



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

You would need to be of a certain age to recall *Number 96*, the controversial but popular soapie that jolted a somnolent Australia into confronting a number of social questions, as well as reportedly saving Channel Ten from the liquidators, back in the first half of the 1970s. The nudity helped. But so did the sharp satire. Among the diverse characters thrown together in one apartment building – and one who kept her clothes on, thankfully – was Dorrie Evans. Dorrie was the busybody, gossipy know-all, and a character quite cleverly constructed by the show's writers. She provided something of a personification of a self-righteous, narrow-minded and anachronistic strand in Australian awareness and sensibility. One of the techniques that the script-writers used for Dorrie was her malapropisms.

Some of her gems: "Pardon me for protruding, but"; "I prefer to remain ambiguous"; "That is a horse of an entirely different colour"; "We've passed a lot of water under the bridge"; "Life is not always a bowl of cherubs"; "It's enough to drive a body beresk".

Dorrie was well-enough intentioned but she was both blinkered and prejudiced. The tenacity with which she held her opinions tended to be inversely proportional to the depth of her knowledge and the subtleness of her understanding. One or two populist politicians spring to mind for the same reason. Dorrie's recurring lines – "It is a well-known fact", "Why wasn't I told?" and "I am quite ardamant about that" – turned on the irony of her being condemned from her own mouth. Again, it is difficult not to think of some members of the political class.

We can thank Sheridan's "Mrs Malaprop" in *The Rivals* for the term, of course, but dramatists have been alert to the effectiveness of the technique of malapropism for centuries. Think of Shakespeare's Constable Dogberry in *Much Ado About Nothing* or Mistress Quickly, Falstaff's foil in three plays. The Two Ronnies used it to great comic effect. More recently, the script-writers of *Kath and Kim* brought fresh wit to it:

Kim: I want to be effluent, Mum, effluent!

Kath: But you are effluent, Kim!

What is at play here is not simply smart scripting. Its effect is sourced in the sad truth that poor mastery of language is often reflective of a poor mastery of concepts and ideas. It frequently exposes ignorance, insularity and foreclosed thought. A person who purports to be sensible, intelligent and full of common sense uses words and expressions that prove him or her to be just the opposite.

Who can save the country being overrun by Dorries? Or even their being elected to government? Teachers, of course. And schools that foster critical thinking, informed dialogue, breadth of awareness, practised articulation of ideas, inclusive cultures, and empathetic engagement in the questions of the day.

But you don't need to have extra-century perception to know that, for all intensive purposes, there is always likely to be a suppository of Dorrie-ism that needs to be distinguished. Particularly at election time when it's déjà vu all over again.

Nisi Dominus

Brother Michael Green FMS
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

COMING UP...

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| 19 June | Marist Netball Carnival, Catholic College Sale | 12 July-3 Aug | World Youth Day Pilgrimage |
| 19-22 June | Footsteps 1: Making Jesus Known and Loved, Mittagong | 14 July | In the Marist Way: Marist Youth Care, Blacktown |
| 22 June | Remar Red Caravel Day, Perth | 18 July | Our Daily Bread: Santa Teresa & Rosemeadow |
| 23 June | Association Council meeting | 19 July | Our Daily Bread: Perth |
| 24-26 June | Remar Blue Retreat, Perth | 21 July | Joint Association & Provincial Council meeting |
| 26 June | Brothers Jubilee Celebrations, Brisbane | 23 July | Fourvière Bicentenary Celebration, Sydney |
| 2 July | Brothers Jubilee Celebrations, Sydney | 24-26 July | National Faith Formators' Conference, Marist Centre Brisbane |
| 10 July | Brothers Jubilee Celebrations, Melbourne | 28 July | Mothers' Retreat at Marist Ashgrove led by Brother Robert O'Connor |
| 11 July | Our Daily Bread: Traralgon | | |

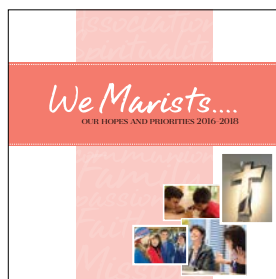
MARIST ASSOCIATION REGIONAL MEETINGS

Many MSA member schools have hosted the biannual regional meetings of the Marist Association over the last few weeks. At these meetings, hundreds of Marists gathered to consider to receive and to reflect on the new strategic directions document for the Association: "We Marists. Our Hopes and Priorities 2016-2018". The document is the fruit of a twelve-month process, a key moment of which was last year's Marist Mission Assembly at Mittagong. All Marist schools, as well as other Marist ministries, agencies, programmes and boards, have been invited to consider how the "We Marists" document can be imbedded as a defining element of their own strategic planning.

