

Prayer



Lord of life
we pray for all who bring your
word of life
as a light to those in darkness,
for those who bring your
word of peace
to those enslaved by fear,
for those who bring your
word of love
to those in need of comfort.
Lord of love and Lord of peace
Lord of resurrection life
be known
through our lives
and through your power.
Christ the Lord is risen to-day

Alleluia!



Editorial

The past weeks have seen us participate in a number of significant moments. We have celebrated the Easter season with stories of Jesus' *presence in absence* to warm us as the weather, at least in the south of the country, cools down. The Easter season is a time for us to look forward. The Gospel writers challenge us when, along with the disciples, we doubt or overlook Jesus risen; when awareness of his presence in our lives fades.

Over the course of the Easter season we listen to stories of Jesus with Thomas, on the road to Emmaus, of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the true vine and of his abiding love. When we hear the story of the two on the road to Emmaus we are struck anew by those thrilling words: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?" Lk 24: 32. How do we respond to this? What makes our hearts burn within us? We are called to hope and trust in Jesus, called to be fully alive in the world and responsive to the needs of our fellow human beings.

I am reminded of this need to be fully alive to the world when I consider another significant moment of recent weeks: the centenary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli. Whilst services around the world were very moving, as Christians we have to ask: how is it that one hundred years after the 'war to end all wars' the lives of too many people are still devastated by war? Despite our leaders acknowledging the shocking impact of war during ANZAC Day commemorations, why is it that the government makes it so difficult for people seeking asylum from war to come to this country? Why do we not see the human face in the suffering?

It is at times like these that our sense of hope and trust in Jesus is really challenged. We see dreadful scenes of the aftermath of the earthquake in Nepal. As human beings we are shocked and saddened by such images. But does our concern extend to those affected who are not Australians? Certainly a glance at reports in the popular media would make us doubt it. Have we become hard-hearted as individuals, as a nation?

The aims of Kildare Ministries reflects a deep commitment to the Gospel imperative of love which finds its essence in striving to be people living in right relationships with God, others and all of creation. This love is inclusive of all, especially the marginalised and vulnerable. It demonstrates itself in a commitment to work for peace and justice. These aims are counter-cultural. All people involved in the ministries are working hard to ensure that Jesus' love is a tangible presence in our world. This is a goal that we must all continue to uphold.

Marguerite Buckley
Development Officer



Kildare College—Holden Hill

Develops a creative partnership in education



Students in the Kildare College hospitality centre



Kildare and St Paul's students on Italian camp



Kildare and St Paul's students drama production

Kildare College at Holden Hill in South Australia has developed a creative partnership with St Paul's College, a local Catholic school for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition.

The partnership offers an innovative, contemporary and flexible model of Catholic schooling for local families. Students at both Colleges benefit from best-practice single sex education combined with co-educational learning opportunities in the senior school with broader access to facilities and subject choices in years 11 and 12.

According to Kildare College Principal, Mrs Margaret Rouggos, Kildare and St Paul's share a number of families, many of which are making conscious decisions regarding single-sex education, particularly in the middle years. Our partnership helps to meet the needs of these families and offers the 'best of both worlds'.

In a practical sense, our schools have:

- Aligned calendars for key events
- Combined senior secondary subject offerings, increasing the range of subjects available to students
- Shared facilities and teachers to further enhance learning
- A new school bus being used to transport students between schools for lessons as well as before and after school bus routes
- Regular combined leadership and planning meetings
- Annual combined governance meeting for visionary planning

On the 10th March 2015, the brand new Kildare/St Paul's school bus was launched at Kildare College. The eye-catching photographic design is a key marketing initiative for both schools, providing a fabulous opportunity to promote the unique educational opportunities on offer to families in the local area. School staff and families as well as those involved in the bus design and production attended the launch. The school bus was blessed by Father John O'Doherty OMI on the St Paul's College open night.



