

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

From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

Last Friday the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) hosted an online Virtual Symposium in place of the planned NCEC Conference. During the symposium the upcoming bicentennial celebrations in recognition of 200 years of Catholic education in Australia were highlighted under the theme *Faith in our Future*, and the bicentennial website was launched <https://200years.catholic.edu.au/>

The contribution of our schools and their graduates to Australian society throughout this time has helped shape the nation we are all privileged to enjoy today. Formal celebrations to mark this bicentenary were due to be held from October 2020 to October 2021. However, due to pandemic restrictions, the celebrations will now be held during the 2021 school year.

The official launch of the celebrations are to occur in the week commencing 22 February 2021 and will involve local, diocesan, and state and territory events. A National Mass will also be celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on 24 May 2021.

During the symposium the Chair of the NCEC, Mr Nicholas Moore and the CEO Ms Jacinta Collins, recalled that from the humblest of beginnings in 1820, over the past 200 years, Catholic schools have grown to become the largest provider of non-government schooling in Australia. One in five school age students attend a Catholic school. 768,000 students are enrolled in 1,751 Catholic schools across the country and are educated by 98,000 teachers and staff. Nearly 40 per cent of our Australian Catholic schools are located outside of metropolitan cities in regional, rural and remote communities.

There is information and resources available on the website which will be added to throughout the months ahead. Parramatta Marist features prominently as it enjoys direct lineage to Australia's very first Catholic school. Sacred Heart College Adelaide has already provided some excellent historical photographs which can be viewed in the gallery section. Schools, Dioceses and national Catholic Education Authorities such as MSA are encouraged to add further pictures, events and resources.

Students, staff and individuals are invited to submit personal stories, memories and reflections on their experience of Catholic education. Key resources available for schools include:

A National Song composed by Fr Rob Galea, which is available on the website.

Fence Banners are being provided for all schools and Catholic educational sites around Australia at no cost through the relevant governing authority ie Diocesan education office or Marist Schools Australia.

Lapel pins depicting the logo are being produced and will cost \$2 each. Orders to be placed with Kathy Campbell by Monday 9 November.

200 Years of Catholic Education Logo and Theme

As of 1 November the Logo and theme can be displayed on materials, resources, social media, newsletters. Please refer to the Style Guide found on the Resources page on the 200 years website. Templates will also be developed for posters, social media banners and email signatures in the next few weeks. For further information about the 200 Years Celebrations, contact the Project Officer, Kathy Campbell via kathy.campbell@ncec.catholic.edu.au.

We look forward to these celebrations in 2021 during which the rich contribution of we Marists to Australian Catholic Education will feature.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

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Webpage: <https://www.maristyouthministry.com/marist-house-fitzroy/>

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Regional Director (QLD, NT & Northern NSW)
Marist Schools Australia

Term Four School Visits

Marist College Emerald

Marist College Emerald has undertaken a renewal of its Marist iconography as part of a building program and new Administration centre. The current Principal, Mark Green has commissioned this plaque greets all visitors to the College. The College commenced Year 8 classes in 1996 with the first Year 12 class graduating in 2000. The founding Principal was Marist Brother, Br Peter Corr.

Featured in the forecourt to College entrance are four trees planted 25 years ago in the foundation year. This tree, a Queensland Bottle Tree, is a commonly found in the central Highlands. We also farewell and thank APRE Joseph Kelly who takes up a new appointment in Mackay from 2021.



St Francis Catholic Primary School, Ayr

Congratulations to St Francis as they look forward to moving into beautiful new facilities from 2021. The building program will include a new early learning years precinct, new administration centre and staffroom as well as a spectacular new library.

We also farewell and thank Principal, Bill Goodwin, who takes up a new appointment in Bundaberg from 2021.



Virtual Volunteering Continues – Marist Global Family

Groups of Year 10 students at PMH have been in weekly ZOOM contact with Novices and Brothers in the Novitiate in Tudella, Sri Lanka. They complete a selected IELTS (English Language) exercise from YouTube then discuss their results.

Recently John, one of the PMH students, responded to an assignment he was given in another class and their teacher reported to the REC, Nicole Denniss:

Dear Nicole - Year 10 students have submitted their Formative Tasks where they were asked to write a 200-word testimonial about a role model in their life.

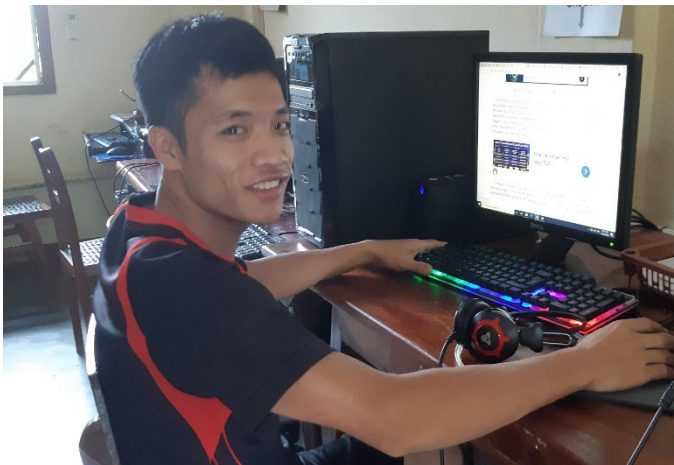
John has chosen Brother Joseph whom he has been teaching English to under your directive.

Just thought I would share this as you have played a huge part in this for John.

'I have had many role models in my life, but none have been more relevant to me right now than Brother Joseph of Sri Lanka. I have been working with Brother Joseph for about three weeks now and his approach to learning has been nothing but admirable. Brother Joseph has many strong qualities and the fact that he is a strong man of God is just another addition to his massive list of character strengths shown. From the few short meetings we have had I can see that Brother Joseph displays Zest, spirituality, honesty, love of work and perseverance as his 5 strongest character strengths but I wouldn't be surprised if they were all equal first! He is currently learning English through Zoom but despite the difficulties, he always manages to put in the effort and get out what he deserves. Despite being 6,810 km away from Australia he never fails to make us feel his energy present in the room we are in. His unwavering positivity inspires me each day to continue on with a smile on my face and his ability to learn from any mistakes he may make encourages me to bounce back from any bad decisions or problems I may face.'



Br Joseph responded to Nicole Denniss:



I am very happy to hear from your lovely students John and your classmate. Sorry because, I don't remember your name. Maybe next time I will try to remember the name of that person. You are better than me because, you just grate 10 you can speak and understand English when i was your age i cannot speak any word in English but you see you can read, write, speak.... I am proud of you and thank you very much for your lovely letter.....when the hard time comes to you, be happy and find a good way to face it. Be strong ok.

God bless you - nguyen van joseph

MLF TERM 4 VISITS

MSA and MLF Term 4 Visits have commenced and we are blessed, in Queensland, to meet in person. Burdekin Catholic High School and St Francis Primary School in Ayr are back in full swing with teachers and students busy making their end of year arrangements. Both schools are keen to take up the *Breathe: the Spirit of Life* Program in 2021 and St Francis Primary School will enjoy some bespoke programs featuring the teaching of Scripture.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE DUNDAS – STAFF FORMATION

The Dundas teaching staff gathered for a twilight formation session on Monday 26th October. They took some time to explore moments in their lives against the backdrop of our Marist Association 2020 theme *One Wild and Precious Life*... time to think and contemplate. Stories were also shared to help them further explore the Marist characteristics and how they play a part in forming their school community.

ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE CAIRNS – LEADERSHIP TEAM DINNER

Last Friday 30 October, College Principal, Matt Brennan, organised a retreat for the College Leadership Team. It was a precious moment away from the day to day life of the College and a chance to reflect personally and with the team on Marist spirituality and its link with the College strategic plan. At the conclusion of the day spouses and partners were included in a celebratory dinner on the Cairns waterfront.



ST THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL – ONE WILD AND PRECIOUS LIFE

St Thomas More School at Sunshine Beach, Queensland, engaged with our 2020 theme: *One Wild and Precious Life*, on 19 October. School Officers participated in a two-hour workshop during the day and the teaching staff participated in a three-hour twilight after school. The immediate feedback from staff included gratitude for the space and reflective time that it afforded them at a busy time in the school year. Two participants commented:

'My key insights have been that we are in an exciting and challenging time in terms of a new consciousness and the challenges and opportunities that this involves.'

'Our faith as Christians inspires and guides people to engage with one another, our environment and planet in a positive, meaningful way.'



AUSTRALIAN arist SOLIDARITY

A SMALL COIN, MADE TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Dear Marist friends,

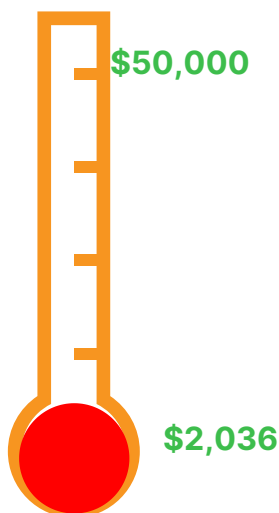
The Australian Mint has recently released a new \$1 coin, the 'Donation Dollar.'

On one side, the new Australian \$1 coin has an image of Queen Elizabeth II. On the back, it's stamped with a message: "Donation Dollar: Give to help others."

The coin, the first of its kind in the world, can be spent like any other money. But its intention is to be shared with people in need and we are asking our Marist friends and supporters to use this great new Aussie initiative to support the work of Australian Marist Solidarity.

If every Marist in Australia donates one dollar in Term 4, we can raise over \$50,000 before 31 December, 2020. Please consider a gold coin collection in your school, ministry or workplace and help us support vulnerable young people in our region to access education.

[To donate click here](#)



Before



The official opening



Building completed



ST MICHEL TECHNICAL COLLEGE, VANUATU
7 MONTHS AFTER TROPICAL CYCLONE HAROLD

Thank you

GOOD NEWS UPDATE!

On April 6, 2020, Tropical Cyclone Harold made landfall on the island of Espiritu Santo as an intense Category 5 system with sustained winds of 200km/h. St Michel Technical College, which has been supported by the Marist Brothers for 26 years and has 320 students enrolled, was severely damaged. Within 7 months, we have been able to rebuild some of the classrooms, thanks to many generous donors from our Marist Schools Australia network.

On Friday, 23 October, 2020, celebrations occurred at St Michel Technical College, Vanuatu, when the Technical Classrooms re-opened. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported this project.

You did it! You really made a difference within 7 months!

Currently, rebuilding is underway for the boys' toilet and shower block.



Boys' toilet and shower block



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS EVENT

Wednesday, 18 November, 2020
at 4:00pm AEDT



As a valued supporter of our AMS mission and work, we are excited to invite you to our free online Christmas gathering. We can still be social at a distance!

Due to travel restrictions, we will be unable to visit you all this year, so instead we want to take you on a virtual tour of some of our projects, right from the comfort of your living rooms or offices. Sit back, relax and let's celebrate together the inspiring work being done to offer vulnerable young people the chance to reach their brightest potential, even during these challenging times.

Hosted by AMS Board Member, Allison White, join us on Wednesday, November 18 at 4:00pm (AEDT), where you will hear from some of our AMS team and then we will visit Vanuatu, The Philippines, Kiribati and Timor-Leste. You will hear from the people directly involved with projects in these areas about the important work that has been carried out in 2020 and also discuss what is being planned for 2021.

To register for this special Christmas event, please [click here](#). Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email immediately, and then, the day before the event, a link to easily join the Zoom session.

We are sad not to be able to raise a glass with you in person, but please do come along and join our wider AMS community from across the country, as we put a lid on 2020 and look forward to an exciting 2021!

Registrations will be accepted from individuals, but you are also welcome to gather as a group in your school, workplace or family and beam in together.

For more information about this special event, please contact msol.intern@marists.org.au

CHRISTMAS DONATION GIFT CARD

Make a donation in lieu of a gift this Christmas and give vulnerable children a gift of hope.

A gift in lieu is where you make a donation on behalf of someone else. You will then receive this card to give to that person to let them know what their gift is. This is their Christmas present, a gift of hope, ensuring that vulnerable children and young people within the Asia Pacific region are able to access education.

This year, we thank Marcellin College Bullen for their time and support in producing in this card.

ORDER NOW to give a gift in lieu, simply click on the card, then fill in your details.

The card will be sent to you, for you to write in and then give or send on to the recipient for Christmas.



MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

Early November Update

Connect NSW

Thank you to the 94 Year 11 students from 12 Marist schools across NSW that attended our last online Super Connect for 2020 on Friday, 30 October! The theme of the gathering was around NAIDOC Week and we were privileged to have Shannon Thorne, Manager for Social Inclusion, from Marist 180 answer questions regarding our Indigenous culture and history. Unfortunately not everyone's questions could be answered in the time we had but the MYM team are grateful for all the questions that the students sent in via their registration. Students were given time during the Connect to look at ways they could promote NAIDOC Week in their schools. MYM Sydney have encouraged the students to highlight their activities during this week and tag our social media. We are excited to see what these students create in the following schools:

- Trinity Catholic College Auburn;
- St Patrick's Dundas;
- Red Bend Catholic College Forbes;
- Marian College Griffith;
- St Joseph's College Hunters Hill;
- Cerdon College Merrylands;
- Marist North Shore;
- Champagnat Catholic College, Pagewood;
- Marist College Parramatta;
- Marist College Penshurst;
- Marcellin College Randwick;
- Mount Carmel Catholic College, Varroville.

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Connect QLD

The MYM QLD team were joined by 15 students representing Mt Maria College Mitchelton, Marist College Ashgrove and Mt Maria College Petrie for the final Connect Night of 2020. The evening features three guest panellists, all former Marist students, who shared how being Marist has shaped their journey since high school.

Former Marist Ashgrove student, Tom Todd, spoke of the impact of being part of a family and community; "One of the things that has helped me the most are those tiny little things that connect you."

For the students, the takeaways revolved around the importance of being community for others, how to discern the path ahead and how the Marist characteristics are put to practice.

Adam Burns
Marist Youth Ministry Brisbane



Jacob's Well

Jacob's Well is an article series written by Br James Hodge FMS. This series began as formational opportunity for the National Marist Youth Ministry team over the COVID-19 lockdown period in March-April 2020, but has continued to be a nourishing source of information for Young Marists and Teachers in Marist Schools.

Find them on the Marist Youth Ministry website:
<https://maristyouthministry.com/jacobs-well>

The MYM Team are looking forward to the following school based events:

Online Student Leaders Gathering 2020 (VIC/SA & NSW/ACT)

Monday 23 – Tuesday, 24 November



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Open Days 2020



Live online sessions – [book here](#)

This year we are running Virtual Open Days, so you can join us online to explore our courses from wherever you are.

Whether you are interested in learning more about your faith, have a desire to study and research, wish to pursue a career in ministry or pastoral areas or need to gain qualifications to assist your current teaching or ministry position, you will find something at CTC to meet your needs. We are offering a number of live information sessions as well as a number of video resources to assist you in making the right decision. Please register online for the sessions.

During the sessions, you will have the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers.

Undergraduate Sessions

such as Diploma and Bachelors

- Tuesday 10 November – 7pm
- Wednesday 11 November – 7pm
- Tuesday 17 November – 10am

Postgraduate Sessions

such as Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters

- Tuesday 10 November – 7pm
- Wednesday 11 November – 7pm

Minor Thesis and Research Session

- Tuesday 17 November – 10am

2021 Timetable

Visit our website: ctc.edu.au/study/timetable/

Recorded sessions will also be available for Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation, Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education and Mannix Library. All live sessions will be recorded and available on our website.

Visit our website to [book online: ctc.edu.au/open-days](https://ctc.edu.au/open-days)

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