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Lavalla, the name given to this magazine is taken from the village in France where St Marcellin Champagnat established the world's first Marist school in 1817.

There are now Marist schools in 80 countries.

Cover: *Icon of the Church – the Ascension of Jesus. Commissioned by the Australian Marist Province.*

The artist is Sydney-based Michael Galovic. His website is: www.michaelgalovic.com

The icon will be placed in the recently renovated Marist Centre in Brunswick in Melbourne.

See the Editorial in this edition for further explanation.

Br Tony Paterson



Editorial

Dear Brothers, Friends and Colleagues



As we approach our Marist bicentenary, the perspective of those two hundred years is giving us Marists a richer sense of what and who we are as a spiritual family of the Church. As time unfolds, we are developing a more profound understanding of our *raison d'être*. Yes, there was always the founding Marist intuition about sharing in "Mary's work" and, right from the start, a conscious sense of doing that in Mary's way. But, at least in the Marist branch started by St Marcellin, we have tended to focus more on the task at hand. We teachers can be irredeemably pragmatic people, of course, and arguably that has affected the shaping of our collective culture.

Vatican II challenged spiritual families such as ours to rediscover their founders. We Marists did that with both scholarship and energy, and we liked very much what we found. Marcellin Champagnat was as compelling and as inspiring a figure in the late twentieth century as in the early nineteenth. But there was a pitfall lurking for groups such as ours who had such attractive founding figures. Cultism. Marcellin himself would have been horrified by the way that he was being put front and centre, and all the attention he was being given. Nothing like that happened with the founding generation. Despite all their love and affection towards Marcellin as a person, and all the inspiration he gave them, it was never about him. It was always about Jesus Christ. And they themselves were always in and of the Church.

In choosing an icon for our new **Marist Association of St Marcellin**, the Mission Council has deliberately not chosen one of Marcellin. It has opted instead for an icon of the Church: the visual ecclesiology of the traditional Ascension icon. Since Father Craig Larkin SM first opened our understanding of this icon at the biennial Marist Schools Conference back in 2007, drawing on the theology of Hans Urs von Balthazar, it has become an increasing important image for us Australian Marists. Brother Emili, in his Circular *He Gave Us the Name of Mary*, drew on the very same theology to challenge us as Marists to be the Marian face of the Church.

So to the icon on the front cover, a new one written by Michael Galovic. Let us see ourselves in this icon, in this Church. Let us work to realise this Church, in our schools and our places of ministry. We are Mary: centred on Christ, full of a hope born of faith, witnessing to something beyond the tangible, gathering the Church in all its giftedness, alive with the Gospel.

Nisi Dominus

Brother Michael Green FMS
National Director
Marist Schools Australia



Service Day 2014



*Sally Dillon, Charles Bootes
and Hugo Webster (Year 11)*



*Matthew Phung (Year 12)
and Joe Whyte (Year 12)*

Marist College Canberra students in Years 7-12 celebrated and connected with a range of service organisations as part of the College's fourth annual Service Day, which this year was held on Friday 1 August.

The Day was aimed at creating a greater awareness of what service and solidarity meant and encouraged students' further active participation in local service

opportunities. Over 35 service organisations and groups participated in this year's Expo, with students also hearing from a number of guest speakers on their experience of serving others.

"Service connects us to the very core of our being and what our founder Saint Marcellin Champagnat and Marist is all about, in creating good men, good people, and good citizens. Each student in Year

12 last year exemplified this generosity of spirit by completing a minimum of 25 hours service to the community", said Headmaster Richard Sidorko.

Our senior students led the recess and lunchtime stalls and activities, raising \$1,700 for Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity. The College annually raises over \$60,000 in fundraising for various Solidarity projects and other charities.

NAIROBI, KENYA. 16-27 SEPTEMBER

Marist International Mission Assembly II

The rhythmic beat of drums provided an insistent call to the 125 Marists who gathered from all over the world in Nairobi last month to reflect on the spirituality and heritage in which they shared, and to discern the most effective ways for Marists to give effect to God's mission as a family of Christian disciples in service of today's young people.

Drums signalled the start of each day and the call to each session. It was a summons to gather, to gather around the fire – the second pervading symbol that was used for the Marist International Mission Assembly. Fire was a figurative image that spoke to the delegates in many ways, not least of urgency and of energy. The engaging enthusiasm of the younger delegates from Marist Youth Ministry

programmes in various Provinces and the enthusiasm of the African student Brothers from the Marist International Centre added to this vitality.

Representing the enormous breadth of contemporary Marist life and mission, the Assembly comprised a genuinely representative sample of today's Marists: men and women, younger

and older, lay and professed, teachers, youth ministers, missionaries, youth workers, principals, provincials, coordinators of ministry, members of the general administration. But hats were left at the door: it was as Marists that the delegates were encouraged to enter into the dynamics of the twelve days of the Assembly. Australians were there in



numbers: the three who were representing the Province (Brother Michael Green, Sarah Nowlan and Jack Stammers), Brother Jeffrey Crowe (representing the Leaders of Oceania), Frank Malloy (a member of the Organising Committee), and Brothers Tony Leon and Chris Wills (from the General House in Rome).

The content for the Assembly was the fruit of the months of pre-Assembly deliberations of Marists in all parts of the world, including Australia. It resulted in a programme that allowed the delegates rich opportunity to discuss, to imagine, to debate and to pray about who we are as Marists, what the “new spirit of communion” among all Marists could look like, and what should be our priorities in shaping Marist life and mission. This was accompanied by uplifting prayer and worship, and some memorable social gatherings.

