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PASIFIKA NEWS

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Bula, Kona mauri, Gude Hi Hai, Talofa, Halo olaketa, Halo!

From Vanuatu: Jean Marie.

In terms of ministry, we are in our 5th week of school and so far we have been disturbed by the two cyclones (Judy & Kevin) last week. Both of them came through in the same week. They are still predicting other cyclones throughout this month. The weather is unpredictable here and we just hope that there won't be any more cyclones this month or next.

All the students were sent home last week due to the cyclone. Just to say that the school is not fully operating yet for this as we expected. The students had been coming late for registration and that slowed everything such as full lessons delivery from the teachers. The students roll this year is higher than the previous years. We have 500 plus students this year. So far the number of boarding boys is 132. The boarding girls are more than the boys. So around 300 boardings.



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I am fully in charge of the boarding students as well as doing some student welfare in the school with another teacher. It is really a big job and sometimes very challenging. But it is always a blessing to be able to accompany the students and be with them all the time. I am thinking of reviving the Marist Family Champagnat group here in the school, starting with our boarding students. And this will give an opportunity to do vocation work as well.

Br Fereol is helping me as well with some supervision at the boarding and doing some English teachings as well. Br Raphael is fully in charge of project management in the school and is liaison with MSA. He is also our community bursar. Br Bona is part of the vocational or technical teaching staff and they are still not yet sure whether they will begin their classes. Since last year, they have been doing courses online to upgrade their qualification in vocational and technical teaching. It is a requirement from the Education ministry. He has also been asked to be the maintenance person in the school. And he is our community leader and he is also one of the youth coordinators in the parish.

Brothers Whereabouts:

1. **Brothers Afaese Afaese, Finan Valei and Simon Serero** with the Mid Life group in Manziana visiting Assisi.



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The Brothers in Rome are feeling the cold but enjoying the brotherhood ...



2. Brothers' Movements

- i. **Br Calvin Rumina** (Mabiri/PNG) is in Port Moresby for a medical appointment.
- ii. **Br Fergus Garrett** (Vatuwaqa/Fiji) is in Auckland for a medical appointment before spending time with his family in the South Island.
- iii. **Br Sefo Une** is returning to Alafua/Samoa next week after attending the provincial council, his niece's funeral and a medical appointment here in Auckland.
- iv. **Br Damien Shutt** is still awaiting his work permit (visa) for Fiji.
- v. Br Tim Leen will be joining the community at Bikenibeu (Kiribati) for 3 months. He departs early next month.
- vi. **Br John Hazelman** is awaiting a visa for PNG. His pastoral visit includes Solomon Islands.

3. Daniel Dungey will be in Kiribati from March 14-28 - Kiribati Partnership Visitation & Workshops.



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The Pasifika... Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu Reference Team meets.

Recently, Peter Carroll our Provincial in his Star Message to all the Brothers of the Province stated the following regarding Reference Groups:

“The main purpose of the **Reference Groups** is to support the Delegate. How they do this, their actual tasks of the Reference Groups vary significantly according to local circumstances....

The situation in Pasifika is different again. Where there are **country coordinators**, they will continue to exercise their responsibilities and **be members of the Reference Group**. **Two Brothers from the former Melanesian District will also be part of the Reference Group** to advise John Hazelman on specific Champagnat Marist issues related to PNG, Bougainville, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.” (Star Messenger 2 March, 2023)\

The Reference Group consists of the following Brothers:

1. The Present Country Co-ordinators:

Fiji – Kees van der Weert

Kiribati – Tainga Moanriba

Samoa – Sefo Une

2. Two Brothers from the former Melanesia District:

Mark Kenatsi – Mabiri / Bougainville

Simon Serero – Port Moresby / PNG



Thank you to these Brothers for their generosity in accepting the invitation to be part of the Pasifika reference group. It was decided that we will be having a sub committees. They will be the voices of Pasifika within the Star of the Sea Province.

John Hazelman Delegate

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