



MSA Newsletter

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



From Dr Frank Malloy

Dear Brothers, Colleagues and Friends

The experiences of these first weeks of the new school year, filled with hope, promise, and faith for students, parents and teachers, have been stark in contrast to news reported in the media of the initial days in office of the new President of the United States. Repeated reports laced with doubt, bewilderment, and incredulity, ask fundamental questions about world peace and security. We hear whispering echoes of past failures, where fear has driven policy and diplomacy, with catastrophic results for people, families, communities and nations. The importance of a holistic Catholic Marist education, which promotes critical thinkers among the young people entrusted to our care, has rarely been more pronounced. The education we endeavour to provide together across this country speaks with a voice that is counter to any that attempts to promote a prevailing culture of doom and hopelessness. And herein lies the beauty of the Gospel we are being called to proclaim, for it is driven by love, not fear, by hope, not despair.

As we celebrate the bicentenary year of Marist education, it is worth recalling that Saint Marcellin first established schools with a fierce determination to ensure the beautiful message of the Gospel was heard loudly in the midst of the division, inequity, horrific violence, death, and despair France endured for many years during his own life. Our theme for the bicentenary year, "Awaken" urges us not to resign the story of the foundation to quaint and folksy feel good stories. Rather we consider anew the faith, urgency, courage, and tenacity of the first Marists. In challenging the status quo, they gave birth to vibrant Marist school communities, from which literally millions of young people the world over have benefited for the past two hundred years.

At the beginning of this third century of Marist education, may we too share that same faith and hope with extravagant audacity. Indeed, just recently Pope Francis made this humorous and provocative challenge in a recently published interview, which I share for your reflection.

"Sometimes I think the best business we can do with many Christians, is to sell them mothballs, so that they put them in their clothes, and in their lives, and aren't eaten by moths!"

Francis said that many times Christians,

"are locked up and they are going to get eaten by moths! They have to go out! They have to go and bring the message of Jesus to others!"

The message of Jesus is to give; so just as I receive it from Him through a brother or sister, the grace comes to me and I give it, because it is not to save, it's to give!"

Yours sincerely,

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

COMING UP...

7 Feb	Association Council meeting	17 Feb	In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Melbourne
12-14 Feb	Remar New Helms and Coordinators VIC	20 Feb	In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Brisbane
13 Feb	Our Daily Bread Riverview	22 Feb	In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Macarthur Region
14 Feb	In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Alice Springs	26 Feb-1 Mar	Footsteps1: The Hermitage Mittagong
15 Feb	In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Santa Teresa	27 Feb	In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Gippsland Region
15 Feb	In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Hunter Region	27 Feb	Association Membership and Formation Committee meeting
16 Feb	Blessing of Bicentenary Paintings Santa Teresa	28 Feb	In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Perth

THIS NEWSLETTER

- The MSA Newsletter is published fortnightly during term time – four issues each term. It is prepared with a wide readership in mind – the teachers and staff of member schools, members of the Marist Association, those with whom our schools work in partnership such as pastors and diocesan offices, and friends and associates of our Marist schools and other ministries.
- The Newsletter is sent electronically to each Principal with the invitation for the Principal to electronically forward it or print it for staff and others associated with the school.
- Each issue follows a regular format: a message from the National Director (page 1), news and information (page 2), formation and other Marist programmes (page 3), and updates from Marist Youth Ministry and Marist Solidarity (page 4).
- The Newsletter can also be accessed via the MSA app (available from the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android), and downloadable from the MSA website (www.msa.edu.au).

2017 CONTACTS FOR MARIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

We bring your attention to the following changes in Marist Schools Australia from 2017:

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NEW PRINCIPALS AND STAFF

A warm welcome to all those who are joining Marists schools at the start of this year. Over these first weeks, many will be taking part in the "In The Marist Way" programmes that are being offered locally and regionally. We hope that you will soon feel at home in our Marist family. A special welcome to Principals who are taking up new leadership positions in Marist schools – to **Daniel Delmage** at Trinity Catholic College Auburn, **Mark Green**, Marist College Emerald, **Mark Woolford**, Acting Principal at Marist College Eastwood, **Dr Susan Bunkum**, Chanel College Gladstone and **Mr Joel Weekes**, Foundation Head of Junior School, St Gregory's College Campbelltown.

NEW HEAD OF MARIST COLLEGE CANBERRA

Congratulations to **Mr Matthew Hutchison** on his appointment as the next Head of Marist College Canberra to commence in 2018. Matthew is currently the Head of School at St Augustine's College Sydney. Matthew's announcement letter can be read [here](#).