The outcomes of the Assembly will now flow back to each region for all Marists to unpack and give consideration as to how they can find concrete expression locally. In Australia, this will be done through regional meetings of the new Marist Association of St Marcellin, and feed into next year’s Australian Marist Mission Assembly, at Mittagong in September.



Sporting success at Lismore

Football Success

Trinity Catholic College, Lismore has continued to build its reputation across the state for producing quality football teams. For the fifth consecutive year the Trinity Open Girls Football team played their way into the semi-finals of the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Football Competition.

Along the way the team convincingly defeated reigning champions St. Ursula's, Kingsgrove, in the Quarterfinals before overcoming Casimir College, Marrickville, in a close semi-final.

Led by seasoned campaigners Georgia Keen, Amy Jones, Zoe Devlin and Laani Winkler-Harding the girls defeated Freeman Catholic College, Bonnyrigg 3 - 0 in the Final with Georgia scoring all

three goals in a dominant display. The win gave Trinity their third title in 5 years.

Success at the NSW Hockey Championships

The run of state level success started in May when the Trinity Open Boys and Open Girls Hockey Teams travelled to a very cold Lithgow to take part in the NSW Hockey Championships.



Right: Bridget Lea and Tobyn Burvill (College Captains 2014 with Evie Sharman (College Captain 2015) proudly holding the Melbourne Cup.

After travelling seven hours further than any other competing school, the Trinity teams managed to take out the Boys competition defeating Red Bend College Forbes, with the Girls defeating Mackillop College Bathurst to take the NSW CCC Hockey titles.

This is the first time that a single school has won both the boys and girls open titles in the history of the competition.

Melbourne Cup Visit

On Friday, 29th August the Trinity Community gathered to welcome the Emirates Melbourne Cup as part of its 34 destinations Australian Tour. Tour Ambassador John Marshall (Rogan Josh jockey 1999 Melbourne Cup winner) spoke to the Trinity Community on the significance of the cup and its history.



NOARLUNGA

Marcellin Technical College

Congratulations to Darien West who has completed Stages 1 & 2 (Years 11 & 12) at Marcellin Technical College and is continuing his trade training with MTC Training in Engineering – Mechanical Trade.

Darien was awarded the Marcellin Most Outstanding Engineering – Mechanical Trade 2nd Year Student Award in 2013. He also became a recipient of 2013 Australian Vocational Student Prize.

“My message that might encourage others to follow the School-based Apprenticeship pathway, is this –

If you are good at working with your

hands, but not an academic, and the mainstream school system is not engaging enough – don't feel discouraged – ‘tradies’ are in demand and by attending a Technical College or training facility, and having an opportunity to become a School-based Apprentice, you can achieve a very satisfying career, which allows lots of flexibility and future opportunities. As there has been a shortage of tradespeople in Australia, the education system has improved the ways of approaching an Apprenticeship, and the School-based Apprenticeship is a fantastic start for both the student and the employer”.



Darien West

Entering an exciting new phase



2015 will be a historic year for Marist Catholic College Penhurst. After a rich history, as a successful and vibrant Years 7-10 Marist Boy's School, we will be entering an exciting new phase as our identity is transformed. The start of 2015 will see the first year of coeducation in year 7 and the first year of senior students at the College.

It will become the only coeducational Catholic secondary school in the St George area, giving families greater choice in the education of their children. The transformation has been marked with several milestones, including the development of a very stylish new school uniform sporting the proud new Marist Catholic College Penhurst Crest.

2014 has been a year of enthusiastic preparation. The teachers and leadership team have been working tirelessly to ensure that our senior curriculum and programs are exemplary, that students would have the widest choice possible, with subjects tailored to their needs and interests. Teachers have also undertaken professional learning courses and strategies, to develop a school wide pedagogy focused on high expectations and on ensuring each student achieves their potential. A significant feature of its implementation is student target setting which has initially been launched in Years 9 and 10. This process is monitored closely by teachers and tracks student academic growth and supports student



New learning spaces

developed strategies. Target setting will be expanded to the whole school next year and will include Wellbeing and Ministry goals.

Alongside the exciting launch of our school wide pedagogy is our building program, which will not only cater for our significant student growth, but will also support current 21st century learning with opportunities for

innovation and creativity. The new "middle school" for Years 7 and 8 will be a hub for state of the art contemporary learning spaces and a promise of things to come for all year groups, as the building program expands to encompass a complete redesign of the entire school by 2017.

Year 10, who will be our first HSC class in College history, has participated in a leadership program which animates

Student Leadership Team with Principal & AP



students to take responsibility for their learning and wellbeing underpinned by a commitment to the service of others. The motto "One School, One Family One Community" rings true more than ever!

Preparation for co-education has also been a focus for the school. The school has hosted many coeducational workshops for primary students in the areas of Science, Technology, Woodwork, Dance, and Mathematics. This has been beneficial for both teachers and students. Teachers have enjoyed and gained experience while

students have learnt about specialist areas and the exciting new offerings of secondary school. These experiences will help the transition process for teachers and students. Other transition experiences include teacher professional learning in coeducation, leading to adjusted programming to facilitate gender neutrality and to cater to diverse interests, as well as teacher visits to coeducational school settings. Students have participated in workshops on "Respect in a Coeducational Environment" with emphasis on the

Marist value of RESPECT.

