

Celebrations at Cairns, Ashgrove and Churchlands marists 2017 a new beginning Blessing and Opening of the Montagne Centre, Eastwood

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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: Debbie Buskell, Daniel Delmage, Peter Clarke (obscured), Fr Michael McLean, Fr Martin Maunsell, Dr Dan White, Adrian Marando (Back) and John Sweeting at the opening of the new Multi Purpose Centre at Eastwood



Editorial

Dear Brothers, colleagues and friends

What an inspired sculpture it is that has recently been unveiled at St Augustine's in Cairns (See page 6). In no time at all, this innovative piece of outdoor art has



assumed a defining and treasured place in the collective psyche and dynamic of the College family. I suspect that other Marist schools will be considering whether they can commission something the same or similar.

It is instantly recognisable, of course. We all know the table; many of us have sat around it. We have used it to celebrate the Eucharist during pilgrimages. We have photos of it in our staff rooms and gathering spaces. In the days when it was less vigilantly guarded, countless visitors sliced off small pieces of it as personal mementos. Why so? What is it about this bit of old furniture that makes it so significant for us?

It connects us in a tangible way with the foundations of the Marist story – our story – in the town of Lavalla. There's an intrinsic attraction in that. The tradition is that Marcellin himself made it back in 1816, something that enhances its appeal. But it is more than historical curiosity that draws us to this table, and explains why a Marist school would go to the trouble to cast a bronze replica of it for the middle of its campus.

It speaks of family – simply and powerfully so. It was a "family spirit" that Marcellin wanted to be a distinguishing feature of his schools, a trait that was far from the norm at the time. This hope has provided Marists ever since with an enormously rich metaphor for imagining the culture of their schools, for shaping a way of relating with one another, and for wanting the very best for one another. Because good families are built on love. They are founded on love that is transparent, resilient, forgiving, inclusive, down-to-earth, and joyful. We all intuitively understand family, good family.

As part of the new sculpture, alongside the older boy talking to the younger boy – a strong image in itself – there are two spare chairs. For me, it is the most poignant aspect of the work. It invites others to sit down, to join the family table, to feel at home. It says to them that they belong there, that they are welcome.

The Lavalla table appeals so compellingly to you and me because it mirrors for us who we aspire to be as Marists, and as a Marist community. The pages that follow do the same. As we resume classes for the second half of this year, I invite you to take some time to get into touch with how our fellow Marists all around Australia are creating schools where young people know they belong, where they feel safe, and can pursue their studies with confidence, and can grow in grace and humanity among and because of people who care deeply about them.

Nisi Dominus

Brother Michael Green FMS
National Director, Marist Schools Australia



MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Br Brendan Neily – Community Superior

Marist College Ashgrove was officially opened on St. Patrick's Day, 17 March 1940.

On St Patrick's Day 2015 the College community gathered in the Champagnat Centre to celebrate through the liturgy our rich history over those 75 years. After the liturgy the College community shared a meal to celebrate and the boys received a gift to mark this historic occasion.





Welcome to Country
– smoking smudge stick – Lliam Wilder



College Captain Reece Day with youngest student in the College, Billy Nuss



Headmaster Mr Peter McLoughlin, Deputy Headmaster Mr Richard Ward, with 2015 College Leaders, College Captain Reece Day and College vice-Captains Luca D'Arienzo; Harrison Enright; Max Hewett; Rory McHugh.



Headmaster Mr Peter McLoughlin with Papal Blessing presented to the College. Blessing held by Ben Curran

MARIST COLLEGE EASTWOOD

New Multi Purpose Centre Opens a World of Opportunities

The opening of the newly built Montagne Centre marks another great step in the development of Marist College Eastwood and will help it meet its growing student population. The Montagne Centre is the most significant development in the history of the college. The building was named by an ex student: Adrian Marando who felt that the building represented a wonderful opportunity to connect the Marist heritage to the hopes and dreams for the future.



The new centre is an agile and flexible space that incorporates two music rooms, a hospitality kitchen, a food technology kitchen, facilities for Television and Entertainment studies, two general classrooms for Drama and PDHPE and a Gymnasium and Fitness Centre. It also incorporates multiple sporting facilities, both within the building and on the shaded rooftop area. The internal space can be used for musicals, drama productions and assemblies with the capacity to seat over 1000 people. The building is fitted with state of the art technological infrastructure (CBUS)

enable live video streams of key events. The indoor facility has been built to be used as one large space or two smaller spaces. A clever innovation is the tiered operable seats that can seat over 300 people within a few minutes. As a result of this major development, the College has also been able to create an examination facility that is soundproofed and air-conditioned to cater for over 100 students. It has given them access to more classrooms and science laboratories elsewhere in the college to accommodate the expanding student population, which in 2016, for the first time ever, will include a sixth stream in











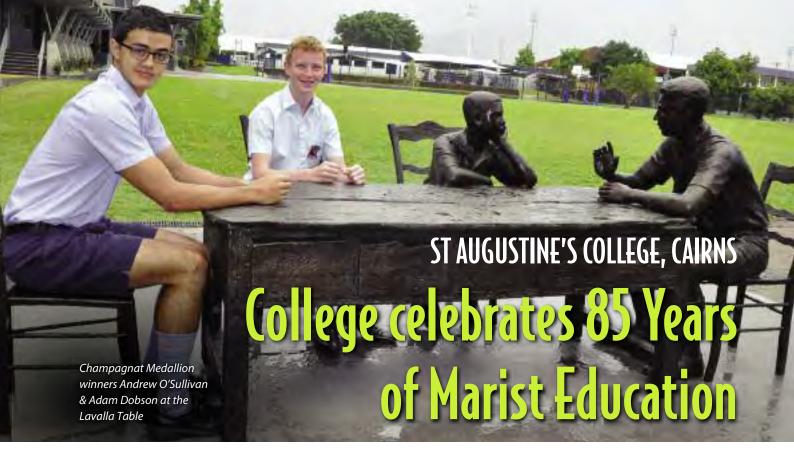
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One of Cairns' oldest schools and a fixture of community life, St Augustine's College celebrated its 85th anniversary on Friday 5th of June.

