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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:** Two students from St Augustine's College in Cairns rehearsing for their music performance: Jonah Glasson (voice) and Luke Smart (piano).



# Editorial

## Dear Brothers, Colleagues and Friends



It was telling that in his two sessions at the Marist Schools Conference a couple of months ago, Brother Emili Turú, devoted relatively little of his time to talk specifically about the three Marian icons which were advertised as his theme – the Annunciation, the Visitation and Pentecost. Certainly, they underpinned what he said, but he was not at all concerned with giving a lesson in religious art.

Where the Superior General began his first session and where he left us in his final act of commissioning on the last day was not with intricacies of art but rather with living and breathing reality: he started by inviting us to reflect on the actuality and the directions of our schools and our ministry, and he finished by presenting us each with an apron, calling us to be the 'Church of the Apron'. By that stage of the Conference, up the front and in each of the corners of the room, we were surrounded by phrases not only of ourselves but of some of the neediest students we teach. In other words, Brother Emili's focus was on actual people – on young people in need and on us as the Marists who educate them and care for them.

It is a good thing that we theologise and that we symbolise; it helps us to make meaning of who we are and what we do. But the challenge to theology, to art and to ritual is for them not to become disconnected from that which they seek to symbolise. Brother Emili was masterful in keeping us grounded while at the same time stretching the horizons of our view.

The photos of the Conference which adjoin these words are of people. They are of us. The two hundred who gathered in Cairns represented several thousand Marists from over fifty Marist school communities around the country. The following pages of this issue of *Lavalla* are similarly full of photos and stories of people – of students and their teachers. They speak of the reality, the actuality, of who we have been as Marists over these past few months. They show us as the Marian 'Church of the Apron', and joyously so.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Michael Green'.

**Brother Michael Green FMS**





# Australian Marist Schools Conference: Cairns





# Literacy Week at Ltyentye Apurte

One special emphasis at Ltyentye Apurte is literacy – in both English and Arrernte. Celebrations for Literacy Week this year included the whole school gathering in the Library for the first half hour of school each day to enjoy reading. Children read to each other, staff read to children, and a number of parents and community members read to children. Many adults shared their favourite book with the children as did older children with the younger ones. This was a very happy time for everyone and a wonderful way to begin the school day. There was a Book Character Parade during Book Week followed by a family lunch.

The children, whose first language is Arrernte have formal lessons in their home language each week. Part of this programme includes Bush Trips where elders and local Indigenous Rangers teach children about Bush Tucker, Bush Medicine, local history and other aspects of their culture. These are special times enjoyed by all. Through developing their English skills and deepening their understanding and knowledge of their culture the children are growing to be literate and comfortable in 'two worlds'.





# Marist Mission & Life Formation

## FOOTSTEPS 1 – MAKING JESUS CHRIST KNOWN AND LOVED (21-24 JULY 2013)



**Participants:** Stephen Littleton and Jacqui Klowss (Marist College, Ashgrove); Matthew Thomas and Edward Doyle (Marcellin College, Bulleen); Brendan O'Flynn and Richard Abra (St Gregory's College, Campbelltown); Rebecca Lawrence (St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas); Mary Kelliher and Steven Mitchell (Marist College, Eastwood); Carol Stephens and Brant Waterson (Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes); Daniel Curran (St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill); Rochelle Stokes (Assumption College, Kilmore); Shane Fuller and Amy Tabain (St Francis De Sales College, Leeton); Ange Flannery (The John Berne School, Lewisham); Michael Davies (Trinity Catholic College, Lismore); Rebecca Heath and Karen Millsteed (All Saints College - St Peter's Campus, Maitland); Melissa Roth and Kathleen Bryant (Mt Maria College, Mitchelton); Kelly Goodingham (St Teresa's Catholic College, Noosaville); Ros Hennessy and Fiona Turner (Mt Maria College, Petrie); Paul MacGee and Peta Bourke (Marcellin College, Randwick); Melissa Bousfield and Robyn Sutherland (Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park); Melina Trimarchi and Bridget Ashton (Mt Carmel High School, Varroville).

**Team:** Br Mark Paul, Br Hubert Williams, Br Michael Akers, Br Tony Leon and Gail Coates

## Marist Mission & Life Formation – New Team Members 2014

In 2014, the Marist Mission & Life Formation Team will welcome two new team members:



### RYAN GATO

(based at Marist Centre Sydney)

Ryan Gato has been a part of the Marist community since his secondary studies at St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton. After completing studies at University, Ryan commenced working at All Saints College - St Peter's Campus, Maitland where he was able to continue to grow in his own sense of Marist life and ministry. As Administration Coordinator, he has devoted much of his time in assisting and promoting Marist spirituality at St Peter's through liturgies, social justice campaigns and retreats. Over the years he has been involved in Marist programmes such as the Youth Evangelisation Conference – The Marist Way; Marist Leaders: Next Gen and has been a team member on the Footsteps programme. Ryan has a real passion and enthusiasm for youth ministry and has been involved in three World Youth Day events, taking the lead this year as diocesan coordinator. He looks forward to joining the MLF Team in 2014 to assist and support the wider spiritual family of Marists.



