

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

## From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

Last week in Canberra, a gathering of Directors for Catholic education across Australia was hosted by the National Catholic Education Commission CEO, former Senator Ms Jacinta Collins. Jacinta is Catholic education's key advocate for approximately 770,000 students in Catholic schools and their families, as well as the more than 90,000 people who work in Catholic education.

The gathering was an opportunity for Directors to meet with our elected representatives in Canberra, and discuss current issues impacting on our schools. From a Marist Schools Australia perspective, it was heartening to hear affirmed the government's commitment to a range of initiatives to increase incentives for teachers to work in government and non-government schools situated in remote communities. This initiative will be evaluated over the next 18 months with hopes that if successful, can be broadened to include a number of difficult to staff regional areas.

In the group's conversation with the Minister for Education, Mr Dan Tehan, recent comments he made in the press in relation to NAPLAN were discussed. Whilst educators across the country sit at various points on the spectrum in relation to the benefits of NAPLAN, there seems greater unity among Australians in support of changes to the presentation of information on the MySchool website. Status measures, that is results by students at a single point in time, have previously dominated public discourse in this country in regard to NAPLAN and Year 12 results. Many Catholic educators for more than 20 years, have also consistently promoted and utilised the complementary measures of learning gain over a period of time to assist in identifying best practice and areas for improvement by teachers, students, schools and districts. At the meeting in Canberra, of particular note were indications of increased emphases on the MySchool website, highlighting more prominently learning gain made by students between years of testing. Such an outcome will demonstrate a developed understanding in the Australian community of fair and ethical measures of school effectiveness.

As our Year 12 students across the country enter their final exam and assessment period, it is important to remind them it is a step on their life-long learning journey. Let us offer the following prayer often during these final weeks of their Marist education.

*Lord, as our students prepare for their examination,  
let your strength and your wisdom be present.  
May they revise their work thoroughly.  
May their memory be reliable and orderly.  
May they be calm and focused on the task ahead.  
May they know and feel the love and support of family and friends.  
And may you, the author and creator of all things, enlighten them.  
Amen.*


Yours sincerely,

**Dr Frank Malloy**  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

## COMING UP...

25 Oct	MSA Mass and Dinner - Sydney	1 Nov	Marist Connect - Brisbane
25 Oct	Marist Connect - Macarthur	1-3 Nov	Remar Red Leadership Camp - WA
27-30 Oct	Footsteps 1 - Mittagong	15-17 Nov	Remar Red Leadership Camp - NSW/NT
29 Oct	Meeting of MSA-Governed Principals - SYD	24-26 Nov	MYM Student Leadership Gatherings - NSW/VIC
30 Oct	Marist Connect - Randwick	30 Nov	MSA Mass and Dinner - Melbourne

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College, Alice Springs, caters for students from Transition to Year 12 with students located across three campuses: Transition to Year 4 at Bath Street, Year 5 to Year 8 at Traeger Avenue, and Year 9 to Year 12 at Sadadeen Road. The College is a systemic Catholic school responsible to the Northern Territory Catholic Education Office, in the tradition of the Marist Brothers, under the auspices of the Catholic Diocese of Darwin. It is a member of Marist Schools Australia.

The Head of Campus is responsible for providing quality educational leadership in the areas of Catholic Identity, Leadership, Teaching and Learning, Pastoral Care and Wellbeing, Community and Culture, and Finance Facilities and Resources.

This position involves working with children. The appointment of the successful applicant will be subject to satisfactory employment screening for child related employment in accordance with the law. Full details are in the position statement.

**How to Apply:** Interested applicants are invited to make initial enquiries with Br Daniel Hollamby via email at [Daniel.Hollamby@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Daniel.Hollamby@nt.catholic.edu.au) or via telephone on (08) 8984 1400

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## 'STOP PUTTING KIDS IN JAIL'

- Indigenous boy asks the UN to help end youth incarceration

Marists Pat Cooke and Brad Murphy, with Edmund Rice interns Ciara, Dan and Adrienne accompanied by Br Brian Bond CFC, when Djujan Hoosan addressed the Human Rights Council (HRC) at the United Nations in Geneva meeting on 10 September 2019.

Click [here](#) to read the full story and [here](#) to watch a video of Djujan's presentation to the HRC. Also, click [here](#) to read an article written by Marist Brad Murphy regarding the day's events.

