

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

## From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

The response to the [MSA Trinity Catholic College Flood Appeal](#) has been most heartening with \$20,000 dollars raised in the first five days. Your support for our fellow Marists at this most difficult time is greatly appreciated and a small but important way of providing assistance from afar. The clean up from this serious natural disaster is a mammoth task and in the wake of the 2017 floods, and two years of COVID-19 hardships, the community is sorely tested. Commended to you is an address by Bishop Greg Homeing which can be viewed [HERE](#). A number of Marist schools have organised special fund raising events for this week and it is hoped many more do likewise in our shared efforts to assist Trinity Catholic College Lismore.

Last week it was announced that Dr Paul Rijken will be retiring at the end of 2022 as Principal of Cardijn College in Adelaide. A [letter](#) from Mr Tim Ryan, the Chair of the College Board, provides some sense of the immense contribution of Paul to the College and to Catholic education more broadly. Paul is a remarkable person whose leadership and support within our Marist networks have been influential and vital to the growth of Marist life and mission in Australia.

From a national school education perspective, Paul has been influential in leading thinking and practice on the manner and form of student engagement. The promotion of deeply respectful ways of promoting student voice in the learning and teaching dynamic in ways, which are measurable and instructive, has resonated strongly with Marist educators across the country. To listen to Paul's motivations for his Doctoral research in this area is to hear a person of passion, imbued with Marist intuitions, emphases, and audacity, as he sought to strengthen with all staff the efficacy of the educational experience of the young people in his school. We look forward to appropriately recognising Paul's contributions later in the year.

As the killing and suffering escalates in the Ukraine, let us redouble our efforts in prayer for the fighting to stop.

### Prayer for Peace

*O God, Creator of the universe,  
who extends your paternal concern over every creature  
and guides the events of history to goals of salvation,  
we acknowledge your Fatherly love when you break the resistance of mankind and,  
in a world torn by strife and discord,  
you make us ready for reconciliation.  
Renew for us the wonders of your MERCY;  
send forth your Spirit to work in the intimacy of our hearts,  
that enemies may begin to dialogue,  
that adversaries may shake hands  
and peoples may encounter one another in harmony.  
May all commit themselves to the sincere search for true peace,  
which will extinguish all arguments,  
for charity which overcomes hatred,  
for pardon which disarms revenge.*

Yours sincerely,

**Dr Frank Malloy**  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

**- Saint Pope John Paul II**

**REMINDER**

# 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).

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## 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  
T: 02 9218 4002 | E: sally.dillon@marists.org.au  
**Applications close: Monday 14 March 2022**

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## 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 of 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*



Our shared desire for dignity transcends all of our differences, putting our common human identity above all else. While our uniqueness is important, if we don't take the next step toward recognizing our shared identity, conflicts in our workplace, our personal lives, and between nations will continue to abound. As we celebrate our Opening Masses and Liturgies in these weeks let us keep in our prayers all those whose dignity is being forgotten, especially in the Ukraine. We pray also for the safety of those in our Marist communities affected by the extraordinary weather events of the past week. May Mary hold you tenderly in her arms.



Above: Trinity Catholic College Auburn/Regent's Park



Above: St Patrick's Marist College Dundas – In the Marist Way, new staff induction program

Above: Holy Family Parish School, Parkes, Induction Mass in Week 1

# FAITH FORMATORS' COLLOQUIUM

21 March 2022

Join us online!

9:00am-3:00pm AEDT

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



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*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**



Together – we did it!

Thanks to the generous donations to our 2021 Mid-Year Appeal, our Marist community is changing lives! Our Let Children Learn Appeal raised vital funds for the extension of St Joseph's College in Mabiri, and building is about to start for grades 11 and 12.

Our Marist community has a strong history of delivering important educational projects in Bougainville. The Marist Brothers first established St Joseph's College in the village of Rigu in 1949 and rebuilt the school in the village of Mabiri following the Bougainville conflict.

The new St Joseph's was purposely developed to educate ex-combatants and other young men of the crisis generation. Marist Brothers were at the forefront of peace and reconciliation efforts in the area, pioneered by Australian Brother Pat Howley who facilitated reconciliation through restorative justice practices.

At present St Joseph's only operates until Grade 10. There are only four senior high schools in Bougainville. This means just one in four students is able to complete their education.