### ELIZABETH FALCONER

(based at Marist Centre Brisbane)

Liz Falconer has been part of the Marist family for 18 years. Prior to this she admits that she 'didn't have a life' just a series of jobs. She is currently working at Marist College Ashgrove as Head of the Arts Key Learning Area within which she specializes in the teaching of Drama. She identifies and engages with the Marist spirit in her Ashgrove community and enjoys giving creative and dramatic dimensions to College Masses and events. Now she does believe she 'has a life', her Marist life, which began with her initial interaction with the Brothers and she has kept her pulse beating by attending the Marist Pilgrimage in 2005, which she admits was a life changing experience, and simply loving what she does every day. Liz has been a team member on the Footsteps programme and joins the MLF Team wanting to help give life to others in their Marist vocation and she is looking forward to being a companion to others in their Marist life and mission.

## FOOTSTEPS 1 – MAKING JESUS CHRIST KNOWN AND LOVED (18-21 AUGUST 2013)



Above: Nickie Birchall (Marist College Emerald) and Jenny McKenna (Mt Maria College, Mitchelton), Top right: Dorota Szarycz (St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas), Grant McHardy (Marcellin College Bulleen) and Victoria Nicolas (Trinity Catholic College Lismore); Right: Jeff Tickner and David Morris (St Teresa's Catholic College, Noosaville), Maree Rule (Marist College Canberra) and Lauren Wallis (Marcellin College Bulleen);



**Participants:** Sally Flynn and Bruce McPhee (Marist College, Ashgrove); John Coppola (Trinity Catholic College, Auburn); Grant McHardy and Lauren Wallis (Marcellin College, Bulleen); Bronwyn Jones and Maree Rule (Marist College, Canberra); Loraine Pett and Dorota Szarycz (St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas); Leanne Hyde and Gail Willingham (Marist College, Eastwood); Nickie Birchall and Leigh Murray (Marist College, Emerald); Jenny McKenna (Mt Maria College, Mitchelton); Sharon Hookham (St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill); Travis Doyle and Paul Werner

(St Francis De Sales College, Leeton); Clare Axman and Victoria Nicolas (Trinity Catholic College, Lismore); Michelle Johns and Kylie Stock (All Saints College – St Peter's Campus, Maitland); Anthony O'Shea (Mt Maria College, Mitchelton); David Morris and Jeff Tickner (St Teresa's Catholic College, Noosaville); Sally Kim (Marist College North Shore); Jennifer Clark (Parramatta Marist High School); Gareth Dunne and Katherine Toohey (Marcellin College, Randwick); Stuart Shaw and Paul Tricarico (Notre Dame College, Shepparton); Louise Hokanson and Karen Weire (St Thomas More Primary, Sunshine Beach); Brad McAllister and Matthew McMahon (Mt Carmel High School, Varroville).

**Team:** Carole Wark, Br Tony Paterson, Br Hubert Williams, Br Tony Leon, Br Mark Paul, Paul Herrick

## St Joseph's School, Northam – In the Champagnat Way Day (30 August 2013)



Above: Carole Teasdale, Kylie Dymnicki and Rebecca Clarke  
Left: Peter McMillan, Leon Temby, Br Doug, Ben Myers, Carrie Higgs



# iBelieve Programme



Clockwise from top left: Robert McDowall, Peter Centra, Jenny Hurst, Lee Dugan at the Catholic College Sale, iBelieve Day on 16 August 2013; Kellie Mitton, Gabby Smith and Heather Horsington at the Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes iBelieve Day on 16 August 2013; Mark Gilmore, Patricia Green, Pia Nigro, Warren Williams at the Marist College Pagewood iBelieve Day on 16 August 2013.; Mark Gilmore, Patricia Green, Pia Nigro, Warren Williams at the Marist College Pagewood iBelieve Day on 16 August 2013; Kelly-Ann Sackey, Susan Earl, Trevor Hegvold, Rosemary Facey, Jenny McDean, Justina Holland and Sue Pietsch enjoy an afternoon session of Tai Chi at the Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes iBelieve Day on 16 August 2013

## Marist Leaders: Next Gen 1 (Brisbane) (12-13 August 2013)



Bobby Bracken (Marist College Emerald) and Dana Barnsley (Trinity Catholic College, Lismore) at the Brisbane Marist Leaders: Next Gen 1 programme on 12-13 August.

Emma Galea (St Peter Claver College, Riverview) and Andrew McEwan (Trinity College Beenleigh) at the Brisbane Marist Leaders: Next Gen 1 programme on 12-13 August.



# Immersion in the Outback

This year, the College embarked on a new Immersion in the Australian Outback with the Wadeye – a tribal Aboriginal community on the western

edge of the Daly River Reserve, five to six hours southwest of Darwin. Wadeye is the Australia's largest Aboriginal town consisting of 2,200 Aboriginal citizens and 200 non-indigenous citizens. Below is an account from our 2013 College Captain, Daniel Boyle who served Wadeye on his Immersion experience:

*"The 2013 Northern Territory Immersion enabled me to establish an understanding on the Indigenous*

*situation in outback communities.*

*Regardless of the issues, the people are quick to smile and laugh. The community was very accepting and welcoming of our presence and was very pleased with the successful completion of our group project, which involved painting their Church. The community, including the heart-warming children, and the educational elders allowed us to understand the cultural and spiritual significance of the Indigenous population. Overall, the NT Immersion has left me with an experience that was greatly enriching".*



## A SCHOOL RESOURCE...

### Stories of Hope



*Stories of Hope* is a collection of the life-stories of ten residents connected with the Olympic Village Exodus Community in Heidelberg West, Victoria. This suburb is recognised as the 6th poorest in Victoria.

