



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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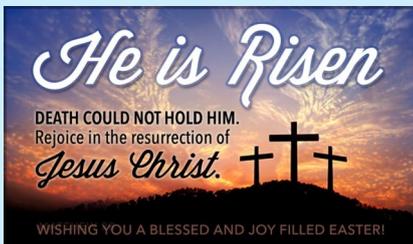
Current News Items

17th May 2019

An Easter Prayer

Oh God, Who this day by Your only begotten Son vanquishing death, has unlocked for us the gate of eternity, help us to attain the desires to which You have led us by Your inspirations. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Oh God, as we renew our Baptismal vows, help us to be made worthy of Eternal Life, that we may always seek to do Your will in our hearts and minds, that we may show others Your saving grace and Your love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Mr Dan Dungey Reports on Fiji Tracksuits Donation

St Patricks Primary School Teacher, Karen Clark from Christchurch, donated some tracksuits to St Marcellin Primary School, Vatuwaqa during a recent holiday to Fiji.



MAPAC Manila News from Brother John Hazelman

Mabuhay! Greetings from Marikina Heights, a suburb of Marikina City which lies on the east of the great Metro Manila. Here is a photo of the MAPAC Buildings with its distinct green roofs and white coloured exterior walls. The landscape photo of the left was taken recently by Brother John H while the photo on the right was taken by Brother Humphrey in 2008.



Any Champagnat Marist passing through Manila is always welcome to come and stay with us. There are 9 student Brothers at MAPAC. The Brothers do most of their studies at MAPAC but they also attend classes externally at the Institute of Formation and Religious Studies. Here is a photo of our three Brothers with some of the Sisters of this institute during a recent pilgrimage to Marial sites around Southern Luzon. These young Religious are part of a Mariology class of this institute.



Brothers Anitelea (Samoa), Tri (Vietnam) and Rubel (Bangladesh)

District Dates

Monday 20th May - Saint Marcellin Champagnat was born at Le Rosey in 1789.

Attention all Brothers please:

The Annual General Meeting of the Alternative Learning Centre is to held at Onslow Avenue on Thursday 23rd May at 5.30pm. All Brothers are invited to be present. Dinner will follow.

RSVP for catering:

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From Brother John Hazelman

Please Note: We do have a Facebook Page. It is called:

MAPAC - Marist Asia Pacific Center



Learning to live in harmony together as Brothers from different cultures is a significant aspect of the MAPAC experience. Here the Brothers of the MAPAC Community with friends gather together to celebrate the recent Independence Day of Bangladesh. Celebrating a national day of a country helps create awareness, understanding and to some extent help Brothers from different cultures learn to accept and appreciate cultural differences.



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New Acting -Principal's Introduction to John Paul II High School in Greymouth

Tena koutou katoa My name is Florence Collins-Bramley (Bonnie). I am a born and bred Te Puke girl and have a farming upbringing . I have two adult sons and live at Mount Maunganui. As an Emergency Staffing Scheme Principal I am taken around New Zealand schools in many different localities.

I work in both Primary and Secondary Schools and have been an ESS Principal for 6 years now. I feel very privileged to have been able to come to John Paul II for the term. I have been very warmly welcomed and look forward to all the learning we will all be doing together. The Tamariki are all very polite and I will be working my way around the classrooms and will enjoy sharing with them their learning journey. I look forward to meeting parents and the community during my time here. kind regards from Florence

**The John Paul II Senior Management Team from left to right
Jason Renau, Bonnie Collins-Bramley and Trish O'Regan**



The Northern Correspondence School three days camping at Waipoua Kauri Forest.

Report by Brother Samisoni

I'm glad to have attended the second camp of the Northern Correspondence School at Waipoua Forest. It takes one hour and twenty minutes to travel from Kaikohe to the Waipoua Forest.

Margaret is the adviser for the Northern Correspondence School who organized the camp with the help of Sister Catherine SM, Glenys an Anglican Minister and me. Geoff is the provider who runs two sessions with the young people on how to operate and maintain a chainsaw in a land-based context and DKO chainsaw code of practice. The first day's session was on the "Responsibilities of Employers and Employees" and "The Chainsaw". The second day's session was on the "Operating a Chainsaw" and "Personal Safety Requirements". I hope I will join in the next camp on the 11th to 13th of June in the same place.

On Friday 10th, I went with Janice to visit the Elderly people's home and gave them Communion. Janice is one of the Lay Marist's here in Kaikohe. She works with Brother Romuald for the Elderly people's centre every Friday. That is my first time to visit the centre taking Brother Romuald's place while he is away from our community. I admired the efforts and strengths that Rom gave to our mission in Kaikohe. He doesn't count how old he is to help and support our mission in the North. We not only focus on the young people here in the North, but we also reach out to the elderly people and there may be other needs in the future.

