



# District of the Pacific Update

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### General News



19th January: Anniversary of the Beatification of St Mary MacKillop by Pope John Paul II.

### Totara Point 180 Years Anniversary Celebrations



Brother Anitelea Fidow sent some of the photos taken at Totara Point celebrating 180 years since the arrival of Father Servant SM, Brother Michel Colombon FMS with Bishop Pompallier at the Hokianga. Brothers attending the celebrations included Romuald, Martin and Anitelea. The number of people who attended the celebration was around one hundred people. The main celebrant was Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Martin Krebs and fellow SM Priests.

### District Dates

25th - 27th January - District Council Meeting



**The Brass plate on the side of the monument gives details of what happened on this site giving thanks to God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost for the blessings of the Catholic Faith brought to New Zealand by the Right Rev. John Baptist Pompallier and of his offering of the first Mass in our land on this site.**

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### Marist Teachers' Seminar in Fiji

A workshop for teachers in our five Marist Schools on the Catholic Champagnat Marist Character of their schools was held recently.

Nearly 80% of the teachers in our schools were in attendance. Each of the three dimensions – Catholic, Champagnat and Marist were addressed. Dan Dungey facilitated the session on Champagnat and Brother Terry Costello facilitated the sessions on the Catholic and Marist dimensions. In dealing with the Catholic dimension sensitivity needed to be shown to those teachers who are not of the Christian faith.

What stood out is the great goodwill of all those present towards the charism. Marist education in Fiji is highly respected and all those present were conscious of the challenge to them to maintain that respect and "legacy". For 130 years the Brothers built up a treasure in Fiji and it is now up to the current teachers to pass this on to present and future pupils.



### Br Roger's new phone number



Brother Roger Dowling would like the Brothers to know that he has a new cell phone. Please feel free to call him: 027 721 2035. He also enjoys visitors at his home 9 Waiaatarua Road in Remuera.

### News from Fiji

On the evening of Saturday the 20th of January, Tabunga Etuati will begin his First Profession Retreat at the Nazareth Prayer Centre, Wailekutu. His retreat will end on Friday the 26th of January. Please Brothers, pray for Tabunga in this time of preparation and his journey for this retreat. May God bless us all.

