



Champagnat Marists

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Kia Ora, Greetings, Talofa lava, Ni sa bula vinaka, Kam na mauri

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What's happening...Partnership in Christchurch, New Zealand

Champagnat Marist Group:

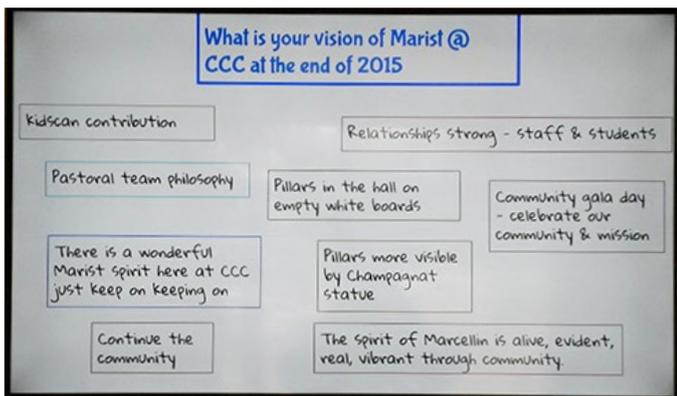
A gathering led by Sharon Henderson and Sophie Ralph was held at Catholic Cathedral College for the wider community to come together and hear from the student leaders who attended the recent Marist Student Leaders Forum at Hato Petera in Auckland.

Group members include teachers who have attended Marist formation programmes in the past, the two Marist Brothers communities present in Christchurch, including Pam Davidson, Principal Tony Shaw as well as other interested teachers at the college. This was also a time to reflect upon the vision of the Marist charism from 2015 and look at prioritising the outreach and actions for 2016.



'Marist to Marist':

Senior students and staff from Catholic Cathedral travelled to Samoa in October last year for an immersion experience and stayed with families from St Joseph's College. Catholic Cathedral Principal, Tony Shaw, hopes to make this a permanent fixture every two years. The two schools are planning to build upon this new relationship through a solidarity project 'Marist to Marist.' New St Joseph's Principal, Br David Lavin, has identified the need for improved literacy skills amongst his students so any raised funds will go towards purchasing equipment for 'listening posts.'



Pilgrimage to Claremont, Timaru:

On Tuesday 29 March both Marist Brothers communities in Christchurch along with the La Valla Old Boys and their wives visited the graves of deceased brothers in Temuka and then travelled to Claremont, the home of our old Novitiate (1930's-1970's). This was a special occasion to bring together people associated with the Marist Brothers in the South Canterbury region.



Cyclone Winston, Fiji Update

Many thanks for your generous response to last month's newsletter.

Message from Br Kees, Fiji:

St Bernards College, their funds will be used to pay for lunches for needy students at St Marcellin Primary, Marist Primary at Suva Street, and Marist Champagnat Institute.

The other funds will be forwarded to Archbishop Peter Loy Chong to be used as he sees fit, for the restoration of schools throughout the Archdiocese.

There was an uplifting story in the Fiji Sun Newspaper, Marist Opens Doors to QVS, St John's, about Marist Brothers High School in Suva offering assistance to 27 students from QVS and St John's following the severe damage of Cyclone Winston. The full article can be viewed at:

<http://fijisun.com.fj/2016/03/03/marist-opens-doors-to-qvs-st-johns/>

Congratulations Br Bernard O'Malley



Message from Br John Hazelman, Samoa:

Marist Mulivai Community congratulates Br Bernard O'Malley who was recognized by the Archdiocese of Samoa for his many years of service and was presented with the Papal Blessing. Photos of the recipient with Humphrey and his former student Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele. The occasion was held at Malololelei and was organized by the Office of the Archbishop.

Stations of the Cross - Marist Brothers Primary School, Mulivai, Samoa



To view the wonderful photos of both students and staff acting out the scenes from the Stations of the Cross please visit the schools Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Marist-Brothers-Primary-School-Mulivai-427963477253176/>

*In the spirit of St. Marcellin Champagnat,
Dan Dungey*