As our teacher numbers continue to grow in preparation for student number growth, so does readiness and enthusiasm for the great changes ahead, to challenge and inspire our students to reach the plan God has for them and to let their gifts and talents shine. The School Principal, Mr John Finneran, states "The College will provide our young men and women with a tailored, personalised pathway that will give them the very best opportunity for a successful career".

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE

French Poetry Competition "Concours de Poésie" 2014



On Saturday 23 August school students in South East Queensland participated in the annual French Poetry Competition "Concours de Poésie", organised by the Alliance Française.

The Alliance Française is a French association established in 1883 to promote French language and culture in the world. A large number of boys in Year 5, 6 and 7 expressed their wish to present the poem and they represented our College very well.

The competition was very competitive with over 200 students from 9 different Brisbane's schools.

Congratulations to the winners and to **all the boys participating** in this very challenging competition. All these courageous boys are invited to Des Alpes Suisse restaurant for the Chocolate Fondue. I would like also extend my sincere thanks to the parents for supporting the event and accompanying the boys to and from the venue.

There will be a Prizegiving Ceremony on Friday 12 September at The Alliance Française (where the competition was

held) for the recipients of first, second and third places and the boys who received distinctions.

Results

Year 5: 1st Nicholas Anderson, 2nd Sibraan Ram, 3rd Dylan Treston

Distinctions: Sam Watts and William Curr

Year 6: 1st Cooper Cabot, 2nd Lucas Kozlovskis, 3rd Harry Clarke

Distinctions: Tom Collier, Jordan Courtney, Joseph Bussa, Dominic Malt and Thomas Goncalves

Year 7: 2nd Liam Treston

Distinctions: Jack Ingram and Samuel Bolton



MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, VARROVILLE

Year 11 Leadership Days

31ST JULY – 1ST AUGUST 2014

The attitudes of aspiring leaders in Year 11 were evident in both days of the Leadership Program, Teen Ranch and at school. It was an opportunity for potential individuals to showcase their motivation and determination to be a promising leader for the following term.

"It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership." – Nelson Mandela

Day 1 at Teen Ranch consisted of thrilling and challenging activities that tested the comradery and conduct of the grade – the giant swing, high ropes, horses, archery, challenge course and tower. Qualities of commitment, confidence and intuition were strongly shown by a large number of students in every activity.

Being placed into random groups of preferred activities, enabled us to work with those who we never thought had the same interests and personality as us but throughout the activities we formed a sense of trust and comfort. Whether leadership was in their mind or not, it was a great chance to get to know those students who we didn't particularly associate with. After the first round of activities, positive vibes surrounded the atmosphere as we all had lunch. Exchanging





thoughts of the activities, being excited for the next round and enjoying lunch with the whole grade with a variety of activities (volleyball, soccer, football or having seconds); was definitely another highlight during our break.

Day 2, a more relaxed but serious day. Our morning started off with a small chat with fellow homeroom peers talking about our experience on the previous day and talking to teachers who may not have had the chance to attend. Following with two inspirational speakers (Mr Duff and Mr McMahon), definitely a sense of insight towards the whole notion of leadership was taken in. The next session of the day was dedicated to working in pastoral groups to see the attitudes and perseverance under challenging



situations. In conclusion, we all gathered as a year group to be a part of an amazing liturgy held and organised by Mrs Brown and other volunteers (students and teachers). Here we reflected back upon the two days and towards the end felt the intensity and importance of this "role".

Definitely a great year group who are all deserving for leadership roles, we are all leaders in our own matter and whether we are badged or not we are soon to become Year 12. A tough decision ahead and good luck to those who were nominated!

Thank you to the Senior Coordinators and the teachers who supervised.

Jacquiline Cuizon



TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE AUBURN

Careers Enrichment Day



On Wednesday 24 August, Trinity Catholic College hosted their second Careers Enrichment Day on the Auburn campus. Over sixty organisations were invited to present information on courses and future career pathways to Year 10-12 students. Some of these organisations included the RSPCA, Sydney and regional universities, Film and Television School for Actors, TAFE Lidcombe, and Ultimo, universities from Sydney and regional centres, the NRL, the Australian Defence Force and the Marist Vocations, where students, staff and exhibitors alike, took advantage of the opportunity to take "a selfie with the Pope".

Students were able to explore the possibilities for their futures and engaged with the guests by collecting information pamphlets and asking questions. Some of the guests were interviewed during the day and were asked why they chose their careers and what made it rewarding and fulfilling.

After the Careers Enrichment Day wrapped up, students were asked how they felt about the day. Christine Tran, a Year 11 student stated 'I took advantage of this opportunity to encounter organisations that were relevant to my areas of interest and also to visit those that I would not have thought about before.'

One significant focus for the day was to remove the gender

stereotyping around certain careers, and having representatives from the Lady Tradies Group as well as a female electrical apprentice and a young male child care worker, certainly gave food for thought, as did the Feature Creatures exhibit, a collection of native Australian reptiles that were used to highlight the diversity in animal care careers.

The day proved to be a huge success as students in Year 10 had the opportunity to explore areas of interest, particularly in the subject areas that many of them have chosen for their electives for Years 11 and 12. Many of the senior students expressed their gratefulness to the exhibitors as they reported having set goals in mind, but now after being presented with many more opportunities as a result of the Careers Enrichment Day.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, ADELAIDE

Reaching out in Practical Ways

Sacred Heart College Middle School boys have a long tradition, decades actually, of reaching out in practical ways to those in the community who are in challenging situations and need a hand.

