



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

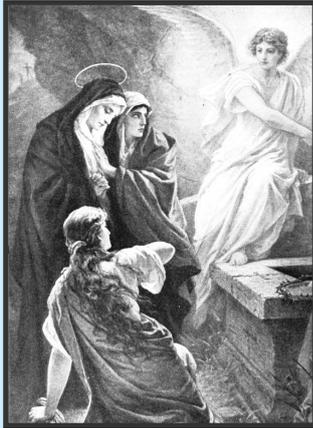
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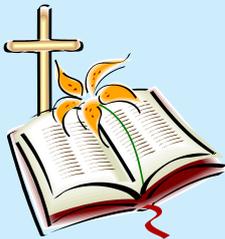
Current News Items

An Easter Blessing for you all

May the Blessings of the Risen Lord bring you peace, happiness, joy and good health both now and into future years.



Thank you for all you are and for all you do.



District Dates

Thursday 25th April - ANZAC Day

Thursday 25th April - Blessing and opening of the new house in Victoria Street at 11.00 am.

Monday 29th April—New School Term begins in New Zealand.

Monday 29th—Mr Stephen Dooley, new Principal, is welcomed to Sacred Heart College with a Powhiri at 10.00 am

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The second PDF attachment is the: [*Sri Lanka Statement of the Superior General*](#)

The 3rd attachment is from [*Brother Mervyn in Sri Lanka*](#)

26th April 2019

Mid-North Community Kaikohe from Brother Samisoni Te Kura students camping at Waipoua Kauri Forest (March 26th - 28th, 2019)

The Te Kura students started their first camping for this year on



FENCING AND BIKING. There are 20 students from different parts of the northern region, started from Whangarei to Kaitiaki. Most of the students come from the farming families.

That is my first time to join the camping and it was a wonderful experiences.

During the three days camping, the students learn to know how to: install battens, wire knots and joins, fencing tools and equipment, replace a broken post, identify the location of a fault in an electric fence, describe non-electric fences, fence support materials and safe practices.



Practicing how to make wire knots and joins.



Practicing biking on the hill side

Opening and Blessing of 100a Victoria Street, Onehunga



On Thursday, the 25th of April, ANZAC Day, a large group of Brothers attended the Blessing and opening of the new community house in Onehunga. Everyone seemed very impressed with the layout and the facilities available within the house for those who will be living there. The house is right next door to the Oasis Community so good neighbours are assured. A very enjoyable lunch completed the occasion.



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Outcome of the unemployed youth training at La Valla - Brother Sefo Reports from Kiribati



Some of the pots produced by these hard-working youth

Southern Stars Leadership Course by Brother Terence Costello



On Easter Sunday sixteen senior teachers from the Districts of the Pacific and Melanesia gathered at Lomeri for the Southern Stars Leadership Programme designed by the Education Commission of the Oceania Council. Countries represented were: Samoa, Fiji, Kiribati from the Pacific and the Solomon Islands and Bougainville from Melanesia. Father Aisake Vaisima SM (holder of the Education Portfolio for the Marist Fathers Oceania Province) applied for the leaders of their schools to join us and so

seven of their senior leaders attended the course giving a total of twenty-three participants. The presence of priests from "Api Fou" College in Tonga gave an extra country from which the participants came. The participating priests led the group in very enriching liturgies. The arrival of the participants was greatly hampered by the severe storms that struck Fiji over the weekend prior to the course starting. This resulted in disrupted flights and hold-ups on the road between Nadi and Lomeri owing to flooding and slips. However all eventually arrived in time to start on the afternoon of Easter Sunday. Presentations during the course were made by Brother David Hall FMS (Dean of the La Salle Academy at the Australian Catholic University) and Dr Frank Malloy (National Director of Marist Schools Australia) The feedback from the participants revealed great satisfaction with the presentations and the course in general. As in most courses many valuable insights were gained through informal sharing among the participants. Two of the major themes that were focused upon were Servant Leadership (and what is needed to make this authentic) and the formation of Communities of Learning among the staff in the various schools. The course is designed to deliver ten modules and because of time constraints will be delivered over three years. This year's course was therefore only Stage 1 of the programme.

Sri Lanka

Please keep the people of Sri Lanka in your prayers as they deal with the awful tragedy in their midst and in particular, the Brothers and Marists living and working in Colombo.

Arrival in New Zealand

Brothers Steve Vaea and Petero Navuku are both in New Zealand to gain community and ministry experience before they go to study in Manila in June.