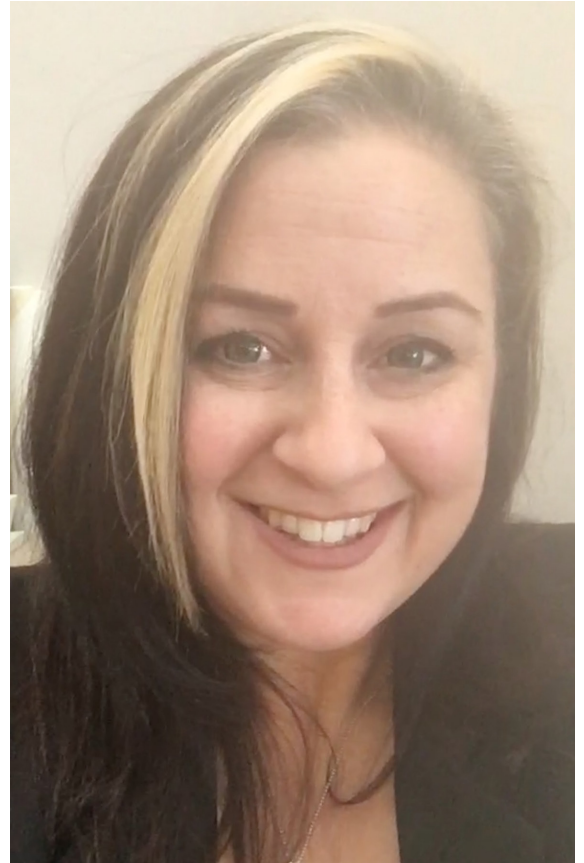


L to R: Ciara Church (ERI), Daniel Prichard (ERI), Djujan Hoosan, Brad Murphy (FMSI), Adrienne Ringin (ERI), Br Brian Bond (ERI) and Patrick Cooke (FMSI) at the United Nations in Geneva following the screening of the documentary *In My Blood It Runs*.

## APPOINTMENT OF NEW MLF TEAM MEMBER

We welcome **Anna Nasr** to the Marist Mission and Life Formation Team. Anna is currently the Religious Education Coordinator and Assistant Director of Mission at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill. For the past 20 years, she has worked in both Marist education and welfare ministries in senior leadership and formation positions, including her role as Coordinator of Education Programs at Marist180 and Coordinator roles at St Gregory's College, Campbelltown.

Anna has participated in a number of significant Marist Formation experiences, most recently joining the *Marist Pilgrimage* to the Holy Land, Rome and The Hermitage in France. For the last two years, Anna has contributed to Marist Formation as a valuable team member and presenter of the national *Footsteps — Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved* staff formation program. She also presented earlier this year at the Marist Schools Australia Biennial Conference. We look forward to Anna's contributions to the formation of Marists across the country.



## HOLY TODAY AT EUGOWRA!



RBCC Staff: Rebecca Morrison, Stephen Dwyer, Cassandra Tyack, and Alison Quinn

A lovely formation day with the Red Bend Catholic College Forbes staff was spent exploring the 2019 Marist Association theme Holy Today! Glorious winter sunshine greeted us at the delightful **Eat My Greens Farm** in the nearby town of Eugowra.

Staff explored the theme of holiness in today's world unpacking Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Rejoice and Be Glad*. Red Bend staff took time out from their normal duties to pray and contemplate on their lives, as well as to reflect on the call to be holy by living our lives with love and bearing witness in everything we do.

Many thanks to Matt Pearce, Tony O'Connell and Sarah Nowlan who helped facilitate the day with the MLF.

Dear Marist Colleagues,

It is with excitement that I introduce myself to you, having recently stepped into the shoes of Br Allen Sherry here at Australian Marist Solidarity. I've been active in Marist ministry for several years and have crossed paths with many of you through my work at Marist180 and membership of the Marist Association.

Engaging with Marist schools has been a highlight of my Marist journey so far, whether it be experiencing the wonder of the natural world as a student with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program with our brother school Marist College Canberra, sharing together with colleagues at Footsteps or on pilgrimage, working with Joey's and Trinity Catholic College Auburn to support people seeking asylum through Marist180 or partnering with Marcellin College Bulleen on the innovative Saint Marcellin Champagnat Award. This new Marist chapter is the most exciting yet, connecting with schools across our network to support disadvantaged young people beyond our borders.

The potential is unlimited. The Brothers and our partners across the region are doing exceptional work. From the well-known La Valla School providing access to education to young people with disabilities in Cambodia to the Teacher Training Centre doing such vital work in Timor Leste, from supporting people with HIV/AIDS in India to installing solar panels to provide access to computer training for young people in a school that has no electricity in Bougainville and strengthening anti women and child trafficking in Vietnam, our work really know no boundaries and the impact AMS makes is incredible.



The support of our Marist school's family is crucial and can't be understated. The relationships and experiences that you create on your immersion programs, the funds that you raise for our projects and the awareness that you raise through utilization of our school resources builds real and lasting solidarity between our communities locally and globally.

I look forward to continuing AMS' work with you and welcome your ideas and reflections on how we might together keep engaging our Australian Marist communities with our partners across the region. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at AMS any time on [ams@marists.org.au](mailto:ams@marists.org.au)

Warmest regards



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## Game Changers Ministry Team for 2020

We are delighted to welcome our first Game Changers Ministry team for 2020. Daniel and Nicholas are both students from Assumption College Kilmore and have completed three years in the REMAR program. The team will be supported by female volunteers in MYM for all our major Game Changers events next year providing a balance to our presentations and ministry.