The College has come far from its beginnings as a solitary building in the middle of a swamp, now offering a world-class education to seven hundred students. This anniversary is a special year for the College, considering that the school has again taken on Year Seven students for the first time in decades, and also with the completion of the beautiful La Valla building. The anniversary was held on Champagnat Day last week, a day on which the College celebrates its foundations in the Marist tradition.



Rihards Rubulis as St Marcellin with his young brothers.

The celebrations began a special Mass, with many high-profile guests such as Brother Roger Burke, a former principal, and Brother Michael Green, the National Director of Marist Schools Australia. A feature of the Mass was that a new sculpture was used as the altar.

The sculpture, a year in the making, depicts two students conversing at a table, representing the fraternity which characterises the school. The table is a replica of the table which Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers, built himself and ate at every night with his companions, and is made of bronze which will be fit to last for centuries. The charming quirk of the sculpture is that there are two empty seats at the table where students can sit, interacting with the artwork.

At the end of the Mass, students from every year level were acknowledged with several awards, for living out their lives according to Marist values, and long serving staff were presented with Marist certificates. After Mass, the boys went to nearby Barlow Park where they played various novelty sports, a tradition highly favoured by the students.

There were celebrations for the adults, too, with a cocktail party in the evening where past students, their partners and members of the college community were invited to enjoy drinks and canapés, entertained by the school musicians. This represented the end of the day's celebrations, which catered to all in the community. They enjoyed a joyous milestone of 85 years, but it is sure to be just one of dozens to come.



Br Michael Callinan explains the significance of the Lavalla Table



Br Roger Burke gives out the Champagnat Awards



Br Darren Burge, Diarmuid O'Riordan, Ann-Marie Catalano, Sue & Lee MacMaster



Lionel Williamson, Br Roger Burke & Kevin Burke



Amanda Coulam, Philip Druery, Br Michael Green, Br Michael Callinan, Natalie Gordon and Greg Bellerby



Sally Hansen, Kastelle Gane, Czek Kersevani, Patrick Dywer, Andrew Dorahy and Jake Larsen

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE, KILMORE

Relay for Life

More than 500 people, including staff, students, guests and parents, took part in the Cancer Council event on May 1. From 2 to 6pm they walked around the outskirts of the Carroll Oval and raised nearly nine-thousand dollars.

The relay was organised by Years 11 and 12 Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning students with the help of their teachers. They took charge of registrations, setting up and packing up marquees and equipment, and food and drink for participants.

Greg White and Alannah Harrington conducted the opening ceremony which included the relay oath that calls to mind cancer survivors, sufferers and those lost to the disease as well as the goal of a cancer-free world. Georgia Yendall also performed the Cyndi Lauper song True Colours.

Special guests were former ACK student Zane Collier and Harper Edwards, the six-year-old daughter of Assumption teacher Kim Edwards, who are battling the disease. Zane cut the ribbon and with Harper and her dad led the opening lap.

Georgia Yendall performing Cyndi Lauper's True Colours during the opening ceremony.



At the closing ceremony candles forming the word HOPE were lit, a final reminder of our hope for life without cancer.



Zane Collier cuts the ribbon to begin the relay as his brother Reid and Harper and Kim Edwards look on.

Below: Cara McWilliams, Natalie Borg and Zoe Ryan taking a break from the action.

MARIST COLLEGE BENDIGO

The Rex Cambrey **Education Scholarship**

Marist College Bendigo recently was fortunate to be the recipient of "The Rex Cambrey Education Scholarship". This scholarship is named in honour of long-serving Marist employee and affiliated member Rex Cambrey through the generosity of the Tony Lennon Family Trust of Perth Western Australia. This scholarship has been used to assist a student with their school fees and to subsidise some blazer purchases for other students.

Rex Cambrey, Anthony Lennon, son of Tony Lennon, a member of the Family Trust and his son Hugo recently visited Marist to view our new premises and present some of our school leaders with a cheque on the day. Mr Lennon and Mr Cambrey also met the recipient of the Scholarship.

Marist College Bendigo would like to thank Rex Cambrey, Anthony Lennon and the Tony Lennon Family Trust in their generous contribution to the students at Marist College Bendigo.



and students including the recipient of the scholarship.

BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Indian Immersion

A group of BCC students and exstudents joined others from across the Bunbury Diocese for this amazing trip to India last December. Tonya Jack, Josephine Starr, Georgina Haines, Imogen Smith, Lauren Pronk, Tahlee Maughan and Tom Granger joined exstudents Aasha Haines and Lauren Noonan. With a focus on volunteer work, the eighteen day trip involved nine days working at the Missionaries of Charity orphanages and facilities in Kolkata, established by Mother Teresa. The



group, led by Mrs Sabrina Haines in what is her second Indian Immersion, also visited the Golden Temple, Amritsar, which serves an estimated 40 000 people a day. The trip also involved a sunrise tour of the Taj Mahal. Through a number of fund raising events, the group were about to donate \$6000 to the orphanages and also took past uniforms donated by

Our Lady of Lourdes, Dardanup.





MARIST MISSION AND LIFE

Marist Leaders: Mystics and Prophets Colloquium – Melbourne, 10 - 12 June 2015



In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction – Ltyente Apurte Catholic School, Santa Teresa, 13 April 2015

The staff at Ltyente Apurte Catholic School (Santa Teresa) participated In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction on 13 April. The Ltyente Apurtu community is a vibrant Catholic educational group based in Santa Teresa about 70 km from Alice Springs.

Back Row: Paul Wighton; Leticia Murphy; Cathy Buxton; Zoe Smithies; David Parish. Middle Row: Carmel Ryan; Paula Turner; Sheree Doolan; Justin



Colley; Br Paul Murphy; Vivian Pettit; Andrew Hazel Front Row: Katie-Jayne O'Brien; Rosemary Palmer; Bernadette Christensen; Marcus Williams; Anne Hazel; Br Daniel Hollamby

Footsteps 1: Making Jesus Christ known and Loved – The Hermitage, 3–6 May 2015



Back: Liz Falconer, Joanne Smith, Abby Muras, Sarah Pyle, Leah White, Kathy Daly, Emma Candlish, Chris De Britt, Sigmund Ochudzawa, David Moran, Ryan Thurgood, Jane Darrou, Travis Lyon, Paul Harris, Jessica Bulger, Tehani Wessely, Laura Hassell, Kathleen Waters, Andrew Fogarty, Tony Clarke Middle: Bessie McConnell, Jennifer Clark, Tanja Dunne, Matthew

