



MSA Newsletter

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



From Brother Michael Green

10 June 2014

Dear Brothers, Colleagues and Friends

Rugby was taken seriously at Maitland. As Easter approached, talk in the junior staff study turned to the most likely chances for the local club team with whom some of the younger teachers were associated – either as players or advisors. I was well positioned in the latter group. Planning intensified; momentum built. As a first-year teacher, and in a new town, it was not surprising that I would find myself seeking some involvement. The team didn't actually have any club rooms as such, and I am unsure if there was a training field, since all the strategizing, player selections, and team preparation took place at the *Currency Lass* on Friday evenings, with physical exercise limited to blowing the froth off one or two or more schooners of 'Hunter black'. Everyone was very committed. At least that's my memory of how it happened.

When in Maitland recently, I noticed that the *Currency Lass* was still gracing High Street, although it looked in sad need of coat of paint, and patronage seemed a little light. I don't know if training methods have been modified, but there would be no need to do so, as they proved to be quite successful. And it was a lot of fun.

How much fun the thirty-two teams will have in Brazil for the FIFA World Cup from next week is yet to be seen. Probably not as much as those who will be in the stands and the thousands of millions who will tune in from around the world. I suspect none of the national teams will be seeking any advice or inspiration from Maitland DRU. Even the Socceroos – who may be in need of all the assistance they can get – are likely to put their trust elsewhere. But expert opinions, penetrating match analysis, ideas for attack and defensive strategy, and beer, will all be in abundant supply in pubs and living rooms across the globe. Passions will be high. People will keep odd hours and wear unusual outfits. And it will be a lot of fun.

Negative criticism of the World Cup will also not be scarce. And with reason. The amount of money required for new stadiums and player facilities, and the zillions that will be lavished on travel and accommodation by fans is, many would say, indulgent and scandalous. People have died. The opportunity cost for social programmes and health and education that won't happen is enormous. The taint of corruption won't go away. While Eastern Europe teeters, people continue to starve in Syria, and instability disrupts people's lives from Libya to Thailand, we are all going to be focussed on the efforts and antics of a bunch of over-paid footballers.

There's no escaping confronting reality of those moral conundrums. So much of life is caught in such binds. How should a person of conscience respond? There may be no readymade ethical answer to that question, but being blithely blasé about injustice nor being paralyingly crushed by the weight of it are healthy ways to preserve our own humanity as we deal with it. Each of us needs to plot a path that is both responsible and life-giving. Interesting potential discussions to have with our students as we help to form them into good Christians and good citizens.

Nisi Dominus

Brother Michael Green FMS
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

COMING UP...

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| 10 June | #serve program, Marist College Kogarah | 29 June | Brothers Jubilee Celebrations, Brisbane |
| 12-15 June | Staff Spirituality Days, Marist College Emerald | 30 June | NSW/QLD/VIC school holidays commence |
| 13 June | #serve program, Marist-Sion College, Warragul | 2-5 July | Remar Retreat, Mittagong |
| 15-18 June | Footsteps 1 program, Mittagong | 4 July | #serve program, Marcellin Technical College |
| 20-22 June | Staff Spirituality Days, Mt Maria College Petrie | 5 July | Brothers Jubilee Celebrations, Sydney |
| 23 June | NT school holidays commence | 7 July | SA/WA/ACT school holidays commence |
| 24 June | Mission Council Meeting | 13 July | Brothers Jubilee Celebrations, Melbourne |
| 27 June | #serve program, St Patrick's Marist College | 14-17 July | Staff Spirituality Days, St Teresa's Catholic College & St Thomas More Primary |
| 27 June | # serve program, Lavalla Catholic College | | |

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2015 AUSTRALIAN MARIST SCHOOLS CONFERENCE DATE CLAIMER

Sunday 26 July -
Tuesday, 28 July 2015

Catholic Leadership Centre
East Melbourne
Victoria

Routledge
Taylor & Francis Group

Publication of the Centre for Research
and Development in Catholic Education (CRDCE)

Does your school subscribe to ISCE? There are many education journals on offer and more than a few Catholic education journals among them; the calibre varies. *International Studies in Catholic Education* is a quality refereed journal, arguably the leading non-American, English-language journal in the field. The MSA office recommends that an institutional subscription would be a worthwhile thing for any school's common room. For more information on how to subscribe to *International Studies in Catholic Education*, please visit: www.tandfonline.com/rice

From: Br Jeff Crowe, Provincial.
On behalf of the Provincial Council & Mission Council

A Letter of Invitation.



