



MSA Newsletter

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



From Brother Michael Green

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Dear Brothers, Friends and Colleagues

“That’s just not fair!”

How often have you heard a child or younger student burst out with this exclamation or something similar, quickly puffed up in righteous rage when they feel that they have been treated inconsistently or unfairly? It’s hard-wired into them – a sense of fairness, a nose for favouritism – and from a very young age they have no hesitation in giving voice to it. The surest way to lose respect with the young is to show undue favour or differential treatment among them. Don’t just love them, Marcellin reminds us, but love them all equally. It’s the same in a class, in a school, in a family, in a team, in any group.

As students move towards adulthood, and they come to appreciate the world as a place in which they are not the centre, the best of this deep instinct develops into a more broadly-based sense of justice. Indeed, as evangelisers, it is incumbent upon us to lead them to an awareness of the extent to which privilege and injustice work against the reign of God in the world. But that’s usually not a difficult thing to do with young people, because they innately understand it. After all, they are in essence in the image of God. And they are ready to try to right it.

The release last week, on the champagnat.org site, of the song which is the theme of next month’s International Gathering of Marist Youth in Brazil ahead of World Youth Day, taps into this instinct of youth. “Let’s change the world!” the lyrics of the song proclaim; “let’s be the love” to do that. Let’s bring Mary’s heart as we share in Jesus’ mission of love and unity. Like Marcellin, let’s work to make the world a more just place. Have a listen: <http://2013change.org/?p=473&lang=en>.

How many youth festivals over the years – no more so than here in Australia – have drawn on a justice theme? And so they should. While gratitude and other virtues are essential traits to cultivate in young people, it would be a neglectful thing if it were at the expense of taming this deeply instinctive sense of justice in them. But tamed it often becomes in us as we age. Sadly. Sad indeed, because it can represent a taming of Christ-life in us.

Thank God for young people who keep the world young.

Nisi Dominus

Brother Michael Green FMS
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

COMING UP...

23 June	Marist Brothers' Jubilee Celebrations, Brisbane	15 July	iBelieve, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Alice Springs
24 June	QLD/NT School Holidays begin	17-18 July	Santa Teresa Formation Program
29 June	Marist Brothers' Jubilee Celebrations, Sydney	21-24 July	Footsteps # 1, Mittagong
1 July	NSW / VIC School Holidays begin	22 July	Marist Technical College Spirituality Day
7 July	Marist Brothers' Jubilee Celebrations, Melbourne	23-28 July	World Youth Day, Brazil
8 July	ACT/SA/WA School Holidays start	28-31 July	Australian Marist Schools Conference, Cairns
11 July	iBelieve, St Teresa's Catholic College, Noosaville	31 Jul - 1 Aug	MSA Leadership Team meeting, Cairns
11 July	Mission Council Meeting, Mascot	4-7 Aug	Marist Immersion Workshop MSA/MAPS, Mittagong
15-22 July	Marist International Youth Festival, Brazil		

MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION TEAM 2014

We have been most heartened by the number and the calibre of the expressions of interest that we have received from staff members to become members of the Province's "Mission and Life Formation Team" next year – following the notice in the MSA Newsletter last month.

Over the next week or so, we will be in contact with each of these people to advise them that we are now moving to a call for formal applications, the closing date for which will be 30 June.



MARIST IMMERSION WORKSHOP 4-6 AUGUST 2013 MITTAGONG

One of the rapidly expanding features of many of our MSA schools is immersion experiences for students and staff ...this is something for all Marist schools involved in overseas student immersions

This live-in workshop, conducted by Marist Solidarity in collaboration with team members from Marist Schools Australia and the Mission & Life Formation Team, is for school immersion leaders and staff team members. It will facilitate processes for sharing of immersion experience on preparation, deepening the participant experience in-country, debriefing, organisation and risk management. It will also introduce new school leaders to immersions. The workshop provides an opportunity for a critical examination of models of immersions and feedback and expectations from receiving communities. There will also be input on Marist Volunteers Australia and Gap Year opportunities.

Registrations forms can be downloaded [here](#). For further information about these programs please contact Helen Quirk E: helen.quirk@marists.org.au T: 07 3512 9800

Don't forget to register!



CONGRATULATIONS TO MARIST COLLEGE PENSURST

The Diamond Jubilee of Marist Penshurst was liturgically celebrated two days ago in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. In a Mass marked by beauty, energy, and warmth, the full College family gathered with Bishop Peter Comensoli to mark sixty years of Marist education. Congratulations to Tony Duncan and staff, and best wishes for the Anniversary Dinner this Friday.



Pictured with Tony after the Mass are Brother John McDonnell (Principal at the time of the Golden Jubilee), Brother Kevin Blythe (Principal at time of the Silver Jubilee) and Brother Thomas More (from the first decade of the College).

DATE CLAIMER: CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE 25TH MARIST BASKETBALL CARNIVAL



The 25th Marist Basketball Carnival will be held in Sale by Catholic College Sale from Sunday 30th March until Friday 4th April 2014. Register your school's interest to participate in the Carnival by completing the 'Expression of Interest' form and forwarding to Julia Moulton.

