



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



From Dr Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

The Feast of Pentecost seems incredibly well timed in the Australian school year. Term 2 is in full swing, winter is almost upon us with weather cooling, day light hours shortening, and the various football codes competition ladders firming up for the season. Major formal assessment periods for the first semester are also on the near horizon and the co curricula programmes are at full tilt like no other time in the school year. Certain issues with students arise, personally and in groups, as they travel uncertainly along the path of adolescence. In the midst of all this, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

I recall as a newly appointed Assistant Principal a visit from the Regional Director during which, reflection was invited on progress in the new role. I recall expressing frustration at the number of interruptions experienced on any given day and the impediment they presented to getting things done. The kindly Director, who had years of leadership experience in Catholic schools began to chuckle. "Disruptions?" he mused, "disruptions are the most important part of your role description!" His advice has often been a source of great comfort over the years, especially during times when things build up and progress seems slow. But always when taking a step back and reflecting on the activity of past days or weeks, much has been achieved that was not planned.

Pope Francis in his homily for Pentecost Sunday points us to the ways in which the Holy Spirit is at work in our "interrupted" lives. He said:

In a family, when a new baby is born, it upsets our schedules, it makes us lose sleep, but it also brings us a joy that renews our lives, driving us on, expanding us in love. So it is with the Spirit: he brings a "taste of childhood" to the Church. Time and time again he gives new birth. He revives our first love.

Each day Principals, teachers, and other staff in supporting roles in our Marist schools are shining examples of the Holy Spirit at work. In all the difficult, complex, unpredictable situations that abound in the daily life of a school, the Holy Spirit is present as we seek to serve the young. In the same homily, Pope Francis encourages us to recognise the power of the Spirit.

*The Spirit frees hearts chained by fear.
He overcomes all resistance.
To those content with half measures he inspires whole-hearted generosity.
He opens hearts that are closed.
He impels the comfortable to go out and serve.
He drives the self-satisfied to set out in new directions.
He makes the lukewarm thrill to new dreams.*

That is what it means to change hearts. Plenty of people promise change, new beginnings, prodigious renewals, but experience teaches us that no earthly attempt to change reality can ever completely satisfy the human heart.

Yet the change that the Spirit brings is different. It does not revolutionize life around us, but changes our hearts. It does not free us from the weight of our problems, but liberates us within so that we can face them. It does not give us everything at once, but makes us press on confidently, never growing weary of life.

The Spirit keeps our hearts young – a renewed youth. Youth, for all our attempts to prolong it, sooner or later fades away; the Spirit, instead, prevents the only kind of aging that is unhealthy: namely, growing old within. How does he do this? By renewing our hearts, by pardoning sinners. Here is the great change: from guilty he makes us righteous and thus changes everything. From slaves of sin we become free, from servants we become beloved children, from worthless worthy, from disillusioned filled with hope. By the working of the Holy Spirit, joy is reborn and peace blossoms in our hearts.

May we recognise and give thanks for the Spirit burning in our hearts this Pentecost.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Malloy".

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

COMING UP...

24 May	MYM Marist Connect - Gippsland	7 Jun	In the Marist Way - Riverina
25-27 May	Savouring the Silence - Mittagong	17-20 Jun	Footsteps2 - Mittagong
29 May	Marian Lecture - Sydney	20 Jun	Remar Red Caravel Day - WA
30 May	Remar Red Caravel Day - NT	22-24 Jun	Remar Blue Retreat - WA
31 May	Marian Lecture - Melbourne	1-4 Jul	Marist Business Managers Conference
1-3 Jun	Remar Blue Retreat - NT	15-18 Aug	Contemplative Retreat - Mittagong
6 Jun	Feast Day of St Marcellin Champagnat	22-24 Aug	Being Marist Conference

THE 2018 **MARIAN** LECTURE



[WATCH LIVE!!!](#)

We are Live Streaming the Marian Lecture in Melbourne!!!

We have some exciting news for Association members who live outside Sydney and Melbourne, or who cannot attend the lecture, you can watch the Melbourne lecture live!

You can watch via our Marist Association "You Tube" channel [HERE](#)

TUNE IN on Thursday 31 May 6pm-7.30pm.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more details about the lecture.

A video recording of the lecture will be posted to the Marist Association website in the week following the event.

2018 NATIONAL MARIST BUSINESS MANAGERS CONFERENCE

Sun 1 July to Wed 4 July
The Hermitage Mittagong

Registrations are now open for the upcoming National Marist Business Managers Conference 2018.

Please click on the link [HERE](#) and this will take you to the Registration website. Registrations will also be available through the MSA Website. Please note, although the link states that Registrations close in June, there are only a limited number of rooms, so it will be first in best dressed!



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 2018 is **Friday, 15 June**.

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

Catholic Schools and Australian society - Dallas McInerney

Follow this [link](#) to an important speech given by Mr Dallas McInerney, the Executive Director for Catholic Schools NSW.

RED BEND CATHOLIC COLLEGE FORBES

Red Bend Catholic College are currently seeking suitable candidates for two Executive Leadership roles commencing in 2019:

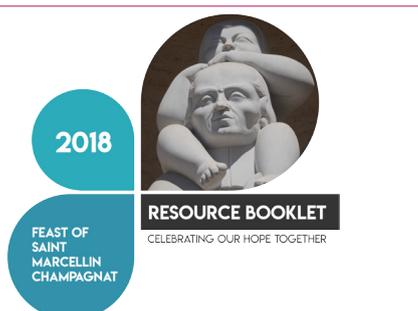
Director of Faith Formation

Director of Boarding

It is essential that applicants for both roles are strong leaders with proven backgrounds in teaching and administration. Must possess excellent interpersonal and team building skills.