O'Connor, Darren Meinicke, Patrick Martin, Mark Bensted, Hubert Williams Front: Min Dixon, Vicki Howie, Wendy Burke, Juliet Beattie, Br Greg McDonald, Paul Cividin, David Sexton, Ross Hopkins, James O'Shea, Nathan Weller

Footsteps 1: Making Jesus Christ known and Loved – The Hermitage, 31 May–3 June 2015

Back: Jeff de Heus, Rhondda Mackenzie, Angela Ryan, Aidan Linehan, Michael Steel, Jeffrey Glasmacher, Trish Mallabar, Heath Neville, Gabriel Rulewski, Mark Spanevello, Jamaal Sugars, Luke Parsons, Jonathon Staples, Bernard Kyan, Liz Cox, Br **Hubert Williams** Middle: Carmel Luck,



Sr Teresa Duch, Wendy Rowan, Brent Mitchell, Emma Clifton, Marni Milne, Sandra Leerson, Damien Herb, Antoinette Restell, Paul Harris, Sr Maria Martinez, Meagan Kozlowski, Mr Michael Akers Front: Ryan Gato, Julie Twomey, Lorraine Ramchandra, Rebecca Carter, Jenny McDean, Lisa Sorensen, Chris Morris, Simone Holly, Julianne Allan, Vanessa Harding, Sue Struber, Patricia Mallabar,

Footsteps 1: Making Jesus Christ known and Loved – The Hermitage, 14–17 June 2015



Back: Liz Falconer, Daniel Head, Samantha Dreon, Br Michael Schmalzl, Paul Harris, Bradley Barlow, Laura Morrissy, Kevin McMahon, Matthew Jones, Michael Connolly, Ryan Shelton, Chris Kupkee, Bruce Were, Jon Cullerton, Hubert Williams, Alex Abbey, Reuben Chalmers Middle: Gabrielle Nicholson. Caterina Nicolo, Carmen Cox, Denise Gersbach, Susan Kiernan, Melissa Clohesy, Jacqui Beecroft, Elizabeth

Mudford, Kate Fleming, Helen Murray, Susan McMurray, Tony O'Connell Front: Georgia Moloney, Marie O'Brien, Julie Schultz, Ryan Gato, Lyndall Johnstone, Manitha Badasie, Stephanie Bohane, Lia Mitchell, Sarah Taylor,

The Australian Marist Pilgrimage 2015

A PILGRIM REFLECTS...

Thirty two pilgrims from various ministries throughout Australia recently travelled to the Holy Land, Rome and France. It was a truly memorable journey to places of great religious and historical significance. The Pilgrimage was filled with many experiences that deepened our understanding of the Christian tradition and the life of St Marcellin Champagnat.

We were very fortunate to have two outstanding tour guides Fadi (Jordan) and George (Israel) who accompanied us. Their incredible knowledge helped us to gain a greater understanding of the many religious and sacred sites in key locations. We enjoyed floating in the Dead Sea and looking out over the Promised Land at Mt Nebo where we celebrated our first Eucharist. The renewal of our Baptismal promises by the Jordan River where Jesus was baptised was particularly moving. After crossing the border into Israel we spent time visiting many of the places where Jesus lived and ministered. This region of Galilee included, visits to Tabgha, Capernaun and Nof Ginosar. We recalled the stories of Jesus and his apostles as we travelled by boat on the Sea of Galilee and also celebrated the Eucharist by its shores. The Mount of the Beatitudes reminded us of Jesus' preaching about The Beatitudes and the importance they have in our lives. This peaceful and picturesque site allowed for reflection on each of the Beatitudes that were beautifully portrayed at the holy site.

As our Pilgrimage continued, we recalled the stories of *Mary Our Good Mother* and her place in our Marist story. Some of the sites visited included, Cana, Nazareth (Basilica of the Annunciation) Jerusalem (Ein Karem- site of the Visitation) and Bethlehem (Church of the Nativity).

Our stay in the Old City of Jerusalem gave us a tangible sense of this very religious and historical place. We marvelled at the towering stone walls, and the many holy sites of the Jewish, Muslim and Christian religions. During our stay we awoke each day to the Islamic Call to Prayer, an integral part of the Muslim faith. As we

walked along the narrow cobblestone streets, we experienced the sights and sounds within this amazing city. There were many treasured moments and prayerful experiences including walking along the Via Dolorosa marking the Stations of the Cross. We were very blessed to celebrate Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the tomb where Jesus was buried.

The next leg of our Pilgrimage took us to Rome where we were warmly welcomed into the hotel of the Marist Brothers General House in EUR. During our stay, we visited the General Archives viewing letters and photographs dating back to the time of St Marcellin Champagnat and his early community of Brothers. We were delighted to meet with Br Emili Turu, Superior General, and grateful for his inspirational presentation. We celebrated the Liturgy of the Eucharist in the beautiful Chapel of St Marcellin and shared a meal with members of the General Council and the General House Community.

Another highlight of the Pilgrimage was attending the General Audience with the Pope in St Peter's Square. Along with the many thousands gathered, we waved and cheered as the Pope moved so joyfully among the crowds. His presence exuded genuine love and affection and his words spoke of hope, understanding and mutual respect.

From Rome, we flew to Lyon where we spent time learning about the importance of this city to the Marist story. Our visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame de Fourviere, followed by Mass in the Chapel of Fourviere was key to understanding the pledge Marcellin and his fellow Marists made in 1816 to form the Society of Mary. The last week of our Pilgrimage was spent at Notre Dame de l'Hermitage, the spiritual home of the Marist Brothers. As we explored the magnificent property learning of our Marist origins, we reflected on the remarkable work Marcellin and the first community of Brothers did in developing their founding community. We walked some of the paths taken by Marcellin as he undertook

missionary work and were inspired by the tremendous commitment he made to educating and supporting the young people of his time. His tenacity and resilience gave him the ability to endure many hardships and struggles particularly in his early years as a Priest.

We travelled from the Hermitage to many significant sites connected to the life and ministry of St Marcellin Champagnat. Sites included his birth place, Le Rosey; and Lavalla, where Marcellin gathered the first brothers and the location of the first Marist school. We celebrated Mass around the table Marcellin constructed and reflected on the important role we have as part of the Marist family to continue his founding vision.

