



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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



District Dates

Saturday May 8th: Marist Anniversary 1994 – Brother Henry Verges martyred in Algeria.

Tuesday May 11th: Father Champagnat received the Last Sacraments and gave his final blessing to the Brothers.

Saturday 15th May: Marist Anniversary in 1876 – Champagnat Marist Apostolate began in Wellington.

Attached Reports

Marist News from Rome 676

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Friday May 7th 2021

The Former Three-Story Brothers' Community House at Mulivai, Apia, has a new look.



This is the new look Mulivai Restaurant (Beach Road, Apia) and Hotel that provided a new look to the former three story house of the Brothers that was built in 1959. It later became JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) Building and now it has been rented by a Chinese 'Samoan' businessman.

A view of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral at Mulivai from the Tauese Seaview Hotel.



The Marist Pillars – Symbols and Meanings



Manu – ‘Presence’

The presence of birds on the sea indicated that food was abundant. In the Gospels Jesus refers to the birds of the air having no home. They are just there, available with no expectations except to point to things other than themselves. Their feathers were highly valued. So too are we, present among young people, like Mary, making her Son, Jesus known and loved.



Te Ika – ‘Simplicity’

The fish represents abundance and faith. It is also uncomplicated, straightforward and genuine and reflects changes in our life. Our role too is to present a world of learning to children and young people as directly and uncomplicated as we can.



Turtle – ‘Family Spirit’

The turtle represents patience and endurance. There is warmth about the turtle that reflects in us a willingness to accept others as they are. We work to make children and young people happy and comfortable by inviting them into community and develop a sense of belonging.



Mako – ‘Love of Work’

There is a beauty about the shark that reminds us of determination and single mindedness when pursuing your goals. We lead children and young people towards taking responsibility for their actions and to taking steps that will lead to a life of self-fulfilment.

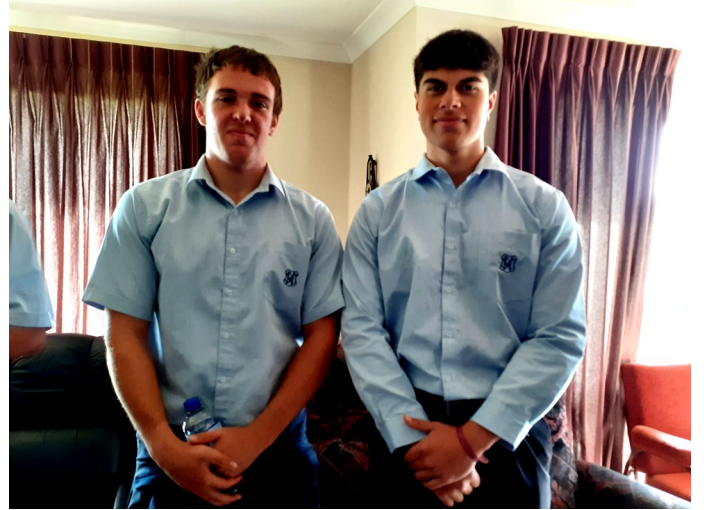


Kaitiaki – ‘Way of Mary’

A Kaitiaki was a guardian and its role was to protect and support. That was Mary's role with Jesus, even at the foot of the cross. Our role is to invite children and young people to be open to God and to respond wholeheartedly when called.

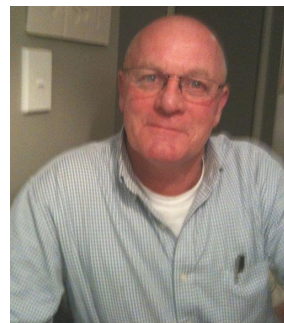


Sacred Heart College Prefects, having morning tea with the local Brothers



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Our Jubilarians for this Year



Our grateful thanks to these Brothers for their Dedication and Generosity over the Years

Brother Rupert – 79 Years

Brother Edward -60 years

Brother Henry – 60 years

Brother Kevin – 50 years

Brother Samuel – 70 years

Brother Peter – 60 years

Brother Kees – 50 years

Brother Afaese – 25 years



ANZAC Celebration at Sacred Heart College

Brother Anthony leading the Staff Prayer / Reflection on the first day of Term Two at Sacred Heart College. The theme was on ANZAC.



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