Photos courtesy Conor Ashleigh



Br Bill Dillon & Julia Wake



Carolyn Young, Brs Des Howard and Greg McDonald



Vernon Curtis & Br Justin Guthrie

FEAST OF ST MARCELLIN MASS & CELEBRATIONS

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE



St Marcellin and Br Stanislaus starring in a creative prayer service 'I'm a Celebrity'



The cast of 'I'm a Celebrity' joined by Brs Greg McDonald and Doug Walsh

BROTHER DANIEL HOLLAMBY AM



Warmest congratulations to Brother Daniel Hollamby at Santa Teresa for his award of membership of the Order of Australia, announced yesterday. Daniel is now in his fourth decade as school principal, the majority of those years having been in leadership of schools serving indigenous communities – at Bourke NSW, Murgon QLD and now at Santa Teresa NT. What a well-deserved award for an outstanding Marist educator!

WELCOME BACK TO TONY CLARKE

Today Tony Clarke returns from his three-month sabbatical to resume his position as Director of Formation. Tony has spent this time mainly in Columbia, staying with Marist communities there. Welcome back, Tony! And thanks to Ryan Gato who has so competently stepped into the role as Acting Director of Formation during Tony's leave. Ryan's coordination of the MLF Team and his membership of the MSA Leadership Team over these months has been outstanding.

NEXT LAVALLA & CHAMPAGNAT JOURNAL PUBLICATION

**DON'T
FORGET**

A reminder the cut-off date for contributions to the next edition of Lavalla and Champagnat Journal for 2016 is **Wednesday, 22 June**. All submissions should be sent to Brother Tony Paterson tony.paterson@marists.org.au

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE



ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE



Staff versus Students Touch Game



Staff Service Award recipient, Matthew Tarlinton (left) with Principal, Peter McLoughlin



Marcellin Medallion Winners - Luke Azzopardi (Junior) (left) and Luke Angus (Senior)

MARIST MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION



Champagnat Catholic College, Pagewood



St Gregory's College,
Campbelltown



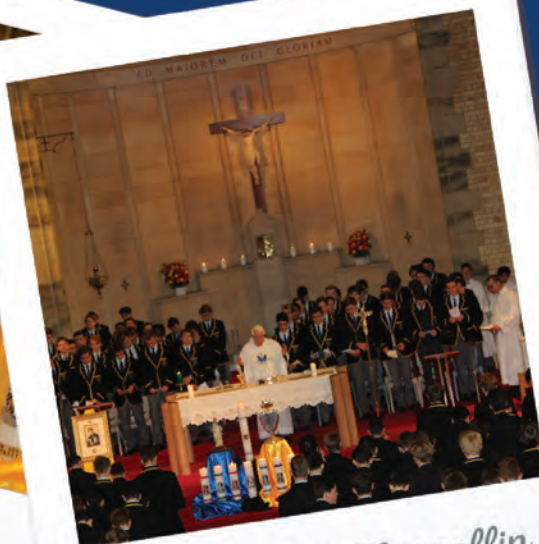
Red Bend Catholic College,
Forbes



Marist College North Shore



Marist College North Shore



Feast of St Marcellin



Marist College Canberra

THE FEAST OF ST MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT

Celebrations took place around the country last week for the annual Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat. It was a week filled with masses, student activities and wonderful hospitality shown by schools who hosted the events. During these festivities many communities recognised the outstanding contributions by both staff and students in Marist Education. These celebrations which are focused on the legacy of St Marcellin, provided many with the opportunity to reflect on these origins and to reinterpret them for our contemporary world.