The stories are written as told to Exodus volunteer and sensitive writer, Anne Doyle. All are enriched by beautiful photography created by a well-respected photographer, Meredith O'Shea.

The publication of over 90A4 pages has been created with considerable professional support of the Melbourne archdiocese Office of Evangelisation

where Br. Mark O'Connor is Director. They help mark the Year of Grace and Faith.

This publication could be a rich resource for faith and justice education and useful in exploring issues of poverty and disadvantage. Teacher notes will be available on line.

*Stories of Hope* can be purchased for \$5 + postage through the Exodus Community. Ph 94577593 or [harry.prout@marists.org.au](mailto:harry.prout@marists.org.au). Packages of ten books will be available at a reduced price.



OLSH COLLEGE ALICE SPRINGS

# Primary school students busy at work and play



## MARIST VOCATIONS MINISTRY

# Promoting and Growing Future Marist Life

Marist Vocations Team: Br Greg, Br Doug, Br Patrick and Br Rod.

The Marist Vocations Team has been taking the good news about being Marist to a number of schools throughout the three MSA regions. So far in 2013, the team has given thirty-five presentations in eighteen schools to student groups in Years 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12.



Comprising of Br Greg McDonald, Br Rod Thomson, Br Patrick Connell and Br Doug Walsh, the Vocations Team encourages students to reflect on God's personal invitation to live their lives to the fullest, and in a particular way, consider how being a Marist Brother or Lay Marist can be a great way of living the Gospel.

Br Greg commented on the team's core mission: *"We want to encourage [senior] students to not only pursue their individual aspirations for the future, but to also invite them to reflect critically on how they might do that within the Christian context of service to others, by using their gifts and talents for the building up of God's Kingdom, as future members of the Australian Marist Community."*

### Key Themes in Presentations

The Vocations Team offers multi-media presentations to student groups based on four key themes: Year 6: *"Called By Name"*; Year 7: *"Being Brothers and Sisters"*; Year 11: *"Stepping-Up"* and Year 12 *"My Life-List"*. Each presentation looks at vocation and service through the lens of Marist Brotherhood and being a Young Marist.

Br Rod offered a rationale behind the presentation themes: *"the themes invite students to think about how 'being Marist' might be a good fit for them. Whether as a Brother or a Young Lay Marist, there are plenty of ways for students to live the Good News today. Our*

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*presentations help paint a broader picture of Marist life and connect students beyond their school community."*

#### **"Marist Life Mentors" workshops commence in schools**

The Vocations Team recently launched their Marist Life Mentors program, focused on providing teaching and non-teaching staff in MSA schools with basic skills for vocationally mentoring senior students. The program has three aims: (1) to encourage and affirm senior students who show a passion for faith, justice, or ministry activities; (2) to connect senior students to post-school

Young Marist activities in their region; (3) to invite and affirm senior students who they believe are open to considering a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood. The team has received positive feedback from staff who participated in recent workshops.

For further information about the Vocations Team conducting this workshop at your school please contact Br Greg [greg.mcdonald@marists.org.au](mailto:greg.mcdonald@marists.org.au) or Br Rod [rod.thomson@marists.org.au](mailto:rod.thomson@marists.org.au).



*Br Greg and Br Rod with Yr 12 students at St Augustine's College, Cairns*



*With Yr 12 Students from Marist College Eastwood*



*Br Rod with Year 9 students at Marist College Ashgrove*



*Marist Life Mentors workshop with staff at St Augustine's College, Cairns.*



MARIST COLLEGE PENSURST

# Diamond Jubilee 2013

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This year Marist College Penshurst celebrates its Diamond Jubilee and we acknowledged the occasion with a Mass in St Mary's Cathedral and a dinner. This will be one of the last occasions we will celebrate as a Years 7 to 10 boys' school, for we are embarking on our transition to a Years 7 to 12 co-educational college, taking effect with Year 11 boys and the introduction of girls into Year 7 in 2015.

Our Mass in the Mother Church of Australia was held on 16 June, a magnificent Sunday afternoon, with some 1500 students, their parents, past and present teachers, former principals and many well-wishers. Bishop Peter Comensoli, Auxiliary Bishop of the Sydney Archdiocese, celebrated the

Mass for us. The singing was prepared and conducted by CaSPA who enabled our boys to fill the huge space of the cathedral with a glorious sound – our boys sing well under normal circumstances and managed to excel themselves on this splendid occasion. The Mass was followed by a generous afternoon tea in the adjacent hall.

The following Friday about 170 guests enjoyed a fine meal at the Conca d'Oro restaurant, Riverwood, where we are always well looked after. It was a simple evening for a number of ex-students old and young, plenty of former teachers and many parents. Later in the evening there was an entertaining talk about the early years of the college by our local ancient historian.



# NEW APPOINTMENTS

## Br Mark Paul

Br Mark Paul is currently a member of the Mission and Life Formation Team of the Marist Brothers. His educational experience in Australia has crossed four states teaching at primary, secondary and tertiary institutions. Having a commitment to solidarity with marginalized youth he established Marist Educational Welfare Services in Melbourne that grew into a specialised school for youth. This service was instrumental in making significant educational reforms within the Juvenile Justice system of Melbourne. Mark was strategic in establishing the REMAR Program, and in more recent years, established and directed the Catholic Teachers College in Baucau Timor-Leste.

