



MSA Newsletter

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



From Brother Michael Green

Dear Brothers, Colleagues and Friends

Fear not, fellow teacher. Your job looks to be secure.

Yours, along with those at least of doctors, nurses, IT geeks, and creative entrepreneurs. Or so it is predicted. But people in the rest of the workforce, apparently, have reason to be a tad nervous. They could soon be going the way of lamp-lighters, wheelwrights, chimneysweeps, and compilers of logarithm tables. Won't be needed any more. New technologies, globalisation, brave new world. Redundancy cheques to be electronically transferred imminently.

Predictions about the future of work have been around for years. We speak to our students about them, tell them that they're likely to have several major career changes, and that these will involve jobs that don't yet exist. We advise them not to pin all their hopes on the acquisition of a narrow set of skills. We warn them about the seismic shifts that are occurring in just about everything because of the digital revolution and the shrinking of the global village. We hope that they take heed, even if their normal planning window doesn't go much past the end of the week.

The latest contribution to this discussion has been offered by the Foundation for Young People – a fairly groovy bunch, going by their website. 'The New Work Order' their report is ambitiously called – '[Ensuring young Australians have skills and experience for the jobs of the future, not the past](#)'. It makes for an interesting enough read, all good stuff but nothing that is likely to surprise any contemporary educator. Most schools are well alert to the imperative to nurture capacity in young people that allows them to engage their world in critical, analytical, collaborative, imaginative and proactive ways. Approaches such as Project-Based Learning – so effectively pioneered in Australia by Parramatta Marist High, and now taken up by others such as Marist College Bendigo – are among the ways that schools employ to do just that.

Outside the specific brief of the FYP report, but well within that of any Marist school, is the preparation of young people for the personal relationships and their broader engagement in the society and church of tomorrow. Just as we can't freeze in time today's jobs and workplaces, nor is it realistic to do so for church, society and family. The apparent givens and patterns that have served the past, may not be as relevant or useful in the future. But now we get into trickier territory.

All that said and accepted, there is, nonetheless, always a risk in exaggerating the scope and pace of change. For example, I suspect that the above list of five occupations that are predicted to survive our grandchildren is likely to be somewhat longer. Lawyers won't go without a fight; and I can think of a few other professions that seem to survive robustly through the vicissitudes of time. So, also, there are fundamentals of human living that will be as true tomorrow as today, as always: love is selfless and it is faithful; forgiveness is freeing; truth and trust underpin any relationship that is to endure; justice and service evangelise; hope gives birth to joy; the humble of heart know God.

Happily, there will be teachers of such Good News.

Nisi Dominus

Brother Michael Green FMS
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

COMING UP...

2-5 Sept	Marist Contemplative Retreat, Mittagong	20-26 Sept	Province Retreat, Mittagong
3-4 Sept	Spirituality Day, St Joseph's School Northam	21 Sept	NSW/QLD/VIC Holidays Commence
7 Sept	In the Marist Way, Marist Youth Care	26 Sept	Commissioning of Br Peter Carroll - Thank you to Br Jeff Crowe
8 Sept	Marist Leaders: Next Gen1, Brisbane	27-30 Sept	Provincial Chapter
8 Sept	Mission Council meeting	28 Sept	WA/SA/ACT/NT Holidays Start
11 Sept	justLOVE: Hearts Without Borders, Trinity Catholic College Auburn	2 Oct	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday VIC
11-12 Sept	Staff Spirituality Day, St Thomas More Primary	5 Oct	VIC/NT Schools Resume
13-16 Sept	Footsteps1: Making Jesus Known and Loved, Mittagong	6 Oct	NSW/QLD Schools Resume

ACTING NATIONAL DIRECTOR



During Term 4, Brother Michael will be on secondment to the Marist Brothers General Administration in order to undertake a writing project, and will be based mainly in Rome. During this time, **Frank Malloy** will be Acting National Director of MSA, and also acting in the role of Executive Director of Marist Ministries. **Peter McNamara** will take up most of the Frank's duties for the Sydney Region in Term 4. Brother Michael will return in January 2016.

MARIST COLLEGE BENDIGO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



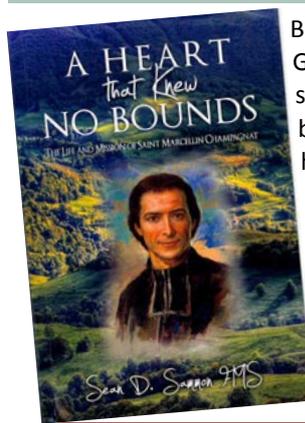
MARIST COLLEGE BENDIGO is seeking applications for the following positions commencing January 2016:

PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO PRINCIPAL
CLEANER / MAINTENANCE / GARDENER

Visit the MSA website for further details:
<http://msa.edu.au/employment/>.

