



## From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

The current crisis in Eastern Europe that has cost, and continues to threaten, the lives of many innocent people represents a catastrophic escalation in geopolitical tensions that have existed in various guises for many decades. History repeatedly teaches humankind of the suffering and ultimate futility of war. With the perilous developments reported in recent days, including comparative references to the most fraught periods of the Cold War and the precipitous months leading into the Second World War, the leadership and voice of Pope Francis is to be amplified throughout our Marist schools.

The Holy Father has urged all Catholics to commence this Lenten Season by dedicating

### Ash Wednesday 2 March

as a

### ***Day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine.***

“I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war,” the Pope said. In January this year Pope Francis in reference to Ukraine urged the people of the world to “think about the more than 5 million people who were annihilated (in Ukraine) during the time of the last war. They are a suffering people, they suffered famine, they suffered so much cruelty and they deserve peace. Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears, and divisions will be overcome. Please, no more war.”

***Now, Lord, come to our aid!***

***Grant us peace, teach us peace;***

***guide our steps in the way of peace.***

***Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say:***

***“Never again war!”;***

***“With war everything is lost”.***

***Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.***

***Pope Francis***

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This week it was [announced](#) that Ms Julie Ryan will be retiring in the middle of the year from her position as MSA Regional Director for Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia. We look forward to recognising and celebrating Julie's immense contributions to Marist Schools later in the year. Attention is drawn to two positions advertised with Marist Schools Australia below. The second is a new Director role with MSA with responsibility for School Improvement. The selection processes for these positions will be undertaken in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,



**Dr Frank Malloy**  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR



MARIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR

to commence in July 2022 or by negotiation

The National Director of Marist Schools Australia invites applications for the position of **Regional Director** for Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia, operating out of the Marist Centre in Melbourne. Marist Schools Australia brings together a family of 56 Catholic schools which draw on Marist spirituality and Marist educational practice that shapes their identity and enlivens their mission of evangelisation through Catholic education.

Marist Schools Australia provides governance, leadership, and faith formation opportunities from three Regional Offices (in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane).

The Regional Director (Melbourne) will have particular care of nine Victorian, two South Australian and three Western Australian schools. They will also contribute nationally to MSA according to expertise and need. Proven successful Catholic school leadership experience is an essential component of the selection criteria. A five year contract applies to the position. A salary package commensurate with experience and qualifications will be negotiated.

For an information package, please contact Sally Dillon  
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**Applications close: Monday 14 March 2022**



MARIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

## DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

to commence in January 2023

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The Director of School Improvement will have particular responsibility for the further development of school review and improvement processes in collaboration with the MSA National and Regional Directors and Principals. Proven success in effective Catholic school leadership and improvement are essential components of the selection criteria. A five year contract applies to the position. A salary package commensurate with experience and qualifications will be negotiated.

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# SESQUICENTENARY MASS 150 YEARS OF MARIST EDUCATION

*Celebrate  
with Us!*

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFT OF  
150 YEARS OF MARIST EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

**Please note change in time and venue:**

5.30pm on FRIDAY, 8 APRIL 2022

at St Mary's Cathedral, College Street, Sydney  
*following Mass, you are invited to refreshments at the*

St Mary's Cathedral College Hall



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Marist College Ashgrove

Head of Mission

Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Applications close: Monday 7 March 2022



## LAVALLA MAGAZINE

Please use Lavalla to share some news from your school with the rest of Marist Schools Australia.

The cut-off date for contributions for the 2022 editions of Lavalla are:

***Friday 8 April 2022: Issue 1***  
***Friday 24 June 2022: 150 years special issue***  
***Friday 23 September 2022: Issue 2***

All submissions should be sent to Br Michael Flanagan  
([michael.flanagan@marists.org.au](mailto:michael.flanagan@marists.org.au)).

## *... And So We Begin!*

The truth is that celebrating, creating, introducing, modelling, and reinforcing our procedures and routines is what keeps all teachers very busy in the first weeks of the school year. However, amidst all this busyness we also find the time to familiarise ourselves with each student's story, their aspirations, dreams and hopes for the year. We get to know them and, in the process, they come to understand how much they are loved and appreciated, respected and valued. This is foundational to the Marist way of forming healthy relationships with the students in our care.



*Top Left and Above:* Marist College Kogarah - Opening Mass



*Above:* Our 2022 theme beautifully realised by Years 3 and 4 students at St Patrick's Primary School, Kilmore





Above: St Peter Claver College new Year 7 Students, Jonah Curtis and Isabella McArthur



Above: Newman College in Perth - Opening Mass

## FAITH FORMATORS' COLLOQUIUM

21 March 2022

Join us online!

8:30am-2:45pm AEDT

For Directors of Mission, APREs, RECs, Youth Ministers, Solidarity Coordinators and Chaplains



**Marist**  
MARIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

*Creating spaces for the voices to be heard...*

Featuring the following guest speakers:



**Hugh Mackay**  
Social psychologist, researcher and bestselling author of 21 books, including *The Kindness Revolution: How we can restore hope, rebuild trust and inspire optimism*. He has had a 60-year career in social research and in 2015 was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia.

**Catherine Keenan**  
As the co-founder and executive director of the Sydney Story Factory, Catherine has helped thousands of young people, particularly marginalised young Australians, find their voice through cultivating creativity for writing and storytelling.



**Isaiah Dawe**  
Isaiah Dawe is a 27-year-old Butchulla and Garawa Salt Water Aboriginal man and CEO of the Sydney-based not-for-profit called 'ID Know Yourself'. Isaiah grew up within the foster care system and founded the first Aboriginal mentoring organisation to support Aboriginal youth in Out of Home Care.

