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# FROM THE EDITOR

## MARCELLIN'S DREAM – LIVE IT

“And so,” came the question from the audience, “am I right to conclude that we can have a Marist charism without Brothers?” I had just finished a rather passionate commentary on how Laypeople are pivotal, even essential to the realisation of the Champagnat vision, to make Jesus Christ known and loved, among the young. “After all,” she continued, “if fewer than 5 000 Brothers are among the 44 150 Brothers and Laypeople working in Champagnat related ministries, then it seems the writing’s on the wall.”

In a way she was right, but the term, ‘writing’s on the wall’ has negative connotations and that was not the nuance of my message. When Champagnat and Colin gathered with the other ten priests and seminarians on Fourvière Hill on 23rd July 1816, they committed themselves to the realisation of a Marian Church that would be built through the co-operative efforts of Religious and Lay. And it was the Lay branch of the tree that was to be the strongest, the most prolific. Time, culture and circumstance saw the Religious rise to prominence, but that was never the intention. Colin’s dream was to ‘make the whole world Marist’, that is, to create a world where people thought, felt, judged and acted as Mary did.

It was to be a collaborative venture of mutual support, where Religious and Lay inspired one another, challenged one another: together in mission in the church and in the world.



*Br David Hall (left), with the Vocations Co-ordinator for the Sydney Province of the Marist Brothers, Br Darren Burge*

And so in answer to the question from the audience – No, we can’t have a Marist charism without Religious, but in the same vein, we can’t have a Marist charism without Laypeople either. The fact that there are many more Lay Marists than Religious is not a point of regret. The pages of this journal are testimony to the fact that the Marist charism is alive and well, and bringing the Gospel to life in ways our Founders never imagined, but of which they would be surely proud.

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# TODAY

But there is one point of alarm. At 42, I am the seventh youngest in a Province of 215 Brothers. We run the risk of dying out. And if we die out, and this goes for the Marist Sisters and Fathers too, the charism will be incomplete. What we have come to realise is that we don't need large numbers of Brothers, Sisters and Fathers to continue the mission, but we do need a couple each year, enough to maintain a sense of vitality. In this light, the Superior General of the Marist Brothers, Br Sean Sammon has called us to an International Year of Vocations – a year when we work more deliberately than usual at finding young Marists who want to be Religious.

So look around your school community and see if you can find just one young person who might make a good Brother, Sister or Priest. Invite them to consider it as an option. It will be a very concrete way of ensuring our charism continues to have the balance that comes from the different yet complimentary roles of Lay and Religious Marists.

In the meantime, enjoy the fruits of our labour, chronicled in this edition of *Lavalla*.

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**Lavalla:** The name given to this magazine is taken from the village in France where St Marcellin Champagnat established the world's first Marist school in 1817. There are now Marist schools in 80 countries.

**Cover:** Les Salisbury (Deputy Principal, Marist College Penhurst), receives the 2005 Champagnat Award from College Principal, Br John McDonnell

# AMSA BOARDING CONFERENCE

6TH-8TH SEPTEMBER 2004



*Jeremy Brown, St Augustine's College Cairns and Tim Baldwin, Marist College Ashgrove*

"What do you do to attract good boarding staff – do you use old boys, uni students?"

"What kind of arrangements do you have in place for weekend outings?"

"What kind of induction programmes do you use?"

"What kind of liaison operates at your place between the day school discipline systems and the boarding house systems?"

Questions like these abound when you get a few members of boarding staffs together. There is always a thirst for 'best practice' and how others do it.

After a few years in abeyance, and in the light of a growing awareness of the legal and moral challenges and requirements essential in our boarding residences, a Marist Boarding Conference was planned and brought together under the auspices of AMSA in early September 2004.

A working party comprising Br Robert O'Connor (Chair) – the former Headmaster of Marist College Ashgrove, Mr Rob Corboy current Director of Boarding at Marist College Ashgrove, Mr Mark Casey, Year 11 Boarding Coordinator at St Joseph's College Hunters Hill and Br Greg McDonald the former Head of Boarding from St Augustine's College Cairns, generated the agenda under the guidance of Executive Officer of AMSA Dennis Doherty. We engaged Ms Susanne Brooks an educational lawyer from Queensland to lead a number of sessions on matters of legal and industrial importance in our care of our students in boarding.

The seven boarding Colleges on the Australian mainland had staff representatives present for the Conference, and we were also delighted to welcome our Marist colleagues from across the Tasman. Participating schools were:

- Assumption College Kilmore, VIC
- Marist College Ashgrove Brisbane, QLD
- Red Bend College, Forbes, NSW
- Sacred Heart College Somerton Park, SA
- St Augustine's College Cairns, QLD
- St Gregory's College Campbelltown, NSW
- St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, NSW
- Sacred Heart College, Auckland, NZ



*Conference Convenor, Br Robert O'Connor*

All of the representatives gathered at The Farmhouse, Mittagong in a beautiful – though somewhat dry – September.

Participants enjoyed vigorous exchanges on many matters of student support and care, legal requirements, government expectations etc. over a number of sessions.

A session on Marist spirituality was also included, considering the 5 characteristics of Marist culture identified in our seminal document - *In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat* - presence, simplicity, love of the work, family spirit and 'in the way of Mary'.

This time was particularly appreciated by participants in helping the Colleges to focus on what is central to ensuring the authenticity of the Marist boarding residences. The participants considered the way these elements need to inform our work with staff and students. This session and the final prayer was facilitated by Br Robert O'Connor – now a member of the Marist Mission Team.

Participants considered this gathering of some 23 staff a valuable event and one that needs to be on-going as we work to keep our boarding schools faithful to the Marist vision.



*Present and past Boarding Co-ordinator's of St Augustine's College Cairns, Dick Morriss & Br Greg McDonald*

# FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Colleagues

“Who’s left that cricket kit at the front door?”

In every monastery in which I have lived as Brother, I have had to navigate past bags of footballs or trays of water bottles at the back or front door of the house. My washing has had to take its place in line behind the Under 14s footy jerseys hanging out to dry. One Brother or another has left a set of assignments or partially corrected set of exams in the middle of the community room. At my present school, our back patio is often strewn with boarders’ suitcases and musical instruments every Friday and Sunday afternoon. A day doesn’t go by with out a knock at the door – some student wanting something or other.

Those who think that life in a Marist Brothers’ house is some kind of monastic oasis, blissfully removed from the rattle and hum of the life that surrounds it, has never lived in one. At least not in one attached to a school. Signs of the lives of our students, and our involvement with them, are all around. They reach into all that we do, and indeed help to define how we live.

There’s something quintessentially Marist about that. We see it in the lives of our Marist founders. Recall Jeanne-Marie Chavoin’s early rejection of a cloistered life for her sisters to live with the ordinary people of the village, the privations suffered by Jean-Claude Colin and his companions in Bugey missions, or Marcellin Champagnat’s moving out of the parish presbytery and into the same house as his first recruits to live as a family with them. The spirituality and the mission of these people where inextricably linked; one grew out of the other. Their spiritual lives made no sense without their apostolic ones, and vice versa.

As our Marist spiritualities and ministries have taken on distinctive cultural styles, particularly in the school setting, one thing that has remained common is the close and unaffected nature of the relationships between teachers and students. It is typically open, friendly, spontaneous and unpretentious. We are close to each other.



Our Marist way is to choose to immerse ourselves in the lives of the young. Rather than seeing this as an intrusion or burden, we actively seek to be involved in their lives, and we welcome them into ours. We laugh at their jokes, cry at their hurts, rejoice in their successes, sorrow in their losses. Part of our Marist spirituality is to draw our own energy from their lives. Like Mary of the Visitation we go out to them, we stay with them. There is little sense of remove, and little desire for it. “Presence”, Marist writers call it.

The pages of our journal once again are full of this our Marist style.

Michael Green FMS

CHAIR, AMSA STANDING COMMITTEE



# A FUTURE FILLED WITH PROMISE

## NEWMAN COLLEGE WA



*Mr Bernie Boss – Foundation Principal*



*Student leaders from Newman Junior College and Newman College come together to hear of the progress of the amalgamation.*

There are big changes ‘a foot’ in Churchlands in the country’s west.

In November 2003 Br John McMahon, Director of Champagnat Education for the Melbourne Province of the Marist Brothers, outlined details of a proposal for Newman College and Newman Junior College to become one K – 12 school from the commencement of 2005. Br John listed a number of benefits of this proposal, some of which are:

- Unity of Charism
- School ‘Community’
- School ‘Family’
- Seamless Curriculum

During this year many people have worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth implementaton of this process and the benefits will be enjoyed by all who are part of the Newman Community.

Newman College, at present operates on two campuses. An extensive building programme at the Churchlands Campus has been undertaken to accommodate the students

in Years 8 & 9 who will be re-located to Churchlands for the commencement of the 2005 school year.

Students in Years K-7 will continue in a similar vein to what they do at the current time with little change anticipated in the short term.

Mr Bernie Boss has been appointed as the Foundation Principal. Bernie was the first lay Principal of Sacred Heart College, Sorrento and Foundation Principal of Mater Dei College, Edgewater. Most recently, Bernie has been an Assistant Director at the Catholic Education Office in WA.

Brother John McMahon, when speaking of the amalgamation of Newman College and Newman Junior College, highlighted the evolutionary progression in the provision of Catholic Education in this region of Perth that has been underway since the 1960s.

The Newman Family is very excited about the prospect of a one campus school and the opportunity to strengthen an already wonderful school community.



