



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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Current News Items

24th May 2019

An Easter Prayer to Share

God, give us eyes to see
 the beauty of the Spring,
 And to behold Your majesty
 in every living thing –
 And may we see in lacy leaves
 and every budding flower
 The Hand that rules the universe
 with gentleness and power –
 And may this Easter grandeur
 that Spring lavishly imparts
 Awaken faded flowers of faith
 lying dormant in our hearts,
 And give us ears to hear, dear God,
 the Springtime song of birds
 With messages more meaningful
 than man's often empty words
 Telling harried human beings
 who are lost in dark despair –
 'Be like us and do not worry
 for God has you in His care.

Helen Steiner Rice



Brother John Hazelman reports from MAPAC

Coming Events:

1. It is now final exam week.
2. Community Retreat follows straight afterwards.
3. Renewal of Vows for the student Brothers as well

as the Missioning of our 2nd Year Brothers.

4. Meeting of the MAPAC Executive Board (David will be attending)

June events:

1. Community Outing - Mindoro Island
2. Ecological Immersion Experience in Baguio
3. Immersion Experience in an urban economically poor community
4. Preparation and welcoming of our incoming Brothers (12)

July: Start of our Summer Modules

Community work in the form of manual work is another creative way to form a sense of solidarity and responsibility. Here a group of student Brothers are working together to collect the fallen leaves from our mahogany trees which is a usual feature during the summer months.



L to R : Sole (Anitelea's dog), Simon (PNG), Thuong (Vietnam), Wang Peng (China), Anitelea (Samoa), Epalle (Solomon Is) Guang-zhao (China), Tabunga (Kiribati), Hung (Vietnam).

District Dates

Tuesday 28th May: New Zealand Marist Brothers Trust Board meet at Onslow at 10.00am.

Friday 30th May: Sacred Heart College celebrate Founder's Day with Mass at the Cathedral.

Friday 7th June: St Paul's College will celebrate Champagnat Day with Mass at 10.00am in St Patrick's Cathedral.

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Please Note: MAPAC has a Facebook Page. It is called:

MAPAC - Marist Asia Pacific Center

Pacific Rise Movements



We took the opportunity to farewell Brian Nicolas and Janine Gunnell from Pacific Rise on Wednesday 22nd May.

It was not an easy task to do nor one that we wanted to carry out but it was important to acknowledge Brian's contributions and to free him to move onto new directions and challenges. Brian has played a key role in making our financial systems more effective and efficient. In this he also kept in mind the purpose of our mission and the wishes of the Brothers. We are grateful to have been able to journey with him for this time and wish him well for the future.



Janine also finished on Wednesday. Her role was in finance and also in providing support to the Proprietor Companies. In her short time with us, Janine was able to put in place some systems and structures that assisted the proprietor companies in their operations.



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Brother Chris Maney Reports from Samoa **Marist Students ready to welcome the Cook Islands** **From the Samoan Observer News Paper**

Marist Primary School Students showcased their preparations for the Pacific Games in July to the Ministry of Education Sports and Cultural inspection team on Friday. The School will be cheering for the Cook Islands and have prepared dances and songs for the team during the Games. Principal, Brother Siaso loane, said not only will this benefit the students to learn a new language they never learnt inside the classroom but also an opportunity to expand their talents and knowledge in different areas of school like art. The School buildings have been painted and covered with outstanding artwork done by students and an Art teacher with the help of some neighbours. "Kia Orana" and "Meitaki" were the two Cook Island words yelled out by some of the students who were standing by the fence of the school with their Cook Island costumes. Brother Siaso said the students enjoy both their studies and preparations as this is the first time for them to participate in such an event. "We're thankful this day has been successful. We are looking forward to guiding the students towards July as well as their studies. We're thankful for this initiative by the Ministry of Education, Sports and Cultural to deliver something new for the students to learn." (Below shows a small sample of the art work prepared.)