The Colloquium will explore the theme **'Known and Loved – Dignity for All'** and its implications for forming young people, creating spaces for their voice to be heard, and building inclusive communities where people are known and loved.

For more information, please contact **Nathan Ahearne** at [nathan.ahearne@marists.org.au](mailto:nathan.ahearne@marists.org.au)

**Register**



## Register for teacher and student briefings



Please join us at our first events of the year! We would love to see you online at our informative online sessions where we will tell you about some of our exciting projects for 2022, present details about an exciting fundraising initiative that will contribute to schooling in Timor-Leste and detail the useful resources you'll find in our annual school campaign kit.

One of the new aspects of the campaign this year is the launch of our [School Ambassador Kit](#). This is something new from AMS and could be used alongside your existing strategies, for example having your school leaders, MYM groups and/or social justice clubs championing our AMS activities. However, you may wish to explicitly identify two students who can lead AMS engagement and whom we can provide more exciting content and support over the year. Please note we'll always include the identified school staff member on any direct communication with these students.

Details are as follows:

- **Teacher briefing**  
Tuesday 29 March 2022, 3.30pm to 4.30pm AEST  
Register [here](#)
- **Student briefing**  
Tuesday 26 April 2022, 12.30pm to 1.30pm AEST  
Register [here](#)



## Special thanks

Shout out to our school supporters! We are hugely appreciative of the schools who generously donated to our Christmas campaign: Marist College Emerald, Mount Carmel College, John Therry Catholic High School, Marist College Bulleen, Mount Maria College Mitchelton and Trinity College Beenleigh. Thank you so much.

## Timor-Leste graduations

Huge congratulations to the students of the Children and Youth Centre, Ponta Leste, Timor-Leste upon their recent graduation.

The AMS-supported centre provides provide services and extra-curriculum classes in the Baucau area.

Due to lockdowns, ceremonies haven't been held for two years, so it was a very happy day indeed when graduates from 2020 and 2021 were presented with their certificates.

A bonus was that families were also able to attend.



### Connect with us to find out more.



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# MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

Late February Update

## MYM NATIONAL

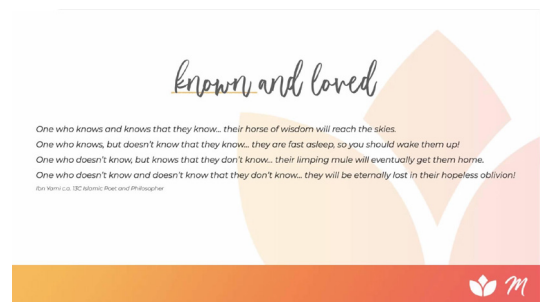
### Formators' Conference

This week the national Marist Youth Ministry team came together for the annual **MYM Formators' Conference**. This two day conference provides a unique opportunity for school staff, MYM staff and special guests to gather and discuss Marist happenings, learn more about this years theme and get ready for the exciting year ahead!

This year, we were fortunate to be joined by guest speaker, **Andy Otto**. Andy is the founder of blog and podcast, God in All Things. Tuning in all the way from the United States, Andy provided a very unique and insightful perspective on what it means to be 'Known and Loved', and guided staff through prayers and discussion. Andy was an inspiring guest, and Marist Youth Ministry is so grateful for his attendance. We look forward to working with Andy in the future!

School Staff were also lucky enough to tune into sessions from other MYM staff including, **Lachy Scott, Zack Pizzingrilli and Cara McGlaughlin** and many more! These short seminars allowed staff to learn more about **Game Changers**, what works, what inspires and how to take their students Game Changers experience to the next level.

The team at MYM would like to thank all of our fantastic school staff and special guests, for their time and contributions over the course of the two-days. We cannot wait to see where 2022 takes you all!



# MYM SOUTHERN

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### MYM Formators' Conference.



This week the team at MYM Melbourne were busy attending, and supporting the smooth sailing of the Formators' Conference. As mentioned in the National address, it was a great success and we are feeling extremely blessed for such a fulfilling couple of days.

Our new Regional Assistants, Grace and Ruby have settled nicely into their new roles and are looking forward to attending Assumption College Kilmore and St. Patricks Primary School Kilmore next week, to introduce and recruit new young people for Game Changers.

### Other upcoming dates/events:

#### **Connect Night**

10 March

#### **Bread Run**

Every Wednesday



## SA

### Upcoming dates/events:

#### **Young Adult Launch**

Saturday 5 March from 1pm (MYM Adelaide socials for more info)

#### **Hermitage Retreat Day**

Monday 11 April

#### **Marist Connect**

Wednesday 16 March

# MYM NORTHERN

## QLD

Our team have been gearing up for the first of our events next month in March. We're excited to be launching a range of **Marist Youth Forums**, single-day programs that emphasise students' voice on key Marist themes. The first of these Forums to be offered will be the Year 7 Forum: Welcome to the Family, which will **introduce our newest Marists** to the Five Characteristics.

We additionally have our **first Connect Night** on the evening of Friday 11th March. These are always joy-filled occasions, which introduce and re-unite students from across the broader Brisbane area. The Connect Night will run from 6-8pm at the Marist Centre, with dinner provided to all staff and students.

Finally, we're excited to see Game Changers start up for the year in four of our schools: OLSH Alice Springs, Trinity College Beenleigh, Carmel College Thornlands and Marist College Ashgrove. We had the opportunity to gather with some of the staff who will lead this program as Mentors. **We're thankful for their generosity of time and spirit.**

For more information about any upcoming MYM Brisbane events, please contact me at [adam.burns@marists.org.au](mailto:adam.burns@marists.org.au).

Adam Burns  
Regional Coordinator

### Other upcoming dates/events:

#### **Connect Night**

11 March

#### **Year 7 Forum**

7 March

#### **Year 8 Forum**

18 March

