



From Dr Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

The National Marist Assistant Principals conference, recently held at the Marist Centre in Brisbane, was a great gathering of 44 Marist leaders from every State and Territory. The theme of the Conference was *The climate of the Marist classroom* and was ably led by Dr Paul Rijken, the Principal of Cardijn College in Adelaide, and a member of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools. Paul is a dynamic and visionary Catholic school leader, with a passion for school improvement, informed by research, to foster outstanding learning outcomes for students. In 2018 Paul was appointed director of Catholic Secondary Principals Australia and a member of the Regional Council (VIC/SA/WA) for Marist Schools Australia. In 2017, he completed a PhD in mathematics and science from Curtin University and was awarded Principals Australia Institute's John Laing Award for his commitment to facilitating professional learning for all staff in his school and across the SA Catholic sector.

Over a period of seven years, Paul conducted research in partnership with Curtin University, which clearly identified key factors that have a significant impact on students' self-efficacy and achievement. Such has been the quality of his research, Paul has been invited to present findings on the international stage, including making a series of international presentations in the United States for the prestigious American Educational Research Association.

In essence, Paul and the staff at Cardijn have systematically embarked upon a highly disciplined research based approach to learning in which carefully focussed feedback from students to teachers and teachers to school leadership has led to sustained improvement in student engagement and learning outcomes. After two days of *listening* and learning from one another, it was clear that the Conference and the work at Cardijn captured well many key characteristics of quality Marist education. Most outstanding was the importance and power of *listening*. Attentive listening, with an attitude of openness and sincere willingness to learn from others were the outstanding characteristics of the research Paul shared and the manner in which he facilitated our days together. The participants at the Conference shared a remarkable wealth of diverse experience and varied innovative practice, and consistently emphasised were key features of Marist education.

On behalf of the Marist Schools Australia Leadership Team, I thank Paul for his generosity in sharing such insightful learning and expertise. Many of the participants will themselves be leaders of Marist and other Catholic schools in the coming years and are clearly leaders committed to evangelising through quality Catholic education.



Yours sincerely

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

COMING UP...

14-16 Sept	Remar Red Leadership Camp VIC	21-24 Oct	Marist Solidarity Retreat
21-23 Sept	Remar Red Leadership Camp NSW	28-30 Oct	MYM Student Leaders Gathering - Mittagong
23-26 Sept	Marist Australian Provincial Chapter	28-31 Oct	Footsteps1 - Mittagong
2-4 Oct	Marist Association National Assembly	2 Nov	MSA Mass and Dinner - Sydney
13 Oct	MSA Mass and Dinner - Brisbane	16 Nov	MYM Super Connect - Marist College Eastwood
12-14 Oct	Remar Red Leadership Camp VIC	25-27 Nov	MYM Student Leaders Gathering - Melbourne
19-21 Oct	Remar Red Leadership Camp QLD	1 Dec	MSA Mass and Dinner - Melbourne



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Deputy Principal

Following Mr Daniel Lynch's appointment to Christian Brothers College as Principal from 2019, we are seeking an exceptional Catholic educator and executive leader with a passion for learning and wellbeing - especially focused on building strong, personal relationships across the Sacred Heart community.

The position description and guidelines on **How to Apply** can be found on our website www.shc.sa.edu.au/shc/employment

Applications close **9.00am Monday 17 September 2018** and should be addressed to:

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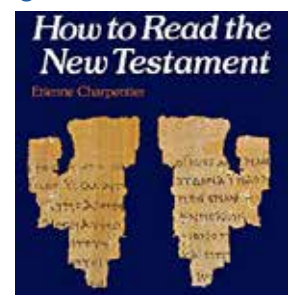
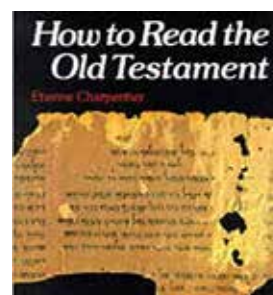
LAVALLA & CHAMPAGNAT JOURNAL

Please use Lavalla to share some news from your school with the rest of Marist Schools Australia, and/or consider submitting an article for the Champagnat Journal.

The cut-off date for contributions to the third edition of Lavalla and Champagnat Journal for 2018 is **Friday, 21 September**.

All submissions should be sent to Br Tony Paterson (tony.paterson@marists.org.au).

Here in our **Marist International Novitiate in Sri Lanka** we teach a number of subjects, including Scripture. We are in need of multiple copies of Charpentier's books "*How to read the Old Testament*" and "*How to read the New Testament*". Perhaps they are languishing on some library backroom shelves somewhere? Any offers gratefully received ... just contact rod.thomson@marists.org.au.