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

Applications close Monday 28 May 2018.



The 2018 Champagnat Week Resource Booklet can be found [HERE](#).

MARIST MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION

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PILGRIMAGE '18



How blessed we were. In the space of just three weeks we Pilgrims followed the life of Christ from Bethlehem to Nazareth from Galilee to Jerusalem. We sat a while in personal reflection in the Garden of Gethsemane and we journeyed with our Lord along the Way of the Cross as dawn was breaking through the shadowy streets of Jerusalem. We stood near to the foot of the cross at Calvary and we celebrated Mass in Jesus' tomb with all its promise.

The power of this Pilgrimage was the way that it encouraged and fostered our distinctive Marist Spirituality; something hard to avoid while at L'Hermitage walking for kilometres in the footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat. With this corporal dimension however, we were able, in our imaginations, to enter into the hopes and struggles of our founder and his early companions. And it seemed to give these particular pilgrims a structure to their journey and an opportunity to move out of the ordinary into a dimension created by such an unique landscape.

At each place we listened to those well known Scripture passages that were brought to life and will never be heard again in the same way. Although you all could not be with us physically we took you with us – we remembered you and prayed for you, often.

Elizabeth Falconer



AMS welcomes guests to mid-year events in Melbourne and Sydney

2018 Midyear events have so far been attended by over 120 people across Melbourne and Sydney.

On Saturday 12 May 2018 AMS hosted our first mid-year gathering in Melbourne at the Marist Centre Melbourne. The pre-footy brunch was hosted by Friends of AMS and Julie Ryan, MSA Regional Director, chaired the formalities which included an interview with some of the young people who created Wild Timor Coffee as a social enterprise with farmers in Timor Leste. The AMS team then pressed onto Sydney for a Wednesday night gathering where Ashley Bulgarelli, AMS project co-ordinator, provided an update on several of our projects including St Marcellin School, Bangladesh our featured school campaign for 2018 ([more on that here](#)). Our mid-year gatherings have also provided an opportunity for AMS to launch of our End of Financial Year appeal which this year focuses on Katilosa who provide physiotherapy to physically disabled young people in Timor-Leste ([more on that here](#)).

Another mid-year event takes us to Adelaide where Jim Whiting, AMS board member, and Brother Allen Sherry, CEO of Australian Marist Solidarity, would like to thank AMS supporters at a cocktail function and report on AMS growth and projects, including the development of St Marcellin School, Bangladesh.

All the details:

When: Monday 4 June 2018

Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Where: Br Joseph McAteer Function Centre
Sacred Heart College Senior School
(195-235 Brighton Rd, Somerton Park)

Register: <https://bit.ly/2HarqSf>

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News from MYM Sydney

The annual Marist Youth Ministry's Year 12 Vocations Forum was held in Mittagong over the weekend of 4 - 6 May. Students from Marist schools in Sydney bonded quickly, enjoying each other's company whilst also spending time reflecting on their personal calling in life. Two most valuable experiences, as reported by the students themselves, was the Vocations panel and the 30 minutes spent in discernment outside on the property in their own space in silence. Students also enjoyed lots of time relaxing and laughing, especially during the great Marist Chase and Marist Got Talent! Thank you to all the teachers that supported our program by supervising students and joining in the fun!

The NSW/ACT Year 11 Justice Forum will be held in the first weekend of June. The MYM Team are looking forward to meeting students from schools across NSW/ACT and discussing social justice issues and looking at ways to raise awareness of problems, as well as solutions, in their schools.



This term the Marist Youth Ministry Team have continued their follow up visits to the Student Leaders who attended the SLG last November. We are excited to hear about the projects the students are leading at both Marist Kogarah and Champagnat Catholic College, Pagewood.



Jeni Miller
MYM Regional Coordinator

THE 2018 **MARIAN** LECTURE

A NEW GENERATION OF CHURCH

IN THE WAY OF MARY

**JOIN US IN AN ENCOUNTER WITH CONTEMPORARY
EDUCATORS AND THINKERS AS THEY REFLECT
ON NEW PATHS OF JUSTICE AND TENDERNESS.**

- BISHOP VINCENT LONG -

BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

- PROFESSOR GREG CRAVEN -

VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

- ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR BERNADETTE TOBIN -

DIRECTOR OF THE PLUNKETT CENTRE FOR ETHICS

SYDNEY TUES 29 MAY

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
RYAN AUDITORIUM, NORTH SYDNEY

MELBOURNE THURS 31 MAY

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
CHRIST LECTURE THEATRE

6.00PM - 7.30PM

**“ THAT THE WAY MAY BE OPENED
TO THE BIRTH OF A NEW WORLD ”**

(POPE FRANCIS, EVANGELII GAUDIUM, #288)



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THE ANNUAL BERNE LUNCHEON 2018

Friday 22 June, 12 Noon – 3.30PM

Doltone House, Hyde Park venue Level 3, 181 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

Guest Speaker: Senator the Hon. Kristina Keneally, Ambassador for Berne

Dress: Lounge Suit



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