



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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



31st July 2020

Current News Items

Ruth Hihiru



St John's College, Hamilton



District Dates

August 9th: Champagnat in the Pacific Gathering at Vaughan Park until the 12th.

August 10th: Asia and Oceania Leaders Online Meeting

August 12th: AGM Marist Alternative Education

Attached Reports:

Marist News from Rome 639
[Download Marist News - PDF](#)

Marist Schools Australia Newsletter
<http://msa.edu.au/new-msa-newsletter-2020/>

Mr Dan Dungey Reports on Various Items of News

(A) Meet a Marist - Ruth Hihiru

Ruth is based in Tenaru, Solomon Islands and is the lay coordinator throughout Melanesia (Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu & New Caledonia). Ruth is known to a number of our Champagnat Marists in the District of the Pacific and is a valued member of the Oceania Partnership Commission (OPC). With the recent integration of the District of Melanesia with the Province of Australia on 20th July 2020, the following profile of Ruth was shared in the recent Australian Christ-Life publication.

[Click on this link to view Ruth's full profile:](#)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rdPFBIRzKFvmU9sDJwzzHZgubFody_KE/view

(B) Champagnat Marist Secondary School Principals (NZ)

On Thursday 23rd July the second 'Zoom' video conference for 2020 was held for our school leaders. This was an opportunity to connect with one another and share some realities, hopes and dreams. We have scheduled our first face to face meeting next term on Friday 16th October and thank St Paul's College Principal, Kieran Fouhy, in advance for hosting this first gathering.

(C.) St John's College, Hamilton / St Michel College, Vanuatu

Article courtesy of St John's College Facebook Page

We have received a very lovely and heartfelt THANK YOU from St Michel College in Vanuatu. Your mufti day donations of last term meant we sent them \$1,000 to support the rebuilding of their College after Cyclone Harold. Brother Augustin notes that we are the first ones to have contributed since the cyclone struck them back in April. All our small contributions add up and can make a huge difference to the lives of others! Photos show the type of devastation they suffered, but also happier times when Mr Miller's scuba trip visited last year.





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Farewell to Personnel

(A) Chin Ma



At Morning Tea on Friday 24th July, the Champagnat Marist Centre said farewell to Chin Ma, a respected and loved member of the Finance team, and of the family here at Champagnat Marist Centre .

During the course of the celebration a number of heartfelt tributes were paid to Chin. We wish Chin well in whatever opportunities come her way in the time ahead.

(B) Mike Andrew sign's off!

After 11 years of excellent service, Mike Andrew signed off as a director of the Marist Brothers proprietor company boards in June 2020 and was farewelled by his colleagues and members of the Marist Brothers' Trust Board on Thursday 23rd July 2020.

For the majority of his time as a director, Mike served as secretary of the proprietor boards and contributed significantly in implementing the policies and procedures, property management systems and processes, the building of a strong relationship with our schools and stakeholders and many many more. His willingness 'to help' also extended to strategic and administrative initiatives for the Marist Brothers' Trust Board. His heart for the community is undeniable and his valuable contribution to the Marist family will not be forgotten. A Marist Man indeed!

Thank you and God bless Mike.

Citizen Tamatimu