*Architect's sketch of new Administration, Music and Drama*

# AMSA MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN MELANESIA

Simon Koraikove was born into the Marist world at Torikina which is on the west coast of Bougainville Island in 1962. Before WWII our Marist forebears established a school there but later moved to Kieta on the eastern side of the island. The Marist Education Project at Mabiri is a direct descendant of these times. During the civil war on the island (1989-2000) Simon attempted to keep the Torikina Community School open but was forced to 'duck' for the three years between 1990 and 1993. Torikina was a graveyard of WWII weapons and ammunition, all buried or submerged below the reef. To the delight of the Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA) and the dismay of the PNG Defence Forces the armaments were beautifully boxed and swathed in oil and grease. Torikina became a battle ground between the opposing forces for the control of the arms. Simon eventually within the Province to Mortlock Island then Nissan Island where he taught until it was judged reasonably safe for him to be one of the teachers who re-opened schools in the conflict area in 1993 – seven years before the cessation of hostilities.

Simon was one of the eighty participants in the Bougainville Educational Leaders program which is funded by Australian Marist students with additional funding

by support from AusAID. He was happy to re-establish his Marist connections. Earlier this year, Brother Steve Bugg and Brother Chris Wills led the course with the local assistance of Mr Michael Puton (Catholic Education Secretary) and Mr Peter Kalosoi (Business Manager at Mabiri). He remembers



*Simon Koraikove*

Brother Ray Arthur and Brother Allen from his high school days and Brother Cletus Howley and Brother Herman Boyek from his days at Kaindi Teachers College. He hopes that these workshops will equip himself and his fellow head teachers for the educational challenges of this poorly resourced land.

*Workshop participants arriving at Tsiroge for the first workshop*



# LIGHT THE LIGHTS...

## THERE'S NOTHING TO HIT BUT THE HEIGHTS...AT ALICE SPRINGS



The curtain went up once again on the annual College Concert for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Alice Springs. The concert ran over two nights with two sessions each night at the Araluen Centre for Arts and Entertainment.

Students from Transition through to Year 12 showed an amazing array of talent with song, dance, comedy, gymnastics, musicianship, from solo to whole class performances. The colourful costumes of the *Teddy Bears Picnic*, *Simon Says*, *I Just Can't Wait to be King*, *Boot Scooting*, to name a few, brought sighs of delight from the large audience that applauded enthusiastically as they

watched their children adorn the big stage.

The spirit of involvement began with the many rehearsals that took place on each campus in the build up to the big night. Teachers and parents making costumes, teaching special actions, dances and encouraging musicians, singers, budding thespians and dancers to showcase their talent was very special. The activity behind the scenes before each session was as exciting as what took place on the stage. Make-up being applied, hair put in place, costumes adjusted and instruments tuned all contributed to the wonderful experience all those who took to the stage enjoyed.





# ROSA TURNS 75



## Mission Statement

*Marist College Rosalie engages its community in collaborative processes to provide students with a foundation for lifelong and life-giving learning. Christian*

*formation in the Marist tradition is the key framework we use to provide a holistic education encompassing knowledge, understanding and tolerance in keeping with our motto, translated as: Whatever you do, do it wholeheartedly and well.*



*Pictured at the 75th Anniversary Dinner: Br Robert Speare (Old Boy), Mr Bill Thomas (a student in the first class of students, enrolled at Rosa in 1929), Mr Alan Thomas (son of Bill and classmate of Br Robert) & College Principal, Br Peter Corr.*

This year Marist College Rosalie has been celebrating 75 years of educating boys in the Marist tradition. Rosalie was the first school opened by the Marist Brothers in Queensland. The blessing of the foundation stone took place on July 29, 1928. That Christmas, three Brothers arrived to open the school: Brother Osmund Rice, Director; Brother Anthanasius Raess and Brother Campion Muldoon.

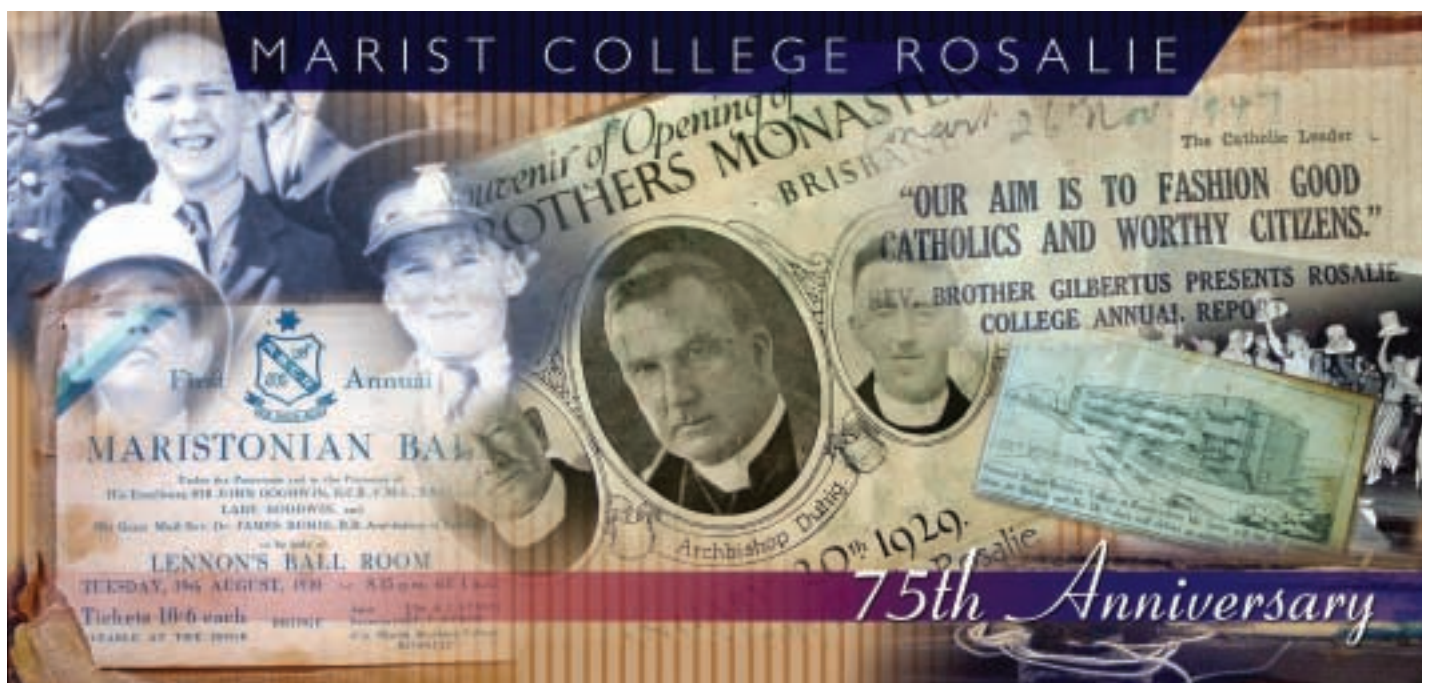
The School was approved as a secondary school in April 1929. The College took a limited number of boarders during the thirties but this ceased with the opening of Marist College Ashgrove in 1940. By 1939 the College roll was four hundred and fifty-one. The present Senior College was officially blessed and opened by Archbishop Duhig on October 2, 1949 and cost 35,000 pounds.

In 1955 Brother Cyprian acquired four hectares of land at Fig Tree Pocket for playing fields. The fields are known as "Lavalla" named after the town where Saint Marcellin Champagnat founded the first school in France in 1817. Facilities built between the sixties and eighties included Science Laboratories and a Manual Arts complex.

Specialised rooms include Arts, Graphics, Library as well as a swimming pool. Three modern computer rooms have also recently been set up with funds provided by parents and friends.

The Primary section of the College was phased out in 1970 and the primary building became part of the Secondary College. In 2000 the College commenced a refurbishment program which continues as funds become available.

Over its long history Marist College Rosalie has successfully transitioned through many changes including the increasing reliance on lay staff as the complexities of curriculum increased and the numbers of Brothers declined. Marist Rosalie has for a long period catered for first generation migrant families, although not exclusively so. Irish and other European migrant families have been replaced by Asian, South American and more recently Pacific Islander families.



# MARIST VIEWPOINT

Love – the essential ingredient for life and for the classroom

**Br Paul Gilchrest** is the Provincial of the Melbourne Province of the Marist Brothers. Prior to taking up this role three years ago, Paul has spent over three decades working in Marist schools. He reflects here on the challenge given to us by Marcellin Champagnat: **To bring up children properly we must love them; we must love them all equally.**

The inspiring musical 'Les Miserables' is based on the remarkable story of Jean Valjean, and his extraordinary adventures, following his escape from the cruel and harsh penal system of the early nineteenth century France.

