



MSA Newsletter

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

Journey of the Marist Bicentennial Paintings

To mark our Bicentenary, four pieces of art have been commissioned to make a national journey of Marist Australia between February and September this year. This journey of the four paintings was launched at Santa Teresa in Central Australia last week and will now continue this journey in two pairs – one starting in Cairns in the far north, and one in Perth in the west.

Please see below a reflection on the ceremony held in Alice Springs to begin the journey of the Bicentennial paintings.

The paintings will be passed from one Marist community to another, spending four or five days in each, with all four finally arriving in Mittagong. Throughout the eight month journey, school communities will receive the paintings and gather around them, with prayer and educational resources available to help them to do this. The itinerary and other resources for the 'journey' of these paintings can be found on the MSA website [here](#).

The Elders, the young students of Santa Teresa School, their teachers, friends and invited guests gathered in front of the Santa Teresa Church, on Thursday 16 February, for the official launch and blessing of the Bicentennial Paintings by Bishop Eugene Hurley.

It was the clearest of skies while the central Australian sun warmed our backs; the slight breeze sent the smoke from our ceremony swirling among us and Bishop Eugene spoke words that told us of the strong Marist tradition in the Ltyentye Apurte community. We all listened attentively. Even the dogs resting and at play at the feet of the youngsters seemed to sense the mood of importance and celebration. A significant number of Brothers in attendance, all wearing their white soutanes, stood prominently against the rusty ochre of our landscape as the paintings were brought ceremoniously through the smoke into the Church for their blessing.

On Friday 17 February we celebrated the Opening Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College in Alice Springs where we, again, heard the story of each of the four paintings, each different yet each contributing to the story of the mission of Marists in the way of St Marcellin Champagnat: to make Jesus known and loved. All the while the God of the Holy Dreaming was with us as we gathered to celebrate 200 years of Marist mission in the Church throughout the world.

Our Central Australian community then said goodbye to the paintings as they embarked on their own pilgrimage visiting Marist schools and communities around Australia as a reminder of our enduring tradition and a symbol of our 200th birthday celebrations.



Finally, last week Frank Malloy, National Director of MSA was involved in an accident while cycling. Frank has sustained a number of fractures and concussion and remains in hospital. We wish Frank a speedy return to full health and assure him of our prayers. During his absence Paul Herrick will be Acting National Director.

COMING UP...

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| 21 Feb | In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Perth | 27 Feb | Association Membership and Formation Committee meeting |
| 22 Feb | In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Macarthur Region | 1 Mar | Ash Wednesday |
| 22 Feb | In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Ayr | 3 Mar | In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Sydney East Region |
| 24 Feb | In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Noosaville & Sunshine Beach | 3-4 Mar | Seminar Day for Chairs of Marist Boards and Councils |
| 26 Feb-1 Mar | Footsteps1: The Hermitage Mittagong | 6 Mar | In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Cairns |
| 27 Feb | In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Gippsland Region | 7 Mar | In the Marist Way: New Staff Induction Sydney West Region |
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2017 MARIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA BIENNIAL CONFERENCE



*'But How Can This Be..?!
Bringing Christ Life to birth as Mary today*

Online Registration for the 2017 Biennial Conference opens on Monday, 6 March.

Sunday afternoon, 30 July 2017 until the Tuesday evening, 1 August 2017 at the Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne VIC.

Principal guest speaker is Father Kevin Lenehan, Associate Dean, Catholic Theological College, Melbourne.

For further information visit msa.edu.au or contact Sophie Fenaughty sophie.fenaughty@marists.org.au.

AUSTRALIAN MARIST PROVINCE ARCHIVES

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT

The Province Archivist is looking for a part-time person qualified to catalogue the Province collection of Marist books and associated publications. The position is short-term and open to negotiation with regard to full-time or part-time; as well as the best system to use to catalogue the series. The archives are based at Mascot in Sydney. Further details can be obtained from Br Tony Paterson on 0409 538 433.

