



Champagnat Partnership News Brothers & Lay Marists Together

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

March 2016

Cyclone Winstone, Fiji

Message from Inoke Malani (Champagnat Marist Coordinator, Fiji):



Few of our students and teachers their houses were devastated by the cyclone. We have yet to identify students in the classroom. Currently we are collecting the assistant principal Mr Koroi is organizing the collection of clothes or any form of assistance to them and the other parts of Fiji in which we can assist them. In the hostel two of our students their houses were both flattened by the Cyclone and just about everything has gone. We the hostel have been keeping all those who has been affected by the cyclone in our prayers even in our hostel adoration on Sundays and Station of the Cross on Fridays.

Thank you all for all your prayers. Only three family houses and a village hall are left. Village Photo's taken after the Cyclone....Nabukadra. Malani family went to the village and took food and Fiji water supply on Thursday and Clothes with more Fiji water on Friday last week.

A general donation fund will be set up at the NZ Marist Brothers Trust Board to respond to needs on the ground in Fiji via Br Kees van der Weert (Fiji Country Coordinator).

Bank: Westpac
Account name: NZ Marist Brothers Trust Board Provincial Trust Account
Account Number: 03 0104 0631923 002 (02 if online banking provides two spaces)

Please identify your deposit as indicated below:

Particulars	Analysis Code	Reference
Koha	Fiji	Cyclone

District of the Pacific Assembly 2016.

Planning for this event from 15-17 December in Auckland is well underway and these plans, led by the Champagnat Partnership Committee (CPC), will be shared with the District Council at their next meeting on the 11th March. More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

Reflection:

- *What have I begun since the 2013 Assembly?*
- *What partnership initiatives am I part of?*

Assembly 2016 Organising Committee (CPC)



Left to Right: Br Carl Tapp, Louise Oliphant, Br Doug Dawick, Amy Aukusitino, Esther Saldanha & Dan Dungey. Absent Br Barry Burns & Kevin Kneebone

Teachers New to Marist Schools (Auckland & Hamilton)

30 teachers met at Sacred Heart College on Thursday 11 February for an induction programme that consisted of three sessions:

- Catholic Character – Marist Character – Champagnat Character

Many thanks to Brothers Kevin Wanden and Barry Burns for leading workshops on this day.

Student Leaders Hui, Hato Petera College, North Shore.



40 students from 10 schools throughout New Zealand, founded by the Marist Brothers or came about owing to the amalgamation of two schools one of which was founded by the Marist Brothers, gathered in Auckland from 25-28 February. Br Osmund Macnamara co-presented with me, in support of Br Terence Costello this year, to coincide with the programmes tenth anniversary.

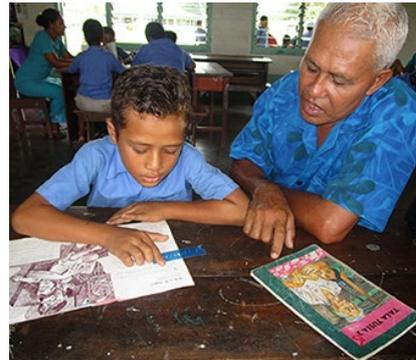
Evaluation comments from student leaders:

- *The forum allowed me to become aware and witness to Marist Spirituality in action, from it's roots to a modern setting.*
- *To be a servant leader like Marcellin means to serve with humility and put others before ourselves.*
- *The forum gave me a good understanding of the Marist pillars and how those aspects could be implemented in my leadership.*
- *Most valuable aspect for me was the way in which each individual was welcomed and made to feel at home.*
- *Being at Hato Petera was amazing. They are such inspiring people, the relationships that they have with each other and God is evident. Their hospitality was amazing and I've learned so much more about Maori culture.*

We pray for all our student leaders in 2016 that they keep St Marcellin Champagnat's vision alive by making Jesus Christ known and loved in their families and school communities with Mary our good mother as their companion and guide.

What's Happening...Samoa

Following the 2013 District Assembly a 'Champagnat Marist Recipe' was produced, in four different languages, to look at practical ways to respond to local needs in the way of a Champagnat Project.



The key ingredient for this recipe is 'people'. Last week a group of teachers at Marist Brothers Primary School in Mulivai, Samoa responded to our recipe document with this initiative:

- Champagnat Marists Lay Teachers have organised regular tutorials for slow learners after school ... free of charge. These are students who are often slow readers and have difficulty in coping with many if not all subject matters. The group plans to cover a variety of subject areas.



Please feel free to contact Brother John Hazelman johnhazefms@msn.com if you would like to know more about this initiative and how you can support it.

You can also stay connected by visiting the Marist Brothers Primary School, Mulivai Facebook Page:

[Mulivai Facebook Page](#)

Marist to Marist

The project, *Marist to Marist*, has been designed to aid the Brothers in their work towards social justice. The organisation behind this project is the Bureau of International Solidarity. This Bureau has outlined that its objectives are:

- to educate
- campaign for justice
- search for funding from external donor agencies for Marist solidarity projects, and
- network with other like-minded groups.

For further information contact Dan Dungey at partnership@fmstpacific.com



Year 8 boys from Marist Brothers Primary, Mulivai gather around their new Fish Aquarium inside the Science lab. This Fish Aquarium, with its content, fish food and fishes were part of a gift from our brother school, St Paul's College, Auckland, New Zealand. Faafetai to the Principal, Staff and Students of St Paul's college for this gift through Marist to Marist.

Br John Hazelman.

*In the spirit of St. Marcellin Champagnat,
Dan Dungey*