



# MSA Newsletter

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



From Dr Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues

In this past week the world has been horrified by the events in Manchester. The attack on innocent people, mainly young girls enjoying a spring-time concert, and the devastation inflicted on families is acutely felt by parents and educators the world over.

In such circumstances, being a follower of Jesus is tough. The injustice of the attack bores into our very core and rages against the values we have been taught and have had modelled to us since we were children. Yet as leaders in Catholic education we must seek to ignite in our communities responses that are filled with compassion, forgiveness, and hope. Rather than bland platitudes, the young people in our care need help to think through such a tragic event. Questions, which seek the causes of the spread of violent fanaticism, must be asked. Facts depicting the reality of the terror and loss in Britain, Europe, Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan over the past 15 years need be understood. The scores of lives lost paint a catastrophic picture of human failure.

Martin Luther King famously used the adage "Violence begets violence". He also wrote:

*"The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy, instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth. Through violence you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate.*

*Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

Do not the words of the beatitudes, spoken almost 2000 years ago, echo resoundingly as we consider the terror. May the words of Jesus himself guide us and our school communities during this time and drown the voices of hate and absolutism.

*How blessed are the poor in spirit:  
The kingdom of heaven is theirs.  
Blessed are the gentle:  
They shall have the earth as inheritance.  
Blessed are those who mourn:  
They shall be comforted.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for uprightness:  
They shall have their fill.  
Blessed are the merciful:  
They shall have mercy shown them.  
Blessed are the pure in heart:  
They shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers:  
They shall be recognised as children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of uprightness:  
The kingdom of heaven is theirs.*

Yours sincerely

**Dr Frank Malloy**  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

## COMING UP...

30 May	Marian Lecture Melbourne	17 June	AMS Mid Year Gathering, Marist Centre Melbourne
28-31 May	Footsteps1: Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved	18-21 June	Footsteps2: Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved
31 May	Annual Meeting of Principals of MSA Governed Schools	21 June	Remar Red Caravel Day Western Australia
1 June	Marian Lecture Warragul	23 June	Remar Gold Helm Inservice Victoria
6 June	Feast Day of St Marcellin Champagnat	23-25 June	Care for the Soul Retreat - The Hermitage, Mittagong
9 June	Marian Lecture Adelaide	23-25 June	Remar Blue Retreat Western Australia
13 June	Marian Lecture Perth	30 June-3 July	Marist Youth Festival

### 2017 MARIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

### *Biennial Conference*

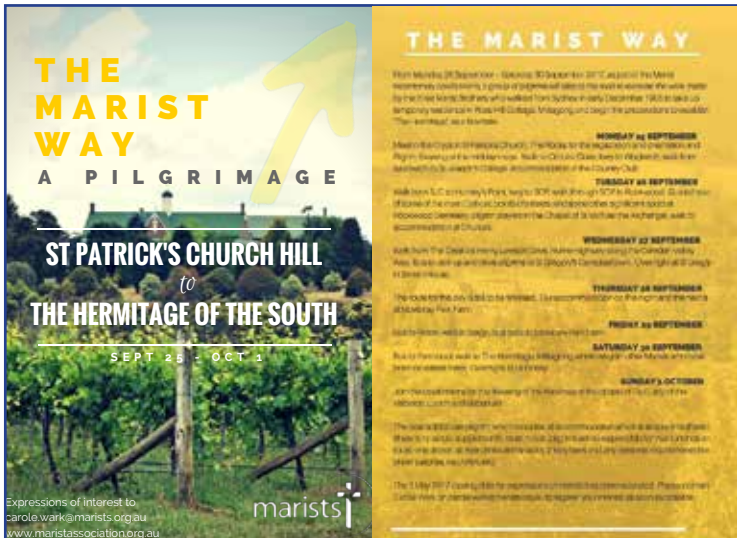
PLACES FILLING QUICKLY - REGISTER NOW!

<http://msa.edu.au/registrations/>

Registrations for the MSA Biennial Conference on 30 July – 1 August are filling quickly with over half of the conference capacity booked.

**Registrations close 10 July.**

Onsite accommodation is booked out. For further accommodation options and other information, please refer to the MSA website at this address - <http://msa.edu.au/accommodation-options-1/>



### THE MARIST WAY | A PILGRIMAGE

From Monday 25 September - Saturday 30 September 2017, as part of the Marist Bicentenary celebrations, a group of pilgrims will recreate the walk made by the three Marist Brothers who walked from Sydney in December 1905 to take up temporary residence in Rose Hill Cottage, Mittagong and begin the preparations to establish 'The Hermitage' as a Novitiate. The flyer is available [HERE](#) for your information.