Applications close Friday, 4 September 2015

REVISED EDITION OF A HEART THAT KNEW NO BOUNDS



Brother Séan Sammon, former Superior General, has published a revised and significantly expanded edition of his biography of Marcellin Champagnat. It is a highly readable and engaging introduction to the Founder, one that would be suitable for any Marist educator, young Marist, or senior student. It is available from Amazon.com (both in hard copy and Kindle edition) and barnesandnoble.com.

DON'T FORGET TO DOWNLOAD THE MSA APP!

Google Play:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.fraynetwork.marist>

App Store:

<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/marist-schools-australia/id826186929?mt=8>

MISSION ASSEMBLY OF THE MARIST ASSOCIATION MITTAGONG 20-23 AUGUST 2015

The weekend before last, sixty-four Marists gathered at Mittagong for the first representative gathering of the Marist Association of St Marcellin. It was a graced-filled few days, a simply wonderful and inspirational meeting of Marist hearts and minds. We can be deeply thankful for the great richness of Marist life in our country. There was a profound sense of the Spirit at work among us. The delegates spent their time reviewing the progress of the Association, identifying imperatives and directions for it over the next three years, and nominating an Association Council. The outcomes of the Assembly will be discussed at local and regional Association gatherings next term.

To see more photos and keynote by Brother Jeffrey Crowe, [click here](#).



Marist MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION

The justLOVE presentations have drawn to a conclusion in our schools. THE MLF team is very grateful for the hospitable response from the members of our schools communiwties.

justLOVE: HEARTS WITHOUT BORDERS NOTRE DAME COLLEGE



Jess Alampi, John Cortese, Ross Hopkins, Andrew Wood, Kasey Louden, Tara McGrath, Jeremy Solofo



Hannah Chasemore, Sue Austin, Kris Walker, Jason Giuliani, Rory O'Neill, Nathan Carroll

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Paul Lee, Jason Goudie, John McLaverty, Jenny Hurst, Stephanie Ongarello, Jenny Marshall

FOOTSTEPS1: MAKING JESUS KNOWN AND LOVED

On Sunday 16th August, 35 members of our Marist community came together to participate in the Footsteps1 program. During the four days they explored the life and history of Marcellin Champagnat and discussed our role as Marists today. It was a wonderful opportunity to listen to others and share stories of their personal contribution to Catholic education.



Brother PJ McGowan (Dublin, Ireland) and Christopher Rynders



Marnie Mayes and Milena Barbagallo



Michele Clemenson and Brad Crowie

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hearts without borders



Marist Asia-Pacific Solidarity (MAPS)
 Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS)
 Marist Volunteers Australia (MVA)



TERM 3 MARIST CONNECT: JULY 17TH

Marist Connect Nights are a great way for us to connect with Year 11 & 12 students from MSA schools across Brisbane. Our Term 3 Connect Night was held at the Marist Centre Brisbane and we broke open the Marist characteristic of “Love of Work”.

Students from Marist College Ashgrove, Mt Maria College Petrie, Mt Maria College Petrie, St Peter Claver College Riverview & Trinity College Beenleigh were in attendance. The night was jam-packed full of fun, with dinner, games, social time, input & prayer.

We thank the APRE’s and Campus Ministers of these schools for their continued support of these fantastic gatherings, without their valued involvement these students would not have the opportunity to come and participate in these evenings!



Luca D’Arenzo

Sally McEniry
 MYM Regional Coordinator Brisbane

MARIST SOLIDARITY BOOSTS HEALTHCARE IN CAMBODIA



Students from Marcellin College Bulleen and Marist College Ashgrove that have volunteered for immersion experiences will be familiar with the Marists’ rural health outreach project in the Cambodian province of Pailin, which has so far treated more than 1,400 patients—mostly women and children.

The project kicked off last November in response to local needs for basic medical services, which are otherwise unavailable because of inadequate transport, very poor roads, and a lack of money to buy medicines.

Clinics are now held each week in Pailin city and three more weekly clinics are held in the rural villages of Ou Chet Pram and Chaine. Adults and children are now being treated for a range of medical conditions, such as malnutrition and infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS.

Training and healthcare education workshops are also being delivered to increase the capacity of local communities to sustain long-term health outcomes.

The project is a partnership between the Marist Brothers, healthcare workers in Pailin, international volunteers, the Cambodian Ministry of Health, and our Spanish funding partners Manos Unidas.

More support is needed to ensure that local communities benefit from this project in the long-term.

Visit our Facebook page or website and sign up to receive our next edition of Solidarity Matters, featuring the Marists’ health outreach project in Pailin. To donate or find out more please email us at msol@marists.org.au or go to our website:

www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au

David Hood presenting