Towards the end of the play, Valjean's adopted daughter Cosette sings a beautiful epitaph to her father. It concludes with the lines:

*Take my love for love is everlasting  
and remember the Truth that once was spoken,  
To love another person is to see the face of God.*

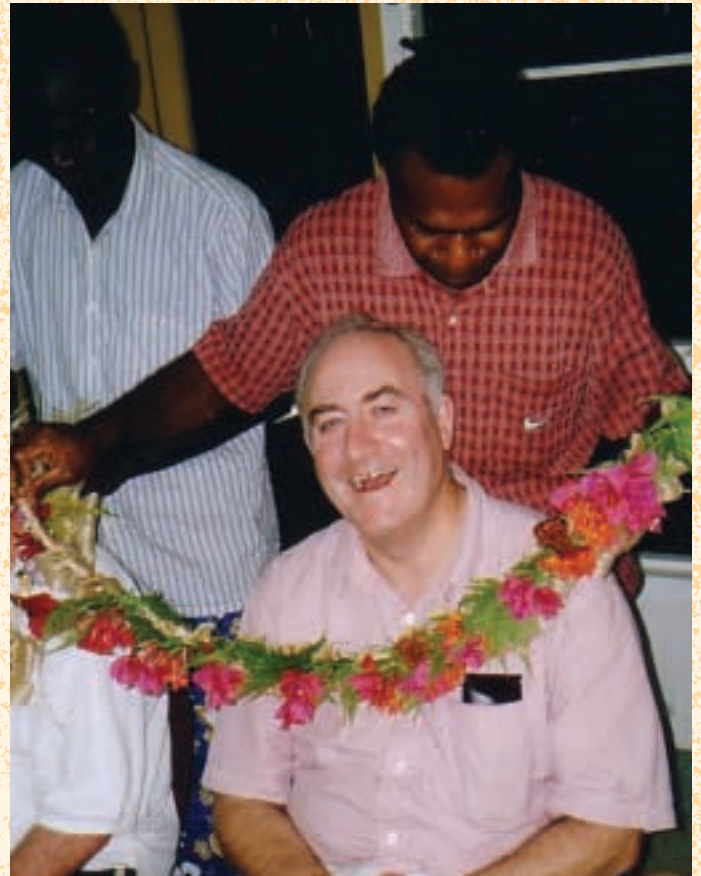
Love is such an elusive word to define. We all know what it is and we know that like the air we breathe, we can't live without it. Even the good Lord encouraged us "to love our neighbours as ourselves". The capacity to love is surely a divine quality that is within us.

Doctors can't measure love with their stethoscopes, but they can surely detect the person who struggles to live without it. The nature of our being requires us to love. It is not a burden but really the fulfilment of our human condition.

Robert Kirschner<sup>1</sup> tells the story of the nine month old baby Enrique Lopez. Enrique was born blind, nearly deaf and with severe brain damage. His tiny misshapen body is hooked up to feeding tubes, breathing tubes and electric monitors. According to his doctors and nurses the only outside stimulus which Enrique responds to is pain. That is, until his mother walks into his hospital room and speaks to him. Immediately, even though he is only nine-months old, his arms and legs begin to wiggle with excitement.

The medical staff cannot explain how such a severely handicapped child can become so suddenly aware. Yet to the mother there is no mystery. Enrique so loves her, and she loves him so much that his response to her presence is uncontrollable. She has little money, little education and little to offer her son, except for her love. But it is this love that he lives for.

In a story by Raymond Carver<sup>2</sup>, called "What we talk about when we talk about love", two married couples are sitting around a kitchen table. Each of them tries to explain to the others the meaning of love. One of the husbands, a doctor tells this yarn: *'There was this elderly couple who were involved in a serious car accident. A drunk driver ran into them and I was just sitting down to dinner when the hospital called. The couple were in their mid-seventies,*



*Paul receives a traditional welcome from the novices during his visit to the Pacific Novitiate at Lomeri, in Fiji*

*they were barely alive with multiple fractures, internal injuries, haemorrhaging, the works.*

*By the time I got to the hospital a team of doctors had assembled and we worked on them for most of the night. Despite their incredible resilience, by morning we only gave them a fifty-fifty chance of pulling through. To cut a long story short, they were still alive later in the day and they were moved into the intensive care, where they both kept battling the odds for the following two weeks. They both had casts and bandages from head to foot with only little holes for their eyes, nose and mouth.*

*Well, after awhile it became clear that the husband was very depressed and even though he knew that his wife was going to survive, we couldn't improve his disposition. Originally we thought it was the trauma of the accident or perhaps the effects of the pain killers.*

*When the husband could eventually talk, he told me what the problem was. It wasn't the accident, it wasn't the injuries. It was the eye-holes; they weren't big enough for him to see his wife lying in the next bed. The old man's heart was breaking, not because he might die, but because he couldn't turn his head to see his wife.'*

When he had finished the story there was a profound and knowing silence. The two couples understood the

significance of relationship, they knew the power of love and they recognised themselves in the incredible bond between the elderly accident victims.

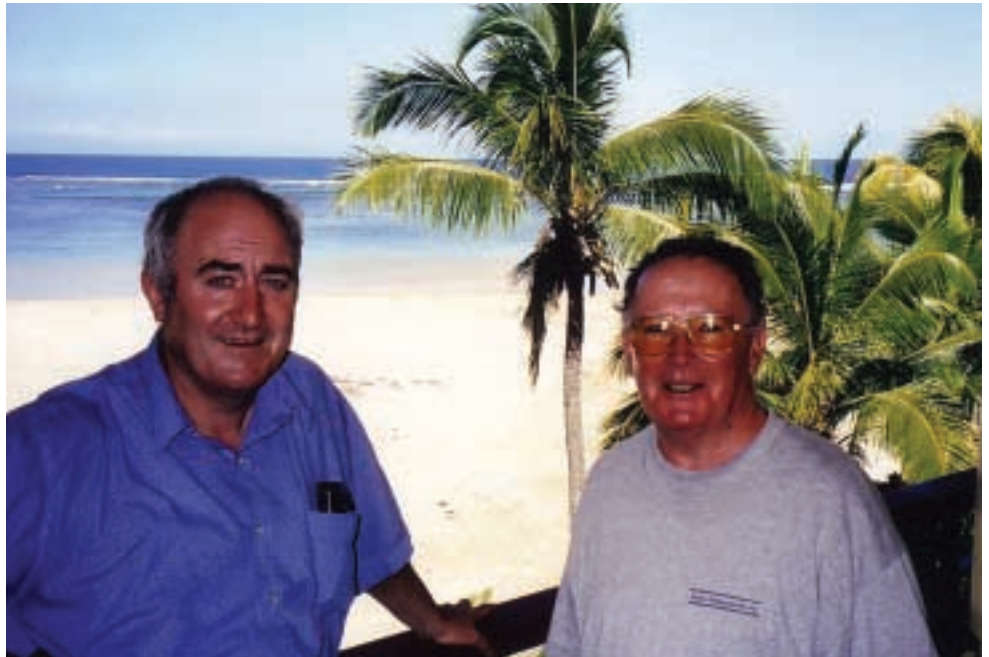
St John's Gospel devotes many passages to the theme 'God is Love'; Jesus says to us,

*I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. (Jn 13:34)*

Our own Marist heritage is also rich with this theme. How often we refer to the words of Marcellin Champagnat; "To bring up children properly, we must love them first. And love them all equally".<sup>3</sup>

There are many inspiring passages in that essential handbook for Marist educators, "In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat" – sections 75 through to 85 are particularly relevant, while sections 97 through to 125 are quite special. The latter says that our way of loving the children is through presence, simplicity, our family spirit, and work, all done in the way of Mary. To the committed loving educator, the faces of the children reflect the many faces of God.

*"We welcome young people. We listen to them, we challenge. We see in each one the image and likeness of God, worthy of our respect and love, no matter what his or her circumstances, religious belief, or personal need of conversion" (79).*



*Paul with Br John Thompson (Provincial of the Sydney Province of the Marist Brothers), enduring the rigours of their job during a recent visit to Fiji*

*"We lead them to discover their spiritual dimension: their personal experience of the Spirit, inspiring, encouraging, supporting, consoling; their sense of wonder at the marvels of creation and of new life; their intuitions of the transcendent, of our ultimate destiny to be with God" (80).*

There is a great intangible truth in Cosette's parting words to her father Jean Valjean. When we love, we somehow experience the supernatural. No one touched by love can deny its hold; it surpasses any other experience that we will ever know.

God dwells in every room of the heart. Love is the one door that leads us to God. God not only gives us the commandment to love, but the power and ability to love.

Just like poor little Enrique, who may not live long enough to understand where that irrepressible gift comes from, we have this marvellous gift to share, this magnetism that keeps us together..

"I love you Granny", said the little fellow to his grandmother.

"I love you too, darling", replied Granny.

May you also experience the love of God through the people in your lives and the children in your classes.



*Paul (right), with the Br John McMabon (left, Director of Champagnat Education, Melbourne Province of the Marist Brothers) & Br Barry Burns (middle), Provincial of the New Zealand Province of the Marist Brothers.*

<sup>1</sup> Robert Kirshner: "Divine Things – seeking the sacred in a secular age" Crossroad Publications. New York 2001 pp102-107

<sup>2</sup> Raymond Carver: cited above in Robert Kirshner's book p 105

<sup>3</sup> Marist Education Commission: "In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat" 1998 pp36-37, pp43-48.

# SHARING M VISION IN M



*Group work at SCV Tenaru*



*Br Steven Bugg, with Mark Solon at Tenaru*



*Br David Hall with Mabiri Principal, Br Ken McDonald, heading off to the retreat site*



*Br Michael Callinan with SOC Bougainville participants, Joe & Paul*

You will find Australian Marists all over the world. In June & July of this year five Aussie Marists were responsible for facilitating two staff development opportunities for staff in Marist schools in the Marist Brothers District of Melanesia:

- **Sharing Champagnat's Vision** (SCV) was conducted for the staff of St Joseph's Tenaru with three Australians involved in facilitating the programme: Ms Marylyn Mathieson, Br Steven Bugg & Br Roger Bourke. This team also included a Marist from the Melanesian District, Br Julian Hakumin.
- **Sharing Our Call** (SOC) went to Bougainville, with Brs David Hall and Michael Callinan facilitating this

course for staff from three Marist schools on the Island; St Joseph's Mabiri, Bishop Wade High School Buka & St Mary's Asitavi.

