



From Dr Frank Malloy

“Victor Hugo once said, ‘The future has many names. For the weak of will it means impossible and for the fearful it means the unknown.’ But Pope Francis has a different view, and may it find a place in each of your schools ... the future, he says, does have a name – and that name is HOPE,”

Mr Peter Turner
Executive Director for Catholic Schools
Diocese of Wollongong

Whilst Easter is still some weeks away, this is the final newsletter for the term with a number of schools in different States soon commencing holidays. It has been an extremely challenging few months for all who work for the Church, and particularly for school leaders and teachers. The above quote by Peter Turner¹ from a widely reported speech made at the annual Wollongong Catholic Schools Mass a few weeks ago, has attracted much attention across the nation over the past fortnight. In his address, in an overflowing St John Vianney’s Co Cathedral, Peter captured for everyone present, a lived reality evident in Catholic schools throughout our country.

At the recent Marist Schools Australia Principals meetings in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, time was spent reflecting and discussing the many immediate challenges encountered as the current leaders in our own school communities. “Weak, impossible, fearful, unknown” were not words used to describe our present or our future. Significantly, the overwhelming sentiment in all three meetings was *hope*. In different ways, Principals spoke of the inspirational work of their teachers and staff in our Marist schools. They described teachers and staff members, whose daily, transformative actions are helping to shape and form young people for the future. The constancy of their passion, generosity, witness, good humour and example was repeatedly emphasised by the Principals, as the greatest influence in ensuring our schools are places of hope. These were privileged moments of reflection and appreciation for the exceptional people teaching and working in our schools.

As we approach the holy season of Easter, may we contemplate anew words from *Water from the Rock*, our guide to Marist Spirituality, which illuminate the belief and source of hope we share with Christians throughout the ages.

At the foot of the Cross, we are in awe of a God who loves us without reserve. We find a God who shares the physical and psychological suffering, betrayal, abandonment and violence experienced by humanity, and transforms these experiences. There we enter the mystery of redemptive suffering and learn humble fidelity in love. The crucified Christ is the sign and deepest expression of a God who is love.

(WTFR para 22)

Yours sincerely,

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

1. <https://www.dow.catholic.edu.au/about-us/director/news/diocesan-education-mass-2019/>

COMING UP...

3 April Remar Red Caravel Day - NSW
5-7 April Remar Blue Retreat - NSW
7-11 April Marist Basketball Carnival
1 May Remar Red Caravel Day - QLD
3-5 May Remar Blue Retreat - QLD

9-10 May Marist Leaders Next Gen - Melbourne
14 May Marian Lecture - Sydney
16 May Marian Lecture - Brisbane
21 May Marian Lecture - Melbourne
26-28 May Marist Assistant Principals Conference

NEW PRINCIPAL APPOINTED



From left to right: Frank Malloy, Richard Sidorko, James Le Huray, Br Darren Burge, John Robinson

Congratulations to **Mr James Le Huray** on his appointment as the next Principal of The John Berne School, Lewisham, commencing at the beginning of Term 3 2019.

James is currently the Assistant Principal of the school, a position he has held since 2006. James is a highly respected educational leader, whose skill in building productive learning and pastoral relationships with students is widely known and admired.

The outstanding leadership and important contributions of current Principal, Mr Richard Sidorko, are greatly appreciated.

[Click here](#) for the full announcement letter from Dr Frank Malloy, National Director.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OF RED BEND CATHOLIC COLLEGE, FORBES to commence in Term 3 2019

With the appointment of the current Deputy Principal, Mr Stephen Dwyer to the Principalship of Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes, the National Director of Marist Schools Australia, Dr Frank Malloy, invites suitably qualified applicants for the position of Deputy Principal of Red Bend Catholic College.

The Deputy Principal shares with the Principal in all aspects of the College's leadership including: Catholic Mission and Religious Education, the boarders community, quality learning and teaching, student and staff well-being, parent involvement, community building and administration.

[Click here](#) for the full advertisement.

Please contact lottie.moussa@marists.org.au for an application package.

**Closing
date for
applications:
26 April 2019**



DR BONNIE THURSTON RETREAT DAYS

Please be aware that there have been changes to some dates regarding the retreats that Bonnie Thurston will be running whilst she is here for the Marian Lectures. Changes are as below:

Retreat Days – Dr Bonnie Thurston
MELBOURNE: change from Friday 24 May to
Saturday 25 May

Twilight Retreats – Dr Bonnie Thurston
ALICE SPRINGS: change from Sunday 26 May to **Thursday 30 May**
PERTH: change from Monday 3 June to **Tuesday 4 June**

MARIST SPIRITUALITY IN THE CITY OF CHURCHES

“We believe the charism of Marcellin is a gift to the Church and to the world, a gift we are being invited to further develop and live by progressively deepening our participation in this charism.”