Please forward expressions of interest to [carole.wark@marists.org.au](mailto:carole.wark@marists.org.au)



### PRINCIPAL POSITION LYENTYE APURTE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SANTA TERESA, VIA ALICE SPRINGS

Catholic Education Northern Territory, Diocese of Darwin are seeking Applications for this Catholic school leadership position from appropriately qualified, committed and experienced Catholic educators interested in working in a remote Indigenous Catholic Community School in the Northern Territory.

The Principal will have the vision, commitment, skills and energy to provide senior leadership at this T-12 school.

Applications close: 04-06-2017

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### ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR DOM MARK PATRICK HEDERMAN

### OPENING THE DOOR TO LEADERSHIP EQUALITY

PAYCE are excited to announce a new stream of **Chats for Change** focusing on challenging society's preconceptions and perspectives on different topics.

Chats for Change would like to invite you and your friends, colleagues and families to the first event in this new series; **Opening the door to Leadership Equality.**

Join us to hear Dom Mark Patrick Hederman's wealth of knowledge and to discuss how we can equalise the balance of leadership no matter what gender, race and religion.

**Tuesday 6th June 2017  
6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Australian Museum  
Harbour View Room  
1 William St, Sydney**

This is a FREE event  
Limited seats available so make sure you register

**[REGISTER NOW](#)**

# MARIST MISSION AND LIFE FORMATION



## **NEXT GEN1** - Melbourne - 12 May 2017

On Friday 12 May, Paul Herrick and Br John McMahon lead a Marist Leadership program for 9 next generation leaders who had been nominated by their school principals.

*Front: Ashleigh Taylor, Andrea Simm, Lexie Riley, Genna Spadaccini. Back: Sarah Cattapan, Paul Herrick, Sophia Dimitropoulos, Jessica Sweeny, Justin Griggs, Philip Viola, Br John McMahon*

## **MOTHERS' RETREAT** - Marist College Ashgrove



*Erin Simleit, Nicole Doyle, Therese Christiansen; Jeanette Hurdial, Cate Spies, Linda Armstrong, Tracey Foxon, Maree Whitchurch, Judith Ritter, Nicole Bucknell, Br Robert O'Connor fms*

A series of events marked this special day in the College calendar: The Mother and Son Mass took place in a packed Chapel on Thursday evening 11 May. A full College Assembly was held on the morning of Friday 12 May, with a large number of mothers present and awards presented to boys in the social-justice MATES programme by former Headmaster Br Robert O'Connor.

High Morning Tea followed for Mums in the foyer of the Dranney Creative Arts Centre; and in the afternoon a group of Mums attended the Reflection afternoon on the theme of Mary the Mother of Jesus, our Marist faith model.

## **MARIST PEDAGOGY PROGRAM**

Burdekin Catholic High School, Ayr



On Wednesday 24 May, the Leadership Team and all staff participated in a program on Marist Pedagogy.

The aim of the program was to support the pedagogical framework being prepared by the Leadership Team using input from all teachers on the importance of the Charism and how it relates to the educational, social and spiritual life of the community.



**2017**  
End of financial year  
**APPEAL**

Support the  
**Marist Solidarity Cambodia  
Community Village**

Funds raised  
**\$637,343**

Funds needed  
**\$62,657**

Total target  
**\$700,000**

Help us raise  
\$62,657 to start  
construction of the  
Community Village

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**Tony Skinner**  
Communications Coordinator, Australian Marist Solidarity

**MYM BRISBANE ATTENDS  
POWERHOUSE OF LEADERS**

On Monday 15 May, the Marist Youth Ministry Team was invited to the Powerhouse of Leaders, a youth conference for student leaders of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Over 500 students were greeted by stalls from many different youth ministry organisations including Ignite Youth, NET Ministries, Catholic Collective and Vocation Ministries, as well as ACU, Vinnies and our own Marist Youth Ministry.

The four members of our national Remar Team helped to spread the Marist spirit among the students, with the help of some lollipops and a Bluetooth speaker! The MYM Team was lucky enough to sit in on some of the sessions, with guests such as Emmanuel Worship and Fr Rob Galea, as well as a liturgy presided over by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Deputy Executive Director of the Brisbane Catholic Education, Doug Ashleigh, gave MYM a fantastic review, citing the importance of Youth Ministry in this developing and advancing world. Overall, the day was a fantastic success, The REMAR Team also completed a successful Blue Retreat and Red Caravel day with the Trinity College Beenleigh.



**Caitlin Humphrys**  
Marist Youth Ministry Regional Coordinator