Br Michael Green's presentations were very informative and methodically delivered. His knowledge helped us to deepen our understanding of the remarkable journey and commitment of faith shown by Marcellin and his community of Brothers. We reflected on the challenge we have to ensure the Marian face of the church is evident in our schools and other ministries as we reach out to the youth in our care, especially those most in need.

We felt very much 'at home' during our stay at the Hermitage thanks to the generous hospitably shown to us by the international group of Marists who live and work at the ND de l'Hermitage. In addition, we were very blessed to have an outstanding group of leaders who worked tirelessly to ensure the Pilgrimage ran smoothly. We thank them for their gifts of friendship, guidance and support. Heartfelt thanks to the team namely: Br Michael Green, Br Michael Akers, Fr Gary Perritt and Ryan Gato.

As we continue on our journey post Pilgrimage, may we share the gift of Marcellin's vision with a greater confidence, questioning what it is we are called to do and respond like Mary with haste and complete trust in God.

Janelle Doohan (Mt Maria College, Petrie)

MARIST AUSTRALIA PILGRIMAGE TO THE I



HOLY LAND AND FRANCE 2015



Judean Desert Standing (L-R): Janelle Doohan, Fr Gary Perrit CP, John Cortese, Br Michael Akers, Karen Young, Anthony Munro, Paul Brooks, Kathleen McGrath, John Freeman, Corinne McPhee, Jim Sutton, Br Jeffrey Barrington, Nicholas Moloney, Simon Kanakis, Sally Flynn, Br Alexis Turton, Catherine Keegan, Peter Keegan, Joseph Feery, Susanna Gorman, Kaylene Mustoe, Michael Blake, Anthony Gorman, Sue Cortese Sitting (L-R): Magdalen Campbell, Peter Buxton, Jodi Isedale, Terence McDonough, Ryan Gato, Br Michael Green, Kirsty Bell, Stephen Dwyer

NEWMAN COLLEGE, PERTH

Marist/Newman 50th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass and Twilight Soiree

Newman College's major celebration of the Marist / Newman College Golden Jubilee year was held on Friday 1 May in the way of a Mass of Thanksgiving and Twilight Soiree.

We were privileged to have as our major Celebrant for the Mass The Most Reverend Gerard Holohan, Bishop of Bunbury. The concelebrating priests, the Very Rev Peter Whiteley, Rev Fr John Jegorow and Rev Fr Geoffrey Aldous, were all past students of Marist education in Perth. Rev Fr Geoffrey Aldous is celebrating his Golden Jubilee as a priest this year.

The Marist Province of Australia was represented by Br Peter Carroll FMS, Provincial Elect, Br John McMahon FMS, Director of Marist Tertiary Studies, and Paul Herrick, Marist Schools Australia Regional Director. Sr Bernice Tonkin CSB represented the Brigidine Sisters and Sr Regina O'Neill OP represented the Dominican Sisters. Mr John Aldous represented the Catholic Education Office and Mr Sean L'Estrange MLA, Member for Churchlands, also attended.

The Hon Julie Bishop, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Federal Member for Curtin, opened the evening with an address which acknowledged and



Lawrence Drown (College Captain), Julie Bishop, Sarah Durrant (College Captain) and Bernie Boss (Principal)

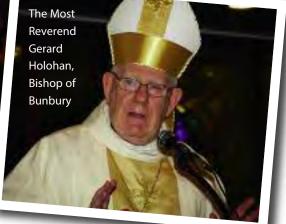
placed value on the contributions of Religious Orders to the education of students. Minister Bishop reflected on the wide range of leaders produced by Newman College, citing Nobel Laureate, Professor Barry Marshall, and Formula One Driver, Daniel Ricciardo as examples. She strongly acknowledged the importance of the teaching vocation and the impact teachers have on the lives of their students. At the conclusion of Minister Bishop's address, Bishop Holohan thanked her on behalf of the Newman College Community for the way in which she had worked tirelessly for the return to Australia of the victims of the East

Ukraine plane disaster, particularly the Maslin children, whose parents are past students of Newman College. He also thanked her for her most recent work during the Nepal earthquake and her endeavours to save the two Australians from execution in Bali.

The Celebration of the Eucharist was greatly enhanced by the beautiful singing of the Liturgical Choir. During the Homily, Bishop Holohan reflected on his 21 years of living with the Marist Brothers at Churchlands, serving as Chaplain to the Brothers and Students, and the sadness of his departure upon being appointed Bishop of Bunbury. He also spoke of the meaning of the College's Motto Through Shadows and Images to



Former students and staff enjoying the Twilight Soiree



Truth (written by Blessed John Henry Newman) and how our lives could be enhanced by emulating the search for truth within our own context. A number of past students also contributed to the celebration. Following the Mass, drinks and canapés were served in Founders Court. The spirit of the evening was one of relaxation and happiness as old friends caught up and reminisced about their days at the College. The guests were entertained by singing groups made up of current students and staff.



Former students saying Prayers of the Faithful

26th Marist Basketball Carnival

Students from 16 Marist Schools across Australia came to Perth in March to compete in The 26th Marist Basketball Carnival hosted by Newman College.

This was the first time Newman College, or Western Australia for that matter, has hosted this event. The four day sporting competition took place at the recently completed State Basketball Stadium, Floreat from Sunday 22 March - Friday 27 March 2015. The elite facility provided an excellent venue for the games, with its eight courts enabling all fixtures to take place at the one venue.

Teams were welcomed at the traditional Opening Mass and had the opportunity to mingle at an informal dinner afterwards in the College's Founders' Court.

Four days of vigorous but truly sporting competition was enjoyed by athletes and spectators, with a mid-week rest day to enable the visitors to see some of Perth's popular attractions including

Marcellin team (champion boys)

Scarborough Beach, Hillary's Boat Harbour, Rottnest Island and Kings Park.

The two hotly contested and close finals were held on the main show court in front of a large and appreciative audience. In the girls competition, Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon eventually triumphed over Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park, whilst in the boys' final many time winners, Marcellin College, Bulleen, were able to hold out a fast finishing Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park.