Both SCV and SOC are always well received in Australia and it seems the value of these courses crosses cultures and circumstances -

Marylyn Mathieson reflects on her experience as a facilitator of SCV:

*At the conclusion of our course the presenters and guests, were adorned with flower leis (made by the little girls who had gathered orchids and hibiscus during the afternoon), and presented with gifts.*

# MARCELLIN'S MELANESIA



*Participants at SOC Bougainville*



*The prayer focus is prepared for SMV Tenaru*

*Speeches preceded a concert prepared by the 'locals', including the postulants, for the occasion. A truly Solomon Islands experience was turned on for us. It was a fitting close to a wonderful time of sharing and learning. These most gracious people welcomed us into their homes and their hearts. St Marcellin's spirit is alive and well among the people of Tenaru.*

*Comments from various participants at SOC Bougainville:*

*It has enriched me greatly! I heard of SOC in 1996 and have always wanted to do one. It's a dream come true! Thank you once again!*

*It was an affirmation of my qualities as a teacher and also my personal life*



*The chapel at Tenaru*

*at home. I feel I must now share what I have gained.*

*It has changed me completely. Some of the ways we deal with students are not Marcellin's ways – it opened my eyes to new possibilities.*

*Very enriching – it was like a wake-up call.*

*I now understand teaching better. The young people I teach will be better for this.*

*It helped me reflect on my life as a teacher, and a father. It also affirmed me as a layperson in the Church.*

# SNIPPETS FROM AMSA SCHOOLS



*Br Peter (left), with students during their meeting with the Superior General, Br Séan (centre)*

## AUSSIE SHEEPDOG IN ITALY

Students from Lavalla College, an AMSA school at Traralgon in Victoria recently experienced three weeks of life in Italy. Brother Peter Howes went along as a minder aka “the sheepdog” making sure that none of the 15 sheep got lost. The young people were billeted with families in the village of Spinete in the district of Moulise 2.5 hours south east of Rome. During their time in Rome they visited the Marist Brothers General House where Brother Séan Sammon, the Superior General, generously gave the group an hour of his time. The group visited Pompeii and Sorrento as well as several schools. The youngsters greatly enjoyed their cross-cultural experience.



*St Augustine’s teachers ready to head back down the mountain at the end of their Sharing Marcellin’s Vision retreat: Michael McMahon, Kate Boydell, Renee Hodge and Br Michael Callinan.*

## MARCELLIN’S TROPICAL VISION

As part of its programme for staff spiritual development, St Augustine’s College in Cairns has this year begun a series of overnight mini-retreats for small groups of staff.

Called “Sharing Marcellin’s Vision”, the initiative has been devised by the College’s Director of Mission, Brother Michael Callinan.

“SMV is one way of allowing busy people some time out from the normal bustle and pressure of their lives so that they can touch into their spiritual core,” he says. “We look at effective ways of doing that.”

Michael explains that the motivation for SMV is to help people deepen their Marist identity by enhancing their ability to be contemplative in action, like Marcellin was, and like Mary was.

“To be a Marist,” says Michael, “is to be attentive for the movement of God in my life.”

“We are all essentially spiritual people, but we are not always skilled at nurturing that dimension of our being.”

The programme is proving very popular with staff, and a waiting list exists. “Of course, the stunning scenery of the Atherton Tableland, a cozy log fire, and the odd glass of good red, all help,” Michael adds.

# 90TH BIRTHDAY AT DACEYVILLE 1914-2004

An AMSA school with a dual charism – OLSH & Marist Brothers

Tuesday, 18th May, 2004 saw St Michael's School Daceyville gather as a community to celebrate its 90th Birthday. The celebration began with an assembly during which special guests were welcomed: representatives from the Catholic Education Office (Eastern Region), Sisters representing the Daughters of the Lady of the Sacred Heart, representatives of the Marist Brothers Communities, St Michael's Parish Community and parents and friends.

Among the honoured guests were Sr Ancilla and Brother Crispin, who played key roles in the transition of St Michael's from O.L.S.H. to the Marist charism.

During the celebrations, there was a re-enactment of the beginning of St Michael's with the story being told and mimed by students. The occasion was made all the more significant with the launching of the School Song.

The celebration was a wonderful opportunity to remember and celebrate a proud history - a chance to acknowledge the significant contributions of the O.L.S.H. Sisters which is being continued today through the presence of the Marist Brothers.



## LISMORE AND WOODLAWN MEET THE CARDINAL

On Wednesday, July 21 Cardinal George Pell visited the North Coast and celebrated Mass at St Cartage's Cathedral. After mass, Cardinal Pell spent time with Year 12 students from Trinity Catholic College and St John's College, Woodlawn. Their time together was an engaging one, with discussion focusing on the concerns of young people in contemporary society and how this connects to the life of the Church.

*Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett (Lismore), Cardinal Pell & Trinity Lismore Principal, Br Peter Pemble*

## MARIST MUMS LEND A HAND AT BERNE

Parliament House Sydney was the venue for the inaugural Berne Education Fundraising Dinner, organised by the Marist North Shore ex-Mothers Association.

This group of women, grateful for the education their sons received in a Marist school, have banded together to raise money for this very needy Marist Project. This year's dinner was in memory of Br Frank Rogers, whose niece, Kristen Roehrig, delivered one of the addresses.

The occasion was honoured by a number of significant guests, including: the Governor of NSW, Professor Marie Bashir; the Shadow Minister for Education, Jillian Skinner; and the Provincial of the Sydney Province of the Marist Brothers, Br John Thompson. The whole event was extremely successful: not only was a substantial sum raised, but the profile of the school was greatly enhanced, especially in the consciousness of many significant people in the wider political and educational fields. Under the leadership of Denise Long and Jill Wall these Marist mums are certainly making a difference!



*Among the guests at the dinner was NSW Governor, Prof Marie Bashir*

## A MAPS CHRISTMAS APPEAL AT RIVERVIEW

St Peter Claver College at Riverview, in Queensland, has been trying to help further the vision of the Marist founder, Marcellin Champagnat for a just world, through its fundraising activity this term. Students at the College, as part of the work of their Social Action Group, are trying to raise as much as they can for MAPS (Marist Asia-Pacific Solidarity) and its work in our part of the world. This initiative followed a visit to the College earlier this year, by Brother Chris Wills, who spoke to the senior class about ways it could assist other schools in the Marist network. Each week this term, the Money

Thermometer has been on display at Assembly to let the students know how they are going. There is a Spare Change Tin at the college tuckshop, and thanks to the efforts of our two canteen convenors, it is rapidly filling up as students are urged to drop in their spare change after buying their lunch each day. A Christmas raffle is being held, and as well, an even more popular fundraiser, the sale of ice blocks is rapidly pushing the red line on the thermometer even higher. The College is hoping that it won't be too long before Brother Chris is asked to return to accept a healthy cheque on behalf of MAPS.



*Principal, Kerry Mulkerin, with Phoebe Greer and the fundraising thermometer. Pictured too, is a magnificent sandstone statue of Mary that is located in the school grounds*

## SORRY DAY AT PAGEWOOD

On Sorry Day, May 26th, Mrs Else Heiss visited Marist College Pagewood where she addressed the student body regarding Aboriginal issues. Mrs Heiss is a member of A.T.S.I.C.C. as well as secretary of the N.S.W. Council for Aboriginals. She is pictured here with a group of students following a school prayer service for National Reconciliation.





# INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AT SJC

In 2004 St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill employed its first Indigenous Education Worker (IEW) Mr Scott Ella. With around 20 Indigenous students now attending St Joseph's, Scott is very enthusiastic about his busy role and the Indigenous Program at the College.



Mr Scott Ella,  
Indigenous  
Education Co-ordinator



Kurtley Beale, a student in the Indigenous programme, pictured on the lawn of the College with his grandfather, Ray Beale.

"I try to work closely with families, which can be hard due to distances, but with lots of phone contact, I believe that my support role is working well for families, for students and for the College as a whole. It's so important for the Indigenous students to have someone they can relate closely to. We can quickly deal with any issues as they arise, with cultural difficulties or perceptions of racism, and this enables us to diffuse issues effectively," says Scott.

Brother Paul Hough, Headmaster at St Joseph's commented 'The program with 20 Indigenous students in the College is going smoothly. Some of them are excelling in art, a couple excelling in Drama and at least one is in the top 10% academically in his year. Their general schoolwork is improving significantly. The College community has a sense of pride and ownership of this program that seems to be making a difference in the lives of the indigenous students and their families and it is enriching our understanding of cultural diversity and reconciliation.'

## BLANKETS GALORE AT ASHGROVE

The Year 5&6 students at Marist College Ashgrove were presented with a mighty challenge last term, one that did not find them wanting. The challenge was to bring in blankets for a number of ministries with which the College has a connection.

The first of these is *Project Vietnam* - a group trying to meet the medical, health and education needs of the people of Vietnam, using professional input from Australia. It aims to develop programs in specific areas to improve the quality of life - especially for the young. Baby blankets will assist greatly in this work.

The second ministry is the *MATES Barbeque*. Many of the people who attend this BBQ, held every week in Kurilpa Park (South Brisbane), will benefit greatly. As many may know, it can still get a bit cold during the night in Brisbane and the blankets the boys have provided will help the many friends the College has made in these needy ministries.



(From top left in a clockwise direction) Isaac Nation, Harry Podbury, Matthew Capelo and Max Hadgelais (all Year 5 students) ensure the comfortability of the blankets.

