



## From Dr Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

Last week, in Panama, whilst addressing young Catholics from around the globe gathered for World Youth Day, the Holy Father challenged those assembled to consider carefully the very purpose of their lives as young Christian women and men. His words challenge all Christians, and the following reflection is particularly pertinent for we Marists in these early stages of the new school year.

*We are always struck by the strength of that young woman's "yes", the power of those words "be it done" that she spoke to the angel. This was no merely passive or resigned acceptance. It was different to a faint "yes", as if to say, "well let's give it a try and see what happens". Mary did not know that expression: let's see what happens. She was determined, she knew what was at stake and said "yes", getting straight to the point. It was something more, something different. It was the "yes" of someone prepared to be committed, someone willing to take a risk, ready to stake everything she had, with no more security than the certainty of knowing that she was the bearer of a promise. And I ask each one you: do you see yourselves as bearers of a promise? What promise is there within my heart to take forward?*

*Vigil with Young People, Pope Francis 26 January 2019*

With the 2019 school year now underway in all States and Territories, new and exciting opportunities beckon for staff and students in our Marist schools across the country. The first few weeks of the new school year are always filled with hope and promise, accompanied also by a degree of anxiety and uncertainty. Pope Francis reminds us that Mary provides us with the shining example of Christian discipleship, and it is determined, faith filled, and singular in purpose. In *Water from the Rock*, our guide to Marist spirituality, we are called to

*....take our part in bringing Christ-life to the world of those whose lives we share.*

As Marist educators may we, with God's help, be bearers of the promise of Jesus to all who work and learn in our schools throughout 2019.

Yours sincerely,

**Dr Frank Malloy**  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

## COMING UP...

10-12 Feb National Remar Conference, Mittagong  
22 Feb In the Marist Way, North Queensland  
24-27 Feb Footsteps1, Mittagong  
4 Mar In the Marist Way, Gippsland  
8 Mar MYM Super Connect - Eastwood  
10-13 Mar Footsteps1, Mittagong

12 Mar Meeting of all Marist Principals - NSW/ACT  
13 Mar Meeting of all Marist Principals - QLD/NT/  
Northern NSW  
15 Mar Meeting of all Marist Principals - VIC/SA/WA  
15 Mar Marist Connect - Brisbane



[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2019 Theme Resources and Theme Images which can be found on the MSA website.



### LAVALLA & CHAMPAGNAT JOURNAL

Please use Lavalla to share some news from your school with the rest of Marist Schools Australia, and/or consider submitting an article for the Champagnat Journal.

The cut-off date for contributions to the first edition of Lavalla and Champagnat Journal for 2019 is **Friday, 29 March**.

All submissions should be sent to Br Tony Paterson ([tony.paterson@marists.org.au](mailto:tony.paterson@marists.org.au)).



### WELCOME TO MARK ELLIOTT, MSA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

We welcome **Mark Elliott** to the Marist Schools Australia Leadership Team this year as the Regional Director for the Queensland, Northern Territory and New South Wales Northern Rivers region. Mark will be located at the Marist Centre at Ashgrove, Brisbane.

Mark has had senior leadership experience in Catholic education and formation. For the past 18 years he has worked across the 141 schools governed by Brisbane Catholic Education. Mark has been a highly successful and innovative leader at school and system level in Religious Education, Change Management and most recently in Teaching and Learning.



## **Business Services Manager**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for this senior leadership position within the Executive Team of the Marist Association. The Business Manager enables Marist ministries to operate and flourish in service to the Catholic Church in Australia by providing essential financial advice, budget planning and reporting, oversight for areas of major expenditure, as well as ensuring compliance with government in respect to funding and financial reporting requirements.

In collaboration with other members of the Business Services team, the Business Manager works closely with all Ministry Leaders, the Marist Schools Australia Leadership Team, College Principals and College Business Managers, the Province Director of Business Services and the Executive Officer for the Marist Association Council.

As a Marist leader, the Business Manager actively contributes to the faith life of the organisation and will often represent the Australian Marists in broader Catholic forums, including support for Marist ministries in Melanesia and the Pacific. A key element of the role is the further development of appropriate systems and processes to facilitate maximization of resources. With Marist ministries in seven different States and Territories and three Regional offices, the role does involve travel by road and air and time away from home.

A degree in accounting or business and CPA or CA is desirable and a strong commitment to serving others through education, social outreach, and youth ministry. The position is located at Marist Centre Sydney in Mascot, NSW.

To apply for this position, please forward an application letter and curriculum vitae to Mrs Sally Dillon. Referees are to include your current and immediate past employers.

**T: 02 9218 4002 | E: [sally.dillon@marists.org.au](mailto:sally.dillon@marists.org.au)**

## HOLY TODAY! ASSUMPTION COLLEGE KILMORE

Living in a world where life can be so incredibly busy, it is often a struggle to find time to gaze upon the grandeur and beauty of God. It was with this in mind that Assumption College Kilmore started the new school year by engaging in this year's Marist Association theme - *Holy Today*; a program that enabled staff to draw upon practices that cultivated awareness and attentiveness to the presence of God in all things.