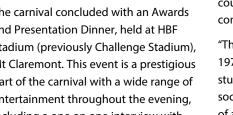
The carnival concluded with an Awards and Presentation Dinner, held at HBF Stadium (previously Challenge Stadium), Mt Claremont. This event is a prestigious part of the carnival with a wide range of entertainment throughout the evening, including a one on one interview with

Australian basketball great, Andrew Vlahov.

Br Neville Solomon attended on behalf of Lavalla team (champion girls)

Marist Schools Australia and highlighted how this carnival celebrates youth, vitality, respect and love under the banner of Mary Our Good Mother and of course a hard fought but respectful competition.

"The Carnival, which began in the late 1970's, offers a context within which students can enjoy healthy sporting and social interaction while under the unity of all things Marist," Br Neville said.





Newman vs Marist

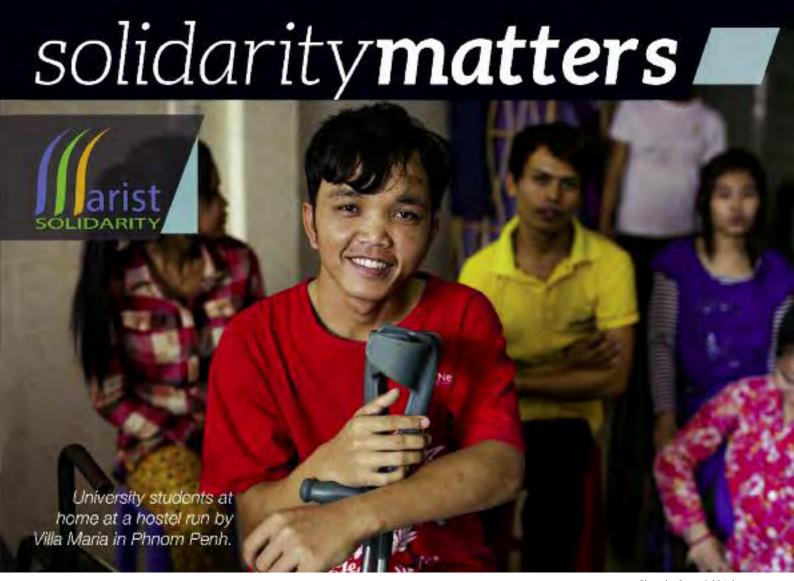


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Support Marist Solidarity Mid-Year Appeal Not just a home, but an opportunity for life.

Accommodation plans for disabled students in Cambodia

Marist Solidarity in Cambodia is planning a new residential village to provide accommodation that will enable students with disabilities to access schools and tertiary education.

People with disabilities are among Cambodia's most marginalised people. They are often stigmatised within their communities and living in extreme poverty, without access to education.

Disabled students graduating from the Marists' LaValla School, and other nearby schools and universities, require residential accommodation because their homes are very far away.

Currently, these students live in residential boarding facilities, like the Marists' Villa Maria hostel.

But finding suitable accommodating for these students is becoming increasingly difficult, and there are issues of overcrowding.

Marists at LaValla have had to lease houses—some with steep stairwells that are not suited to the specialised needs of disabled students, to alleviate accommodation pressures.

Too often, however, these challenges are too great, and some students give up on their education.

To help students succeed, Marist Solidarity Cambodia has secured 1.4

hectares of land adjacent to the LaValla School in Kendal province, on the southern outskirts of Phnom Penh city.

Plans for a village, with purpose-built accommodation, are now underway to support these students and encourage them to persevere with their education.

Initially, six self-contained cottages will be constructed. Each cottage will house ten students and be designed to reflect the simplicity and functionality of province life.

Common areas will include cooking and dining spaces, tuition and study rooms, a library and computer centre. There will also be an infirmary, recreation space and administration offices.

The new village will be partially operational in 2016, and once completed, will include ten homes to accommodate up to one hundred students.

Cottages will also include a small plot for cultivating vegetables and fruit.

In addition to growing their own fruit and vegetables, students will operate a small farming project to develop their agricultural skills and build self-reliance.

Local families will manage the village, and mentor students, encouraging them

to participate in leadership roles within the residence.

With your support, Marist Solidarity can offer some of Cambodia's most disadvantaged young people not just a home, but an opportunity for life.

Help us make a big impact on the lives of young people with disabilities by supporting our **2015 mid-year appeal.**

A 25-year-old resident at the Villa Maria hostel has access to secondary and tertiary education while living away from home. Photo by Conor Ashleigh



Contact us to support this project today!

Overcoming the obstacles to education

A new village will provide much-needed accommodation to help students, like Pisey, to continue to their formal education once they have graduated from primary school.

Three years ago, Pisey, from Kampong Cham province, badly cut his foot when he stepped on a sharp object. His parents were unable to afford medical help.

Infection soon set in, and eventually it spread to other parts of his body. Pisey lost all strength in legs and was unable to walk properly or perform physical activity.

His arms and hands became weak, his feet became deformed, and he lost his sense of balance.

17-year-old Pisey is getting stronger every day and can now focus on his education. Staff at *Handicap International* referred Pisey to the LaValla School, and he arrived in October 2012.

He was assessed by a physiotherapist and had simple surgery to improve his ankles. Pisey is now able to grip a pencil, hold his books, and he no longer has so many falls.

With his strength improving, Pisey—now 17, is studying grade one at the LaValla School and lives in the boarding residence.

Donate now to support Marist Solidarity's mid-year appeal and help realise our vision to transform lives through education.

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LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE, TRARALGON

Atlas9

Atlas9 is a dedicated Year 9 program that is designed to provide a highly distinguished environment that fosters a deep passion for learning and provides opportunities for students to take on greater levels of independence, responsibility and maturity. This aims to make a break from the style of schooling they have experienced in their junior years and prepare students for the challenges that they will face as they move through senior secondary school and out into further education and the workforce.

The program is built around three pillars of self, future and community. The word 'atlas' conjures notions of mapping, direction and orientation. Applied to these three pillars this asks students to get to know themselves in order to then find orientation in their community and for their future. Also permeating through the program are three key concepts that students use to reflect on their own learning and meet the challenges they are faced with throughout the semester. These concepts are mindsets, the whole self, and leadership and group development.

Mindsets draws on the work of Dr Carol Dweck and challenges students to reassess the way they approach challenges. Students explore mindset theory and neuroplasticity through a range of learning tasks and practical challenges. Students are encouraged to develop a growth mindset where they believe that intelligence can be developed, that the brain is like a muscle that can be trained and this leads to the desire to improve.



