



District Update

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

Notices

Easter Message from Br David McDonald

Kia ora Champagnat Marists,

Easter Greetings and blessing to each of you.

I am conscious that the headlines in the NZ papers at the moment are about Cyclone Cook approaching, bringing with it the 'worst storm' since 1968 – when the Interisland Ferry Wahine went down.

Towns and communities throughout the whole country are bracing for the worst. We may well see destruction of property and heartache played out on our television screens and on the radio.

Maybe there is the inklings of an Easter story here for us to reflect on, calling us to help wherever we can. However, over this Easter time, please remember to pray for those affected by the storm as they eventually turn their attention towards hope and start cleaning up in the aftermath.



Thank you Lord for the anchoring of peace the Cross gives us. When difficult times find us, help us keep our eyes on you. Help us calm and quiet our souls so we can find full contentment in You alone.
Tina

Have a blessed Easter.

David

(Br David is visiting Samoa and American Samoa from 18th to 22nd April.)

Opening of the School of Imagination



The School of Imagination was blessed and opened on 7th April by Bishop Patrick Dunn, DD following a stirring powhiri from the Sacred Heart College Kapa Haka group. The building incorporates a Knowledge Centre, Music suites, Digital Recording studio, and a 250 seat Performing Arts Theatre. Guest singers, The Shades (featuring Old Boy Ipu Laga'aia) and Marlana Devoe added outstanding musical interludes. This school will challenge students to be imaginary in all their activities, exercising their human and spiritual creativity whether in drama, oratory, music, painting, reading and literature all of which are integral to their development as sensitive young men within our Catholic and Marist tradition.

Marist Alternative Education Centre



Br Colin recently sent through this picture of Don Greene and John Taulu; teachers at the little school. Thank you for your commitment and keep up the good work!

District Calendar

- 13-5 April — Term 1 Holidays (NZ)
- 14-28 April — Kerri Out of Office
- 18 April — Canonization of St Marcellin Champagnat
- 18-22 April — Br David in Samoa and American Samoa
- 19 April — College Companies
- 20 April — Reflection morning (Auckland)
- 23-27 April — Pacific Principals Leadership course