Mark holds Bachelor's degrees in Education, Theology and Social Work with a Masters degree in Pastoral Studies.

As he takes up the leadership of the The John Berne School he takes with him his experience and passion for youth to empower them with good opportunities to learn how to take their place within society.



## Angela Hay

Angela is currently Assistant Principal at St Andrews College, Marayong and has been there since 2009; previously she was a member of leadership at Gilroy College, Castle Hill from 1998. Angela brings experience in developing and leading whole school initiatives and advanced leading technology skills.

Angela has a vision for education that delivers a personalised curriculum, encouraging creativity and innovation, supported by technology, producing young people with a firm conviction of faith who will be agents of change in their world. She is looking forward to working with the staff, parents and parish community to meet the needs of the students St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas.



The boys also enjoyed a day off to celebrate the jubilee.

*Photos: 1. Marist College Penshurst Vice Captain Connor Robinson; 2. Deputy Principal, Marist College Penshurst: Carmelina Eussen*  
*3. Former Principals of Marist College Penshurst: Brothers John MacDonnell, Kevin Blyth and Thomas More. Current Principal: Mr Tony Duncan; 4. Ancillary Staff, Marist College Penshurst: Carol Bresnahan, Virginia Harty; 5. Teachers, Marist College Penshurst: Reg Soares, Michael Way, Joseph Lynch, Anthony Munro, John Lloyd; Background: View of St Mary's Cathedral, Marist College Penshurst Diamond Jubilee Mass*

# SOLIDARITYMATTERS

AN UPDATE ON SOME OF THE KEY PROJECTS THAT ARE BEING SUPPORTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL AID AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES OF THE AUSTRALIAN MARIST BROTHERS **SEPTEMBER 2013**

Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) | Marist Asia-Pacific Solidarity (MAPS) | Marist Volunteers Australia (MVA)

## Unlocking potential in Asia

Our mission in the Marist world brings with it a need to access financial support. Without this, development cannot continue and much needed education and support for local communities would cease to exist.

At the end of 2012 the need for better financial support of the Marist Mission in Asia was raised. A decision was made to work with Marist project managers in Asia to build their capacity for sourcing financial support for their projects. As a result, the Funding and Project Proposal Workshop presented by Br Allen Sherry, Executive Director of MSol, and hosted by FMSI was born.

After months of planning the workshop, thirty-three Marist Brothers and lay partners from one district and two provinces across Asia gathered in Bangkok. The participants came from Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Thailand, Philippines, Korea and one other country.

Over six days the workshop covered



*Marist Brothers and lay from across Asia gather around for a group session at the Funding and Proposal Workshop in Bangkok, Thailand.*

project types, development cycles, project funding and project proposal writing. The knowledge gained will enable Brothers and Lay Marists to access the much needed funds to secure the future of their ministry.

Marist Brother César Henriquez, from El Salvador currently on mission in Bangladesh, reflected on the experience saying he would return to Bangladesh and is confident that he would be able to work with the community and move his project

forward significantly. Responses such as these give great encouragement and remind us that the work we support with the help of Marists in Australia is crucial.

The passion of all participants reflects highly on the local desire for forward movement in our mission. It is a privilege for our team to support such a movement.

In solidarity,

**Michael Coleman**  
Marist Solidarity Team, Brisbane

**Our core value is solidarity with young people, respecting their dignity and developing their capacity to transform their own lives and communities.**



## La Valla School 2013 Graduates – CAMBODIA

On the 31st of July twenty-six students from the La Valla School in Takmao, Cambodia, graduated from year 6. These students have completed the accelerated three year schooling program at La Valla School that enables them to catch up and enter into secondary schools in Cambodia or to continue onto further training.

MSol and it's donors have been supporting the La Valla School since it's humble beginnings in 1998. If you would like to support this project contact our office below.



## Construction Project for Vanga Point COMPLETED

Construction of the desperately needed new toilet block, classrooms and staff housing at St Dominic's Rural Training Centre in Vanga Point, Solomon Islands began last year. It is now complete with staff moving in and classes ready to begin. The project was a wonderful collaborative effort with the local community culminating in fully functional facilities that will ensure the continuation of the education opportunities in the area. Thank you to all of our donors for your support.

## Samut Sakhon – Marist Centre for Burmese Migrants

The Marist Centre for Migrants (MCM) has a major focus on the young people of the Burmese migrant community. A variety of education programs on language and computer skills are provided throughout the week. On Saturday and Sunday a similar course is run for the parents and young adults in the migrant community. Here they learn language and computer skills giving them the opportunity to gain better paid work and to better support their families. To support this project contact us below.



## No better time than now to volunteer

Want to be a volunteer? There is no better time than now to support our fellow Marists in the 'District of Asia' as a volunteer. You are invited to consider the prospect of working with Marists in north Vietnam or in Thailand to assist children of a range of ages in a variety of education opportunities. For more information or to register, contact Marist Volunteers Australia: e: [mva@marists.org.au](mailto:mva@marists.org.au) | p: (02) 9218 4033 | m: 0409 636 116

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# China Tour

The 2013 Music Tour to Beijing China to attend the Tutti World Youth Music Festival was an unqualified success with the boys experiencing a variety of musical and cultural experiences that will last them a lifetime.