## MEDAL FOR AN ALL-ROUNDER IN ADELAIDE



There is plenty of talent at Sacred Heart College Middle School, but one particular student, Simon Proctor has set a new benchmark! Simon achieved the highest score in the Australasian Computer Competition for Year 9 students across South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Whilst Sacred Heart is readily recognised for its sporting prowess, Simon is representative of the many students who excel in broader fields of learning. Not only is he extremely highly skilled in Technology, he is a talented clarinet player, a very capable student in the Mathematics/Science area and he also enjoys a game of basketball with his mates.

Sacred Heart College Middle School aims to broadly and holistically develop young boys into fine young men. Students such as Simon are great examples of this. Congratulations to Simon on such an outstanding achievement!

## SPIRIT AND LEADERSHIP WIN IT FOR RANDWICK

Marcellin College Randwick became the NSW CCC State Basketball Champions in Gosford on Tuesday June 22nd.

The two-day tournament saw the ten best basketball teams from Catholic High Schools in NSW compete for the title of NSW CCC State Champions. All schools competing in the carnival had won their regional carnivals, held in May.

Marcellin College had to defeat five teams to reach the Final. They defeated St Edward's College Gosford in their semi-final and went on to win the final and the Championship convincingly against McCarthy College Tamworth 57-39.

Team Captain, James Gold, believes the key to the team's success was their dedication to each game and teamwork. "The boys play with a tremendous amount of spirit", he said. "Their commitment to each game was evident and we worked hard to perform as an effective team."

Br Bill Sullivan, Marcellin College Principal, says the team's spirit and dedication are very much part of Marcellin College's every day ethos. The College promotes spirit and leadership within the school. "Good leadership is about sharing responsibility. The Marcellin College basketball team displayed this in every game they played. Their teamwork was commendable."



## O.S. LINKS FOR EMERALD

A group of Japanese language students from Marist College Emerald have had the ultimate learning experience after visiting Japan for two weeks during the September-October holidays. The 16 students in Years 9 and 10 were accompanied on the overseas trip to Japan during the recent school holidays by Japanese teacher Brother Bernard Yamaguchi and Deputy Principal Mrs Marie Martin.

Having spent about two days of the time travelling, the remaining 12 days were taken up with tours and sightseeing, shopping and experiencing the Japanese way of life. In addition to having the chance to immerse themselves in the culture, the students were also able to improve their language skills. Through their connections with a Japanese sister-school, the Marist students were billeted with local residents in Yokohama, near Tokyo, giving them a greater insight into daily living.

"Some students really did bond with their host families and have said they can't wait to get back," Mrs Martin said.

One of the interesting activities undertaken was Zazen meditation, a Buddhist form of meditation, and the students also had the chance to visit Buddhist temples. The final day of the trip was organised as a cultural day where the students took part in an official tea ceremony, including the girls dressing in traditional kimonos. Marist College will next year play host to the visiting students of its sister school.

## FAMILY – TRULY MARIST AT PENSHURST

In May of this year Marist College Penshurst honoured mothers and grandmothers with a special Mother & Son Mass. So successful was this event that when September came around there was no choice but to honour fathers and grandfathers, with a Father & Son Mass.

Mass was celebrated in the College Chapel by Father John Crothers, Parish Priest of St Declan's Penshurst. The accompanying picture highlights one memorable moment of the celebration, where boys pinned a St Joseph's medal on their fathers' and grandfathers' lapels. A truly moving celebration concluded with morning tea in the College courtyard. It was a great day.



# MARCELLIN MAKES SPACE FOR THE SACRED



Br Bill Sullivan, on taking up the position of Headmaster at Marcellin College, Randwick felt that there was an urgent need for the creation of a sacred space accessible to all members of the College community. While there is plenty of spirit amongst the

students and staff, what was needed was a channel for nurturing the spiritual and the versatile physical space of a prayer room, rather than a chapel was Br Bill's vision for the construction.

Such a space needed to have a prominent place in the College and it was decided that one of the classrooms closest to the entrance of the College would be refurbished as the Prayer Room.

The name "Fourvière" was chosen because of the connection to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fourvière, a place Marcellin Champagnat visited whenever he was in Lyon, to take time out, to be regenerated, to seek renewal and to pray for the important projects he was undertaking. It is the hope of the Marcellin community that students and staff will take the opportunity to use the room for the same purpose.

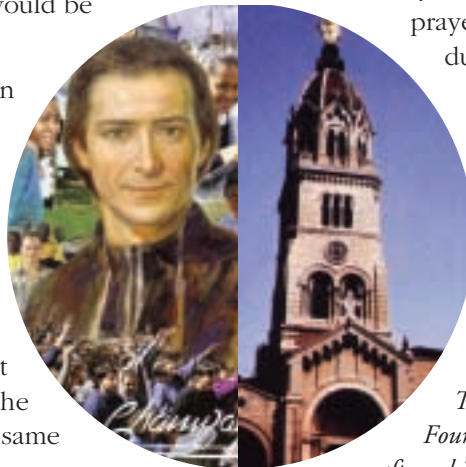
Construction on the Fourvière Prayer Room began in late 2003 and after some months of stop-start construction was ready for use early this year. The space is designed to be used by individuals, small groups of staff and/or students and class groups engaged in a wide variety of creative and more traditional prayer contexts. Students and staff can



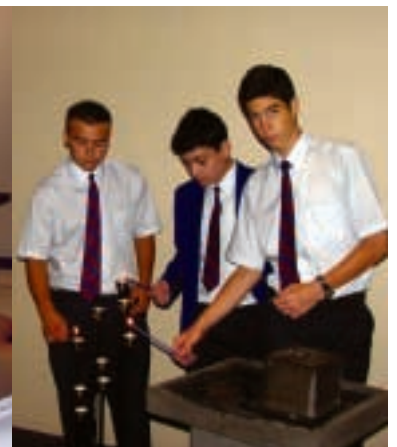
access the space before and after school, at recess and at lunch for individual quiet reflection. Teachers use the room with RE classes for meditation, class liturgies, short prayer reflections using powerpoint, for class visits from guest speakers or for other lessons with a pastoral or reflective focus such as bullying or improving relationships. Every

Friday morning before school there is a small group prayer, attended by both staff and students. It is during this time that those gathered pray for the intentions written by students and staff throughout the week into the Book of Life kept in the Fourvière Prayer Room.

The room reflects the changes in liturgical season as well as things that are significant in the life of the College. Its colours, furnishings and fittings have all been chosen to create an atmosphere that is welcoming, soothing and in contrast to some of the harsher environmental and architectural features of contemporary boys' high schools. It is indeed a pleasant place to be and not just because of the reverse-cycle air-conditioner! The challenge now is to continue to provide opportunities which enable a variety of people to use the space creatively to nurture their own spirituality and that of the students they teach.



*The chapel of Fourvière in Lyon, after which the Marcellin Chapel is named*



# SMILES FROM THE FOR HAMILL



# **E** HEART LTON



In June this year four students from Saint Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton, travelled to Cambodia on an immersion experience. Most of their time was spent working with children from the Marist Brothers' school in Phnom Penh. The majority of students at the LaValla School live with the after effects of polio. The following is a reflection from the students who went on this adventure.

# Cambodia

Wow! What a life changing experience!

Travelling around the streets of Phnom Penh, with an unfamiliar stench in the heavy air and motorbikes flying past with up to five people on them made us realise that we are very fortunate to be Australian and to live in the comfort that we do.



Cold showers and no toilet paper! It's not until you are forced to live without running water and soft toilet tissue that you realise how great it is to have them. The kids were great though! It's amazing that even though they have been through so much they still have the most genuine smiles – one of those infectious smiles that



you know is truly meant. They make you realise how blessed we really are to actually have our friends and family – the people who continually fill our days with love and support.



As well as spending time at Lavalla school we visited homes for children who are either HIV positive, or the orphans of HIV positive parents. These homes are run by the Maryknoll Sisters. Looking into the eyes of a bright,



bubbly five year old, you just didn't want to believe almost every child in these homes is infected with HIV. It's a reality shock – one that shakes your world and makes you sick to the stomach.



Visits to 'S-21' (a prison created and used by the Khmer Rouge) and 'The Killing Fields' (where thousands of people were executed) made the horror faced by the Cambodian people 30 years ago real to us. The hope and strength of the people of this country was demonstrated to us through the hospitality of the Cambodian people many of whom lived through the terror of Pol Pot, but who can still look up and smile.



The immersion experience made us all appreciate the comfort of our lives and inspired us to reach out and help those who may not be as lucky as us, not have the support we do, or maybe just need a friendly smile. Overall, it taught us the value of a smile, a real smile, a smile from the heart.



# BEENLEIGH AND ASHGROVE TEAM UP IN THE SOLOMONS

St Dominic's Rural Training College and St Joseph's School at Tenaru, both in the Solomon Islands are supported by Marist Solidarity (MAPS & MSO). Schools interested in immersion experiences to these, and other Marist places in Asia-Pacific should contact Br Chris Wills – cwills@fms-sydney.org.au, Tel: 0407 017 774

*One never fully understands another's experience until the opportunity is taken to walk in another's shoes.*

These words carried extra emphasis during a recent immersion for students and staff from both Trinity College, Beenleigh and Marist College, Ashgrove to the Solomon Islands. The immersion experience took the ASMA students to two places - St Dominic's Rural Training Centre (at Vanga Point on Kolombangara Island – a 1.5 hours flight and 1 hour boat ride from Honiara) and at St Joseph's High School, Tenaru (just 15 minutes outside of Honiara by road). Both St Dominic's and St Joseph's are Marist initiatives. The students and staff from Ashgrove and Beenleigh went to look, to listen and to learn and to face the challenges that a new environment and a new culture present.

