



District Update

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Notices

Blessing ceremony at Sinamoga house, Samoa



George Lober, Chair of the PFM Committee, Br Bernard, Br Chris M, Br Bryan S, Br Siaoji, Jonas, Tuialii Lopti PFM, Tuala Falani PFM project manager, Br Peter B, Br Iulio.

On the 4th of March a blessing ceremony was held at the new Sinamoga, Apia house. The gathering was attended by the brothers in Samoa, some members of the Marist Brothers Property, Finance and Management Committee, the builder and his wife and some of our supporters.

The blessing ceremony sought the guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit as we blessed the rooms of the house. A short address conveyed the support and best wishes of Br David and the Council. An expression of gratitude was made to the members of the Property, Finance and Management Committee with special recognition of some personal donations and subsidies which have offset the total cost of the building and property.

It was pleasing to have the builder and his wife present so that appreciation could be shown for the splendid craftsmanship and completion of the work.



Lui, Malaga, Jonas Poto, Vi,

From Br John Hazelman at MAPAC (Marist Asia and Pacific Center)



Mabuhay! Greetings from Marikina Heights.

I left Manila in April 2012, but now, on my return, I can see numerous changes to this country ranging from new roads construction, the extension of the train lines, the even more congested roads and the multiple signs of new commercial buildings, homes and schools. I am gradually settling in, walking around the neighbourhood and becoming acclimatized to the weather and getting the feel of the place. More importantly, is the re-connection with Brothers, lay workers and familiar faces around MAPAC. Today I have mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually 'returned'. I said to myself..."I have returned and I am now ready to be immersed into the routine of life here at the Marist Asia Pacific Center."

Welcome back Brian Nicholas

Brian returned to work this week after time spent with family in South Africa.



District Calendar

- 13, 14 March - Regional Bursars Conference (Auckland)
- 15 March - College Companies meeting
- 17 March - St Patrick's Day



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Oceania Partnership Commission



Mr. Tony Clarke (Australia),
Ruth Hihiru (Melanesia), Dan Dungey (NZ) and Liz Falconer (Australia)

Mr. Dan Dungey recently travelled to the Marist Centre in Brisbane to attend a meeting of the Oceania Partnership Commission on 10th and 11th March.

The Oceania Partnership Commission's role is to promote, support and develop a spirit of communion between all Champagnat Marists involved in Marist mission and life in the region of Oceania.

Its purpose is to ensure co-responsibility in decision making and in animation of Marist life and mission. The OPC represents a successful model for partnership within the Church and provides a framework for lay and brothers to commit and belong to Marist life and mission at local and regional levels.



MARIST BROTHERS OLD BOYS RUGBY CLUB



Auckland Marist Rugby Club ask our players, coaches, administrators, volunteers, parents and supporters to join with us in our annual Marist Club Celebration and Blessing Mass. This is an important date on our calendar and we would love to see our community present to celebrate together with our club.

Details

Where: St Patricks Parish, Panmure

Date: Wednesday 15th March

Time: 6.30pm

Celebrant: Fr Andrew Matthew

Light refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Parish Hall.

We will start the year the way we wish to continue.