Highlights included visiting iconic locations such as the Summer Palace, Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City and The Great Wall. From a musical perspective the boys performed with students from across the world in a diverse range of locations including the China Conservatory of Music. The spirit of sharing musical talents

with other students was prevalent throughout the nine days and it was great to see the boys appreciate the talents of others and also be recognised by their peers. Arguably one of the highlights was the standing ovation the boys received at the end of their performance at Dulwich College Beijing. We look forward to the next international tour in 2016.



# Cricket Tour



*The Oval, London*

What a great tour!!

27 boys and 4 staff, including the Headmaster, Mr Peter McLoughlin, embarked on a truly amazing experience on the U15 UK Cricket Development Tour during the Term 2 break.



*Edinburgh*

Following months of preparation and training the group departed on the evening of the last day of school. The first few days were based in London, where games were played against schools that were almost 500 years old. The group also visited the famous sites of the city, including Lords, of course.





# 2013 Blue & Gold Ball

The 2013 Blue and Gold 'Bollywood' Ball on 3 August was an brilliant success, with 500 people enjoying a night of glamorous fun, feasting and dancing amid the ambience of a Maharaja's Palace, complete with giant statuesque elephants. Most guests donned Bollywood fashions creating a kaleidoscope of colourful silks and stunning jewels. And it wasn't just the ladies bitten by the Bollywood bug: plenty of dashing men sporting turbans, scarves, and traditional Indian celebration fashions also relished the chance to release their inner 'Bolly'.

*Foundation Chair Mr Tony Hogarth, Foundation Director and Ball Convenor Mrs Joanne Collins and Mr Peter McLoughlin, Headmaster.*

After a delicious gourmet Indian meal and inspiring Bollywood dance performances by Dance Marsala, popular party band Hot Sauce had guests crowding the dance floor until the small hours. A great night was had by all while the proceeds from the Blue and Gold Ball help finance the Brother Alexis Turton Science Centre.



*Ball Convenors left to right: Mrs Donna O'Toole, Mrs Shara Mohr, Mrs Kay Wells (College Community Relations Manager), Mrs Joanne Collins and Mrs Rachel Stewart.*

*Left to right: Mrs Paula McLoughlin; Mr Peter McLoughlin (Headmaster); Mrs Lisa Newman and Queensland Premier, Mr Campbell Newman*



*Lord's*

Over the two weeks of the tour the teams moved through the cities of Nottingham, York, St Andrew's and Edinburgh; playing a total of 14 games of cricket and visiting the amazing grounds of The Oval, Trent Bridge and St Andrew's Golf Course.

Two evenly matched teams were formed for the games and both sides won 3 of their 7 games against quality school and club teams.

Overall, the tour saw pleasing development in cricket skills; the forming of new friendships and enjoying a lifetime experience that will not be quickly forgotten.



# Breaking Bread for the Homeless Project

Marist Youth Care (MYC) through its *Affordable Housing for Life Project* initiated the *Breaking Bread for the Homeless (BBH)* project in August 2013 to highlight the chronic issue of youth homelessness and to promote MYC's solution to the problem.

The inaugural event for the *Breaking Bread for the Homeless* project was a breakfast at Blacktown where representatives from schools, business

*Star Foster Care team - Karina, Tammy and Jamie*



and community leaders met to break bread for the homeless and also contributed to raising the first \$6,000 towards a fund to build accommodation for homeless young people.

The *Breaking Bread for the Homeless* project aims to raise \$60,000 to cover the basic building costs of one dwelling for a homeless young person. Every dollar after that will assist with the set up costs for homeless young people identified as needing community housing support.

Marist Youth Care provides housing solutions and support to over 1500 at risk young people each year, many of whom are homeless due to unstable family life. MYC recognises that if young people have homes to return to each night, they have a much higher chance of remaining engaged with education, creating a pathway to employment then gaining social and economic independence.



MYC are planning a Christmas Event in December and hope to raise a further \$30,000 for the *Breaking Bread for the Homeless* project in 2013.



*Steve Phillips and Adjunct Professor Jim Taggart*

*Below: Dan Lynch, students from Parramatta Marist with John Robertson Leader of the State Opposition Party*





# New Technology and Arts Precinct opens at Joeys

St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, celebrated the blessing and opening of the school's new Technology and Arts Precinct on Sunday 2 June 2013.

Cardinal George Pell presided at the Family Mass for the Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat and conducted the solemn blessing and opening ceremony, which was attended by past and present students, families, staff, Marist Brothers and supporters of the college.

The precinct cost approximately \$13 million, which was partly funded by a loan and substantially funded by generous contributors, with approximately \$5 million committed to the college's *Realising the Vision* Capital Appeal. The college received no government funding for the project.

Headmaster of St Joseph's, Mr Ross Tarlinton, said the precinct is state-of-the-art and an exciting addition to the college's teaching spaces. "The new Technology and Arts Precinct will give



L to R: Jarrad McAuliffe (Y11), Nicholas Graham (Y12), Cardinal George Pell, Mr Richard Quinn, Fr Danai Penollar, William Whiteley (Y11).

generations of boys the opportunity to explore a vast range of creative projects and pursue their talents and interests. It has been designed to stand the test of time with advanced information

communication technologies integrated into all spaces and environmentally sustainable features such as a water retention pit, which will capture and store water for us to use to around the college."

