



MSA Newsletter

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



From Brother Michael Green

Dear Brothers, Colleagues and Friends

So it seems that electioneering will provide a backdrop for us all over the remainder of Term Two. Already just over a week into the Federal election campaign here in Australia, and our collective national authenticity antennae are buzzing. As an antidote for the flurry of door-stops and television ads that have polities in hi-viz vests trying to look earnest, large grains of salt are being kept at the ready. The local daily news-grabs pale, of course, in comparison to the tragi-comedy that is being played out on the other side of the Pacific. And nearer to home, the Philippines seems to be revealing just how quirky the democratic process can become.

While the electorate is not always as sceptical as it might be at all this posturing and promising, it can be quite unforgiving when it comes to governments not converting their words into action, or turning out to be different in reality from how they seemed beforehand. We don't like that.

Fortunately for us all, there is another world of make-believe during Term Two where none of this presents a problem. In fact, we rejoice in it. We educate through it. We give opportunity for young people to grow in confidence, creativity, and commitment. I am writing of the good old annual school musical. It seems that this is the time of year when many schools stage their productions. A highlight of any school's year.

Has there been a better means developed for bringing together a school community to work on a project over many months? The staff who produce and direct, who audition and coach the principals, prepare the musicians, who build the sets, who market the tickets, who manage the stage and lighting, who look after logistics, who make costumes, who look after the finances, who do all the front-of-house and back-of-house tasks. The students who act, sing and dance, who are in the chorus, play instruments, are in the stage crew, who help out in all kinds of ways, and who provide exuberance in the audience. And the parents, families, and friends who not only come along on the night, but who encourage and cajole their sons and daughters through the rehearsals, and volunteer their services to make it all happen.

It is well for us to have a number of lenses through which to see and assess the work of a school. The *MySchool* website provides a few important ones. But we know that the quantitative measures we find there will only ever tell part of the story. What are we doing for developing imagination, creative expression, aesthetic sensitivity, self-esteem, social-emotional capacity, risk-taking, a sense of wonder and fun? And how are we doing it? There is something of our founding Marist intuitions in asking such questions. Marcellin's first Brothers were criticised by some parish and municipal authorities for having a daily period allocated for singing, when they could have been giving more time to reading, writing, and learning the catechism. But the Founder was drawn intuitively to a more holistic approach to education, something indeed that is characteristic of the best of the Catholic educational tradition.

So, lights, camera, action! Strike up the band!

Nisi Dominus

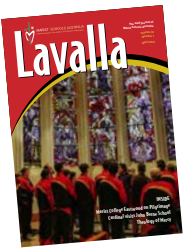
Brother Michael Green FMS
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

COMING UP...

18 May Marist Leaders Next Gen2: Sydney
 20-22 May Remar Blue Retreat, New South Wales
 23-24 May MSA Regional Council meeting, Melbourne
 25 May Meeting of Principals of MSA-Governed Schools
 25 May Remar Red Caravel Day, New South Wales
 26 May MSA Regional Council meeting, Brisbane
 27 May MSA Regional Council meeting, Sydney
 29 May - 1 June Footsteps 1: Making Jesus Known and Loved: Mittagong

1-4 June MSA Business Managers' Conference, Mittagong
 2 June In the Marist Way: Marist Youth Care, Blacktown
 3 June Wellbeing Day for combined schools: Marist Peshurst, Marcellin Randwick, Marist North Shore
 6 June Feast Day of Saint Marcellin Champagnat
 10 June Our Daily Bread: Hunters Hill, Leeton, Lismore, Warragul
 13 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday: All states except WA & QLD
 19 June Marist Netball Carnival, Catholic College Sale

NEXT LAVALLA & CHAMPAGNAT JOURNAL PUBLICATION



The cut-off for contributions to the next edition of Lavalla and Champagnat Journal for 2016 is **Wednesday, 22nd June 2016**. Please ensure photographs are high resolution jpg copies and provide names of people in the photos.

Written material should be in the form of a WORD document and sent to Brother Tony Paterson at tony.paterson@marists.org.au

2016 REX CAMBREY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Tony and Gwyneth Lennon Family Trust continues to support the education of young people in Timor-Leste. The Rex Cambrey Education Scholarship recipients for 2016 are:

- Joshua Robertson Year 8 Marist College Bendigo
- d'Or'Say Pettersen Year 7, Marist College Bendigo
- Ongoing support to 2015s recipients: Carlos Coeho, Maria de Fatima Corbafo da Cunha, Nono Norberta, Ximenes and Octaviana Fatima Lewalu.



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN ALICE SPRINGS

HEAD OF CAMPUS

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College, Alice Springs
 (Traeger Street Campus, Year 5 - 8)

REMUNERATION PACKAGE

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COMMENCING JANUARY 2017

OLSH is a dynamic, engaging, professional learning community in the tradition of the Marist Brothers. We are one school, Transition to Year 12, situated across three campuses. We have a clear educational vision and a vibrant Catholic identity. The Head of Campus is responsible for providing quality educational leadership in the areas of school policy, curriculum, teaching programs, student welfare and organisation relating to the specific needs and objectives of middle schooling.