Building on this growth mindset, students are introduced to the concept of the whole self. This is made up of their intellectual, spiritual, emotional, physical and social selves. Through this students learn that to become a well-rounded adult they need to achieve balance across all these areas of

their life. This is supported



through activities in morning homeroom time and is integrated throughout the curriculum across the semester.

To prepare students for the range of team challenges that they face throughout the semester they spend time learning about leadership and group development theory. Leadership theory is covered in partnership with Melbourne Zoo through their Youth Leadership Program. This is followed up in class by learning about Tuckman's group development model through a



series of scaffolded practical team challenges.

The semester is divided into three separate six week learning blocks labeled foundation, development and excellence. This provides a framework for the development of the level of independence, maturity and responsibility that students are required to demonstrate to meet the program's challenges.

In the first learning block students develop a strong foundation in the knowledge and skills that they will need for the more dynamic challenges in the following two learning blocks. This remains fairly structured learning and is similar to the style of schooling that students are used to from year seven and eight.

In the second learning block students are presented with a set of

challenges designed to test the skills and knowledge they have developed. For example, in the design project subject students build on the leadership and group development work from learning block one by working in small teams to upcycle used materials into new and innovative products. This has included the creation of items such as creating a children's chalkboard play table from an old broken coffee table and reupholstering a dilapidated old lounge chair with used denim to create a stylish new piece.

In the third learning block students aim to develop excellence by expanding on the work they've done and taking an even greater level of ownership over their studies. They complete a range of projects in this learning block including a personal development project where they select an area of weakness from the

> 'whole self' work that they have done and put in place a plan for

To cap off the semester and celebrate their achievements students complete a student led conference. This is a thirty minute meeting led by the student with a parent and one of the Atlas9 staff where they present the work they have completed, reflect on what has gone well and what can be improved, and set goals for further improvement into the future.

Upon completion of the program students are equipped with skills, knowledge and experiences that will stand them in good stead for the challenges they will face as they progress through secondary school and move out into further education and the workforce.

For example, in the Inquiry subject students use the knowledge of geography that they have acquired in learning block one to develop a field inquiry on a geographic concept. Students then use their camp to collect



THE JOHN BERNE SCHOOL

The Annual Berne Luncheon

The Annual Berne Luncheon 2015 was held on Friday 29th May. Approximately 310 guests and loyal supporters of Berne filled the North Wharf of Doltone House's beautifully situated Darling Island Wharf venue at Pyrmont.

MC for the day, Joe Hildebrand, infamous columnist and panellist, ran the day from the Lectern introducing speakers Br Jeffrey Crowe, Provincial, Marist Brothers Australia, Br Mark Paul, Principal of The John Berne School, The Hon Kristina Keneally, former and first female Premier of NSW & official Ambassador of Berne and finally Br Michael Flanagan, current Principal of Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes and founding Principal of Berne.

Berne was referred to by Br Jeffrey as a "treasure" for Marists. A school that could simply be called "Don't give up".

Br Mark Paul introduced the concept of the Berne Enterprise, which he likened to the Starship Enterprise "traversing frontiers" and "committing to the journey of making a difference for youth in its care".

Kristina acknowledged that she is proud to be associated with The John Berne School, which provides "the right support, the right conditions and the right resources for every child to find their place in the world, to be welcomed and accepted, to be known and acknowledged for who they are".

She then praised the staff at Berne, who are not "just teachers, but also counselors. advisors, role models, carers and nurturers" calling them "the real heros".

Br Michael Flanagan, entertained the audience with his wit and heartfelt humour regaling many a tale from his years at Berne and the wonderful ability and history The John Berne School has of turning failure into success.

The Annual Berne Luncheon was a very enjoyable day and successfully raised over \$75,000 for The John Berne School.

Br Mark Paul fms, Principal of The John Berne School and The Hon Kristina Keneally, former and first female Premier of NSW & Ambassador of The John Berne School



Berne Staff & Friends: Dominic Wan, Katherine Stevenson, Susan Draysey & Deputy Principal, James Le Huray.





Berne Staff: Nicole Arathoon & Sharon Alafaci

TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE, LISMORE

Students enjoying Tree Day

Tree Day

On Wednesday, 22nd April, students had the opportunity to participate in planting trees and to learn about environmental sustainability. We planted 1000 trees, a fantastic effort for one afternoon. This was part of a program to replenish the riverbank by replacing weeds with native trees. We hope the new trees will provide a home for native animals, prevent erosion and improve the quality of the water.

We are grateful for the opportunity Rous Water and the volunteers from Lismore Council, Wilson's River Landcare Group, Friends of the Koala, North East Waste



and Far North Coast Weeds gave Trinity students and the knowledge they passed on through fun activities. We learnt about our catchment and how our efforts will help the environment in the

short and long term. The tree planting and preparation were partly funded by an Eco Schools grant the school received from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

MARIST COLLEGE CANBERRA



On Thursday, 4th June 2015, Staff, Parents, Students and Friends of Marist College gathered to farewell the Marist Brothers who have been part of the college community for nearly fifty years. Pictured are the Brothers who attended the function along with the two Junior School Captains. Our thanks to Katherine Anderson, the Public Relations Officer at the college for this photograph. Part of the Brothers restructuring of communities is focused on a new ministry and a new community in Western Sydney.

REMAR

Remar Ministry Team 2015

This year's Remar Ministry Team, or #RMT2K15 as they like to refer to themselves, have launched into the 2015 Remar program with energy, enthusiasm and spirit. They have formed community and are actively engaged in Marist Youth Ministry in Melbourne and across the country. Starting with strong formation, the team has grown in their Marist identity and in understanding more about Marcellin Champagnat's mission 'to make Jesus known and loved'. So far the team has completed 7 Blue Retreats and 9 Red Caravel Days over Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australian, Cairns, Tasmania and the Northern Territory. As Marist Youth Ministers, the team have given constant energy and responded to the needs of the young people they are ministering to. They are dedicated in their year of service, living simply and being a presence to young rowers.

