



22 May 2015

District Update

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

Notices

Br Sam Eathorne



Sam will be coming to Auckland this week for medical treatment. He is staying at Mangere Bridge while he awaits his various doctor's appointments.

Marist Learning Centre Glenfield

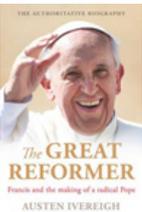
Ruth Spelman, the Chairperson of the Marist Learning Centre Glenfield met up with Brothers David and Peter to talk about a number of matters and to ensure that the lines of communications are open. In the near future MLC will make their newsletter available to Champagnat Marists.

FM Connection

This is our usual Wednesday afternoon ministry with boys at St Pius X Glen Innes. The two Postulants, Anitelea from Samoa and Beia from Kiribati are working with the students. And each week Young Vinnies of Sacred Heart College help out.



Pope Francis – The Great Reformer



We have two copies of this book at Pacific Rise. If you are interested in reading it, we can arrange for you to borrow it. Please let us know if you would like to read it. We will arrange for it to be collected when you have finished so that someone else can read it.

Champagnat Day

If you are looking for Champagnat Day resources check the link below, which will take you to the Maris Schools Australia site.

<http://www.maristbrothers.org.nz/resources/educational-resources/>

Photos of the schools in Pago



These photos were taken at the end of last year when Kevin O'Malley, Donald Teixeira and Heather Kelly carried out a review of Catholic education in Pago.



District Administration this Week

- Dan Dungey at Lay Formators Course Rome
- On Saturday the Property Consultation Group thought it had found the right property but negotiations did not work out
- This week the Finance Office are working to finalising the 2014 Financial Accounts
- 25 May: Meeting at Crossfield to review the Marist Coaching programme recently run in Samoa and to determine the next steps – David, Brian W, Richard and Terry Horne
- 25 May Healthcare Coordinator's health visit to Fiji
- District Council's role in Samoa – Chris and David
- 26/May: David visit to Ngaruawahia
- 27 May: Healthcare Meeting
- 28 May: Property Meeting
- 29 May: SHC Mass at the Cathedral with Cardinal John Dew
- 30 May: Steve Filipo returning from MAPAC
- 30 May: David to Trafalgar Street Lower Hutt

Blessing and Opening of the Marist Black St Patrick's School – Napier

On Monday the 18th of May Brothers Rupert and Bryan were invited guests at the blessing and opening of the one million dollar Marist Block at St Patrick's School – originally Marist School in Riverbend Road. The classroom block replaces much of the old Marist School and was made necessary because of the original block being earthquake prone. As well as classrooms there is a new foyer and kitchen for the hall as well as new toilet facilities – the latter three as part of the strengthening of the Aquinas Hall. The new foyer is named the Monsignor Hannigan Foyer in honour this great Irishman who died last year.

Mr Joe Broughton, a past pupil of Marist and a cousin of Brother Ronald Henry, ran the Powhiri during which our early Brothers were recognised with great respect. Bishop Charles, who blessed the buildings and unveiled the plaque, also spoke highly of the fine traditions the early Brothers established in the Hawkes Bay as did the Chairman of the St Patrick's School Board of Trustees.

The new block has much the same appearance as the old school except the two storey part in the centre is now a beautiful glass-stained windowed entry to the back of the school. The interior of the classrooms which includes computer sections, wet areas for art work, quiet areas and noisy areas and are a far cry from our earlier classroom styles – all desks facing the front please! In fact it is hard to work out which is the front of the room these days.

It is great to see the large framed picture of Marcellin Champagnat taking pride of place in their tiered chapel.