From the Regional Director ...



John Robinson -
Sydney Regional Director



The **Marcellin School** provides a quality education for the children of very poor tea-leaf pickers in Bangladesh, giving these boys and girls a chance for more opportunities in life. Through their initiative, team work and generosity **Trinity Catholic College Auburn** students and their teachers raised \$9,000 this year for this wonderful cause. Mr Paul Harris of Marist Schools Australia is shown here accepting the cheque from our Leaders of Catholic Life, Sesilia Anasi and Nathan Saroufim and our Principal, Mr Daniel Delmage.

The **Marist Oratory** is in its 28th year and we congratulate each Marist school that participated in this year's competition. Our world is filled with much talk and a phenomenal amount of information. Much is of great use. However, some of the language we hear in the media and sadly in public life is less than edifying. We read in the scriptures of the reminder to the first Christians to use language that builds up, not language that tears down. In a world of so much babble it was so refreshing to hear young people speak and at times grapple with complex topics in this year's Marist oratory. The optimism, hopefulness and character of our students shone through on the night!

Congratulations to all Marist students who participated or supported this competition. We thank our teachers and the many school leaders who were present to support this event. Thank you to the many parents and carers for the support and encouragement you have provided to your children to participate in the Marist oratory. We wish to extend a special thanks to **St Gregory's College Campbelltown** for once again hosting this event. This is a major undertaking and one that showcased one of our truly great Marist school communities.

We congratulate this year's overall winner, **Marist College North Shore**, and look forward to Marist Oratory at North Shore in 2019!



Winner of the St Marcellin
Champagnat Trophy



Year 7 Award recipients



Year 11 Award recipients



BUSY LIVES AND FAMILY SPIRITUALITY

Family Spirituality – The Sacred Balancing Act. Parents, friends and staff from 8 Sydney MSA schools gathered at St Patrick's Crypt on Assumption Day to listen to Lisa Hendey, a popular author, website creator, international speaker and Catholic mother, who shared her insights on how to balance our busy lives and family spirituality. To respond in love, finding ways to pray as a family, and involvement in parish and community were just some of the areas discussed. Lisa's encouragement to deepen our own spiritual lives and learn to grow in love with Jesus, left a lasting impression. Lisa was invited to Australia by Marist College Canberra on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

BEING MARIST CONFERENCE

The Being Marist National Conference for non-teaching and support staff was held in Melbourne and attended by 32 staff from 15 Schools, 2 ministries and one Brothers community. The title of the conference, "A Future Filled with Audacity and Hope" picked up on the Association's theme for the year with a focus on the essential contribution that support staff play in the daily life of the school. The sessions explored our experience of being Marist in the contemporary world with the particular challenges facing our young people today. It was a time to come together to network, share faith and reinforce that we, as Marists, are community.



AN AUDACIOUS HOPE CAMPBELLTOWN

Staff at St Gregory's College, Campbelltown, gathered to reflect on the theme *An Audacious Hope*. Looking at the reality of hope in the school community and in the world, there were some key learnings perhaps summed in the words of Pope Francis: 'A single individual is enough for **hope to exist**, and that individual **can be you**.'



Kerry Todd, Lee Ursino, Rachael Keith, Kerry Doherty

Social Justice Forum

On Wednesday 8 August, 40 Year 11 and 12 students from four Marist schools came together with the MYM team and volunteers for the annual Social Justice Forum. The day was spent looking at what social justice is; what it means to the students; hearing from Australian Marist Solidarity on what our Marist family are doing in this field; looking at what issues impact our students; and finally what the students would like to achieve in their own school communities.

It was very encouraging to hear the passion that the students held for taking action to make the world a better place for all. As Pope Francis exhorts us 'none of us can think we are exempt from concerns for the poor and for social justice.' This is definitely an attitude that was expressed by the students on the day and I am excited to see how these fine young men and women live this mission in their communities.

Another highlight of the day was the significant contribution of the post-school volunteers who assisted in making the day run smoothly. Five recent graduates, from three different Marist schools, committed to helping on the day. It was a great witness for the current students to see that there is a very practical way in which they can stay connected with the Marist family post school.

Caitlin Humphrys
Marist Youth Ministry Queensland




AUSTRALIAN MARIST SOLIDARITY
Christmas Gathering
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NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

LOCATIONS

Brisbane
Monday 5 November
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Marist Centre Brisbane

Melbourne
Sunday 18 November
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Marcellin College Bulleen

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