Ross River, 85 kms east of Alice Springs, was the perfect venue for the *Breathe* program for the staff of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College in Alice Springs. 125 staff members enjoyed the opportunity, away from their three campuses, to come together, share stories and pray and reflect on the this year's theme.

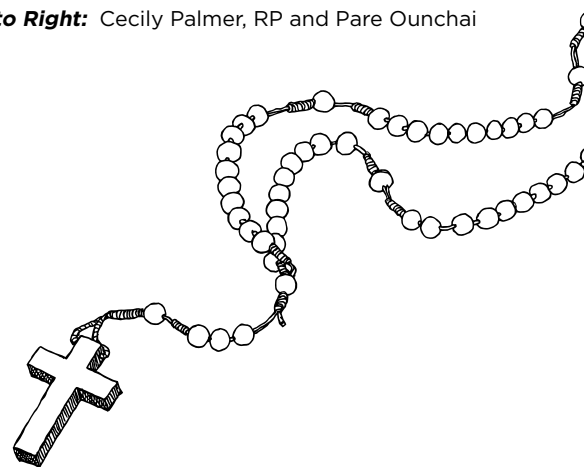
What a great start to Term 3 at Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School at Santa Teresa NT!

The community celebrated with a family BBQ the night before the young students returned to school and the staff gathered for a spiritual formation morning where they experienced our *Breathe* program.



Left to Right: Cecily Palmer, RP and Pare Ounchai

Left to Right: Mark Wisemantel, Thecla Palmer and Rosabella Davis



Marist Mid-Winter Retreat 2021

Archbishop Coleridge leads 'Words from the Cross' Retreat

On 8-9 July the Archbishop of Brisbane, Mark Coleridge, led the annual Marist Mid-Winter Retreat inviting all to journey with him into the passion and mystery of our faith. Archbishop Coleridge took the theme, *'Words from the Cross'*, and reflected on the seven last words or phrases of Christ.



Due to Covid, the gathering was held online and we welcomed friends from Marist schools and communities from across Australia as well as internationally from Cambodia, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands and New Zealand, including novices from the Marist Formation house in Tudella, Sri Lanka. Participants from Catholic Religious Australia (CRA), the Australian Catholic University (ACU), and a variety of Diocesan Catholic education offices also contributed to this rich experience.



Project update Quelicai | Timor-Leste

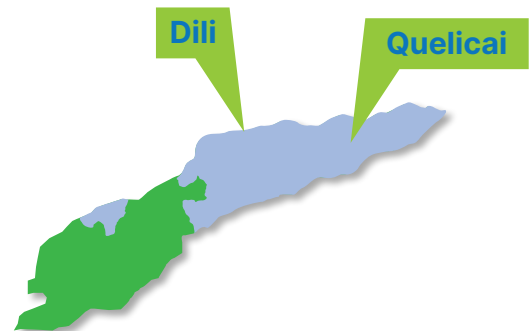
We're delighted to share with you information about one of our major projects: rebuilding and reconstruction work at St Terezinha's Primary School in Timor-Leste.

St Terezinha's in Quelicai is a regional educational hub for 12 other remote primary schools in the eastern end of Timor-Leste. Like many schools in this developing country, foreign occupation, war, extreme poverty, and a lack of basic infrastructure caused St Terezinha's to fall into disrepair. There haven't been any building upgrades in nearly 40 years. Thankfully, our AMS donors, that is now changing. St Terezinha's is on the road to recovery. We're just past Week 12 of this massive

construction project, and it's already a quarter of the way completed! This is fantastic progress, especially since Timor-Leste has been either in lockdown or under restriction for most of this time. Our project manager also unfortunately contracted COVID-19 and was quarantined for two weeks (thankfully he remained asymptomatic). Procurement of materials was also difficult, but cement, sand and iron bars were finally able to be obtained and shipped to the site.

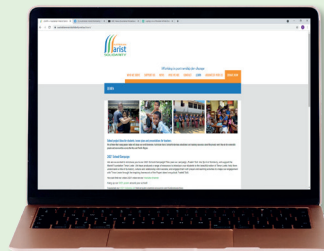
Please enjoy these photographs of the work in progress.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this important project.



Educational resources

Need some project information or lesson plans on project work for vulnerable people and communities across Asia and the Pacific? Don't forget that our AMS website contains a hub of educational resources for students and teachers. You can download these at www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au



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MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

MYM PERTH

Marist Youth Ministry Perth had the opportunity to host a leadership session entitled **'Leading with a Marist Heart'** with the Game Changers students of Newman College. Students learnt what it means to be a **servant leader** and how that aligns with the **Marist Characteristics**. Through discussion groups, students were able to brainstorm various examples of **servant leaders** who we see in our modern world. The main aims of this session was to enable students to **reflect on themselves** and consider how they too could be **servant leaders and grow to be more like Jesus and Marcellin**.



MYM AROUND THE WELL

The national **Marist Youth Ministry team** and various Marist school staff involved in Youth Ministry gathered online this week to revel in the **wisdom** of Br. Graham Neist for Around the Well, our **flagship professional and personal formation program**. In his session, Br Graham eloquently and insightfully broke **open the concept of hope**. Br Graham highlighted that despite the circumstances of uncertainty we are in, we are called to “do the journey with great courage and excitement”. Br. Graham encouraged us to appreciate that each of us has been loved into life, and that we have each chosen to engage with that life as God’s investments in humanity. Marist Youth Ministry are extremely grateful for the authenticity and wisdom Br. Graham brings to us as Marists. In his final remarks, Br. Graham highlighted his understanding that as a Marist Brother, his duty is to encourage the hope alive within us. Without a doubt, Br. Graham does so with his presence and witness.