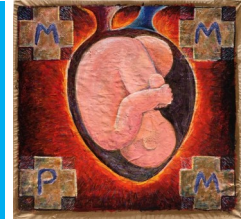




District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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



District Dates

Friday 27th August: 1885—The First Teaching Brothers arrived in Auckland.
 1888—The first teaching Brothers arrived in Suva, Fiji.
 Tuesday 31st August: New Zealand Marist Brothers Trust Board meeting' (Zoom)
 Monday 6th Sept: Staff Workshop at St Peter's College P.N. with Mr Dan Dungey.
 Wednesday 8th Sept. Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 First Professions on 11th September: Karalo at Lomeri, Serua, Fiji.
 Melchor Nowelle at Mulivai, Apia, Samoa.



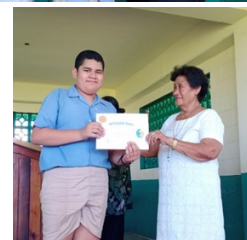
Attached Reports:

Marist News from Rome 692
[Download Marist News—PDF](#)

Friday 27th August 2021

Marist Mulivai School—Samoa

The Marist Brothers students from classes 1 to 8 had their Science fair on Friday 13th of August. The purpose of the science fair competition was mainly to: give more opportunities to our students to create something of their own understanding to show creativity. To express ideas and findings of their research and to improve confidence in areas like obtaining more knowledge about a topic and being able to present in front of other people. On Monday 16th was the award giving.



Brothers in Samoa gather for a celebration

We admire and thank these men, especially Brother Iulio as the 'senior', for their respective contributions to the Marist Mission in Samoa.



News From Sacred Heart College

For the first time Sacred Heart has won a gold award in the KBB music festival - recognised as the Auckland Secondary School Music championships.

The gold received by our Concert Band on Saturday evening is a significant recognition of excellence and one we hope will be a catalyst for sustained future success in the years to come.

The KBB Festival began back in 1983, and now there are over 4,500 students in 145 groups taking part from more than 50 schools.

From the entire Sacred Heart community we congratulate and celebrate our musical heroes in the Concert Band as well as the tremendous staff in our music department. Well done also to the Jazz Band securing bronze and the Orchestra and Junior Band who performed admirably during the competition.



Congratulations also to our **1st V Basketball team** who in winning their semi-final made it through to a play-off match for promotion to the Premier Grade, date to be confirmed.



Sacred Heart College
AUCKLAND

News From Kiribati

A recent significant gathering here at La Valla was for the Feast of the Assumption. Many of our lay Champagnat Marists joined us for the occasion on Saturday 14th for our Assumption Eucharist led by our Parish Priest Father Martin MSC. Our Preschool teachers and Champagnat Youth group, led by Brother Tabunga, formed a very lively choir for the Mass.



It was heartening to see the number of younger lay Champagnat Marists joining in with us for this celebration. The social side of the gathering continued through the day and into the night. Included in this was a fun-style fundraising effort for our new Champagnat Family Prayerbook, which is near completion and needing to be printed and distributed. Written and produced by the Stewardship Team members – all of it in the Kiribati language – will be available for Champagnat Marist families, teachers and others. It has been a wonderful effort – spearheaded by Ituantaake one of our Stewardship Team members.

ANA BOKI N TATARO



KIRIBATI VERSION

Kiribati Tiambania Mariti Family

BHABHAIREAN KANOAN TE BOKI

Kabwarabwarana	Itera ni bae
Taeka ni Kaukuki	3
Tabewa iango ibukin te Tataro n utu	4
Tataron te Ingabong (Moanibong)	5 - 7
Tataron te Ingabong (Kauabong)	8 - 10
Tataron te Ingabong (Katenibong)	10 - 12
Tataron te Ingabong (Kaabong)	13 - 15
Tataron te Ingabong (Kanimabong)	15 - 17
Tataron te Ingabong (Kaonobong)	18 - 20
Tataron te Ingabong (Taabati)	20 - 23
Tataron te Jairiki (Bong nako)	24 - 27
Tataro riki tabewa	28 - 34
Miterio ake Aua	35 - 36
Tabewa wareware ibukin te Kairi tataro	37 - 39
Kabanea n taeka	40

Meanwhile Brother Tabunga is leading our Champagnat Youth group in preparing for a major gathering of youth in the Betio Parish. This Retreat and Youth Orientation Program will run over four days and involve a number of presenters and a large number of youth.



The picture below is during the celebration with Brother Barry and our Pre-school staff from Marcellin Pre-School.



Some Brothers in Kiribati, with Father William, having a community celebration

Kiribati remains Covid free at present, due mainly to the Government's strict border controls on any entry into the country. Vaccinations are a current priority for as many as possible.
Regards from Barry and Tabunga

The Promised One **By Brother Melchor Nowelle FMS**

In the Ancient times You were there
Together with the Universe You created us
You give us life, food and being You were there
When our forefathers started living You were there.

You were watching us and always guiding us
Since you liberated us from Egypt You're with us
You're presence we ignored it, we kept complaining
Our ancestors we're never thankful but You are with us.

Your Love was never unfading and so you choose people
Our Ancestors did not listen to them but they speak Your words
You continue to call faithful people but they did not listen
Your Love was turn back by complaints and infidelity.

Your Love is encompassing majestic, the best love
So the time of the Grand plan came for us
You want to share the Eternal love given to us by the Father
You came down and became Human from
The simplest woman on Nazareth, Mary

You left the heavenly throne to save us
You became Human so that we can share the Eternal love of the Father
You are with us and You live with us
In these days You were with the People
The lame have walk, The Blind have seen
The deaf have heard, the sick became strong
You are with us and You live with us.

The time has come for you to obey
The Grand Plan, The Promised of Eternal love
Shedding your blood to the Cross
Dying for the sins of those who did not appreciate your love.

We thought You are gone and You have left us
But you conquered death because of Your love
The day You came back from Earth to Your throne
You Promised the One, I will be with you always forever
The Promised One lives on in our hearts.

Wonderful Poem from Melchor Nowelle, the Filipino novice in Samoa. He reflects on his recent retreat in preparation for his First Profession to become a Marist Brother.



St Paul's College Auckland News

The following students from Years 7-10 were recognised for their outstanding academic commitment to school work during chapel last week. These students in each year group have received excellence grades for a number of subjects tracking for Excellence Endorsed in Junior Diploma this year. Well done to these young men. Make sure you continue to persevere till the end.



Many thanks to All Blacks Coach Sir Graham Henry, who on Tuesday 17th August visited St Paul's College to speak about the Plunkett Raffle, encouraging the boys to take part and sell tickets. A reminder that every booklet sold will qualify as 3 hours towards the boys' 20 hour service commitment.

Sir Graham was also kind enough to present a blazer to **Sefanaia** in recognition of his 25 starts with the St Paul's 1st XV, the first student in recent years to achieve this feat.

Judah, Sio and **Alamoni** were also capped on this occasion after achieving eight starts for SPL Rugby Union 1st XV.

Congratulations to all of you, this shows the commitment and dedication you have towards your school, your team, your families and yourselves. Many thanks also to our coaches, trainers, and manager for your time and effort put into our boys. We appreciate all your hard work and patience.



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