



Principals' Email Stream

Vol 11 No 18

Thursday, 19 November 2009



Dear Marist Colleagues

BR DES CROWE Last Saturday, 7th November, Br Des Crowe died in the Royal Adelaide Hospital at the age of 79. Des, a vital member of the Somerton Park Community, will be sadly missed by us all. Whether as Provincial, School Principal, Tertiary Lecturer or Spiritual Director, Des brought to all his interactions, a keen mind, a gentle disposition and a deep spirituality. Requiem Mass for Des will be held this coming Friday, 20th November at 10.30am at the Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park Chapel.



May he rest in peace.

MARIST YOUTH FESTIVAL The organisers of the Marist Youth Festival, which was to be held from 12-15 December this year, regret that due to difficulties experienced in preparing for the festival, it has been cancelled. The organisers regret any inconvenience this might cause. Further information can be obtained from Paul Chalkley at pchalkley@maristmelb.org.au

RESEARCH INTO SCHOOL RETREATS Mrs Rachele Tullio, Director of the Religious Dimension at Sacred Heart College Middle School in Adelaide, has just been awarded a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Australian Catholic University for her research into the birth and evolution of the school retreat movement in Australia. We congratulate Rachele on this fine achievement.



Rachele focussed her research on Catholic Secondary School Retreats. Her examiners applauded this topic as making "a significant contribution to our understanding of the place of retreats in contemporary Catholic schools" (Professor Richard Rymarz, University of Alberta, Canada). Her study provided an historical overview of the development of the retreat movement from the desert fathers and mothers to contemporary times in Australia. Her research concluded that retreats are in constant need of support and review. Rachele has developed a further interest in retreats conducted by Marist schools and hopes to research these in the future. She can be contacted at rtullio@shcms.sa.edu.au

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

by John McCrae, May 1915



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

REMEMBRANCE DAY On Wednesday, 11th November 2009,



Marist Schools paid tribute to those who have served in our wars. Year 3 Red students from Newman College, Perth, placed their emphasis on Flanders fields and

how the poppy has come to be the symbol of Remembrance Day and peace.

MARIST MINISTRY MASS & DINNER FINAL REMINDER FOR RSVP

If you have yet to respond to the Marist Ministry Mass & Dinner, kindly contact Jenny Burke on 03 9846 1633 or jburke@maristmelb.org.au by Friday, 20th November.

With best wishes

Br John McMahon

MARIST NETWORK OF SCHOOLS
Melbourne Province
Champagnat Education
PO Box 753 Templestowe Vic 3106
Director: Br John McMahon

T: 03 9846 8226 F: 03 9846 8512 E: jmn@champagnat.org.au B: www.johnmcmahon.id.au
Assistant Director: Mr Tom Smyth
T: 03 9846 1633 F: 03 9846 5354 E: tomsmyth@champagnat.org.au