



MSA Newsletter

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



From the Acting National Director

Dear Colleagues

As the end of the school year draws ever closer, and the level of activity in schools increases with final assessments, student reports, appointments of new staff, prize-givings, Masses, functions, Christmas appeals, farewells and a host of planning activities and meetings for the new school year, a sure give away that identifies the “non-schoolie” is that seemingly benign observation “...so things must be winding down for you about now...” A raise of the eyebrows and a smile are the usual retort but the inner voice boldly asserts maxims such as “Like a farmer in harvest! Like an accountant in June! Like David Jones on Christmas Eve!”

At the peak of the frenetic Term IV, it can be a challenge to reflect upon the prayerful, important season of Advent, and next we know Christmas has come and gone. In his book titled “*Mercy - the essence of the Gospel and the key to Christian life*”¹, Cardinal Walter Kasper comments,

“The Christmas story has lost none of its fascination in two thousand years. In its more popular form, this story elicits believing or disbelieving wonder down to this very day. Francis of Assisi was the first to suggest setting up a crèche in order to make visible through it God’s love, which is made manifest to us in an incredible way. To this very day, many people, even those who are alienated from the life of the church, visit the divine child in the crib, who is experienced as love’s ray of light in a dark and cold world. (p.65)

May the Advent weeks ahead be filled with wonder and this Christmas bring love’s ray of light in abundance to you and your loved ones. Thank you for your support this Term and we look forward to Brother Michael’s return in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

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ACTING NATIONAL DIRECTOR



¹Cardinal Kasper presented this book to his fellow Cardinal and close friend from Buenos Aires during the last Conclave. The soon to be Pope Francis exclaimed in gratitude, “Ah Mercy ...that is the name of our God!”

COMING UP...

29 Nov Marist Solidarity Christmas Menu Launch, Melbourne
 29 Nov-1 Dec Remar Red Embarkation, Marist-Sion College
 29 Nov-1 Dec Student Leaders Gathering, Amberley, Melbourne
 30 Nov In the Marist Way, Marist Youth Care
 3-5 Dec Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Adelaide
 4 Dec Association Council meeting
 5 Dec Marist Ministries Mass and Dinner, Melbourne
 8-15 Dec Marist Cricket Carnivals

11 Dec NT Holidays Start
 14 Dec SA/QLD Holidays Start
 18 Dec WA Holidays Start
 18 Dec Marist Centre Melbourne Office Closure [resuming 11 January]
 21 Dec ACT/NSW/VIC Holidays Start
 24 Dec Marist Centre Brisbane Office Closure [resuming 4 January]
 24 Dec Marist Centre Sydney Office Closure from 12Noon [resuming 4 January]
 25 Dec Christmas Day

2016 PROGRAMMES & EVENTS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration for the 2016 Programmes and Events is now open and filling quickly. To register follow the link below.

<https://maristschools.ismartsoftware.net/iRegister/Courses>

Alternatively, you can contact Bessie McConnell at:

E register@marists.org.au T 02 9218 4000

Instructions on how to use the online registration system:

2016 Quick Instructions for Booking Officers
PROGRAMMES & EVENTS
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MARIST MINISTRIES MASS & DINNER SYDNEY



Thanks to Marist College Eastwood for hosting this year's Marist Ministries Mass and Dinner for the Sydney Region which was held on Friday, 6 November at the College. Over 150 Marists who lead and support our schools, other Marists ministries and

Brothers' communities gathered for a very enjoyable evening. The last of three Masses and Dinners (for the Melbourne Region) will be hosted by Marcellin College, Bulleen on the evening of Saturday, 5 December.



L-R: Peter Buxton, Paul Brooks, Brother Tony d'Arbon, Kathleen McGrath, Fr Gary Perritt



L-R: Paul Leary, Brother Peter Carroll, John Hickey



L-R: Brother Robert O'Connor, Brother Justin Golding, Stephen Versteegh

MARIST DESK CALENDAR 2016

Orders for next year's Australian Marist Desk Calendar are now being received.