As Pope Francis reminds us, "*The Lord speaks to us in a variety of ways, at work, through others and at every single moment,*" and it was with open minds, quiet reflection and contemplative practice, that made this all possible.



'Holy Today!' resources for 2019 are available [online](#). This e-document includes staff/student prayers, points of reflection, liturgical resources, music suggestions, and much more.



## NEW FORMATION TEAM MEMBERS



**MR MARK O'FARRELL**

Mark has recently been Principal at McAuley Catholic College Grafton and prior to that had served as Assistant Principal at both Waverley College and Marist College, Ashgrove. During his 15 years in Marist education, Mark has participated in various Marist formation programs, including the recent 2018 Marist Pilgrimage.

Mark has a passion for the Marist charism and is looking forward to connecting with Marists Australia wide, including the diverse ministries and those involved in the Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat.



**MR JOHN HICKEY**

John is an experienced educator who has spent over 30 years in Catholic schools, 11 of those in Marist schools. For the past 4 years he has been Principal at Marcellin College Randwick in Sydney and prior to this he was the Director of Senior Campus at Xavier College in Melbourne, 2010-2014. From 2003-2009 he was the Assistant Principal at Marist College North Shore.

John's background in Marist and Jesuit environments has significantly influenced his own spirituality and he is looking forward to working as part of the MLF Team to assist staff in Marist schools to further develop their knowledge of Marist spirituality.





## WHOSE SHOES?

This is a year for shoes at Australian Marist Solidarity!

While some creative campaigns to make people aware of other young people in the developing world focus on socks or food, AMS has turned to walking in another's shoes as the 2019 campaign kit theme.

We are confident that across the network of Australia Marist Schools there will be diverse types of shoe exchanges in creative activities for students as a starter. However, to focus on the shoes of others is a symbol of stepping into their reality especially of material poverty, oppression or the Marists' primary concern of lack of education access and quality learning.

The values of **compassion** and **empathy** are often evident in young Australians. These values, along with the encouragement to share with others from our abundance, have the potential to set students on a lifetime **solidarity** track.

They will walk differently, see the world differently and contribute to the change of others' lives if Marist educators continue to engage in these terms.

It is the hope of the AMS team based in Brisbane that the resources of the 2019 campaign kit assist you in the MSA schools' campaign whenever it is conducted in the school calendar. Some schools are able to start in Lent and thus we will forward the kit materials to each school in early February. There is a link to the website where other resources are located:

[www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au/schoolskit](http://www.australianmaristsolidarity.org.au/schoolskit)

If you require other materials or specific project information not available on the website please contact [kristen.mclean@marists.org.au](mailto:kristen.mclean@marists.org.au)

Thanks in advance to all staff in MSA schools for the generous ongoing support of Asia and Pacific Island Marist projects.

May the year ahead be one of hope for a transformed world for the young people we never meet but are close to us because of our Marist family commitment and the virtue of solidarity.

The AMS Team, Brisbane.

## Marist Youth Ministry Teams kick off 2019 with Week of Formation

The last week of January saw our regional MYM teams gathered at the Edmund Rice Centre, Amberley in Victoria for our annual national MYM formation week. We welcomed eight new members of the team from across the country including the four members of the Remar Ministry Team.

Despite the recent heat, the energy and enthusiasm of each person was evident, as we immersed ourselves in learning what it means to be a disciple of Christ in the way of Mary and Champagnat for the year ahead. Some of the key topics explored during the week included:

- Understanding our Marist Charism
- Vocation of Youth Ministry
- Experiencing God’s Love
- Holy Today (MLF presentation)
- Reconciliation
- Kerygma – sharing the Joy of the Gospel
- Eucharist and Commissioning
- Effective communication and team work
- Vision and Strategic Planning
- Child Safety Training



MYM Teams at National Formation Week

We are blessed to have an inspiring team across the country this year, who are keen to witness the Marist charism and inspire students and young adults to follow Christ in the way of Mary. Please pray for our new team and the commitment that have made for 2019!

## Southern Student Leaders Gathering Term 4, 2018

The MYM Team was delighted to welcome 64 students and staff from 12 Marist Schools across Victoria, South Australia, Northern Territory, and Western Australia to Melbourne in early December for the annual Marist Student Leaders Southern region gathering.

The 3-day leadership event was organised by Julie Ryan, MSA Regional Director, in partnership with MYM. For the first time, we welcomed student leaders from St Joseph’s, Northam who added their own distinctive Marist flavour to the gathering.

During the 3 days, students explored themes including ‘We Marists – sharing our story’; the Heart of Marist Leadership, Taize Prayer, Eucharist and Commissioning, Types of Leadership, workshops and keynote addresses. We were blessed with the presence of three inspiring ex-student leaders from Marist Schools including Ella Westblade (ex-Shepparton), Peter Augustine (ex-Bulleen), James Gill (ex-Adelaide).

Thanks to Julie Ryan and MSA for their generous support of this formative experience for our student leaders.



MSA Southern Region Student Leaders Gathering in December in Melbourne



Br Greg, Br Doug and Julie Ryan with St Joseph’s School Northam representatives



Guest speakers at the Student Leaders’ Dinner.

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