JOURNEY OF BICENTENNIAL PAINTINGS



Blessing at Santa Teresa Church



Commencement Mass OLSH College Alice Springs

MARIST MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION



AWAKEN - The John Berne School - 30 January 2017

David Riddington, Nicole Arathoon, Melissa Painter

The staff of The John Berne School gathered together to participate in the *Awaken* program, providing a chance to reflect on how life challenges our perceptions and causes us to grow on a personal level and professionally. They explored the Christian and Marist story of how God calls us to a deeper awareness through community. Michael and Melissa led a dynamic and engaging workshop following on the practical implications on being Awaken at The John Berne School.



"IN THE MARIST WAY" HUNTER REGION

On Wednesday 15 February, newly appointed staff to All Saints College, St Peter's Campus, Maitland, gathered together to participate in the Marist induction programme, "In the Marist Way". The sessions saw our new teachers gain a deeper understanding of our Marist spirituality, an opportunity to explore our core Christian values, and above all, reaffirmed the value of their vocation.

4 DAY ANNUAL MARIST EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



The *Marist Educational Leadership Program* is offered annually for people studying at University or for those who simply wish to learn more about Marist leadership. In 2017 it will be taught in Sydney at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill across two weekends in August.

PROGRAMME DATES & LOCATION

St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill
5-6 & 26-27 August 2017

INFORMATION

For further information visit www.mte.org.au/programs or contact Br John McMahon at john.mcmahon@marists.org.au

BLOGGING FROM THE FIELD: ACROSS ASIA

As the new year begins, three of the team at Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) in Brisbane have been in the field to visit some of our supported development projects throughout Asia. AMS works with the people in this region on a combination of long-term and short-term development projects. These projects aim to support, locally sustained education opportunities for the young people in these regions.

These visits came at a very important time as many of the projects were at crucial junctions in their development. To that extent, we are heartened with what lays ahead for AMS and the wider Marist community. From another school refurbishment in Ossu Timor-Leste, to the continued development of The Village project in Takhmau Cambodia and the completed Marist Brothers house in Pailin Cambodia, there is certainly a strong movement of change developing throughout the region.

The AMS team were able to blog about our experiences as we visited Mae Sot Thailand, Kawthaung Myanmar, Ranong Thailand, Samut Sakhon Thailand, Sa Pa Vietnam, Hanoi & Quoc Oai Vietnam, Pailin Cambodia, La Valla School Cambodia and Baucau Timor-Leste. I would encourage all readers interested in AMS work to view our team's blogs as they provide a fascinating insight into these local communities here: <http://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/news/>

AMS would like to thank our many Marist Schools supporters who have and continue to partner with us and we look forward to continued progress in this bicentenary year.



Tony Skinner
 Communications Coordinator
 Australian Marist Solidarity

REMAR NEW HELMS & COORDINATORS' CONFERENCE

These are just some of the reflections shared at the New Helms and Coordinators Conference held from 12-14 February. Sunday provided an opportunity for the New Helms to find out more about Remar in an interactive workshop led by MYM Regional Assistants Cassie Wilmot and Jack Stammers, while the Remar Coordinators discussed the year ahead. Monday was a time to reflect and share in formation led by Br John McMahon and Ryan Gato from the Mission and Life Formation Team. Here staff unpacked the theme of Awaken within the context of Remar and their role as Faith leaders. Participants looked to Mary as a model of leadership, drawing inspiration from Water from the Rock. 'We go without delay into the "hill country" of the lives of young people, bringing them news of the justice and faithful mercy of God. By relating to young people in a Marial manner, we become the face of Mary to them.' WFR#27

As part of the Eucharist, celebrated by Fr Andy Hamilton SJ, New Helms were commissioned by their Coordinators alongside the new Remar Ministry Team.

Tuesday then provided for the 'nuts and bolts' of all things administration for Remar. A special thank you to Laura Fordham (Marcellin Bulleen staff member) who ran a workshop for helms about how to run a caravel.

The Remar office would like thank each of the participants for the great energy they shared throughout the conference. Here's to an exciting year ahead in Marist Youth Ministry and the Remar Program as we awaken the Marist Story and Spirit for our young rowers!



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 Remar National Coordinator
 Marist Youth Ministry Regional Coordinator