It came to my attention, via Sr. Maureen O'Connell, Dominican Sister, who coordinates the Sophia Ecumenical Spirituality Centre, that pregnant refugee women at Invabrackie Detention Centre, were in need of items for the arrival of their new born babies. Many of these women were and still are without the support of their family, husbands, familiar culture and surrounds. I shared this story with our school executive and then our senior students and YES, they committed to supporting these women.

Over the last month, the school community have generously donated, numerous items for these women. Baby clothing, toiletries, nappies, bottles, baby wipes, small blankets, lovely toys and much more. We were overwhelmed, yet not surprised, at the response.

On Wednesday, July 2nd, Scott Brinn, Riley Groundwater, Liam Pengilly and Lachlan Staker, Year 8 students together with myself and Jon Boden, loaded the 'ute' with over 30 boxes of goods for the refugee women.

We traveled to the Sophia, Cumberland Park and were greeted by Maureen and Elaine who were delighted with the gifts that would make a huge difference to the women and their children. In a letter to the students Sr Maureen says, 'It was fantastic to see the beautiful items collected/selected with such care for the pregnant mothers at Inverbrackie. Many of these women have now been moved

to Christmas Island, however the goods have been delivered where they will reach the women for whom they were intended.' 'Thank you so much for your wonderful effort in organising to help others in need. Your school, teachers and families, must be very proud.'

Sacred Heart Middle School certainly know that 'The way we love is what matters most' and the call of the Gospel imperative. 'Love your God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your soul. Love your neighbour as you love yourself.'

Jennifer Callanan
Sacred Heart College Middle School



SACRED HEART COLLEGE, ADELAIDE

Marist Netball Champions 2014

The Sacred Heart College Open A Netball side has seen ten extremely talented young ladies achieve great things for season 2014.

On Sunday the 22nd of June, the SHC Open A Netball side flew to Sydney for the 20th Marist Netball Championships at Mt Carmel College. The SHC side was one of 18 schools from around Australia and New Zealand to make the trip for a



place. This meant that the SHC girls progressed straight to the Grand final while Sale College and Lavalla College fought it out in the Semi Finals to determine our opponent.

Sale College Victoria were victors in the Semi Final and progressed to the Grand Final. After 10 minutes of hard fought netball the score was tied at 5 all in what was proving to be a highly defensive game in extremely windy conditions. By the 9th minute in the second term only 2 goals had been scored leaving the score at 6 all with a minute to play. SHC had possession and managed to put the ball through to give SHC the lead of 7-6. With 10 seconds to go Sale took their final center pass but SHC maintained their strong defence to prevent them scoring before the final siren sounded. The girls had worked hard and were thoroughly deserving of the win and title Marist Netball Champions 2014. Four of the SHC players were selected in the All Australian Team and 1 in the 'Highly Recommended' side.

The SHC team returned to Adelaide and continued their success in the South Australian Catholic Girls weekly competition. Finishing in top position, they played St Michaels College in the Grand Final on Saturday August 23rd to take home the Premiership 30 – 15.

The third milestone for the season came in their final game for the year during the College's 58th annual exchange with Assumption College Kilmore. SHC hosted the exchange and after a hard fought game, SHC took the victory 44 – 40.

Congratulations ladies on your successful season.

Mrs Alex Penhall
SHC Girls Sport Coordinator

Colleges in a carnival style program. At the conclusion of Day 1, SHC were undefeated and qualified first in the Championship draw.

On Tuesday the girls faced 7 opponents in the Championship draw. SHC had some tough matches against

Assumption College Kilmore, Notre Dame Shepparton and Woolwich but managed to progress undefeated. On the morning of the final day, SHC played Sale College Victoria in the final round of their qualifying matches with a tough fought win by one goal to finish in top

chance to take home the title of Marist champions 2014. This title had previously been achieved once by SHC in 2001 in Bunbury College.

Monday marked the start of match play with the SHC side facing 8 different

Success for the First XVIII

2014 has been another successful season for the Sacred Heart College First XVIII team.

After 12 games, the side has been able to record 10 wins with only 2 losses...both to a very strong Prince Alfred College.

This brings us to the Statewide Knockout Final against Prince Alfred College which was played at Norwood Oval on Tuesday August 19. This was set to be a blockbuster and teams were treated to perfect conditions and a bumper crowd.

Sacred Heart got off to a flyer keeping Prince Alfred scoreless in the first quarter

whilst piling on 5 goals of their own to lead by 33 points at the first break. From here Prince Alfred seemed to be playing catch up and despite a small charge in the third quarter, Sacred Heart was again able to wrestle back the ascendancy to run away eventual winners by 59 points. This was by far the best performance Sacred Heart had displayed all season and thoroughly deserved the coveted State Knockout title. Final scores were Sacred Heart 15.9 (99) defeated Prince Alfred 5.10 (40)

This takes Sacred Hearts record to 10 wins since 2001, including the last 3 years.

This match was followed by the annual game against Assumption College Kilmore, which was played in Adelaide on Sunday 24th August. The result was: Sacred Heart 22.8 (140) defeating Assumption 8.13 (61).

Sue Kenneally and Robert Gill for Sacred Heart.