Blessing of the new school bus with Mr Paul Belton, Father John O'Doherty OMI and Mrs Margaret Rouggos



Launch of the Kildare College & St Paul's College new school bus



Marian College– Sunshine West



Restorative Practices

The community at Marian College were very pleased to recently host Dr Paul Sharkey, Director of Catholic Identity and Education Services from the CEOM, Mr Rob Aron, Manager of the Western Region Catholic Education Office and Ms Bronwyn Egan, from the Office of Wellbeing and Partnership at the CEOM at our Easter liturgy. They were here to officially present the plaque to recognise our accreditation as a Restorative Practices school. Over a 7 year journey Marian College has incorporated many of the policies and procedures that support restorative approaches to relationship building and conflict resolution. However accreditation doesn't just come because of policies and procedures it comes through practice and action – and we experience restorative approaches on a daily basis in the school community. In recent weeks senior students spent time in Pastoral Care watching and discussing a movie called “Bully”. Discussions centred on how the actions of individuals and groups can help prevent the situations and outcomes that were presented in the movie. Year 8 students participated in their reflection day with the theme “Friendship” – activities supported students to reflect on positive relationships, being a good friend and how students can prevent bullying. Achieving accreditation does not mark the end of the Restorative Practices journey. Work will continue with all members of the school community to ensure that Marian College provides a safe, supportive and challenging environment for learning.



Ms Grima, Mr Pisani & our Year 8 Student Leaders presented with the plaque recognising our accreditation as a Restorative Practices school

New Facilities



Inside the Design Education Building

At Marian College in Sunshine West

the School Leadership Team has been working to realise a visionary master plan to ensure that school facilities support contemporary learning and teaching practices well into the future. The focus has been on the design of flexible and adaptive learning spaces that can be used for a variety of purposes and for a range of learning styles.

At the start of this year our Design Education students returned to a bright and spacious new facility to support their learning in art and technology. Several of the classroom areas are multi-purpose spaces that can be adapted for learning with a variety of media. There are also purpose built areas such as spray-painting booths, screen printing facilities and a textiles space where students can apply their learning with specific techniques. We look forward to the innovation and creativity that is a hallmark of the work that is produced on a regular basis by the staff and students in Design Education.

The occupancy of this building marks the completion of Stage One of a three stage building project. Stage Two is well underway with the construction of a Food Technology room and a self-service style Canteen connected to our Trade Training Centre. The completion of landscaping works will connect the two stages of this project. Stage Three, the demolition of the old canteen, will be completed sometime in late May.

Our Year 7 & 8 students also returned to a renovated space with the completion of the refurbishments to the old computer pod spaces. These new “Learning Commons” provide an extension to the traditional classroom spaces and afford students and teachers some choices about how students might utilise different types of learning spaces to suit their learning needs and preferences. We are excited to see how these spaces are used.

Kildare Ministries Conference in Sydney

The Trustees of Kildare Ministries gathered at The Centre, Randwick, for two days of reflection and discussion on 28th and 29th March. Their focus was on reviewing the **Vision** and the **Mission** of Kildare Ministries and the **Values** that underpin the new entity. They also named **Strategic Priorities** – the core areas in order to achieve the vision and mission. The day was ably and creatively facilitated by Kerry Brettell, an ex-student from Brigidine College Randwick.

In July, the Vision, Mission and Values will be the focus of the 2015 meeting of the Members' Council, Trustees, Chairs of Boards and Stewardship Councils and Leaders of Ministries. We will refine the guiding influence that will permeate all levels of Kildare Ministries.

On 30th and 31st March the Trustees joined other governance leaders of Catholic ministries, including Kitty Guerin, Board Chair of Brigidine St Ives and the Kildare Ministries Resource Team, in exploring the nature and contemporary context of our roles. The extended meeting time provided all those involved in Kildare Ministries with the opportunity for further valuable conversation as well as interactions with governance members of other ministries.

Kildare Ministries—Principals Day: 8th May 2015



Principals gather with Dr Paul Sharkey (Director Education Services, CEOM) on 8th May to explore current issues with catholic identity.



Kildare Ministries Diary Events

May

- 11 Justice and Democracy Forum and Social Justice leaders
Professional Learning day at BMC
Brigidine College St Ives Board AGM
- 12 Killester College Stewardship Council meeting
- 13 Kildare College Stewardship Council meeting
St Joseph's College Stewardship Council meeting
Kilbreda College Stewardship Council meeting
Marian College Stewardship Council meeting
Brigidine College Indooroopilly Board AGM
- 21 Kildare Ministries' Seminar Day 1 BMC
Wellsprings for Women Board meeting
- 22 Presentation Family Centre Board meeting
- 25 Star of the Sea College Board meeting

June

- 4 KEM Board meeting
- 5 Kildare Ministries RE and Faith Leaders' Network meeting BMC

Launch of the Kildare Ministries Website:

The new Kildare Ministries Website is now live!

Please visit:

www.kildareministries.org.au



Sophia, Spirit of God,

enliven the vision of
Kildare Ministries;
gift all who are part of this
journey with purpose,
striving to live in right
relationships with God,
others and all of creation. May
we work with enthusiasm and
creativity in shaping our future.