

District of the Pacific Update



**Friday 11th
November 2022**



Marist Brothers Primary School



From Mr Lui Malaki

Schools in Samoa take part in an annual event called the Samoa Culture Day. This is a very special day of celebration, a major highlight for schools in Samoa. The event offers everyone a great opportunity to maintain our cultural values and traditions. The Marist Brothers' Mulivai Primary School entered four house teams which competed in the traditional dances, singing, speeches, sports, etc. The day was packed with many people, especially the proud families who came along to support their children.



DIETER TEAM



DARNARD TEAM



MARCELLIN TEAM



ALFRED TEAM



SPORT COMPETITION



Marcellin Team was the Overall Winner of the Samoa Culture Day 2022.



Two Fire Trucks arrived at the Retreat Centre after an automatic alarm was triggered, which caused a slight delay to the Brothers' evening meal.

From Br John H





Climate Change is a Reality!

From Br Chris P

WHAT CONTRIBUTES TO CARBON EMISSIONS? – adapted from Bill Gates

The climate is like a bathtub that's slowly filling up with water. Even if we slow the flow of water to a trickle, the tub will eventually fill up and water will come spilling out onto the floor. That's the disaster we have to prevent. To stop filling the tub—to **get to net zero carbon emissions**—we have to understand everything we do to cause emissions. If you ate breakfast, the grains in your toast and cereal were grown with fertilizer, which releases greenhouse gases when it's made. They were harvested by a tractor that was made of steel—which is made with fossil fuels in a process that releases carbon—and ran on fossil fuel. If you had a burger for lunch, raising the beef caused greenhouse-gas emissions—cattle burp and fart methane—and so did growing and harvesting the wheat that went into the bun. In short, fossil fuels are practically everywhere.

Some sources of emissions, like electricity and cars, get lots of attention, but they're only the beginning. The biggest contributor to climate change is **manufacturing**—making things like steel, cement and plastic—at 31% of global emissions. Second in line is **producing electricity** from coal, gas or oil, at 27% of emissions; after that comes **growing things** like crops, at 19%. **Transportation** comes in fourth, at 16%, followed by the emissions from **heating and cooling** buildings. These percentages are less important than the overall point: any comprehensive plan for climate change has to account for all the activities that cause emissions, and that's much more than making electricity and driving cars. Unless you're looking across all five areas—how we plug in, make things, grow things, move around, and keep cool and stay warm—you're not going to solve the problem.

How can we make a difference? - by simplifying our lifestyle, avoiding waste, especially packaging and excess food; buying local products; re-using anything we can like plastic bags; re-cycling anything we can, like clothing, footwear, containers, paper, cardboard, food waste etc; reduce car use in favour of public transport... We can do a small part ourselves and encourage others in places like the local parish, school, groups we belong to