The names of the boys are as follows: Cleve Westley (Capt), Luke Green (V Capt), Keenan Ramsey (V Capt), Jarryd Brown, Josh Koster, Zac Delmenico, Jaydn Brind, Patrick Neal-Bullen, Cory Gregson, Harrison Evans, Aaron Ferraro, Matthew Hayball, Anton Vizzari, Rory O'Driscoll, Peter Clunes, Luke Hayes, Jack Agostino, Matthew Langridge, Chris Barns, Jacksen Trezise, Ryan Burton (Colin Steinert Medal Winner - he kicked 7 goals on the night), Conor Noonan and Nick Martens.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Visitors to Santa Teresa

The Santa Teresa Community just outside of Alice Springs had a number of visitors in August including Liz Whitehill, the Promotions and Communications Officer from Catholic College Sale who took the photographs below. The photographs are of the visit of Bishop Eugene (Bishop of Darwin) and Archbishop Paul Gallagher, the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia. The Archbishop with the Bishop and Santa Teresa's Divine Word priests, Fathers Bosco Son and Jim Knight. Students from the Ltyentye Apurte Catholic Education Centre are pictured with the visitors during the celebration of Mass to mark the occasion. Marist Brothers Daniel Hollamby (Principal), Red Casey and Paul A Murphy are involved in the Education Centre and the wider ministries of the local community.



Scientists Abound on the Desert Plains

Scientists were in abundance at Ltyentye Apurte Catholic Education Centre in Santa Teresa, NT recently when the CSIRO visited the small community school during science week.

Santa Teresa is an Indigenous community located 80kms south east of Alice Springs and is home to around 500 people. The school teaches students from pre- school to Year 10 and is the hub of the community. It provides educational opportunities for students and adults alike while being the community's main employer.

As part of National Science Week, CSIRO Northern Territory Education Manager, Mr Paul Lyons presented to classes and assisted the budding scientists in conducting a range of science experiments. The students carried out experiments and recorded results on energy sources, analysed food additives, built electric circuits, studied light through diffraction glasses and observed chemical reactions.

"It is important for the students to be hands on" said Paul. "They learn so much by being able to predict what may happen and observing what actually does."

LACEC Principal Br Daniel Hollamby agreed and said that it was great to see our students participating and being fascinated by the world where they live.

Science in the desert- Jamie watching the sugar dissolve



Sophie & Jennifer waiting for the raw sugar to dissolve and record the time taken



Science in the desert - Anthony analysing the light through diffraction glasses



Blowing up a balloon using lemon juice, bicarb and water (and some skill!)

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE KILMORE

First XVIII football Premiership

Assumption's First XVIII football team have won their 37th Associated Grammar Schools of Victoria premiership since entering the AGSV competition in 1959 and their first since 2009.

In a hard-fought tussle on August 2, Assumption College beat Ivanhoe Grammar by nine points after leading by 34 points at three-quarter time. ACK had a great first quarter to lead by nine points and extended the margin to 23 points at half-time.

Ivanhoe were full of running in the final quarter and kicked five goals to one. Assumption were two short on the bench in the last quarter and held on to record a magnificent and well-deserved victory.

Before the game, Assumption's Vice-Captain, Zane Collier, who is battling osteosarcoma, delivered a moving and motivational speech to the players.

The victorious Dark and Light Blues.

Congratulations to the coaching staff of Scott Wynd (coach and 1992 Brownlow medallist), Michael Egan (former Footscray player) and Luke Russell (assistant coaches) who started the campaign last November.

Final scores: ACK 9.7.61 defeated Ivanhoe Grammar 7.10.52.

Marc Merigan
Director of Boys Sport

Ethan Gorski moving the ball out of the backline.



*Captain Xavier Dimasi,
Coach Scott Wynd and
Vice-Captain Zane Collier
with the Shield.*



CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE

A thank you from the Lions Club of Sale

Each year The Lions Club of Sale undertakes the collection for the Good Friday Appeal. This year we were once again assisted in this project by students from the schools within the district.

Each year an award is presented to the School whose students raise the most money for the appeal. This year the award went to Catholic College Sale- St Patrick's Campus. The students of the school raised an impressive \$3195.17. This was part of the amount raised for Sale of \$30,800.

The Sale Lions Club would particularly like to thank Mrs June Armstrong along with students Johannah Boyce, Georgina Boyce, Jessica Boyce, Alex Dickson, Taylor Lloyd Webb as well as all staff and students of the school for their ongoing support. The overall amount raised for this year's appeal was \$16,846 396.09.



ST PATRICK'S MARIST COLLEGE DUNDAS

St Marcellin Day at St Patrick's

The Year 7 students from St Patrick's Marist College Dundas, visited for their Spirituality Day St Patrick's Parish Church Hill to connect with the College's humble beginnings in Harrington Street which was established in 1872. Students attended Mass and also participated in various activities centred around the Marist values and the life of St Marcellin.

St Marcellin Champagnat Day on the 6th June is a day of celebration at St Patrick's Marist Dundas. After the celebration of the Eucharist, students gather for together and join in song and dance provided by a visiting band. Family spirit is certainly alive on this day.



Visual Arts Program

The Middle Years and Senior Secondary Visual Arts program at Marist College Ashgrove provides meaningful opportunities to transform students' understanding of the powerful medium with which they are working. They are given the opportunity through excellent resources, spaces and teaching expertise to develop their skills in a wide range of media and techniques and to consider ways in which visual artworks communicate meanings in different contexts.

