



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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



April 30th 2021

Stella Maris Primary School – Silverdale Easter Celebrations Report

Sat 1st May 1871: Opening of the first Marist Brothers' School in Samoa.

Mon 3rd May: Term 2 begins in NZ.

Mon 3rd May: Meeting Congregational Bursars (CLCANZ)

Thurs 6th May 1818: Gabriel Rivat aged 10 comes to live with Marcelin at La Valla-en-Gier.

Thurs 6th May: Marist Formation Workshop for Proprietor Directors and Board of Trustees

Attached Reports

Marist News from Rome 673

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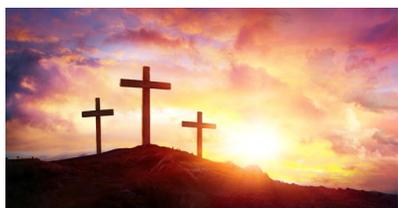


The crucifixion of Jesus is remembered at Stella Maris Primary School with a Station of the Cross Liturgy that has become a regular feature on Holy Thursday. Each year a senior class leads the school in reflection on the Crucifixion of Jesus. Weeks leading up to the ceremony, St Patrick's class of Year 5-6 students rehearsed their Liturgy, explored the characters, and learnt about the journey of Jesus to Golgotha through their experience. In a completely silent school hall with over 300 students, teachers, parents, and guests praying, singing, listening and watching it was evident that the children leading the Stations honoured the story they were sharing.

This Liturgy was once again a very solemn and prayerful time with all those present leaving in silence, many taking some time praying in silence and reflection on this ultimate sacrifice of love.

A new addition to our Easter Liturgies at Stella Maris has been our first exploration of the Resurrection Stations. Through a similar process of the Stations of the Cross, St Joseph class of Year 5-6 students led the school through 14 key events after the Resurrection of Jesus all the way through to His Ascension into Heaven and Pentecost. This Liturgy provided opportunities to celebrate with joy, the Risen Lord. Upbeat singing, excitement and dance filled the hall as students shared in the joy of the Disciples. One of the highlights of this being a Liturgical dance where the Holy Spirit, represented by a student from St Joseph's class, danced around the hall spreading the gifts of the Spirit to others, culminating in all members of this class dancing, and celebrating. "Hallelujah, Christ is Risen from the grave!"

The Easter celebrations continue at Stella Maris and a special mufti day will mark our celebration of the birthday of our Church at Pentecost.



St Peter Chanel SM's Feast day

This week we celebrated the feast day of St Peter Chanel – our Marist Martyr of Oceania. Born on La Potiere in France on the 12th of July 1803 and ordained Priest in 1831 he joined the Society of Mary. In 1836 the Pope gave approved of the Society of Mary and gave them the responsibility of Oceania. Peter was selected as one of the first missionaries to be sent there. He set sail from Le Havre on the 24th of November 1836. Peter Chanel and Brother Marie Nizier FMS were stationed on the Island of Futuna. On the 28th of April 1842 Peter Chanel was clubbed to death on the Island of Futuna. In 1889 Peter was declared a Martyr and beatified. In 1954 he was declared a saint by Pope Pius XII.



“Come and See” programme “What are you looking for?” Samoa Programme

Talofa lava from Samoa, hope all is well on your side. On Friday 23rd of April we had our come and See and there were 14 participants who attended the program which finished on the 24th. Among those participants there were two who are working and the rest are in college and primary school. Faafetai lava to Brother Siasoi who led us with an opening prayer and Brother Afaese, who gave the first talk to our men, also was wonderful working alongside with our Champagnat Marist.

Soifua ma ia Manuia





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Master Chef Lui Malaki



Champagnat Marist teachers helping with the cooking



Lui, Otilia, Tusipepa and Anitelea



Brother Siasoi during the opening prayer.

Marist Brothers Primary School, Mulivai, prepare for their Rugby Season

Talofa lava from Marist Brothers Primary School, Mulivai. The Rugby season is around the corner and our students are preparing themselves for this tournament. We were fortunate to have the Rugby Union come to have their drills with the students from year 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Soifua ma ia Manuia