**Game Changers** is a comprehensive Catholic youth ministry program for students in Marist Schools from Year 7-12. It seeks to form Christian leaders by making Jesus Christ known and loved. The Game Changers Ministry Team are volunteers who will help facilitate the Game Changers program across Australia.

For more information, please contact **Edwin Bakker** at [edwin.bakker@marists.org.au](mailto:edwin.bakker@marists.org.au).

**Edwin Bakker**  
National Remar Coordinator

### **Daniel Parkinson**

Hi, I am Daniel Parkinson and I recently graduated from Assumption College Kilmore. I have joined the Game Changers Ministry Team because I want to work and connect with students in Marist schools and our young adult Marist community, while also developing my own skills throughout 2020. I also look forward to expanding my Marist family through meeting and working with new people across Australia.

### **Nicholas Pizzolato**

Hi, my name is Nicholas Pizzolato and I am graduating from Assumption College Kilmore in 2019. I have joined the Game Changers Ministry Team because I have a passion for helping young people develop their faith and discover who they are. I also want to have the opportunity to give to others what MYM and Remar has given me through my last three years. I look forward to becoming a bigger part of this incredible community, meeting heaps of amazing people and discovering more of who I am through this experience.



Daniel Parkinson and Nicholas Pizzolato

## New MYM Regional Assistant in Perth



**Daniel Litjens** has been appointed as the first MYM Regional Assistant for Perth. Daniel is connected to the MYM Southern Team, linked with Melbourne and Adelaide.

Having previously been on the Remar Ministry Team in 2017 and supported Newman College with Remar retreats and camps, Daniel will bring experience, energy and passion to Marist Youth Ministry by connecting senior students and young adults to faith and service opportunities in Perth as well as helping them connect, grow and serve as future Young Marists. Welcome Daniel!

**Brother Greg McDonald FMS**  
MYM National Coordinator

# BACK TO MARIST!



An initiative of the Marist College Ashgrove Ex-Students, this event was held at the College on the afternoon of September 8, in one of the presentation rooms in the newly and beautifully renovated and iconic Tower Block.

Born of a desire to reconnect ex-students with their memories and learnings from their College days, the event “was a terrific opportunity to reconnect with our school in a very relaxed atmosphere.

Coordinated by past MCA Headmaster Br Robert O’Connor [1997-2002] it was a powerful but quiet day with ideas both controversial and traditional being top of the agenda. The clear theme was “well-being” – what does it mean and how do we define it for ourselves.”

In unpacking some responses to this broad theme social, emotional, and spiritual issues emerged for the twenty or more who were able to be with us. Much honest, robust and engaging conversations resulted.

“The participants were a sublime mix of Marist men from as far back as 1947 with Tom Treston, major influencers like Jim Lucey ’59, and Chris Muir’68 were involved in a Q&A session. The more recent Old Boys from the 90’s included Dom Melrose ’92 and Pat Webster’00. Stan Gricks’62 drove up from Casino to be present and reconnect with his school. A fantastic cross-section too: a former Priest, a Psychiatrist, a Centacare co-ordinator plus so many from other walks of life!

The culmination was a magnificent boarders mass in the chapel where we were all taken back in time to a place we all love. Thanks to all those who attended. This was a real chance for all of us to slow down and rediscover a small part of what it is have had a Marist education. A massive thank you to Br Robert for coming up from Sydney to give this inaugural event a professional touch.”

**Brad Butten, President**



# Open Day



**Wednesday 6 November 2019**

4.30–6.30pm (afternoon session) or  
6.00–8.00pm (evening session)

Catholic Theological College  
278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

## PROGRAM

- Welcome
- Study options and courses
- Reflections: A lecturer's experience and a student's experience
- Guided tour

Light  
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will be  
served

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Friday 1 November 2019

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**Sydney Catholic Schools Central Office, Leichhardt • 8.45am-4pm**



### Facilitated by Fiona Dyball

BMus (ACU), Grad Dip Music Therapy & Education (Melb), Grad Cert RE (ACU), MMusSt (Melb), MTS (Liturgy, Boston College) and member of the Australian National Liturgical Board.

Fiona is a music teacher at Marcellin College and leading liturgical music expert from Melbourne. She brings a wealth of experience and current learnings to a day of professional development where you will sing, play and learn how to choose appropriate music for the different times during liturgy and prayer.

**You will leave the day with an increased repertoire for use in your school and greater understanding of music's inherent connection to the Liturgy.**

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by Friday 8 November.

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The day will provide 6 hours of Teacher Identified/Teaching Standard 6.2.2.)*



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