Now, construction on the St Joseph's College extension is about to start!

Thanks to Australian Marists and AMS supporters, senior school facilities and accommodation will be built to enable students to complete their full education. We'll keep you updated as work progresses.

Together, we are bringing educational opportunities that will empower Bougainville's youth to become tomorrow's leaders. Together, we bring hope.

## Reminder: register for teacher and student briefings

Don't forget to register for 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.

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](#)

## Connect with us to find out more.



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# MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

Early March Update

## MYM SOUTHERN

VIC



### Game Changers Projects Launch

It was a beautiful (and very windy) morning up in Kilmore last Friday when Ruby and I had our first in person Game Changers event for 2022! The day kicked off at Assumption College, where we helped their Youth Ministers launch their Year 7 Game Changers program. While the launch was broad casted from the Chapel, we were able to walk around to see the Year 7s. We also checked how tall their newspaper, straws, and sticky tape towers were – an activity we gave them to give them a taste of what Game Changers is about; developing **leadership** and **communication skills**, while having some fun!

Once we made our rounds, we met up with some of Assumption's lovely student leaders, and then headed over to St Patrick's Primary School – just next door – for our first ever Game Changer's Projects Launch! Game Changer's Projects is a six week program for Year 5s and 6s that engages students in a 'project', like a fundraiser for a charity or the planning of a winter sleep out. It gives them a taste of what Game Changers is in secondary school. We gave each Year 6 class a short presentation about the program, and it was great to see all the Year 6s engaged and excited!

It was great to be back in person with the students, hopefully we can keep up our in-person events throughout the year!

Grace Wake  
MYM Regional Assistant, Melbourne

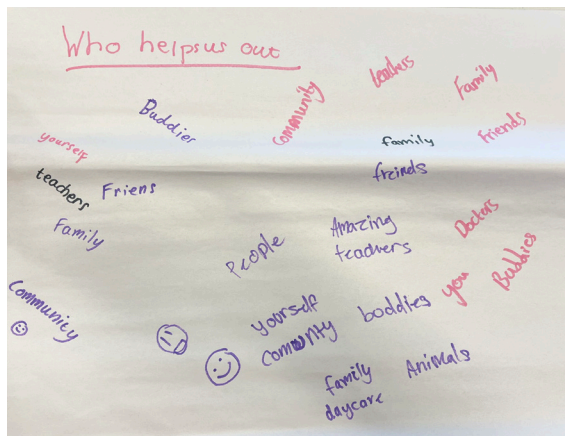
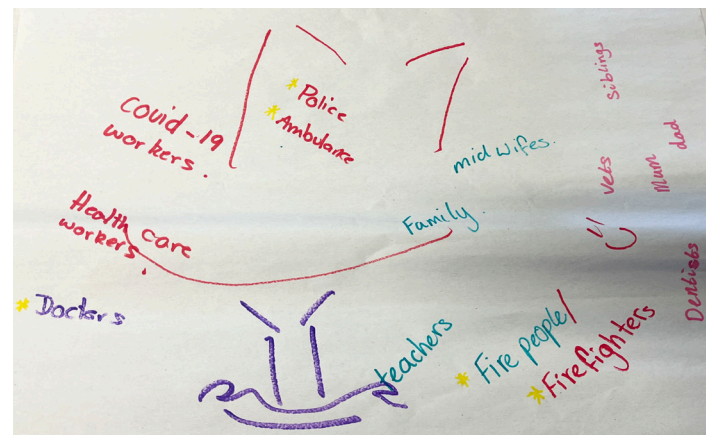


IMAGE:  
Some great responses from the Grade 6's of St. Pats to the prompt: 'Who and what is a Game Changers?'



## Upcoming Events:

Check out the respective MYM Socials for more information!

### VIC

#### Young Marist Volunteer Launch

Sunday, March 6

#### Connect Night

Thursday, March 10

#### Bread Run

Every Wednesday

### SA

#### Young Adult Launch

Saturday, March 5

#### Hermitage Retreat Day

Monday, April 11

#### Marist Connect

Wednesday, March 16

### QLD

#### Connect Night

Friday, March 11

#### Year 7 Forum

Monday, March 7

#### Year 8 Forum

Friday, March 18

### NSW

#### Super Connect

Wednesday, March 9

#### Year 12 Game Changers Reflection Day

Friday, April 1