MARIST SOLIDARITY HOSTS INDIA EXHIBITION IN BRISBANE



Last Thursday night, more than 70 people gathered at the Marist Centre Brisbane to discover the work of the Marist Brothers in India at a photographic exhibition called *Eyes on India*.

The Marist Brothers have worked in India, making education more accessible for very poor, socially-ostracised communities, for more than four decades.

Last year, acclaimed photographer and former student of St Francis Xavier's College Hamilton, [Conor Ashleigh](#) visited four of these communities on behalf of Marist Solidarity and captured some outstanding images—a selection of which were featured at the exhibition.

Featured projects included: [St Marcellin Higher Secondary School](#) at [Mangamanuthu](#); [Marist Nursery and Primary School](#) at [Vizhalanmedu](#); and [Marist Primary and Secondary School](#) in the rural village of [P.Udayapatti](#).

The Marist Brothers' HIV/AIDS outreach program in [Trichy](#), [Operation Rainbow](#), was also featured.

Guests were welcomed by Marist Solidarity Chair, Peter Sheehan and CEO, Brother Allen Sherry reflected on his experiences in India, where he first visited more than 30 years ago.

The night also marked the launch of the [2016 End of Financial Year Appeal](#), to support the Brothers' ongoing work to improve education outcomes in India.

We are grateful for the many people who supported our work, by attending the exhibition, and engaging in our stories of change in India.

The *Eyes on India* exhibition will be held at the Marist Centre Melbourne on August 21.

Please click [here](#) if you were unable to join us on Thursday night in Brisbane, but would like to donate to our India Schools appeal.

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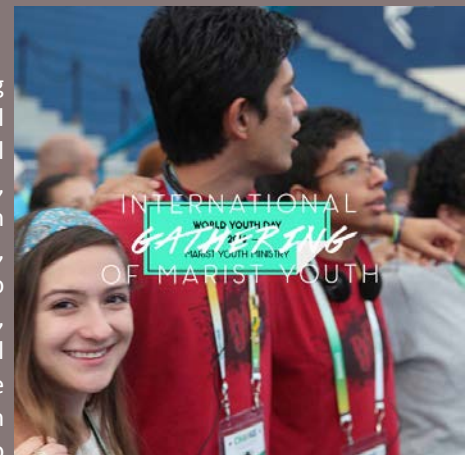
WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016



World Youth Day is fast approaching, and 15 Young Marists are eagerly anticipating their departure! Led by Sally McEniry, Ryan Gato & Br Neville Solomon, the pilgrimage will depart from Sydney on July 12th. Beginning in Paris, the "Marist Way to World Youth Day" pilgrimage will explore the many gems of Paris, as well as experience the French holiday and celebration of Bastille Day.

Heading south the group will then travel to Lyon, where they will base themselves for the following ten days. With time in Lyon as well as a trip out to Le Puy, the group will explore the beauty of the French countryside and some of the significant Marist sites. July 17 is the date that the International Meeting of Young Marists kicks off, and the Australian group will join with approximately 400 other Young Marists from all four branches of the Marist family. This weeklong engagement is titled "Dare to Dream", and will lead participants on a journey into the heart of Marist spirituality, particularly focusing on the bicentenary of the Fourvière pledge. After pondering and celebrating the beginnings of our Marist family, the pilgrimage will continue on to Krakow, Poland. Krakow will be flooded with millions of young Catholic pilgrims, who have journeyed from near and far to celebrate the 13th International World Youth Day.

WYD is a weeklong celebration and will include: an opening Papal Mass and welcome, Catechesis sessions, an Australian gathering, Pilgrimage walk to Campus Misericordiae, for the final Papal Mass. With somewhere between 2-2.5 million pilgrims expected to attend the final Papal Mass, WYD is set to be an amazing experience for our Australian Marist group.



Please keep our Young Marist pilgrims in your prayers over the coming months!

Sally McEniry
MYM Regional Coordinator of QLD & Northern NSW
WYD Pilgrimage Coordinator