St Dominic's was the most challenging environment. It was obvious from the outset that all members of the group were far outside their comfort zone. But the hospitality and care of Br Tony Burrows (the Principal) and the local people invited the students to move beyond those challenges and start to understand a little of the life of the Solomon Islands people.

This Rural Training Centre is held in high regard throughout the Islands. It strives to educate its young men in areas that will serve them best when they return to their villages. So, integrated farming, cattle, pigs, poultry, mechanics, carpentry and building are all part of the curriculum. As well the locals make paper, soap, coconut



*Br Peter Ernst (Marist Ashgrove), Grady Rodgers, (Trinity Beenleigh), Kara Gerritsen (Trinity Beenleigh), Tom Markiewicz (Marist Ashgrove), Amanda Price (Trinity Beenleigh), Daniel Kerwick (Marist Ashgrove) and Mr Paul Blom (Trinity Beeleigh).*



*Kara Gerritsen (Trinity Beenleigh, Tom Markiewicz (Marist Ashgrove) and Amanda Price (Trinity Beenleigh) share some time with the students of St Joseph's High School Tenaru (Solomon Islands).*

oil for sale to local villages and to some of the tourists who visit the local Province Centre, Gizo. Their life is one of self-sufficiency and unlike our own, little, if anything, is wasted.

The Aussie visitors were blessed as well to share in the faith life of the students and staff, praying each morning with them, being a part of singing practice and finishing their time at St Dominic's with Mass on Sunday morning. When one spends time with these people, it is obvious that they are a spiritual people ... a spirit that is lived out fully in their day-to-day lives. They are passionate about all they do – playing, praying, celebrating, working. They are proud people who want to learn from us while inviting us to learn from them.

St Joseph's at Tenaru presented less of a physical challenge. It was a school environment and as such the students felt more at home. The School Community welcomed their visitors with dance, song and a "feast". The School's Champagnat Group shared a little of their vision and desire to make a difference for people in need within their community. To hear young people, who themselves have little, speak so passionately of this desire to assist others is inspiring.

Much has been learnt from this experience. Preparation for such an immersion is challenging – appropriate clothing, medications, food, work programs, etc.; being a minority in a new culture is humbling; experiencing the brotherhood shared by the young men of the Centre is moving; giving away some level of control in our lives to people you have just met is demanding; and opening oneself to dialogue requires a willingness to change.

Now, the question arises! What can we do to confirm our part in the global Marist vision!

# A LIFE CHANGING YEAR 11 YOUTH FORUM, MAR



*Justin Golding (centre back), Postulant, enjoying the company of some students*



*Celebrating the Eucharist together*



*All the participants at the Forum*

An enthusiastic group of Year 11 students from AMSA schools throughout NSW and Queensland gathered together at the Farmhouse at Mittagong from 24 – 26 September for a forum to mark the beginning of the Marist Vocation Year.

The focus of the weekend was on making choices on our life journey. Several presenters shared their life stories and the choices they have made in their own lives. A key component of the presentations was centred on solidarity and social justice. The guest speakers gave an honest and open account of their lives which touched the hearts and minds of the audience. As one student said:

*The weekend at Mittagong was a life changing experience. Friendships formed, a new phase in our lives began. Understanding and valuing what we take for granted, opening our minds and hearts to the issues we deny. This is The Road Less Taken - we've taken the journey, the journey to the "new" us.*

Presenters at the forum included:

- Br Michael Flanagan – Principal, Berne Education Centre Lewisham
- Mr John Honan – CEO Parramatta
- Jacqueline Dynan – ex-student of St Francis Xavier's Hamilton
- Br Anthony Robertson – St Patrick's Marist Dundas
- Dominic Dowling - ex-student of St Francis Xavier's Hamilton
- Dominic Mapstone – ex-student of Mt Maria Mitchelton & Marist College Ashgrove
- Br Terry Heinrich – Principal, Lavalla School Phnom Penh, Cambodia



*Damian and Julie Sligar (front left) spoke about married life at the evening forum*



# NG EXPERIENCE

## RIST FARMHOUSE MITTAGONG

- Sr Kate McPhee – Marist Sister, Cerdon College Merrylands
- Fr Paul Ghanem – Franciscan Priest
- Damian & Julie Sligar – Magdalene High School Narellan, formerly St Greg's Campbelltown
- Br Darren Burge – Marist Brothers, Vocations Co-ordinator

Another of our guest speakers was Jish, a man twenty seven years of age, who had lived on the streets of Brisbane and Sydney since he was six. He told a most moving and powerful story about his own life. His bald honesty about the realities of life on the streets and his desire in recent times to put his life back together was truly inspirational. It is best expressed in the words of one student: *Jish opened my eyes to how precious life is and how much I have taken for granted.*

Other comments from participants highlight the value and success of this forum:

*It has been a great experience! Over these last couple of days I have learnt so much about myself, others and issues within our society. As a result I have gained a more open minded view of our world and my place in it. It's been fun and it's changed my life.*

*It was the start of a journey of self discovery. It really made me question who I was and what I value.*

*The Marist spirit is alive in all of us.....It took 48 hours to teach us the most valuable lessons we will never forget.*

*It has given me time to think about which path I should travel. I thank the brothers and other staff for giving me the chance to challenge my beliefs and try to identify what kind of vocation is for me.*



*Sr Maryanne leading morning prayer (Tai Chi)*



*Br Terry Heinrich (centre) and Br Greg McDonald (far left) with students from Marist College Canberra*



*Jish talks about life on the streets*



*Fr Paul Ghanem celebrates the Eucharist*



*Br Anthony Robertson with students at the evening forum*

# AMSA PRINCIPALS CATCH-UP IN PERTH

Many AMSA Principals caught up with each other during the last school holidays while in Perth to attend the biennial conference of the Association of Principals of Catholic Secondary Schools of Australia. At the conclusion of the Conference, the new Principal of Newman College, Bernie Boss, invited his AMSA colleagues to afternoon tea at Newman to inspect progress on the College's major capital works. With the foundation of Newman as a single K-12 school next year, and the consolidation of 4-12 classes on the Churchlands campus, a massive project of almost \$10million is under way. Pictured outside the Champagnat Chapel during the tour are Br Michael Green (St Augustine's College, Cairns Qld), Damien Millar (Marist College Pagewood, NSW), Susan Chen (Marist College, Burnie Tas), Steve Byrne (Sacred Heart Middle School, Mitchell Park SA), Bernie Boss (Newman College, Perth WA), Br Tony Paterson (Samaritan Catholic College, Melbourne Vic) and Paul Herrick (CEO Melbourne and immediate past Chair of AMSA).



# AMSA

...THE PLACES

## FAREWELL KATE



Provincial House at Drummoyne was the scene for Kate's farewell from the Province Office and it was here that many staff from AMSA schools gathered to wish her well and thank her for her enthusiastic service to the Marist mission.

*Left: At Kate's Farewell: Jodie Hughes ( REC, Kogarah), Mark Woolford (Assistant Headmaster-Mission, Hunters Hill), Tony Clarke (Director of Faith Formation, North Shore), Belinda Witter (Solidarity Team, North Shore), Angela Glennon (REC, Penshurst)*

Kate Craig is known to many Marists in AMSA schools. A member of the Farmhouse community for a number of years, and most recently a member of the Marist Brothers Sydney Province Mission Team, Kate was a part of many Sharing Our Call programmes. After eight years of direct involvement in Marist ministry, Kate has moved back to her home turf and now works in school and youth ministry with the Catholic Education Office in Lismore.

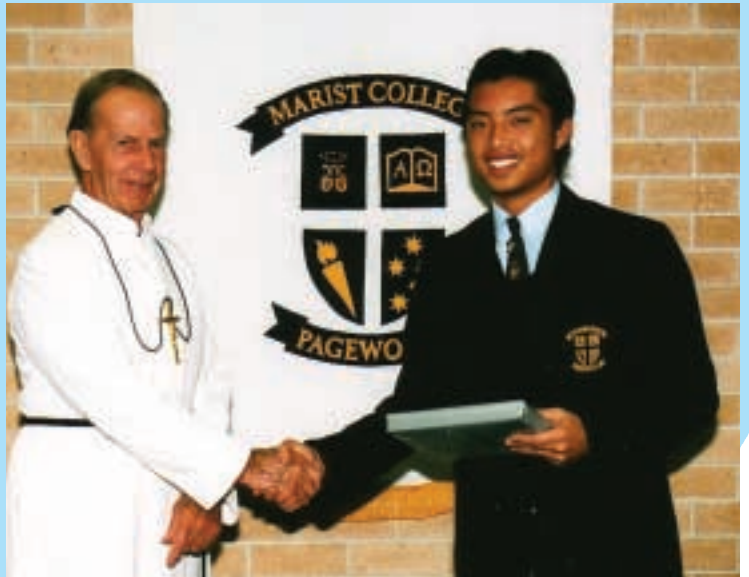
*Br Jeff Crowe (the key player in the development of In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat), Kate, Leonie Flynn (formerly REC, Campbelltown)*



# FORMER PRINCIPAL RETURNS TO PAGEWOOD

An important link with early history of Marist College Pagewood occurred recently with the return of a former Principal, Br Kevin Willits. In 1964, 40 years ago, Brother Kevin arrived at Pagewood, charged with the formidable task of converting the then existing primary school into a fully functional secondary high school. Against many odds, and with minimal financial assistance from the government, science and technics facilities were built, along with a library and additional classrooms. Brother Kevin took the first Year 7 class through to Year 12, successfully preparing them for their Higher School Certificate Examination. In his address to the students, Brother spoke of teamwork, and the important role various parents and teachers played during his years of leadership at Pagewood.