Water From the Rock #13

Deepening our understanding of Marcellin Champagnat and Marist Spirituality was a significant part of the *In the Marist Way: New Staff Formation* program for staff at Cardijn College and Sacred Heart College in Adelaide. It was an inspiring day of shared conversation and learning about our mission as educators in the Marist tradition in making Jesus Christ known and loved for the students in our care.



From left: James Anfiteatro, David Mazzarelli, Lauren Young (Sacred Heart College, Adelaide) and Kelly Sardelis (Cardijn College, Adelaide)



From left: Ashleigh Young and Laura Kennedy (Sacred Heart College, Adelaide)

Holy Today! from Mary's perspective

As we continue to engage in our *Holy Today* program with staff in Marist ministries across the country, it is worth pondering on the example of Mary as one who practiced a reflective disposition towards God. In his book *‘God Moments’*, Andy Otto suggests:

“The spirit of reflective disposition is often inspired by Mary. Luke’s gospel says, ‘Mary kept all these things in her heart’ (Luke 2:19) She makes her heart a home for all her experiences and emotions. In doing so, she’s able more clearly to see God’s active role in her life and to hear God’s call. The verse from Luke gives a sense that Mary is not rushing through her interior examination but doing it with care.”

Marists Gifted the Land for a School

As some readers of other Marist newsletters would be aware the Marists have been given land for their new school in Timor Leste. AMS will be a partner in the development of the school and many donors have already been generous in their support.

The handing over was attended by a number of Marists and this is an extract of the Brothers' account of their historic day in Lautem.

Under some shady trees in a bush setting in the sub-district of Lautem, on Monday 25th February 2019, local traditional land owners signed and handed over documents to the Marist Brothers to gift a parcel of land on which the first Marist school of the country will be built. This is a parcel of 9 hectares on a small plateau not far from the shoreline.

Representing the Brothers were Br Manoel Soares da Silva (Brazil Centro Norte) and Br Peter Corr. As well as the landowners and Brothers, others involved in the signing of documents were Bishop Basilio do Nascimento, Bishop of Baucau, the local parish priest Padre Joaquim and civic officials (Xefe Suco and Xefe Aldeia). Many other community members were also present.

At the conclusion of the signing, there was a symbolic gesture of handing over the documents to the Brothers. The Bishop made clear that, this would be a private school and not under his direction. So, the documents were handed directly to the Brothers and not through the bishop. Other Marists present were Br Robert Speare, Br João Batista and a lay volunteer from Brazil, Janaine Perini.

A number of speeches ended the formalities. Then all enjoyed a lunch provided by the local community.



MYM Sydney's Super Connect

The first Super Connect gathering for the year was held at Marist College, Eastwood on Friday, 8 March with 170 students registered for the event.

One aim of the gathering was to increase awareness of slavery in the supply chains of our food, clothes and electronics. Students were given time in school groups to prepare a campaign to take back to their schools to encourage their student body to buy only fair-trade certified chocolate this Easter! Look for these certification labels on chocolate to make sure the cocoa beans have not been harvested using children and the farmers have been paid a fair price for the harvest.



Student Leaders Follow-Up

As a follow up to the NSW/ACT Student Leaders Gathering (SLG) last November, the MYM Team have started to visit individual schools and their leaders who attended our camp. We aim to support the student leaders in the goals that they set, whilst building relationships with the hope that the students will continue their Marist journey post-school. During Term 1, the MYM team has visited the Student Leaders at Marist College, Eastwood, Trinity Catholic College, Auburn and St Patrick's Catholic College, Dundas.



**Registrations for Year 12 Vocations Forum closing this Friday, 5 April.
The Forum is in Mittagong from 3 – 5 May.**

THE 2019 **MARIAN** LECTURE

“AFTER THE ANGEL DEPARTED”

*Seeking God:
hints and glimpses of the God within*



Join us in an encounter with international speaker, biblical scholar, ordained minister, author and award-winning poet, **Dr Bonnie Thurston**, who will draw on the rich tradition of contemplation and how to be attentive to the God within.



SYDNEY TUES 14 MAY

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
THE PETER COSGROVE CENTRE, NORTH SYDNEY

BRISBANE THURS 16 MAY

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
THE LEADERSHIP CENTRE

MELBOURNE TUES 21 MAY

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
CHRIST LECTURE THEATRE

6.00PM - 7.30PM



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MARIST TERTIARY

UNIVERSITY ACCREDITED LEADERSHIP COURSE

In your work as an educator, are you interested in learning how experienced Marist leaders understand and practice educational leadership?

If you are, Marist Tertiary Education is offering again this year the University accredited course Marist Educational Leadership. This course aims to provide you with an opportunity to deepen your own understanding of what it means to be a Marist leader in a contemporary educational and social setting.

If you are undertaking a Masters degree at ACU or BBI, you can gain credit for your degree through enrolling in this accredited course at <http://msa.edu.au/registration-for-programmes>.

2019

MLT401 MARIST EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (MEL)

8 & 9 July
11 & 12 July

Delivery:
Mixed mode
(both face-to-face
and online)

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