Our program advocates for high quality and enriching rigorous Visual Arts experiences for our students. In 2014, our senior students were provided with the exciting opportunity to engage with a professional artist photographer, Joachim Froese. Working in partnership with a professional artist gave our students an insight into the world of a practicing artist, whilst also providing them with expert knowledge and guidance in their own photography.

We are thrilled to announce that Year 12 Art student, Lachlan Anderson received an Excellence Award in the Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art for his photographic work, *Suburbia* and Declan Kinninmont was also given a commendation for his artwork *Inventum, Melius, Fatum* which included digitally manipulated photographs and etchings. Their work, along with artwork from our other two entrants, Elliot Johnston and Timothy Humphries, was hung in the Ipswich Community Art Gallery as a part

of the Metropolitan Regional Exhibition. Lachlan's work will go on to be featured at the Gallery of Modern Art in Brisbane in 2015. We are very proud of these students and their achievements this year.

The Middle Years Visual Art students had an opportunity to present their class work in an exhibition held at the end of Term two. This displayed various works from Years 7 – 10 and was indicative of the highly valued talent of our students.

Katy Ward



Lachlan Anderson



Joe Ganter



A work by Elliot Johnston



Charles Ryan

THE JOHN BERNE SCHOOL, LEWISHAM

Annual Fundraising Luncheon

On Friday, 12th September, the Annual Fundraising Luncheon took place at Doltone House in Prymont. This event raises up to \$100,000 each year that assists with the development of educational programs at the John Berne School in Lewisham in

Sydney's inner-west. The photographs below, as well as the report from the Principal, Br Mark Paul in the Champagnat Journal included in this edition, reflect the important place this ministry has in the Australian Marist Province.





REMAR NEWS...

The Remar Gold (Year 12) Retreat was held from August 8 to 10 at Phillip Island - an amazing experience for the 12 schools involved, with 153 Gold Rowers, and 50 Helmspeople, Brothers, Remar Team, and Young Marist volunteers attending.

The Retreat included various elements, including fun outdoor activities to reconnect with friends, through to various prayer and mentoring experiences on the Saturday evening. A highlight for many was the concluding Eucharist on the Sunday morning.

Overall the retreat's success was due to the hard work and organisation of the Team. The next major events will be with our Red (Year 10) Leadership Camps in October - two in Melbourne and one in Sydney.



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What are Marist Brothers doing in Hanoi?

In the small "village" of Quoc Oai, a little west of Hanoi, lives and works Br Geoffrey Kelly, an Australian Brother who has volunteered to learn the Vietnamese language and to be a gentle presence to the people there. With him is Brother Antonio from Spain and a young Brother, Br. Quy, our first Vietnamese Brother. During 2013, before Geoff was supported by these other Brothers, the Provincial of Australia was determined that Br Geoffrey enjoy some supportive company while he was so far from home and in such a relatively isolated environment. And that is how I, another Australian Marist, joined Geoff from May until July in his rented premises in an alleyway just off the main street.

In virtual retirement after an apostolate of teaching, I had the time and inclination to try to be of some encouraging company for Geoff as he tries to introduce the people to Christian values and attitudes -- ever so indirectly -- through initially offering free English classes to primary, middle school and high school students as well as some Vietnamese teachers. Called the "New Horizons Project", its next phase involves the vocational training and support for young unemployed, and the teaching of English to blind Vietnamese. In other leased rooms with a "shop front"

opening to the main street, Geoff has set up classrooms. With the help of his Vietnamese assistant, he has spread the word through the schools of the area that free English lessons are available. As Vietnamese children attend school either in the morning or afternoon, there are always children free to attend lessons throughout the day. Bright-faced children arrive with their clear plastic satchels eager to throw themselves into any language activities Geoff and his volunteers have prepared (the programme is supported by part-time volunteer teachers).

While it is clear that the children's command of English is improving in terms of pronunciation and vocabulary, it is not clear, whether they connect the generosity of the teachers with the values that move the Brothers to be there. But as a "bystander", I can say that Geoff (and I, for that matter) were universally greeted with smiles by the locals. Geoff has been studying the Vietnamese language for some years and the traders in the market enjoy their attempts to persuade him to buy their goods and relish teasing or joking in a most natural and happy way. Occasionally, Geoff finds himself in conversation with the traders who are eager to chat with him.



Thanks to the number of children participating in the different programmes, it is common to see the children's faces light up in recognition of Geoff, happily greeting him as he goes on his way by bicycle. Neighbours care for each other and some are kind enough to share their food. Another regular occurrence is having a tradesman refuse payment and to wave away any offer of payment for a service provided or even for a can of beer. I have experienced also, the obvious delight of the locals when hearing that one is volunteering in the district. There seems to be a great appreciation of people from developed countries who are helping them in such a selfless way.

Is this fulfilling the original idea of the *Ad Gentes* project which has now grown in the Marist District of Asia?

One of my musings is that what Geoff, the other Brothers and his volunteers are doing in Quoc Oai is living out the encouragement attributed to Francis of Assisi: "You should always preach the Gospel, and if necessary use words." Australian Marists might rejoice in this outreach of the Brothers into countries still deprived of the formal preaching of

the Gospel after many decades. And we can join in prayer and encouragement of Brother Geoff and the other Brothers in their zealous and patient work.