BUSINESS MANAGERS' CONFERENCE MITTAGONG



The Marist Business Managers at Parramatta Marist High, Westmead

26 Marist Business Managers gathered at Mittagong at the beginning of Champagnat Week (3-5 June) to explore the theme: 'Resourcing Marist Education & Co-responsibility'.

Br Michael Green was the Conference keynote speaker. Other presenters from six companies gathered to explore how they can resource Marist Education.

One highlight was visiting Parramatta Marist High School in Westmead, generously hosted by Br Patrick Howlett.



Br Patrick Howlett presenting at Parramatta Marist High, Westmead



Conference Dinner (l-r) Joseph Feery - (Assumption College, Kilmore), Ian Mainwaring (CBA), Paul Herrick (Melbourne Regional Director), Bernard Kenna (Director of Business Services - Mascot), Trevor Freeman (Sacred Heart College - Middle School, Mitchell Park), Ray Rogers (Marist College, Ashgrove)

MARIST COLLEGE NORTH SHORE CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

Marist College North Shore celebrates 125 years this year and on Monday 3rd June, the school attended their Mass for the Feast of St Marcellin which was celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral.

Attached are two photos of the principal, Br Peter Corr presenting the Junior and Senior Champagnat Awards. Respectively, they were awarded to Isaac West Yr10 and Maxwell Madden in Yr12.

The Champagnat award is given to the student who best personifies Champagnat and the Marist charism in the school community.



Br Peter & Isaac



Br Peter & Max

WE ARE WHAT WE LEARN



A young man in class at St Joseph's College in Marbiri, Bougainville.

The coming months are sure to be a time of great learning for those who are engaged with Marist Solidarity (MSol).

This week we welcome Llywellyn, ex-student of Marist College Canberra and recent volunteer in Cambodia, to Marist Solidarity for a 2-week internship. We are seeing more MSA staff and students like Llywellyn connecting with MSol in a variety of ways. Solidarity with our brothers and sisters on an international scale is clearly important to Australian Marists.

Establishing solidarity with our international Marist family may seem daunting however, MSol makes this goal more reachable. The national launch of MSol and its three offices (MAPS, AMS and MVA) gives rise to learning on a variety of levels throughout the nation. One particular group that will be learning and sharing are MSA schools' immersion coordinators. From August 4 to 6 they will gather at The Hermitage in Mittagong, Sydney for the 2013 MSol Immersions Workshop. All experience levels have been invited and registration is still open for those who are still interested (details below).

Later that month those associated with Marist Solidarity are invited to attend the Sydney and Adelaide MSol launch events (details below). The launch events feature a photo exhibition of work by visual storyteller, Conor Ashleigh. This gives a unique glimpse into the lives of those that we support in Bougainville and Timor-Leste.

MSol Immersion Workshop:

Sunday August 4 to Tuesday August 6 |
 The Hermitage, Mittagong

Sydney Launch: Wednesday August 7 | 6pm to 7.30pm
 LaValla Foyer, Marist College North Shore

Adelaide Launch: Around the Feast of the Assumption
 Details to be confirmed

To register for the MSol Immersion Workshop or for more information on any of this story contact us on:

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 or via the website
www.maristsolidarity.net.au

MSol Team Brisbane



REMAR NEWS

Since our last edition, we have facilitated our Trinity College Red Caravel Day and our Sacred Heart College Red Caravel Day. And wow! So much excitement from all the rowers in Sydney and Adelaide! Thank you for making us welcome as we journeyed together through the two day camp. A special thank you to Daniel (Trinity College) for his organisation, care and support as Remar School Coordinator and also for his work as the Red Helm. A special thank you to Rosemary (Sacred Heart College) for her organisation, care and support as Remar School Coordinator. Rosemary has stepped down from this role at Sacred Heart College and we sincerely thank her for the many contributions she has made to our Remar Community over the past three years. A shout out also to Annicka (Sacred Heart College) for the care, kindness, and growth opportunities she is presenting to her Red rowers.

This Thursday we head to Newman College, Perth to facilitate their Blue Retreat and Red Caravel Day before heading down under to Tassie where the whole Remar Team will spend time with the Red and Blue Rowers from St Patrick's College, Launceston and Marist Regional College, Burnie.

Last week the Remar Ministry Team took some much needed time out to attend our Mid-Year Retreat in Byron Bay. Over the four days we set our goals for the remainder of the year, took time to appreciate the importance of 'packing each other's parachute', had some much needed personal reflection time, and celebrated the successes of the year thus far. The team are refreshed and reenergized for the next lot of traveling around our beautiful Country.



From L-R: Samuel Crowe, Tshupo Ngwenya, Jessica Barrett, Gilbert Mein, Connor Bradley, Nicki Pitt, Rita Sargeant, Ellen Strochnetter

Nicki Pitt
 Coordinator
 Remar