Meet the team:

Emily Lyall-Green (St Patrick's College in Launceston, Tasmania)

Hi everyone! It wasn't until I went on

clicked that I wanted to join the Remar Ministry Team. Marcellin teaches us to cherish each and every relationship that we encounter. He was a man who lived strongly by his faith and constantly gave of himself to others. I hope that I can grow in these values and become a person of spirit, service and solidarity

one of the most fulfilling things I have ever experienced and I guarantee that all Remar rowers will gain something worthwhile from their Remar journey. I look forward to meeting everyone in the Marist family and building lifelong relationships.

Cassie Wilmot (Sacred Heart College, Adelaide)

Hi my name is Cassie and I have completed all three Remar crossings (Red, Blue & Gold). Through that time I have gained so much knowledge and grown so much. I personally wanted to be a part of the team this year to



Bottom left - Maddy Whyte and Lance Newton)



continue my growth in understanding who I am and in my faith. I also wanted to be able to pass on the knowledge and experiences I have been fortunate to have gained over my Remar journey. This year I hope to hear all of your stories and be a face that others recognize as friendly and approachable.

Maddy Whyte (Marist Sion College, Warragul)

Hi I'm Maddy and I joined the Remar Team this year because I wanted to give back to a program that helped me so much to develop my faith and become a human being rather than a human doing.

I also want to ensure everyone doing Remar have just as much fun and gets as much out of it as I did. I am really excited to be running camps this year and meet a whole heap of wonderful people and share the Marist Spirit. I am also really looking forward to the Ministry opportunities this year provides and the ways this will develop my faith.

Jackson Perry (St Patrick's College in Launceston, Tasmania)

Hey I'm Jackson and I applied for the Remar Ministry team because for me Remar was so beneficial and I wanted to give back to a program that gave me so much. I also want to inspire more young people to get involved in the path which is Youth Ministry and see the change that they make in this world. I am really looking forward to meeting all the

rowers this year, sharing stories and being involved with the Marist Family and having heaps of fun!

Lance Newton (Marcellin College, Bulleen)

Hi I'm Lance, I originally decided to become a part of the Remar Ministry Team because the Remar program has stood out for me and has become a journey in my life that I will never forget. I wanted to give back and help others to enjoy their Remar journey as much as I

did. I looked up to the previous team and saw something that I wanted to become. I found that I had grown in many aspects of my life through the assistance of Remar and I would love to not only continue that development, but help others grow in the way that I have. In my faith, my confidence, my leadership and service to others.

Liz Wake Remar Coordinator Marist Youth Ministry Regional Coordinator

My first experience of Remar was in 1996 at Catholic College Sale as a Red Rower. It was through this early formative experience and the models of Marist Brothers that led me on the path to my vocation as a Marist educator. In the Marist family I have found 'belonging, solidarity, the chance to share our lives and the opportunity to change our circumstances... connection' (WFR p56). I feel truly blessed to be able to share in this call to be family and to be of service to others. To be part of a community of mission.

http://www.maristyouthministry.com/





CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE

Masquerade Ball Fundraiser

A sea of masked party goers braved Sale's cold conditions to attend the Inaugural Catholic College Sale, East Timor Fundraiser Ball held at St Mary's Hall in Sale.

Once inside revellers danced to the sweet sounds of the 'Soultanas' with their soulful tunes and enjoyed an evening to remember.

Event coordinator Mrs Gabe Costin said that the evening had been a great success. "Everyone had a great time and we have raised a substantial amount of funds to assist in the rebuilding of the Catholic Primary school at Abafala in East Timor". Mrs Costin said.

A group of Year 11 students will travel to East Timor in September and stay at the Abafala school where they can see first-hand the results of the generosity of those who assisted in the College's fundraising efforts.

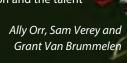


Seussical

Catholic College Sale's major school production Seussical, was performed over two nights at the Wedge to enthusiastic audiences and rave reviews.

It was a highly professional production that was entertaining from beginning to end and which truly showcased the talents of so many of the CCS students. Stage Director Ms Ann Roffe said that this year's cast was remarkably cohesive and displayed admirable teamworking skills which made them a delight to work with. "Performing on stage is a challenging feat for anyone, and to see each member of the cast put their all into what they did, truly becoming their characters, was inspiring." she said.

The College stages two major productions each year, one Senior production and one Year 8 production and the talent of the students seems limitless.



ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE, CAMPBELLTOWN

Celebration of St Marcellin's Vision

Coming to Life

On Wednesday the 3 June, St Gregory's College celebrated the Feast of St Marcellin with its annual College Mass and Award Ceremony. It was the first time that a Mass had taken place in the newly renovated Brother Luke Hall. A sacred place has been setup in the hall that would be only used for Mass as distinct from other activities.

It was pleasing to see the number of guests, parents and friends in attendance as I know that many would have taken time off work and or travelled great distances to be part of the ceremony.

"It was wonderful to see so many young men recognised for living out the dream of St Marcellin and also knowing that there were many more who could have been nominated"

Each year students are nominated for the prestigious Champagnat Award which includes five students from each group who are nominated and one student from each year group receives the Champagnat Medallion. The award grows in significance as the students reach Year 12 as the awardee receives a College Shield with his name also listed on the honour board. The College also awards a Community Champagnat Award.

This Year's recipient of the Champagnat Community Award



Fr John Roberts

was given to Father
John Roberts, a
wonderful friend of the
College. Father John
Roberts was awarded
the honour for his
exceptional service to
the College community.
Father John admitted
that he was lost for
words at the conclusion
of the ceremony.

St Greg's congratulates the following students

who were awarded the Champagnat Medallion.

Year 7 – Jake Nash, Year 8 – Angus Rochester, Year 9 – Leighton Brown, Year 10 – Sean Mabin, Year 11 – Bradley Rego, Year 12 – Sam Limbrey

The Champagnat Activities took place on Thursday 4 June on the College grounds and were a resounding success as attested to by many of the young men of the College. Money was raised from these activities for the students who are going on the immersion trips during the upcoming holidays.





The Feast of the Sacred Heart was a momentous occasion for the Sacred Heart College community with Bishop Eugene Hurley, Bishop of Darwin, celebrating Eucharist for the College at the Netball Centre. Concelebrating was Monsignor Ian Dempsey and Father John Shanahan – the local Parish Priests. In attendance were many special members of the Sacred Heart College 'Family' – local Marist Brothers, respected old scholars, collaborators, former and current parents, special friends, students from Years 6 to 12 and the staff of the College.