[Click here](#) to download an Order Form. The 2016 calendar carries the theme "Mary Good Mother" with selected quotes and images featured each month.



Enquiries can be directed to reception@marists.org.au

Marist MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION

justLOVE: hearts without borders MARIST COLLEGE NORTH SHORE - MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK - MARIST CATHOLIC COLLEGE PENSHURST

On Friday 13 November the staff of three Marist Colleges (Marist College North Shore, Marcellin College Randwick, Marist Catholic College Penshurst) came together at Marcellin College Randwick to listen to, reflect upon, share and pray the MSA theme of JustLOVE. Beginning with an inspiring and challenging opening address by Phil Glendenning (Edmund Rice Centre Director) the spirituality day then moved into three workshops, finishing with a combined Eucharist.



Madonna & Child – Chapel of the Visitation
The Hermitage, Mittagong

AN INVITATION...

TO JOIN US IN A PRAYER OF READINGS
AND TAIZÉ CHANTS CELEBRATING
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

AT THE **MARIST HERMITAGE, MITTAGONG**

ON **WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2015**

COMMENCING 8.00PM

THERE WILL BE A LIGHT SUPPER AFTERWARDS

Within the swirl of
Christmas preparations
and end-of-year frenzy,
take a few hours out to
relax and reflect on the
story we often take for
granted, in a truly
peaceful setting.

If wishing to come along, could you please phone Reception with numbers on 02 4872 1911; or email us at office@thehermitage.org.au

This will help with planning for the evening. We can also help with directions if needed.

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

'TIS THE SEASON OF SOLIDARITY



Marist Solidarity launched its 2015 Christmas Appeal in Brisbane on November 9.

More than 120 guests attended, including some of our most generous supporters. Other guests included Province leader of Australia, Brother Peter Carroll, and District of the Pacific leader, Brother David McDonald, who was joined by Marist Oceania coordinator, Brother Kevin Wanden. Leader of the Melanesian Marists, Brother Jean Marie Batick, from Vanuatu, also attended.

The appeal was also launched last Tuesday night in Sydney, where more than 60 guests gathered at Marist College North Shore. The event was hosted by Principal Mr Anthony Duncan and catered by Ms Georgia Moloney and the college's year 11 students.

A highlight of this year's Christmas events is the screening of a documentary produced by former Marist student, Ms Dayna Yates, who is completing her final year of film studies at QUT. The film showcases life at the Marists' LaValla School in Cambodia.

Christmas appeal events will also be held in Adelaide on November 24 and Melbourne on November 29.

Our 2015 appeal features projects in Cambodia, Samoa, Timor-Leste, Vietnam and Thailand. To receive a Christmas appeal pack, please contact our team at msol@marists.org.au or to find out more about our projects, follow us on Facebook or visit our website: www.australianmaristsolidarity.com.au

Thinking about being a Marist volunteer in 2016?

Marist Volunteers Australia is working to support developing communities in Asia and the Pacific.

Working and living in a Marist community, in countries like Cambodia or Timor-Leste, is a very rewarding experience and greatly enhances the lives of young people who need our support to build a better future.

Visit www.maristvolunteersaustralia.com.au to find out more, or email us at mva@marists.org.au.



GET REAL ALTERNATE SCHOOLIES IMMERSION 2016

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

As our 2015 groups prepare to depart for The Philippines, we are already looking to 2016 as we know that many current Year 11's are already booking their Schoolies experiences.

Last month information packs with posters and a promotional video were mailed out to APRE/DOM/REC and Principal in each of our MSA schools nationally. If you haven't received this information please contact Sally McEniry and she will send it through to you.

For any students interested, please head to www.maristyouthministry.com/getreal to apply or for further information!



BRISBANE MARIST CONNECT NIGHT: TERM 4

Term 4 in Brisbane began with our final Year 12 Marist Connect Night for the year. With students from a range of our Marist schools in attendance, it was a great night to come together as a community and have a really great night jam-packed with fun!

With elements of fellowship, prayer, input, and games our Marist Connect Nights have been a highlight for our MYM Brisbane team and we look forward to their continuation stronger than ever in 2016.

