



# Principals' Email Stream

Dear Marist Colleagues,



**BUSHFIRES** We have all been deeply saddened by the tragic loss of lives, as well as the loss of homes, during the recent Victorian bushfires. All our Marist Schools in Victoria have been affected. Principals and staff have been magnificent in the support they continue to give their school communities. Families have lost loved ones, properties and much more. At the same time, we have been overwhelmed by the expressions of support we have received. This has

come from our own Marist schools and friends in Australia and internationally from places as distant as Auckland in New Zealand, Sargodha in Pakistan and New York in the United States. Marcellin Champagnat's dream of a united international Marist Community is real.

In response to many requests, we have established a 'Marist Bushfire Assistance Fund' which will gratefully receive donations from people who are able to contribute. This money will in turn be distributed to parents, staff and associated Marist families of schools most affected. Donations can be forwarded to Br Mark Paul, 106 Holden Street, North Fitzroy, Vic 3068



(Email [MarkPaul@maristmelb.org.au](mailto:MarkPaul@maristmelb.org.au), Tel 03 9489 0850). This is not a tax deductible fund. Donations to a tax deductible fund can go to the Archbishop's Bushfire Appeal (PO Box 146, East Melbourne Vic 8002), the St Vincent de Paul Society Victorian Disaster Appeal (Tel 13 18 12) or the Red Cross (Tel 1800 811 700).

In the meantime we continue our prayers for these stricken people.

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Back row from left: Amanda Collins, Sally Woffenden, Suzanne Maher, Kath Yanev, Ben Grose, Alison Flavel, Denise O'Meara (Principal Bunbury Catholic College), Belinda Massey, Danuta Sbrocco, Jayne Lawniczak, Fiona Tabone, and Leanne Elliott. Front row from left: Stephen Halley-Wright and Andrew Green.

**ICW PERTH** Our first 'In the Champagnat Way' Programme for 2009 was held at Newman College, Perth on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. All new staff at Newman College undertake this one day course which is held twice at the beginning of each year. The programme is accredited with the Catholic Education Office, Perth. Joining me on the team were Jocelyn Hansen and Bernie Boss. Participants are shown in the photograph.

**COMING EVENTS** The Marist Mission Conference 2009 will be held at Marcellin College, Bulleen, 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> March. Registrations are due by 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

With best wishes

Br John McMahon