



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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



District Dates

Sunday 1st November: Unveiling at Waikaraka Cemetery
Tuesday 3rd November: New Zealand Marist Brothers Trust Board Meeting

Attached Reports:

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Special Character Reflection From Sacred Heart College Newsletter



Sacred Heart College
AUCKLAND

Reflection From the Principal

In the Catholic tradition, the month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. It has been a prayer meditated on by believers for nearly a thousand years and focuses mainly on key events in the life of Jesus, many with a Scriptural base. Through meditating on its 'mysteries', St John-Paul II reminded us that, "we are reunited in the joys, sorrows, and triumphs of Jesus and His Mother".

For over 40 years, students and staff at the College have the opportunity of voluntarily joining in two decades of the Rosary at the start of lunchtime, led by the Principal. It is a worthy tradition in the Catholic Church and an important one here when setting our focus on developing Marist Men.

May Mary, the first disciple and most dedicated follower of her son, lead us more closely to Him, as we reflect on the implications of her 'Yes' at the Annunciation, and at which God in the person of Jesus Christ entered our human world. With her at our side, we continue with joy our own personal faith journey.



Cathedral Mass

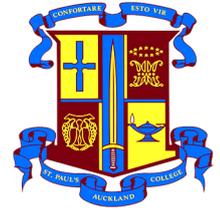


Brothers enjoying a convivial moment at a recent Marcellin community birthday celebration





St Paul's College
Catholic Champagnat Marist School for Boys Years 7 - 13,



**Principals of Champagnat
 Marist Schools Gather Plus other News**



**Mr Kieran Fouhy, Headmaster St Paul's College,
 addresses the gathering**

Last week we welcomed Principals of Champagnat Marist Schools to our College. A very moving assembly followed by a lunch with our senior students were the highlights.

As a College we have a strategic direction to “Look Outwards”. This means as a College we look beyond the narrow confines of our educational bubble. It means enrolling the family where we can in the activities of a college. The College roll has risen and for 2021 will nearly be at maximum roll. The Chapel will struggle to accommodate the whole school next year.

The number of senior boys on track towards gaining a merit/excellence endorsement and UE is becoming significant. A pre-scholarship class has been established. Junior diploma tracking shows pleasing progress.



Brother Kees reports on his Birthday celebrations in Fiji

A grog session with those gathered in our community room. The occasion was well celebrated with a lovely potluck dinner after the prayer and socialising. But by 10.15pm it was all over as people had to be home before the 11pm curfew.

Brother Douglas Reports from Lower Hutt

We have been fortunate to have Brother John with us this week, although the weather gods haven't been their most welcoming. On Tuesday night we had a very pleasant evening with him, composed of our Champagnat Partnership group and some loyal Marist supporters, including our parish priest, Patrick Bridgman. John outlined the situation of the Brothers in this part of the world, including the paucity of numbers in



New Zealand, which raised some eyebrows in the group. The planned reorganisation of this part of the Marist world also gave an insight into the scope of the Brothers' ministry, including areas in Asia and Melanesia. The interest of the members of the group was reflected in the large number of questions and comments, making for a very interesting and entertaining evening, one that was appreciated by all concerned.



Brother John

Visiting Brother James at His Retirement Home