Br Barry Lamb
Melbourne



A class of younger children in the foyer of the teaching space



MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION

FOOTSTEPS1 – MAKING JESUS CHRIST KNOWN & LOVED 27-30 JULY 2014



Participants: Sam Muir & Stuart Todd (Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College, Alice Springs), Ben Maddox & Ben Webb (Marist College Ashgrove), Emily Sill & Lynnelle Davis (Trinity College, Beenleigh), Rosemary Chapple & Philip Love (Marcellin College, Bulleen), Catherine Keegan & Rachel Dell (St Gregory's College,

Campbelltown), Craig Warnes & Kylie Coll (Marist College Canberra), Clare Asphar & Teresa Culbert (Newman College, Churchlands), Cathy Kim & Chris O'Connell (St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas) Amanda Maitland & Wayne Markwort (Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes), Alan Le Brocq & Andrew Holloway (Marian

Catholic College, Griffith), Vina Gibson (St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton), Rick Aylett (St Francis De Sales Regional College, Leeton), Tim Mullin (Sacred Heart College Middle School, Mitchell Park), Siobhan Shannon & Shan Wainwright (Mt Maria College, Mitchelton), Paula Elvy & Jane Malone (St Teresa's College, Noosaville), Rachel Noble & Katherine Bucknole (Marist College North Shore), Esther Robinson (John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow), Kenneth Holmes (Catholic College, Sale),

Katherine Buttigieg & Richard Harrison (Mt Carmel High School, Varroville), Bernadette Albertson & Gerard Sullivan (Galen Catholic College, Wangaratta), Charlene Sim (Marist Centre Sydney)

Team: Tony Clarke, Elizabeth Falconer (Coordinator), Br Hubert Williams, Ryan Gato, Paul Harris, Julia Lederwasch

BEING MARIST CONFERENCE 2014 30 July – 1 August 2014

From 30 July to 1 August, 36 delegates from 19 different Marist Schools and Ministries across Australia gathered at Mittagong for the 2014 biennial Being Marist Conference for School Officers. After an opening ceremony which centred round the talents of the St Gregory's Campbelltown Brass Band delegates spent the three days exploring the Marist story, our spirituality and how each of them can be Marist in their lives and at work. The three days were a wonderful opportunity for all to stop and reflect on their very important place in



our Marist family and how Mary can provide them with the inspiration and role modeling in their



daily lives. At the conclusion of the conference the delegates were commissioned by senior students from St Gregory's to go back to their schools and lives and "Be Marist"!

A few comments from the participants:

- Wonderful opportunity to mix and meet others who are doing similar roles in schools. Loved The Hermitage; great venue for such events ...
- Enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and the opportunity to share with others who are employed in similar positions. I would encourage others to attend ...
- I had a wonderful time. Working for nearly 20 years in a Marist school I finally get it.

#serve Newman

(L-R) Brooke Edwards, John Spriggins, Br Terry Orrell, Liliana Bellandi



FOOTSTEPS1 – MAKING JESUS CHRIST KNOWN & LOVED 17-20 AUGUST 2014

Participants: John Lambourne & Chris Sheahan (Marist College Ashgrove), Clive Haese & Ben Frize (Marcellin College, Bulleen), Christine Walker & Loretta McNaught (Marist College Canberra), Chris Lindsay & Mellisa Mance (St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas), Therese Glasheen & Catherine O'Connor (Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes), Teresa Turner & Maureen Romano (Good Counsel College, Innisfail), Vanessa Creece & Cristi Carroll (St Francis De Sales Regional College, Leeton), Matt Barlow & Luke Miller (Trinity Catholic College, Lismore) Joanne Haggarty & Trudy Harrison (St Peter's Maitland), Kirsty Kaeser & Kaye Beattie (Mt Maria College Mitchelton), Kathleen Adamson & Adriana Lidden (St Teresa's College, Noosaville), Amanda



Conde & Dianne Sandeman (Marist College North Shore), Christopher McBride (Marist College Penshurst), Ken Mayers (St Peter Claver College Riverview), Alan Jolly (John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow), Kayelene Jeffery & Emma Hoad (Notre Dame College Shepparton), Stephanie Phillips & Cassandra Iler (Mt

Carmel Catholic High School Varroville), Anthony Holligan & Domenic Giannone (Galen Catholic College Wangaratta), Monique Segafredo & Fiona MacRae (Marist-Sion College, Warragul) Team: Tony Clarke, Elizabeth Falconer (Coordinator), Br Hubert Williams, Ryan Gato, Paul Harris, Matthew Pearce.

MARIST SPIRIT IN NEW CALEDONIA...GATHERED AROUND ST MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT



In August, the Marist community in New Caledonia extended a tropical Melanesian welcome to a team of formators which included Mrs Kate Lofthouse, Head of Languages at Marist College Canberra and Br Neville Solomon, Regional Director MSA Brisbane. Joining the team was Br Jean-Marie Batick, the newly-appointed District Leader, and over five days, the trio delved into enriching the Marial spirit and deepening an appreciation of St Marcellin's life and work.

2014 saw the centenary celebrations of the founding of the first school in Noumea (Sacred Heart) and the golden anniversary of the establishment of St Mary's College in Paita. Hailing from these Marist schools and joined by the Marist

Missionary Sisters, the 30 participants were empowered to address local issues around the needs of young people with further opportunity to develop resources

for their schools and communities.

Discussions may have been in a different language but the issues were remarkably similar to our educational settings in Australia. Be it in New Caledonia or Newcastle, young people are constantly in search of a guiding spirituality to assist them to grow into good people, good citizens and good Christians.

This programme would not have been a reality without the unwavering support from the Brothers' community in Paita, the local coordination team and Marist College Canberra.