AN INVITATION IS ON ITS WAY.

In the coming weeks, everyone who is a part of the Australian Marist Community will be invited to take another step in their journey within the spiritual family that is Marist. This will mark an exciting moment for our personal sense of vocation, create a new reality for co-responsibility of Marist life and ministries, and grow further support and resourcing between all Marists.

Each school and ministry will create a moment in extending this invitation at a time that fits into its rhythm and life. For schools, this is most likely to occur some time in the early weeks of Term 3.

This is indeed a Spirit led and Spirit filled moment in the life of the Church. It will be made visible in the response of all those who feel their path to Jesus has been significantly shaped and formed by the practical wisdom and spiritual life that is Marist.

Joe McCarthy
Director of Lay Marists

#SERVE PROGRAM Marcellin College Bulleen



L-R: Rob Love, Daniel Wightman, Maree Zanin, Jamie McIlroy, Sarah Pyle, Andrew Bryson

#SERVE PROGRAM St Francis Xavier's College

On Friday 30th May, St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton participated in the #serve programme with great enthusiasm and interest. It was a great couple of hours filled with quality conversation and creativity.



L-R: Louise Fanning, Megan Williams, Peter Brown



L-R: Lou D'Amico (back), David Moran, Paul Benedict

FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS Marist Centre Brisbane



L-R: Helen Quirk, Br Neville Solomon, Sally McEniry, Br Al Sherry, Nicolas Nunez and Ashley Bulgarelli.



L-R: Norma White, Janine Gorman, Alannah Ryan, Warick Capper

EMERGENCY AID TO SYRIA ST MARCELLIN IN ALEPPO



The children of Aleppo process past the mural of Mary. The Marist Blues work hard to give these children hope.

On Tuesday 13th May Br George Sabe wrote to all Marists across the globe seeking assistance as the people of Aleppo suffer more and more. With water supplies now cut off in the city the situation has worsened yet again. Click [here](#) for his letter.

The Marist Blues in Aleppo have remained committed to supporting the community since the civil war began. Though experiencing their own losses they have been persistent in providing families with food and supplies where they can, some activities for the children to continue their education and as a distraction from the realities that they face.

We are sending donated funds to FMSI for direct transfer to the Marist Blues in Aleppo. To support the Marist Blues efforts in Aleppo make a direct deposit to:

MAPS MISSION
BSB: 062 000
Acc: 112 689 14
Swift Code: CTBAAU25

Please inform us on msol@marists.org.au of your donation. It will be acknowledged, receipted and forwarded to Marists in the region.

To stay up to date on the Marist Blues in Aleppo like their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MaristesAlepp

For more information call us on 07 3354 0600 or email msol@marists.org.au.

Michael Coleman
MSol Team – Brisbane



2015 MARIST YOUTH FESTIVAL (#MYF15)

We are excited to announce to you the news about our upcoming **Marist Youth Festival, (#MYF15)** to be held in Sydney on the 12-15 January, 2015. The title of the Festival is **"JUST living: Hearts without Borders"**. The Festival will include Year 12 students (Class of 2015) from Marist schools across Australia, but its main target participation will be **young adults aged 18 to 25**. Accommodation and meals for the event will be provided by **Sancta Sophia College** with students from Marist schools to be accommodated at **St John's College**, at the **University of Sydney**.



JUST LIVING
HEARTS WITHOUT BORDERS

NATIONAL MARIST YOUTH FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 12 - 15, 2015
SYDNEY

GUEST SPEAKERS

	BR EMILI TURU SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE MARIST BROTHERS
	FR GREG BOYLE, S.J. FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES
	LAURA JOHN AUSTRALIAN YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS 2014
	FR ROB GALEA MUSICIAN AND FOUNDER OF STRONGER YOUTH

WWW.MARISTYOUTHFESTIVAL.COM
#MYF15



A letter has been sent to all Principals of Marist schools around Australia asking them to promote the festival and **invite TWO Year 12 students (Class of 2015)** to the Festival.

The Festival will feature two **international** guest speakers: **Brother Emili Turu fms**, Superior General of the Marist Brothers from Rome, and **Fr Greg Boyle SJ**, founder and Executive Director of Homeboy Industries; as well as two prominent national speakers: **Laura John**, the Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations in 2014 and **Fr Rob Galea**, a singer, songwriter and founder of Stronger Youth.

For more information please visit www.maristyouthfestival.com

Nehme Khattar
National and NSW/ACT Regional Coordinator