The Farrell Auditorium is a large, open space at the heart of the new building that has already proven its worth as a multi-purpose venue for the entire college community. Since opening it has hosted a student art exhibition, business expo, technology display and an evening cocktail party for families, friends and Old Boys.

"The reward is seeing the way the boys have engaged with the new space. They realise they have been given a great gift and are keen to make the most of all the opportunities it offers."

Br Jeffrey Crowe, Cardinal George Pell and Mr Ross Tarlinton.



# Early Days At Eastwood

**Legend has it that Marist Brothers' Eastwood had a very romantic origin. Arrangements were in place to open a Marist Brothers' school in the parish. The Brother Provincial, Andrew Power and the Parish Priest Fr. J. Cusack were in agreement. But where would the money to build the new school come from?**



*Br Leopold Smith,  
the founding Director of the school*

The story goes that a certain Mr. J Elliot, a wealthy pharmacist, proposed to a young lady member of the parish. She placed a condition on her acceptance to be his future wife. She requested he make a large sum of money available to the parish to enable the new school to be constructed. We know for a fact that a certain J. Elliot did bequest the parish with the then princely sum of £5000, and for this has always been regarded as the founder of the school. As to how much truth there is in the rest of the story we leave it up to the reader.

We are on firmer historical ground when we say that classes began at Eastwood on 2nd February 1937. They ranged from Grade 4 to 6 in the primary department and the first year of secondary school (our present Year 7). Br Leopold Smith was appointed first Director (Principal) with Br Evan McDonough as Sub Director and Br Kenneth Harris making up a staff of three. (They were much more simple days!)

The first pupil enrolled was also the youngest, 81/2 year old James Maloney, himself the son of an ex-student of Marist

Brothers High School Darlinghurst. James in later life became a priest working in the Archdiocese of Sydney... There were 107 boys enrolled on the first day. It was the custom of the Brothers at that time, to keep a detailed record of daily events in the school and community. This record was called the House Annals. The annalist (probably Br Ervan McDonough) tells us the numbers enrolling far exceeded expectations and by February 13th the school population had topped 120. The Br. Provincial was so pleased he sent the new foundation another Brother, Loyola Sullivan. The omens for the future were looking good.

The new school passed a significant milestone on July 8th of that year when the annals record that it celebrated its first victory on the football field defeating a team from Marist Brothers' College Randwick 8 points to nil. Unfortunately it

does not tell us the age group of the team or any other details, but it was no doubt a huge morale booster to the whole pioneering community. The school was making its mark.

Two years later the school presented its first students to an external exam – the old Intermediate Certificate. The annalist writes with some excitement in January 1940 "The Intermediate results to hand. Far exceeded wildest dreams!! Eight presented and all were successful. The College's average was 2A' and 4 B's. Outstanding results in Maths 1 – 7 As and 4 As for Chemistry. Five boys return for 4th Year (our equivalent of Year 11).

Both in sport and academically the fledgling school was well on its way to setting a tradition that would become the present Marist College, Eastwood.

**Br Brian Etherington**







*This photo has no details, but looks like an athletic team in the very early years of the schools' existence. The team is standing in front of the then Brothers' residence.*

*This building, which still stands today was the original school.*

*The photo below was taken some time in February 1937 and shows the original pupils of the school. The adults in the photo are:*

*Br Kenneth Harris, Mr J Elliot, (Founder) Br Leopold Smith, (Director) Fr. J Cusack, (PP) Fr. Downey (Curate) Br Ervan McDonough, (Sub-Director), Br Loyola Sullivan. All these photos come from Br Leopold's personal photo album.*





ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE, CAIRNS

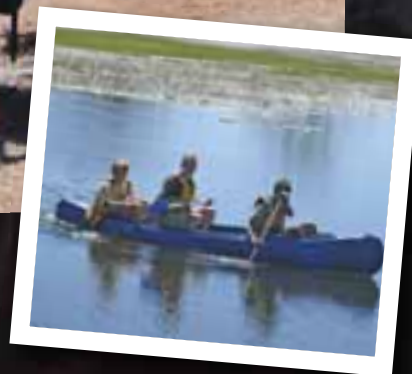
# Saints head "Bush"

Each year in August, St Augustine's College Year 9 and 10s head bush for their annual camp. This year 130 boys from Year 10 and 120 from Year 9 and staff left the confines of the classroom walls and took on education for 5 days in the wider classrooms and cathedral of the great outdoors at Karma Waters Station (Year 10) and Sugarbag Station (Year 9).

It was obvious boys who usually struggle and prove problematical within the classroom blossomed and became more of the young men they hoped to be. The quiet, solid achiever, of whom we hear and see so little because of the constant demands of those who need the attention of staff in the normal day-to-day running of school, really shone in their personal qualities and relationships during the five days.

If we were ever tempted to think that five days was a waste of time, better spent back in the four walls "learning", then the experience dispensed with such a thought. Some particular boys concentrated for over 40 minutes on the orienteering task, something we have never seen them do in the classroom!

The experience provided the discovery of new places, new friends and the acquisition of new skills. Boys overcame limitation and discovered hidden inner resources to tackle the challenges put to them.