A number of apologies were noted and in the introduction to the celebration the sentiments of Archbishop Emeritus, Leonard Faulkner were shared: In my two years on a scholarship given by the Marist Brothers for a 'boy from the bush' I experienced the love of Jesus through the Sacred Heart – a love I have never forgotten! It was emphasised to the gathering that the Archbishop attended Sacred Heart in 1940 and had nurtured is special affiliation for over 75 years of

this special affiliation for over 75 years of his life and that all gathered might also be so blessed!

The celebration also marked in a special way this year's amalgamation of the Middle and Senior Schools to form Sacred Heart College. Bishop Hurley reflected fondly on his time as a Boarder and the founding beliefs and values which remain important in his life. In particular, Bishop Hurley touched on two key themes. The special nature of the Marist family which continues with him throughout his life and insights to the power and capabilities of young people to change the world for the better. He

made mention of his World Youth Day experiences and the subsequent outcomes across the world. He also implored our students to do the same!

In keeping with tradition the celebration concluded with a communal rendition of the 'Sub Tuum' - an ancient prayer to Mary imploring her protection and blessing!

Steve Byrne Principal





ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, HUNTERS HILL

Life changing trip for St Joseph's College students

Each year St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill offers senior students the opportunity to take part in an overseas immersion experience within a disadvantaged community. The trip is always a life-changing one for the boys, who return with a new perspective on the world and a strong motivation to work for social justice.



St Joseph's College students Alex Neethling, Jack Kenny, Austin Rewell, Max Reginato and Jack Kofod with some of the children they worked with in the Philippines.

This year's immersion trip saw 15 students from years 11 and 12 travel to the Philippines to work amongst street boys living in Bankerohan in Davao City. Accompanied by three SJC staff members, the group spent the Easter holiday break in a shelter administered by the Society of Mary – Marist Brothers and Fathers – where they tutored and played with the children, created a new computer room and painted and cleaned. The group also visited hospitals, prisons and the families of the boys living at the shelter and went out onto the streets to offer a safe haven to abandoned and desperate youngsters.

Year 12 student Harry Gillham took part in the immersion and said the experience was invaluable and unforgettable for everyone involved. "There is nothing more fulfilling than knowing you have been to the other side of the world and made a difference in the lives of the less fortunate," he said.

Harry admitted he and his peers were naïve to what they would face in Davao City. "Possibly the most shocking, confronting and unsettling sight was the poverty – thousands

upon thousands of people living in conditions many of us could not imagine. Children starving, malnourished and having resorted to living on the streets as their parents simply could not afford to feed them."

"The nature of these people was moving – their genuine happiness to have a chat and exchange smiles was incredible. Their friendly and positive outlooks on life seemed to contradict everything that surrounded them – something that every boy on the trip would agree has made him unbelievably grateful for everything we take for granted at home."

Director of Mission at St Joseph's, Mrs Lesley Maher, said it was heartening to see the way the students from the college readily cared for and shared their time with the street children of Bankerohan. "The seeds planted on this journey, both in the hearts of our boys and in the lives of the street children, will undoubtedly bear fruit long into the future," she said. "Our boys will never forget this journey and I am sure it will shape their thoughts, actions and decisions well into the future."

Thebarton

Marist Brothers High School (with a technical component), was founded at Thebarton in 1943. The Brothers took over from the Brothers of St John the Baptist. The first Director was Br Thomas Francis Doolan. In 1975 the school (now called Kamara), became co-educational, and the Principal was Br Desmond Hornsby. The Brothers withdrew from Thebarton in 1982. In the photograph of the Brothers Community is a young Br Dacius Reilly (front row, first on the right). Br Dacius, at 93, is currently the "Vice-Captain" for the Australian Marist Province.

Our gratitude to Dorothy Weekes, our



the Moodwork class



Archdiocese of Adelaide

Marcellin Technical College, Christies Downs Sacred Heart College, Adelaide

Archdiocese of Brisbane

Marist College, Ashgrove

Mount Maria College, Mitchelton

Mt Maria College, Petrie

St Joseph's School, Murgon

St Peter Claver College, Riverview

St Teresa's College, Noosaville

St Thomas More School, Sunshine Beach

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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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Archdiocese of Perth

Newman College, Churchlands St Joseph's School, Northam

Archdiocese of Sydney

Champagnat Catholic College, Pagewood Marcellin College, Randwick Marist College, Eastwood Marist College, Kogarah Marist College, North Shore Marist Catholic College, Penshurst

St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill



MARIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

Catholic education in the tradition of St Marcellin Champagnat

St Michael's Primary School, Daceyville The John Berne School, Lewisham Trinity Catholic College, Auburn/Regents Park

Diocese of Bunbury

Bunbury Catholic College

Diocese of Cairns

St Augustine's College, Cairns

Archdiocese of Canberra/Goulburn

Marist College, Canberra

Diocese of Lismore

St Mary's Catholic College, Casino Trinity Catholic College, Lismore

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton St Peter's Campus (All Saints College) Maitland

Diocese of Parramatta

Parramatta Marist High School, Westmead

St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas

Diocese of Rockhampton

Chanel College, Gladstone Marist College, Emerald

Diocese of Sale

Catholic College, Sale Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon Marist-Sion College, Warragul

Diocese of Sandhurst

Galen Catholic College, Wangaratta Marist College, Bendigo Notre Dame College, Shepparton

Diocese of Townsville

Burdekin Catholic High School, Ayr St Francis Xavier School, Ayr

Diocese of Wagga Wagga

St Francis de Sales College, Leeton

Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes

Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes

Diocese of Wollongong

John Therry High School, Rosemeadow Mount Carmel Catholic College, Varroville St Gregory's College, Campbelltown

ALL SAINTS COLLEGE, ST PETER'S CAMPUS - MAITLAND



On June 2nd, 2015, the Feast of Marcellin Champagnat was celebrated, by the St. Peter's students. The day began with a full school Mass, presided over by Father Derek.

After attending Mass, students ran stalls where food and drink was for sale as well as activities that students could participate in. This was followed by the "Saint Peter's Got Talent" Concert. The acts covered singing, dancing and a few magic shows. Lunch and further activities followed and by the conclusion of the day, students had raised \$6000 dollars that will go to the awesome work of Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity.