

From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

The Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat

The Marist Association, which is now in its eighth year, continues to grow in membership as a vital spiritual family within the Church. In each of our Marist schools, local groups of Association members gather for prayer, reflection and outreach activities in their own time. Last week the leadership Council for the Marist Association gathered for their scheduled October meeting, where a wealth of synthesised material generated over the three Assembly gatherings in 2022 was considered and discussed. The working party responsible for the organisation and facilitation of these three important gatherings included Nathan Ahearne, Jasmine Brown, Tony Clarke, Tracey Doublet, Brother David Hall, and Michael Evison (Chair). Their careful and creative work ensured the participation of over 200 Association members directly online and in person throughout 2022. The different mediums allowed for flexibility and involvement of Association members in a variety of different circumstances.

At their extended November meeting, the Association Council will be determining the major strategic priorities under five major areas that clearly emerged during 2022:

1. The Association is unambiguously part of the Church. What role can the Association play in working towards a Church that is evermore faithful to the Gospel?
2. How do we, as an Association, more effectively promote and foster respect and dignity for all?
3. In what ways can the Association better heed the call of Pope Francis to live sustainably, to be good stewards of the Earth?
4. Association Members feel called to personal growth and transformation. How can the Association Leadership continue to facilitate and assist with their faith journey?
5. How does the Association continue to foster a greater sense of connection and belonging for Members?

The two previous foundation documents of the Association [We Marists](#) and [As Marists](#) have been essential in helping to provide strategic directions for Marist Schools Australia and the other Marist ministries. It is expected that the new strategic document of the Association will be released early in 2023.

2022 MSA Mass and Dinner

Over the past few weeks there have been two wonderful celebrations of Marist education during the occasions of the MSA Annual Mass and Dinner for the Regions of QLD/NT/NSW Northern Rivers and NSW/ACT. As has been custom, individual schools nominated staff who have made an outstanding contribution to Marist education over many years. The stories of

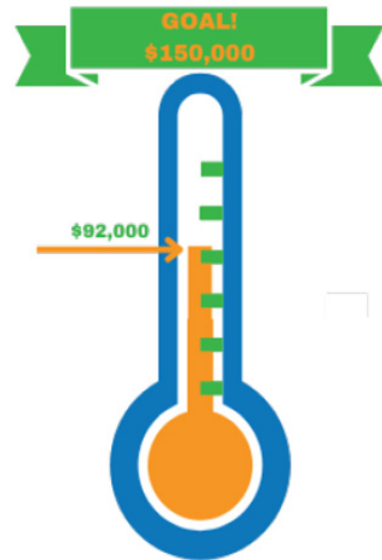
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these faith filled people are truly inspiring, each reflecting in some way to their community Christian virtues and a strong sense of our Marist way. The full citations for the award winners can be found here - [NSW/ACT](#) and [QLD/NT/NSW](#). The VIC/SA/WA Region will hold their celebrations at Marcellin College Bulleen on 26 November, after which their award winners will also be shared.

AMS Sesquicentenary Appeal for Marist Education in East Timor

Thank you to all the schools who have so generously donated to AMS in the past fortnight. An additional \$25,000 has been received. We still have another \$58,000 to raise in order to meet our goal of \$150,000 before Christmas.



The Feast of All Saints

Today, we as a Church celebrate the Feast of All Saints. The tradition in our Catholic faith and emphasis on the communion of Saints, enriches our prayer life, and provides inspiration and example. Importantly today, we recognise and remember the Saints of the Church as well as the saints. We all know people who have now departed who had enormous influence for good on our lives, so today, as we remember the Saints of the Church, let us also give thanks to God who has made himself known to us through so many ordinary folk who have influenced our lives.

*Dear God,
In your kindness,
answer our prayers
and the prayers which the saints offer on our behalf.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Yours sincerely,

Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Australian Marist Solidarity NEWS

St Joseph's College Mabiri, in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, Papua New Guinea is a much loved Marist community. The College was originally opened in the community of Rigu in 1949, however during the Bougainville conflict the school was burned to the ground. The Marist Brothers returned in 1999 at the end of the conflict and redeveloped the school to educate ex-combatants and other young men from the crisis generation. Students come to St Joseph's from across Bougainville. There are currently only five schools that cater for Grade 11 and 12 in Bougainville. Thanks to the support of Marists during last years AMS Mid Year Appeal, that will soon be six as St Joseph's works towards extending to offer a senior secondary education.

They were welcomed warmly and were delighted to see the 10 new rain water tanks that have recently been installed and also the fantastic progress on the new dormitory and classroom building. Our Marist school communities will be learning lots more about St Joseph's and Bougainville in our 2023 School Campaign, so watch this space to see more soon!



In mid October CEO Bec Bromhead and Marist College Ashgrove Old Boy Dylan Gower from Gower Productions, visited St Joseph's to see first hand the work that has already taken place and to meet with the community and confirm the next steps for this wonderful partnership.

Don't miss the opportunity to connect with us in Brisbane and Melbourne at our Community Gatherings. Register via the event page on our website: www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/partnerships/events or email ams@marists.org.au.

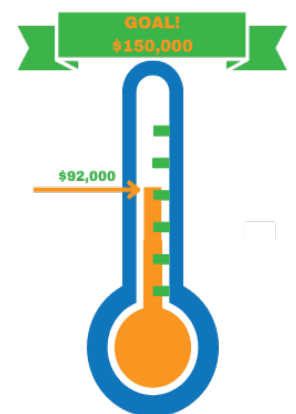


Let's Gather Again...	
Melbourne Community Gathering	Brisbane Community Gathering
Date Sunday 6th November 2022	Date Thursday 10th November 2022



The schools taking part in the 'Day in the Life' challenge as part of the Marist Sesquicentenary have raised money to help vulnerable children access education in Timor-Leste.

We thank everyone for their efforts; because of you, we have moved even closer to our 150K goal to celebrate 150 years of Marist education in Australia. Thank you to the following schools who have contributed since our last update: St Patrick's Marist College Dundas, Sacred Heart College and St Teresa's Noosaville. To get involved, sign up at www.dayinthelife.org.au or contact AMS.



Connect with us to find out more.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Marist College Ashgrove, QLD

Deputy Head of College

Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Applications close: Monday 7 November 2022

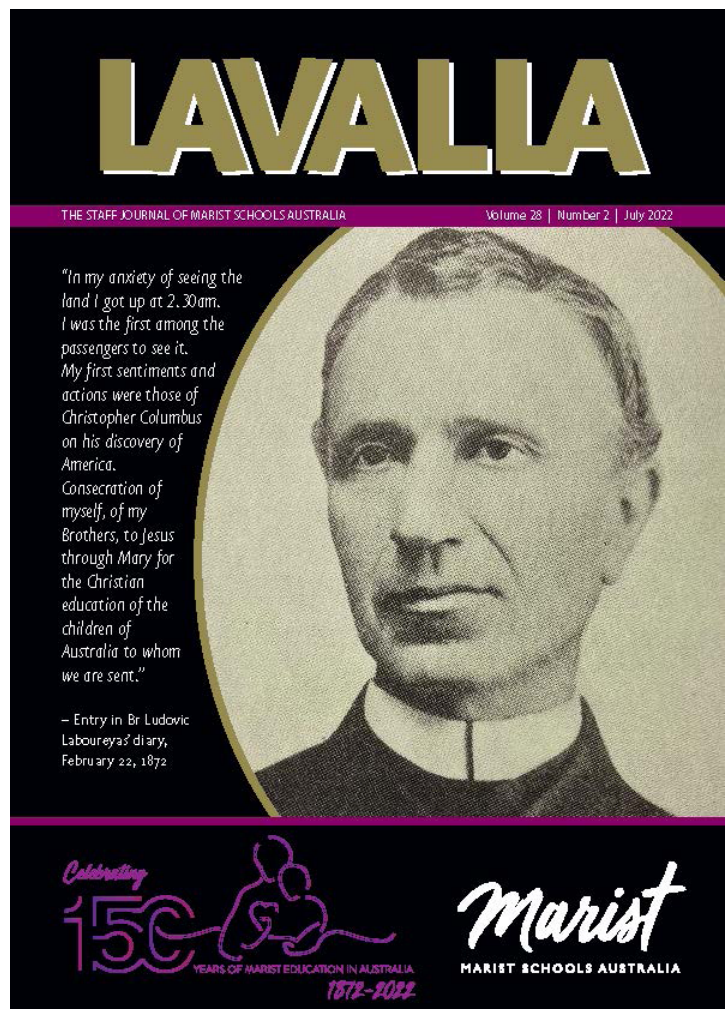
LAVALLA

Sesquicentenary Edition

The special Sesquicentenary edition of Lavalla was sent to schools in the middle of the year. It was intended that a copy be provided for every staff member in an MSA school. If your College would like more copies sent please contact

Ms Emma Gyori

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ANNOUNCEMENT - MARIST CATHOLIC COLLEGE PENSHURST

Yesterday it was announced by the Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools, Mr Tony Farley, that **Mrs Connie Frino** has been appointed as the Principal of Marist Catholic College Peshurst commencing Term 1, 2023.

Please click [HERE](#) to read the announcement letter from Sydney Catholic Schools.

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CAMBODIA
AUSTRALIA
NEW ZEALAND
AOTEAROA

SAMOA
SOLOMON ISLANDS
TIMOR LESTE
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The Marist Brothers

invite you to the

INAUGURATION OF
**STAR OF THE SEA
PROVINCE**

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ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE CHAPEL
HUNTERS HILL, NSW, AUSTRALIA
MASS COMMENCES AT **6.00PM (AEDT)**
FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

** 8 December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE INAUGURATION MASS
PLEASE REGISTER [HERE](#)
BY 14 NOVEMBER 2022**

The staff of Marist College Canberra celebrated our program *Known and Loved: Dignity For All*

Pope Francis stresses that “faith exhorts us to commit ourselves seriously and actively to combat indifference in the face of violations of human dignity; faith always requires us to let ourselves be healed and to convert from our individualism, both personal and collective.”

May the Lord “restore our sight”, the Pope said, “so as to rediscover what it means to be members of the human family.”



Leigh Southwell, Sunday Ciastkowski, Tamara Armstrong and Courtney Mahon



The liturgical setting of each table with a safety blanket and a variety of symbols relevant to their community in 2022.

Marist Solidarity Retreat 2022 In the words of a participant, James Mazzonlini

“The retreat provided the time and space to reflect on my journey and connection to the country and to appreciate the significance of Central Australia to the Arrernte people through ancient stories and sacred sites.

This retreat enhanced my understanding and awareness of the rich history of the Marist Brothers in the Northern Territory and the mission of Ltyentye Apurte over several decades, where many Brothers have committed their lives to walk in solidarity with the local first nations people”.



Solidarity Retreat Group Photo

MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

October Update

MYM NSW

Term 4 Super Connect

'Under the Sustainable Christmas tree' was the theme for this term's Super Connect. Eighty Year 11 Students from 8 Marist schools from across Sydney were encouraged to reduce the amount of plastic this Christmas by taking part in practical gift giving and making ideas such as Body Scrub, edible Christmas treats, plant growing. Thanks to all the students who brought in items to for the 'swap' meet'. It was great to see so many students leave the evening with hands full of goodies to give to family and friends!

Thank you to principal, Silvana Rossetti, for allowing us to use the wonderful Montagna Hall at Marist College Eastwood not only this term, but the entire year to conduct the MYM Super Connects! Thanks also to Helena Bozic, Eastwood's Youth Minister, for ensuring IT support and set up of chairs and tables etc. in the hall. The MYM team are grateful for your help and support.



Year 7 Game Changers Regional Retreat Day

It was with much excitement Year 7 students from Parramatta Marist High School, St Joseph's College and Marcellin College Randwick met for their first Game Changers Retreat Day on Friday, 28 October. Through team challenges, fun games and discussion groups, students gained a greater understanding of themselves, their faith and built strong friendships with the other Game Changers students that took part in the day. The MYM team hope to see all these wonderful students again, especially at their Year 12 Game Changers Retreat Day in 2027!

Thank you to Mark Woolford for hosting the day at Marcellin College Randwick. A big Thank you to Randwick's Youth Minister, Gillian Clarke for all her work to organise not only the Year 7 Retreat Day, but coordinating the Game Changers program and the Marist Youth Ministry events at Marcellin College. Gillian will be missed, both professionally and personally, as she takes Leave next year.

MYM VIC

Year 10 La Valla Leadership Camp

We were so blessed to have some rare sunny skies for our VIC/SA Game Changers Year 10 La Valla Leadership Camp! Students travelled from near and far to gather at Phillip Island for our first camp back since pre-COVID times, with Sacred Heart College Adelaide, Marcellin College Bulleen, Assumption College Kilmore, and Marist College Bendigo all joining us for three days of learning, growing, and having fun! As evident in the name of the Camp, throughout the weekend students were given the opportunity to reflect on their own journeys, leadership and otherwise, as well as listen to valuable input from some inspirational Young Marists and take on Christian Leadership skills such as being authentic, present, and serving others rather than letting others serve them.



Students took wonderfully to gathering in their 'Team Huddles', mixing with students from other schools and sharing their reflections and stories with one another. A highlight for many was definitely the Community Building activities, where students supported each other through high ropes and flying fox courses. It was beautiful so see so many genuine connections and smiling faces. Looking forward to the next opportunity!



Thinking about accommodation for tertiary studies in Melbourne? Think *Marist House*

Marist House offers student residential programs for young adults, studying at one of the many tertiary institutes in and around Melbourne. Marist House provides '*a home away from home*' that is supportive, welcoming and hospitable for students who desire to belong to a caring community while completing their studies in Melbourne.



Marists have a long tradition in building community around young people to promote their education and full human growth. To find out about residential accommodation at Marist House visit <https://maristyouthministry.com/marist-house-fitzroy>

To enquire about available places for 2023 please contact: Br Frank McIntosh, fms
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