## Students Immerse in East Timor Culture

A group of 8 Senior Galen students recently departed for Timor Leste to immerse themselves in East Timor culture. Prior to departing, the group raised funds through a pizza and music night, a Galen Talent Quest, raffles, and other activities to assist the school at Abafala.

*Current Year 11 Galen student, Sarah Kerr provides an insight into her experience:*

"Our trip to Timor Leste was something I'm sure all of us will never forget and it was definitely a very eye opening experience. On our trip there were 3 teachers and 8 students, as a group it was great to experience it all together. We travelled to Baucau where we stayed for 11 days. While we were there we visited many schools and traveled around the community, including the school community at Abafala. It was an incredible experience that made us realise how lucky and privileged we are in Australia."



Galen Catholic College has made a three-year commitment to support the rebuilding of the school at Abafala Village in Timor Leste. Galen is working in conjunction with Marist Brother, Tony

Clark through MAPS to raise funds to help in the rebuilding and resourcing of Abafala Catholic School in Timor Leste in collaboration with other schools such as Notre Dame College, Shepparton.

## REMAR

## Gold Graduates 2013

Over the weekend 10th – 12th August, nine of our Remar schools gathered together at Phillip Island Adventure Resort to attend their final Remar camp as Rowers.

Over the course of the weekend, rowers were given the opportunity to reflect on their three year journey as well as prepare for the next phase of their life journey – that is making decisions regarding 2014

and beyond.

Throughout their three year journey, the rowers have sailed away from mediocrity, whilst being a Disciple of Christ and actively been a witness in their community.

Of course this three year journey could not have occurred without the dedication of their Helms. On behalf of all the 2013 Gold rowers I would like to sincerely thank all our



Gold Helms for the important roles they have played in the lives of these young adults. May you never forget the footprints that you left on the hearts of your rowers.

We wish all our Gold Rowers the very best of luck as they embark on their exams and preparations for 2014. May Christ bless each of you as you continue to sail on your life journey.

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind always be at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Nicki Pitt  
MYM – National Remar Coordinator



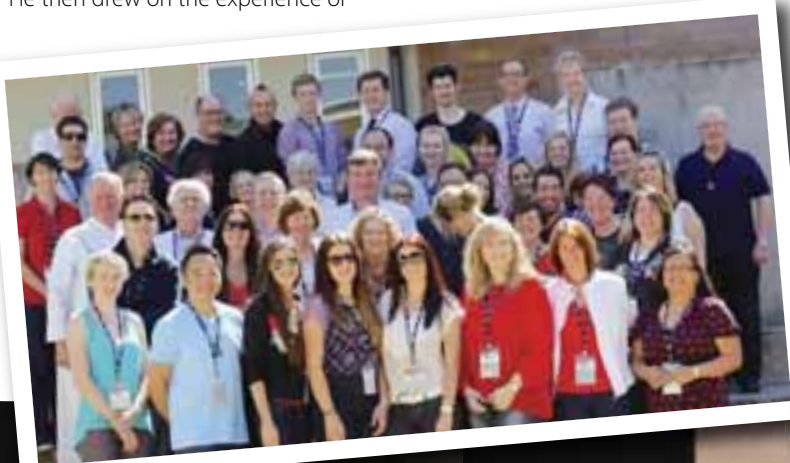
# Arts and Spirituality Symposium

Marist College Ashgrove hosted the Arts & Spirituality Symposium in their very well equipped Creative Arts Department. This event took place from the 28 August to 30 August. The purpose of this gathering was to enable the participants to reflect, through practical workshops, on the importance of the creative arts in the education of all students. There was an emphasis on recognising that the arts can lead to an experience of what can be classified as the spiritual. One participant commented: "I have learned to stop, retreat, pause and look between the 'gaps' and let the 'unknown' wash over me ... I gained a ripple effect by the passion of the artists and presenters."

Fr Richard Leonard SJ challenged the participants through an overview of the spiritual in creative arts especially in the area of film. He then drew on the experience of

the presenters to express the role their particular art contributed to their living and the element of spirituality that they perceived as being present in their practice. The presenters were the renowned Art curator Sr Rosemary Crumlin RSM, Paul Newton (artist), Conor Ashleigh (visual story teller and photographer) and Chris Nolan (Head of Music & Voice Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts UK, music and voice practitioner and director). It is interesting to note that Paul is a former student of Marist College Eastwood, and Conor and Chris attended St Francis Xavier's College Hamilton in the same year group.

The challenging workshops were complemented with a well-received drumming experience as well as the joyfully social Symposium Dinner.





# Trinity Community Celebrates their Foundation Day



*Above: Principal Brother John Hilet presents staff members Ms Christine Flood and Mr Garry Mulroy with their 35 years of service medallion.*

*Right: Father Roland celebrates Foundation Day at Trinity*



Each year the College celebrates the Foundation Day of the College that is held on the Feast of the Assumption - 15th August. This day commemorates the commencement of the College and of Catholic Secondary Education in Lismore in 1886. This year over 1400 students, 150 staff, the Presentation Sisters, Marist Brothers and a number of parents joined together to celebrate the success of this venture in Lismore, to pay tribute to those Presentation Sisters, Marist Brothers and Staff whose combined efforts have influenced what is our College Community today.