*Right: College Captain, Christian Alonzo, welcomes Br Kevin Willits to the College*



## STAFF YOU FIND THEM!

### A HONEYMOON AT LAVALLA



*Nicola with some of her students*

The wedding of Nicola Smith and Duncan Edghill was a real Marist Kogarah affair. Nicola is the assistant REC at Kogarah and their wedding (first day of the Term 3 holidays) was celebrated by long time College supporter, Bishop David Cremin. Officiating with Bishop Cremin was the College Chaplain, Fr Xavier Barry and adding to the beauty of the service were the angelic voices of the College choir.



*Fr Xavier Barry & Bishop David Cremin*

Europe was the honeymoon destination and while in France Nicola and Duncan took the opportunity to visit La Valla and The Hermitage. "Having been a teacher at Kogarah for 3 years, and this year working as the Assistant REC, I almost felt it would have been a crime to have journeyed so far and not seen these two very significant places. Duncan also really wanted to see what 'it' was all about and I guess it just goes to show how strong the Marist charism is in my life as a result of my time at Kogarah", commented Nicola.

"It was an amazing experience - and certainly a unique honeymoon destination - but one I will cherish."

*Nicola in  
La Valla*



# MARISTS...PEOPLE

Marcellin Champagnat often concluded his letters with the words – I embrace you and leave you in the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. His was a heart that knew no bounds. With this as part of our heritage, it is any wonder that for Sacred Heart Middle School, in Adelaide, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is something of real significance.



*Fr Bob Rice with students Ben Keir, Andrew Patterson, Paul Khouri*

The Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us of our merciful God – ‘Blessed are the merciful...’ (Matthew 5; 7) In the spirit of the Good Samaritan we aim to be a merciful community reflected in the way in which we deal with each other – especially those in need. It is a day for all to think about the unconditional, generous and compassionate love that Jesus has for all people, especially the poor and suffering in our world.



*Year 8 students Isaac Donnellan, Steven Merrett, and James Holland*

For the boys at Sacred Heart College Middle School it is a time to reflect on the significance of a Marist education and to share the actions they are taking to continue the mission of Jesus.

With Fr Bob Rice as celebrant the Feast Day of the 18th of



*James Gallagher, Mr Jim Whiting, Ravinesh Prakash, Philip Rankin, Mr Lindsay Cox, Br Columbanus Pratt, Br Jordan Redden.*

June began with a whole school Mass. This was followed by Year 8 Justice presentations, a Year 9 old scholars panel, a hamburger lunch and sports afternoon.

Year 8 students were selected to prepare the whole school Mass because of their study of Justice Issues in Religious Education lessons. The congregation, which included a number of special guests, the parishioners from St Mary’s parish, parents, staff and students began the Mass with a now traditional and robust version of Hearts on Fire.

Those gathered reflected on the actions that the Year 8 students had taken with raising awareness of the needs of groups such as Catherine House, Catholic Charities, Can Do 4 Kids, The Otherway Centre, St Vincent de Paul Society, Hutt Street, Moore Street and The Lotus Children’s Centre. They listened to the gospel story of the Good Samaritan and reflected on actions we can take to make a difference.



*Mr James Musci and Tyler Freeman*

The Student Leadership Team organised much of the day and a highlight was the Panel of old scholars who spoke to the year nine boys. The panel included: Brother Jordan Redden, Brother Columbanus Pratt, past teacher Mr Lindsay Cox, old scholar Mr Jim Whiting, old scholar and Crows/Norwood player James Gallagher, current Senior School Captain Philip Rankin and SHCMS Champagnat Award winner 2003 Ravinesh Prakash.



*Donal Gallagher with cousin and Crows player James Gallagher*

# OF THE HEART



A Heart That Knows No Bounds

The comments of Year 8 students confirm the value of the day:

- 'They all talked about opportunity and to make the most of our time at SHCMS.'
- 'They made me think of family. James Gallagher and Philip Rankin said things that build on what my dad says like 'work harder now and it pays off later' and 'take the opportunities that are here.'
- 'It has made me rethink my attitude to the way I am working now.' It's time for a fresh start'.



*Movement by Year 8 boys – Praise God*

- 'There is so much to gain from putting in at school and so much to lose if you don't.'

The words of one of the guest speakers, James Gallagher, summarised the sentiments of the day:



*Mr David Crouch serves the hungry boys*

"Make the most of your time here. The friendships you make will be everlasting. When people ask me, 'Why Sacred Heart?' I tell them it's because it produces 'rounded' people who aren't pretentious."



# SHARING OUR CALL



**Participants in Sharing  
Our Call No 56  
Sunday 23rd - Wednesday  
26th May 2004 Mittagong**

*Ofelia Zuniga, Marist College  
Ashgrove; David Brown, Marist  
College Ashgrove; Matthew Paton,  
St Patrick's Marist College,  
Dundas; Greg Butler, St Patrick's  
Marist College, Dundas; Thanh  
Nguyen, Marist College Kogarah;  
Tony Burg, St Joseph's College,  
Hunters Hill; Kieran Jones, St  
Joseph's College, Hunters Hill;  
Larry Byrne, Mount Maria Senior  
College, Mitchelton; Marie  
McDonald, Mount Maria Senior  
College, Mitchelton; Gavin Hays,  
Parramatta Marist High School;*

*Josie Boshell, Parramatta Marist High School; Richard Harding, St Gregory's College, Campbelltown; Glenn  
Nelson, St Gregory's College, Campbelltown; Susanne Gilmour, Trinity Catholic College Lismore; Roz  
Robinson, Trinity Catholic College Lismore; Ian Hewitt, Marist College Canberra; Ros Lewis, Marist College  
Canberra; Louise Bond, Marist College Canberra; Louise Charker, Marist College Emerald; Paula Staunton,  
Marist College Emerald; Ann Palmer, Marist College Eastwood; Danielle Spurr, Marist College Eastwood;  
Peter Shaw, Trinity College Beenleigh; Cathy Agius, Trinity College Beenleigh*

## AMSA STUDENTS RECEIVE ARCHBISHOP'S AWARDS



*Br Kelvin Canavan FMS,  
Executive Director of Schools,  
CEO Sydney*

One of the important events on the calendar every year for schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney is the presentation of the Archbishop of Sydney Awards. Organised by the Catholic Education Office, this celebration of achievement rewards some of the most outstanding Year 12 students in schools in the Archdiocese. Lavalla congratulates the recipients of the award who attend AMSA schools in Sydney:

Matthew Seelin	Marcellin College, Randwick
Joseph Assad	Marist College Eastwood
Mark Gonzalez	Marist College Kogarah
Michael Findlay	Marist College North Shore
Christian Alonzo	Marist College Pagewood
Mariam Kassem	Marist Sisters' College, Woolwich
Joshua Simpson	St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill
Michaela Gray	Trinity Catholic College, Auburn/Regents Park



*Cardinal George Pell,  
Archbishop of Sydney*



**Sharing Our Call No 57, Bougainville  
Sunday 27th - Wednesday 30th June 2004**

*Cecilia Urepari Maiasa; Grace Wakana Arrutchz;  
Roger Ditato; Margaret Asela Ratu Misso; John  
Tukana; Br Simon Emil; Br John Malamo; Gabriel  
Dave; Raburua Bwakineti; Sr Judith Sheridan;  
Christine Vasiere; Tony Malamo Ikai; Arthur  
Finggrau Asei; Ruth Sigal Hihiru; Vincent Alusi;  
Paul Dovitupa; Alexander Maiasa; Brendan Joyce;  
Andrew Clark; Zacharias Nungnung; Bernadette  
Ropa; Jennifer Ame; Rengetsi Cecilia Nauga;  
Joachim Sapaka; Benedict Tooming; Simon Kelle  
Giobun; Joseph Pankau; Regina Sambri*



**Sharing Our Call No 58,  
Mittagong  
Sunday 1st - Wednesday  
4th August 2004**

*Gabby Smith, Red Bend College,  
Forbes; Michael McIntosh, Red  
Bend College, Forbes; Sam Giles,  
Mount Carmel High School  
Varroville; Andre Daniels, Mount  
Carmel High School Varroville;  
Matthew Fogarty, Mount Carmel  
High School Varroville; Jane  
Williams, St Peter Claver College,  
Riverview; Louise Morrison, Marist  
College Kogarah; Anne Plummer ,  
Marist College Kogarah; Brett  
Hughes, St Joseph's College,*

*Hunters Hill; Danny Sidgreaves, St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill; Julie Stewart, St Gregory's College, Campbelltown;  
Lynette Sullivan, St Gregory's College, Campbelltown; Nada Simich, St Gregory's College, Campbelltown; Shamus Leathart,  
Mount Maria Senior College, Mitchelton; Marie Reuter, Mount Maria Senior College, Mitchelton; Luke Caplick, Marist  
College Ashgrove; Peter Howard, Marist College Ashgrove; Peter Himmelreich, Marist College Canberra; Emma Kilminster,  
Marist College Eastwood; Lisa Muller, Marist College Eastwood; Paul Carpenter, Marist College Pagewood; Carolyn Fenton,  
Marist College Pagewood; Helen McInnes, Marist College North Shore; Marian Henry, Marist College North Shore;  
Kathleen McGrath, Marist College North Shore*



