



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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A Poem for Easter

We are standing on sacred ground.
Let our hearts take off their shoes
and come bare, trembling with awe,
into the Presence which burns too bright
and too close for ordinary vision.

Only a naked heart can see
that all round us, each clump of grass,
every leaf, twig, stone and flower,
is a blazing torch, incandescent
with the one fire which has no name
except "I am."

And only a naked heart can know
that it too, is a burning bush,
all of us caught in the one fire,
"we are" burning into "I am,"
brighter than a galaxy of suns.
Words cannot contain the moment;
but let's take with us
the feeling of awe and wonder.
Tomorrow's path might be dark.
difficult and sharp with stones,
but in this sacred place we feel
we may never wear shoes again.

By Joy Cowley

District Dates

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.

Monday 29th April - Mr Dan Dungey running a Staff Charism Course at Chanel College.

Tuesday 30th April - Marist Brothers Trust Board meet at Onslow.

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News from Samoa from Brother Siaoosi



Greetings and Happy Easter from all the Brothers in Samoa for you all.

Brother John Hazelman has been in Samoa for a month to visit his family and enjoy his holiday. He has re-



turned to Philippine's where he is currently working as the Rector of the MAPAC. We were blessed with his presences while he was here in Samoa and we wish him well for his Mission and Ministry. While John was here he took some time to go around with Chris to interview a few people to join the Schools Board. They were able to interview three ladies and now it is up to board to recommend some one or all of them to be part of the school board.

This is the second week since schools have started. Marist Mulivai has been selected to be the host school for Cook Islands for the South Pacific Games in July this year. Therefore, we are preparing our school, compound and environment to capture the islands of the Cook Islands. Four teachers from Samoa joined the Star Leadership workshop in Lomeri. Tusipepa and Otilia from Marist Primary School and Mealofa and Lasa from St. Joseph's College.

I would to take this opportunity too to thank Oceania for the sponsorship that allow these teachers attend the programme for the improvement of our Marist Schools.

Tuesday 30th both Bernard and Humphrey have returned to Samoa after a few months in New Zealand. They will be reunited with their community leader Iulio at their new Community House at Sinamoga. The Brothers will gather the same evening to share the meal together to welcome them back in their new house at Sinamoga.

The Property and Finance Committee continue to meet and discuss a few issues regarding the three storey building, the old residence of the Brothers on Beach Road. They are also taking on the renovation of the Alafua house. The Governance Board is working continuously to improve the systematic structures for our schools to become schools of excellence.

Many thanks from

Siaoosi



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Staff Charism Development Day - Chanel College, Masterton from Mr Dan Dungey



At the request of Whaea Debi Marshall-Lobb (Principal), Steve Filipo and myself led the second of three full staff charism development day's on Monday 29th April in the beautiful Wairarapa.

The day began with a mihi whakatau, in the college chapel, to three staff members who had lost loved family members during the school holidays. It was a real privilege to rejoin the community after working with the Year 13's, Student Leaders and Staff at the beginning of the year.

Workshop material consisted of 'pulling the thread' with our Champagnat Marist story with practical material delivered on the life and qualities of our founder as well as a reflection activity on staff members pedagogical thinking and that of St Marcellin Champagnat's via Brother Michael Green's article '*As Marcellin Would Have Us Teach - The Foundations of a Marist Pedagogy*'.

The commitment and vision of Whaea Debi following her attendance at last years 'Champagnat in the Pacific' formation programme at Long Bay is a driving force to highlight the kaupapa of catholic co-education in Masterton. We look forward to re-joining the Chanel College community to support their next staff charism workshop on Monday 22nd July.

Fraternally, Dan