What a marvellous thing it is to be a Marist educator during this exciting time of growth.

CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT 3-6 September 2014



(L-R) Gail Coates, Steph Veness, Br Tony Shears, Maree Rolfe and Beth Smith



Reflections from a volunteer...

Tony McDonnell has had a long association as a Marist as a teacher at Marist College North Shore since graduating from university in 1985. In June of last year Tony packed his bags to spend twelve months volunteering in Cambodia at LaValla School for children with disabilities. On his return Tony reflected with MSol on his experience. Here's an excerpt from his reflections.

What was your prior involvement with Cambodia and what inspired you to return for twelve months?

Prior to my 12 months in Cambodia I had travelled with 10 immersion groups to Cambodia. I had also spent 3 months living in the LaValla community in 2012, whilst on long service leave. Since my very first visit to Cambodia I have had a great desire to spend a longer period with the LaValla community. I do not really know where that desire came from. The 12 months stay just seemed "meant to be".

What was an average day at LaValla like and what motivated you each day?

I don't know if I would call any day in Cambodia average! The enthusiasm and eagerness of the students certainly made the task at hand both easy and rewarding. Look at the kids... How could you say "I'm too tired to teach you the drums" when a boy with one prosthetic arm is asking the question with drum sticks in hand. The kids at the school are very special and they certainly provided the motivation.

What similarities are there between Marist College North Shore and LaValla School?

I have always believed Marist North Shore has a great Marist spirit but there is something even more authentic and real about the Marist spirit at LaValla. At both places the importance of relationship is paramount. Maybe because of the Khmer culture or maybe because all the teaching staff at LaValla are disabled but the relationship the teachers have with the students at LaValla is wonderful. They have a very personal knowledge of each student in their care and seem to be so accessible and available to their students. They know the importance of their role in the life of a disabled person in Cambodia and embrace it.

Why have you chosen this accompanying picture?

I had literally thousands of photos to consider including with this article but I have decided to include a photo of Dara*. Dara has cerebral palsy. He is probably the most disabled person at LaValla. Because of his disability, Dara is in the special class,

which means he has had no formal English lessons. But Dara is very bright and has learnt quite good English from his interactions with all the English speaking people who visit LaValla. Despite his disability Dara is one of the happiest people I have ever met and his excitement at greeting me each morning gave me a great handle on life's realities each and every day. (*a fictitious name has been used for privacy reasons)

What would you say to teachers who are considering volunteering abroad for a term?

I would encourage anyone who thinks that volunteering sounds like them to find a way to explore that call. I also think

that perhaps the term "volunteering" doesn't really capture the experience I had – I prefer to speak of my time in Cambodia as a personal immersion. Why? Well, I think rather than just going to do good things (which is important in itself), the personal immersion is a journey where you take the time to stop, think, reflect and listen – something that seemed so much easier in Cambodia than in the "clutter" of daily life in Sydney.

For the full interview with Tony visit our newsfeed:
www.maristsolidarity.net.au/newsfeed

Ashley Bulgarelli – MVA Coordinator
Project Coordinator – Pacific Region

School facilities construction to begin in Moulovibazar, Bangladesh

We were very happy to receive the news that on the 25th of August 2014, the foundation stone of the Tea Gardens school and hostel project was laid and blessed. In his welcome Br Eugenio Sanz thanked the Marist Brothers worldwide for helping with funds to buy the land. He also thanked the NGOs, including Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS), who are providing funds for the construction of buildings.

Br Eugenio reiterated the aim of this project, which is to build a High School and hostels that will serve the Tea garden workers' children. The school will be open to Muslim and Hindu students to ensure that all local children have the chance to escape poverty. Through this project and new facilities the Brothers will assist with the formation of the teachers at primary and secondary level, while also continuing to support the Sreemongol parish program in the primary schools scattered throughout the tea gardens. It is also hoped that the school will become a focus, in the Diocese and in the Church of

Bangladesh for developing awareness on Children's Rights.

While the first move has been made this project still needs your support to succeed. Contact us today!

Br Brian Kinsella, Project Coordinator



You're invited to celebrate Christmas with MSol at a centre near you!

Last year we celebrated Christmas with our supporter network in a new way at Christmas Gatherings in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting our supporters and we're looking forward to doing it again. Here are some dates to mark in your calendar:

Brisbane:	Monday, 10 November	5.30 to 7.30pm
Sydney:	Tuesday, 18 November	5.30 to 7.30pm
Melbourne:	Sunday, 23 November	5.30 to 7.30pm
Adelaide:	Tuesday, 25 November	5.30 to 7.30pm

It will once again be a great opportunity to meet with some of the team from Brisbane, to get an update on some of the

major works and for us to thank supporters of our work in person. We'll also be launching the 2014 Christmas Appeal containing a range of new life changing projects to support.

We'll do our best to make sure all of our supporters do get invitations but to make sure you or someone you know gets an invitation please contact us on the details below.

Michael Coleman, AMS Desk



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Walking in the Footsteps of Mary

MITTAGONG RETREAT

Brother Robert O'Connor, a spiritual director and educational consultant for the Province, recently conducted a retreat for the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers and Brothers) at Mittagong. Brother Robert invited the participants from both Australia and New Zealand to walk in the footsteps of Mary, the Mother of God, over the days at Mittagong. Pictured in the photographs are Brother Robert and the participants.

Thank you to Father Ron Nissen SM for this report.