**Sharing Our Call No 59, Toowoomba  
Sunday 22nd August - Wednesday 25th  
August 2004**

*Marg Dagan, Marist College Rosalie; Joy Swinton,  
Marist College Rosalie; Margot Blundell, St Thomas  
More School Sunshine Beach; Lauren McDonald, St  
Thomas More School Sunshine Beach; Bronwyn Graham-  
Freeman, St Thomas More School Sunshine Beach;  
Megan Cremin, St Thomas More School Sunshine Beach;  
Kate Breen, St Augustine's College Cairns; Chris Wright,  
St Augustine's College Cairns; Lyndall Smith, Trinity  
Catholic College Lismore; Viv Dougheney, Trinity  
Catholic College Lismore; Robyn Schober, Trinity  
Catholic College Lismore; Jay Foley, Trinity Catholic  
College Lismore, Emma Farry , St Joseph's Primary  
School Murgon; Jenny Stower, St Joseph's Primary School  
Murgon; Sally Cheadle, Marist College Emerald*

# 10TH AUSTRALIAN NETBALL

20TH-23RD JUNE 2004

HOSTED BY RED BEND CATHOLIC COLLEGE, FORBES



Shepparton's Notre Dame College was crowned the 2004 AMSA champions for the third year running, winning the title in a nail-biting all Victorian Final against Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon. This 10th Marist Netball Carnival was another great event "with players and teams just getting better every year", commented Maureen Toy, Notre Dame's coach.

The 16 participating schools were well looked after by their gracious hosts and enjoyed a

packed carnival programme that commenced with Mass on the Sunday evening, to be followed by a Street Parade on the Monday morning. In the style of true rural hospitality officials and Team Captains were honoured at a Civic Reception on the Monday evening. One coach remarked, "the carnival had a great atmosphere and that's what it is really all about...young sportspeople having fun together, and playing a sport they love."



*Forbes Shire General Manager, with carnival participants*

## Participating Schools

Bede Polding College	South Windsor, NSW
Bunbury Catholic College	Bunbury, WA
McAuley Catholic College	Grafton, NSW
Catholic College Bendigo	Bendigo, VIC
Catholic College Sale	Sale, VIC
Lavalla Catholic College	Traralgon, VIC
Marcellin College	Auckland, NZ
Marist-Sion College	Warragul, VIC
Mount Carmel High School	Varroville, NSW
Newman College	Churchlands, WA
Notre Dame College	Shepparton, VIC
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	Alice Springs, NT
Red Bend Catholic College	Forbes, NSW
Sacred Heart College	Somerton Park, SA
St John's College	Lismore, NSW
St Patrick's Marist College	Dundas, NSW
Trinity Catholic College	Lismore, NSW

## Final Placings

- 1 Notre Dame College, Shepparton, Victoria
- 2 Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon, Victoria
- 3 Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park, South Australia
- 4 Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes, New South Wales
- 5 Trinity Catholic College, Lismore, New South Wales
- 6 Marist Sion College, Warragul, Victoria
- 7 St John's College, Lismore, New South Wales
- 8 Catholic College Bendigo, Bendigo, Victoria
- 9 Catholic College Sale, Sale, Victoria
- 10 McAuley Catholic College, Grafton, New South Wales



*Principal of the Host School, Br John Furlong, pictured with carnival participants*



# LIAN MARIST CARNIVAL



*Carnival Champions, Notre Dame College, Shepparton, Vic*

- 11 Bede Polding College, Sth Windsor, New South Wales
- 12 Bunbury Catholic College, Bunbury, Western Australia
- 13 Marcellin College, Auckland, New Zealand
- 14 Mt Carmel High School, Varroville, New South Wales
- 15 St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas, New South Wales
- 16 Newman College, Churchlands, Western Australia
- 17 Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Alice Springs, Northern Territory



## All Australian Marist Team

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Kassie Alford   | Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon VIC |
| Stacey O'Brien  | Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon VIC |
| Samantha Hodge  | Marist Sion College, Warragul VIC       |
| Katie Smith     | Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park SA  |
| Suzi Nemeth     | Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park SA  |
| Felicity Nogare | Notre Dame College, Shepparton VIC      |
| Gemma Toy       | Notre Dame College, Shepparton VIC      |
| Ashlee Barbetti | Catholic College Bendigo, VIC           |
| Ashleigh Cole   | Catholic College Bendigo, VIC           |
| Noeline Davida  | Marcellin College, Auckland NZ          |
| Rique Sharman   | St John's College, Woodlawn NSW         |
| Kristy Durham   | St John's College, Woodlawn NSW         |



*The Mayor of Forbes, with the Captain of the Forbes team, Lisa ten Cate*

## Highly Commended Players

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|------------------|--|
| Annabel South    | Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes NSW  |
| Louise Tinlin    | Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes NSW  |
| Lisa ten Cate    | Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes NSW  |
| Sugaluopea Moe   | Marcellin College, Auckland NZ         |
| Sarah Wilton     | Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park SA |
| Sam Nutt         | Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park SA |
| Melanie Cook     | Marist Sion College, Warragul VIC      |
| Maggie Riley     | Marist Sion College, Warragul VIC      |
| Ebony McAlphine  | Catholic College, Sale VIC             |
| Stephanie Teague | Notre Dame College, Shepparton VIC     |
| Lauren Rullis    | Mt Carmel High School, Varroville NSW  |
| Samantha Barnett | Trinity Catholic College, Lismore NSW  |

**In 2005 the 11th Australian Marist Netball Carnival will be hosted by Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College in Alice Springs, NT.**



*The ceremonial candle is passed from the 2004, to the 2005 hosts*

# THE ARTS

## Central to a Marist School



Not long after Marcellin Champagnat died, and keen to preserve the wisdom of his unique pedagogy, his successor Br Francois saw to the publication of what came to be known as The Teacher's Guide. In this document Br Francois details the five things he considered to be Marcellin's unique contribution to education at the time. Among them was the teaching of singing, a much neglected area of learning in schools at the time. Marcellin insisted on it; education was to be more than numeracy, literacy and religion, it was to be holistic. On these pages of Lavalla we report on the rich tapestry of the arts that one can find in Marist schools today.

### ARTS FOR ALL AT ASHGROVE JUNIOR

Something very exciting and wonderful is happening at Marist College Ashgrove, Junior School!

Every boy in Year 5 is given the opportunity of learning a string musical instrument for one term. This takes place during the class music lesson. The idea behind this venture is to introduce these young boys to the stringed instruments of an orchestra and then to encourage them to continue with private lessons and join one of the Junior School's many bands or ensembles.

It has been very successful and the programme continued from Year 5 into Year 6 this year, where each class is formed into a mini orchestra and the boys are learning percussion and wind instruments.

At the end of each term, a very enjoyable concert is arranged for parents, who are always amazed at how professional the boys look and how quickly they have learnt their instruments.



### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MASTERS IN PERTH

The Angelico Exhibition organised through the Catholic Education Office, Perth is a prestigious event providing a

broad public forum through which Catholic secondary students are able to

exhibit their artistic talent. Newman College were very proud to acknowledge the success of Year 12 student, Patrick Miller at this year's exhibition, for winning the 1st Prize in the two-dimensional category with his contemporary painting.

Other students at the College also featured in the exhibition:

Daniel D'Annunzio & Jessica Singh (Year 12)

Isla Birnie and Patrick Cheng (Year 11)

Rosemary Cason (Year 10)



## SHAKESPEARE THRIVES IN THE HUNTER VALLEY

The *Tempest* is one of Shakespeare's last plays and only two performances are known to have taken place in his lifetime. It is often referred to as being full of ambiguities, contradictions and confusion. So why did the Creative Arts Department at St Francis Xavier's Hamilton choose it for their production in 2004? Was it just that many in Year 12 are studying the play?

The *Tempest* played to very large houses and the final night was a sell out. A very pleasing aspect was the



attendance of staff and students from local schools: San Clemente, St Pius X and St Mary's High Schools at special school matinees, in addition to St Philips Christian College.

The sight of an incredibly tired but elated cast on the final Saturday night holding their memorial coffee mug is really what theatre is about. The College is looking at *Comedy of Errors* or *As You Like It* at the present time for 2005, the tenth performance at SFX.

## ROCK 'N HOWL AT PAGEDOOD



Students of Marist College Pagewood backed by the twenty-two strong College Show Band, recently presented the McMahon and Woodward musical *Wolfstock* to capacity audiences at the Rockdale Town Hall. *Wolfstock* is set in a time when the world recognised one king only - the legend himself - Elvis. The Marist College presentation was energetic, lively, humorous, dynamic and great fun.

Pictured here are Year Eights performing *Gonna Get Me a Motorbike* from the production.

## JUST DIVINE AT JOEYS

Elsewhere in this edition of *Lavalla* we report on the Indigenous programme at St Joseph's College. One of the Year 12 students enrolled in that programme, Matthew Shields has a particular talent in visual arts. Some of the students in the Indigenous Programme are pictured in front of Matthew's HSC major work, 'Elements of Divinity', a 4-panel work with 6 layers of paint on each panel, both oil and acrylic. Matthew explains, 'The concept behind my work is that Divine power pervades life, and everything is interconnected, much like the Buddhist yin and yang concept, where there is both good and evil, where life is held in balance.'

When he graduates from St Joseph's this year, Matthew hopes to become involved in filmmaking.



*Matthew pictured with other students in the Indigenous Education Programme*

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