The successful candidate will have:

- A commitment to the ethos of Catholic Education and practice of the catholic faith
- Experience in a senior or middle management position
- A proven capacity to work effectively and collaboratively with leadership and school staff
- A sound knowledge and understanding of pedagogy and the ability to lead school staff in teaching and learning

Interested applicants are invited to contact Recruitment on (08) 8984 1400 or email as below for an information package including a position statement and selection criteria.

Applicants for this position will need to submit an application letter, responses to the selection criteria and current resume; **including 3 recent professional referees**. Applications should be sent to email: recruitment@nf.catholic.edu.au

Applications close at 4pm, Tuesday 14th June 2016

INVITATION FROM THE PROVINCIAL, MARIST BROTHERS

FOURVIÈRE BICENTENARY CELEBRATION

On 23 July 1816, a group of seminarians, including St Marcellin Champagnat, climbed the hill to the Marian shrine on Fourvière to commit themselves to commencing the Marist project.

200 years later, an invitation is extended to you to join all the branches of the Marist family to commemorate that event and to make your own commitment to shaping and enhancing our Marist future.

Saturday, 23 July 2016

10.30am

Mass at Villa Maria Church, Hunters Hill

followed by lunch & formalities at
St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill

RSVP is essential

Send your contact details (and any dietary requirements) to Kylie/Kerry at the Marist Centre Sydney at reception@marists.org.au or on **02 9218 4000** by Friday, 24 June 2016.

Given the nature of the event, invitations are restricted to those who have concluded their schooling



MARIST MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION



Footsteps 1 - Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved 1 - 4 May 2016

Back Row: Ryan Gato & Elizabeth Falconer Front Row: Therese Ledesma, Heather Lind, Josh Grinter, Matt Webb

LIVING IN THE FOOTSTEPS

Mittagong once again hosted a Footsteps 1 Program from 1 - 4 May. Participants were privileged to experience not only a taste of gorgeous autumn weather in the Highlands but an opportunity to take a break away from their busy lives to spend time learning about our Founder. Through input and conversation Marists from around Australia gathered to share their own stories and reflect on how the spirituality Marcellin Champagnat influences their relationships with the young people in their care.



Footsteps 1 - Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved 1 - 4 May 2016

L-R: Tracey Doublet, Alia White



Our Daily Bread - Praying as Marists 13 May 2016

L-R: Bernie Winters, Paul Harris, Danny Sidgreaves

ACTIVE FAITH FORMATORS

One of the significant parts of the 'Our Daily Bread' program is the opportunity to work with school staff who facilitate the several workshops. The workshops, which are designed around prayer, enable staff to be active faith formators in their own school communities. The Mission and Life Formation team work with these presenters, going through each of the sessions, whilst encouraging a personal connection with the content.

INAUGURAL GRADUATION AT MARIST SCHOOL IN INDIA



Last month, the new Marist Nursery and Primary School, located in the rural village of Vizhalanmedu in the south of India, celebrated the inaugural graduation of its first group of young students.

Teachers, village officers, local Marist Brothers, and almost all the parents of the graduating students attended the ceremony, which was held on April 16. South Asia Province delegate Reverend Brother Chinnappan also attended as a special guest.

The new school opened its doors at the start of the new school year in mid-2015. 70 children from the very underprivileged community of Vizhalanmedu now have the opportunity to receive formal education that will enable them to enrol in higher education.

Marist Solidarity is grateful for the support of its Australian donors, especially [St Patrick's Marist College](#) in Western Sydney, for helping our partners in India achieve this exciting milestone.

Eyes on India date change for Melbourne



Australian Marist Solidarity
invites you to
Eyes on India
MELBOURNE DATE CHANGE
Sunday, 21 August 2016
5.30pm to 7.00pm
Marist Centre Melbourne
1 Dawson St, Brunswick
RSVP Monday, 15 August 2016
tracey.doublet@marists.org.au
(03) 9389 3100

Join us for an insight into our Marist projects in India as seen through the lens of Photographer Conor Ashleigh.

The date for our Eyes on India event in Melbourne has changed to **Sunday, August 21.**

The Brisbane event is being held on **Thursday, June 9.**

For further information please email msol@marists.org.au.

MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY SYDNEY

All three **Connect** groups; Randwick, Eastwood and Macarthur, will join together to make a Super Connect on 3rd June!

SUPER CONNECT - Marist College Eastwood will host the next Super Connect gathering for Marist Youth Ministry!

Where: Marist College Eastwood

When: 3 June 2016

Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Entry: Gate 5 Therry Rd, Eastwood, NSW

Theme: Social justice

What to bring: A sense of fun and a keenness to meet other Marist school students!

A light dinner will be served

*Jenifer Miller
MYM Regional Coordinator, Sydney*



Connect group Eastwood



Connect group Macarthur



Connect group Randwick