NEW HEAD OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE HUNTERS HILL

Congratulations to **Dr Chris Hayes** on his appointment as the next Head of St Joseph's College Hunters Hill to commence in 2018. Chris is currently the Principal at Xavier College Melbourne. Chris' announcement letter can be read [here](#).

MSA BIENNIAL CONFERENCE



Online registrations open Monday 6 March 2017.

MARIST MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION



IN THE MARIST WAY, RED BEND CATHOLIC COLLEGE FORBES - 27 January 2017

Back: Dean Howden, Chris Downes, John Bradley, Pat Cleal and Jacob Degeling. Front: Cherylanne Saywell, Toni Tod, Kristy Butler
The "In the Marist Way" program for new staff at Red Bend Catholic College was an opportunity for participants to discuss and discover a little more of the Marist story, and how they are valued and welcome members of the Marist family.



Marisa Favilla, Steve Byrne and Ann Von Bujdoss

AWAKEN, SACRED HEART COLLEGE ADELAIDE

On Wednesday 25 January, both the senior and middle campuses of Sacred Heart Adelaide gathered together to participate in the Awaken spirituality programme. The day allowed staff to engage with our Christian story, whilst exploring how their faith community continues to grow and shape Marist life.



Peter Young



AWAKEN - Mt Maria College, Petrie - Mandy Soosai and Jodi Parker
18 January 2017

AWAKEN, MT MARIA COLLEGE PETRIE

The teachers of Mt Maria College, Petrie in Brisbane gathered together to celebrate the province program, Awaken. One participant commented that she gained insight into an 'awareness of the Marist philosophy and the role of the College in our current society.' As well as these 'big picture' insights staff were invited to reflect upon their own stories and the beautifully told stories of Jesus.

AWAKEN – THE BICENTENARY OF MARISTS' FOUNDATION



We are pleased to announce to the school communities in our Australian Marist network the launch of our 2017 Marist Solidarity campaign. This year we join with Marist Province of Australia theme of "Awaken" with our theme:

AWAKEN Marists in Solidarity

When St Marcellin invited the first two youth to join him and form the Marist Brothers as educators of those without access to schooling in rural France, he set off 200 years of life and movement now across 81 countries.

Solidarity at its base level is the choice we make about who we stand with. The Bicentenary of Marists brings us back to the origins of choosing youth projects that empower change in communities; change that is life enhancing and bringing young people closer to the vision of Jesus for a different world marked by the values of the Reign of God.

The team and board at Australian Marist Solidarity are very grateful for what you achieved with our partners in the field in 2016. The impact has been thousands of young people across Marist centres in Asia Pacific accessing education for the first time while some others learning in new life or vocational skills' programmes or even having their first book to read!

We have produced a campaign kit, which includes teaching and learning materials, activities for prayer and reflection, a poster and short promotional video. Each school will receive a kit and it is also available to download from our website:

www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/schools-pack

We look forward to building on this work with you in your educational and solidarity efforts throughout 2017 and beyond.

To find out more about how Marist Solidarity is transforming lives through education and community development email us at tony.skinner@marists.org.au or to support our work visit the website:

www.maristsolidarity.net.au

Tony Skinner
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Australian Marist Solidarity



MYM TEAMS GATHER FOR NATIONAL FORMATION PROGRAM

Our Marist Youth Ministry (MYM) Teams from the Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne regions gathered at the Edmund Rice Centre, Amberley last week for the national formation week. All fifteen members were present including our new Remar Ministry Team for 2017.

Facilitated by Ryan Gato and Fiona Dyball from the Mission and Life Formation Team, the week provided each participant with an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the call to mission and Christian Discipleship, along with our vision for Marist Youth Ministry with school students and young adults. Key themes explored included Christian Discipleship, our Marist story and charism, forming Marist apostles, walking with Mary, familiarisation with our Code of Conduct, Child Protection policy and professional standards.

A highlight of the week was the ministry afternoon spent with the Exodus Community at Heidelberg West, where the team had an opportunity to hear about the ministry of Exodus and the local Marists in reaching out to families and youth in need. The visit included a bread-run to some of the local families.

Thanks to Paul Herrick who represented the MSA Directors and to Joe McCarthy, Deputy Leader of the Marist Association, who commissioned each team member during our Eucharist.

We are blessed to have a wonderful Marist Youth Ministry Team in 2017!



Brother Greg McDonald
National Coordinator, Marist Youth Ministry