This year we were fortunate to have Father Roland preside at the Mass. It was a first for the College with Year Six students of St Carthages Primary school in attendance as well as being the first experienced by Brother John Hilet who began his Principalship at the College this year. At the conclusion of the Mass, the community recognised years of service of staff with three staff members being particularly thanked – David Kenyon (30 years of service); Ms Christine Flood and Mr Garry Mulroy (35 years of service).

The College community continued its celebrations after Mass with House BBQs and students participating in novelty events on St Mary's Site oval to cap such a memorable day.

## TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE LISMORE Soccer Player Scores a Spot in Australia Under 19s Team

During the week (3rd August – 10 August) Georgia Keen, Year 11 student at Trinity Catholic College Lismore, was in Canberra for the Under 19's All Schools National Competition where she represented the College while playing for NSW. Each team played a total of 5 games over the course of the week with NSW winning 4 and a 1-1 draw against QLD.

At the end of the tournament the Under 19's Schoolgirls Team for 2013 was announced. Congratulations to Georgia who was selected in the team. Georgia will be touring the United Kingdom in early January 2014 where the girls will be playing against Schoolgirl teams from England and Wales as well as playing against several club teams. This is the second time Georgia has been selected having toured South America earlier this year. She was one of three players from the 2012 side to be retained.

Georgia is also a member of the successful Trinity Open Girls Soccer team who for the third year in a row made the finals of the Combined Catholic College Knockout for 2013 and unfortunately were unable to keep their unbeaten record.



*Ethan proudly displaying the five medals he won at the World Transplant Games*

*Ethan on the way to capturing gold in the 100m breaststroke*



# Assumption's Ethan Daws – a young man on a mission

**Year 10 student Ethan Daws, who received a kidney transplant in 2011, hopes to compete at next year's Australian Transplant Games in Melbourne and ultimately the Rio Paralympics in 2016.**

Ethan won five medals in the pool at the World Transplant Games in South Africa in July and August, and was the only junior Victorian to represent Australia in swimming at the games among the 55 countries that attended.

Ethan, 16, was born with scarred and refluxed kidneys only a sixth of the average size, and 12 weeks premature. He defied all medical prognoses that he would need a kidney transplant in the first year of his life, to lead a normal active childhood until further kidney function loss saw his father donate his kidney when Ethan was 14.

He won gold in the 100m breaststroke, gold in the 100m freestyle, silver in the 50m freestyle, bronze in the 50m backstroke and bronze in the 50m breaststroke in the King's Park Pool in Durban.

Training three times a week with the Kilmore Swimming Club, he admits that he has to be organised to fit it in with school and study.

"There's still a bit of work to do on that [organisation] but mum helps me. I do a lot of study before swimming, and I pretty much get my homework done straight away." Ethan believes he's doing well academically, he most enjoys maths and science and is considering engineering as a possible career.

"Each time I compete, I am slicing time off my personal best effort, and I recorded a time of just over 34.5 sec in the event in South Africa.

"I hope to be the first Australian S16 category [those who have received a transplant] swimmer to qualify to attend the Paralympic Games." Those games will be the first to include such a category in the schedule of events.

This talented and determined teenager has overcome many obstacles and has no doubt his resourceful and dedicated parents, Steven and Linda, will help him achieve his goal of swimming in Rio.



ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE, CAMPBELLTOWN

# MSA Oratory Competition 2013

The 23rd Annual MSA Oratory Competition was held by Marist College Eastwood on Wednesday the 21st of August 2013.

*Front row: Sean Mabin, Jack McNally and Zak Hackett*

*Back row: Dominic Andrew, Jordan McCarthy, and Sam Hackett*



St Gregory's College won the Jeanne Marie Chavoin Encouragement Award Trophy for the 3rd Year running at this year's MSA Oratory Competition, coming second. The Marcellin Champagnat Trophy was won by St Joseph's College, who placed first.

6 of our students eagerly delivered their speeches at the competition which involved 12 other Marist Colleges, the night went extremely well and saw two St Gregory's College students receiving placements.

Representatives from St Gregory's College were:

Year 7	Zak Hackett
Year 8	Sean Mabin
Year 9	Sam Hackett
Year 10	Jack McNally
Year 11	Jordan McCarthy
Year 12	Dominic Andrew

Zak Hackett gained second place in the Year 7 division and Sean Mabin took out first place in the Year 8 division. The College gained second place in the overall competition which is allocated on total points scored.

College Headmaster, Mr Damien Millar said the students should be congratulated for their involvement, their preparation and passion for public speaking. Mr Millar also praised the dedication of the teaching staff, in particular Miss Maria Santos for her time and dedication in assisting the students throughout their oratory journey.

*From left to right; Sean Mabin – 1st Place in Year 8 and Zak Hackett – 2nd Place in Year 7*



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Marcellin Technical College, Christies Downs  
Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park  
Sacred Heart College Middle School, Mitchell Park

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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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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College,  
Alice Springs

### Archdiocese of Melbourne

Assumption College, Kilmore  
Marcellin College, Bulleen

### Archdiocese of Perth

Newman College, Churchlands  
St Joseph's School, Northam

### Archdiocese of Sydney

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### Diocese of Wollongong

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Mount Carmel High School, Varroville  
St Gregory's College, Campbelltown

## ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE, HAMILTON

## Year 12 Music students performing at the Newcastle Conservatorium



Jessica Blunt



Paige Collison



Denham  
Bridges



Sophia Ryan



Left:  
Matthew  
Burke



James  
Dawson