



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marist

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



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Current News Items

New life for the three-storey house on Beach Road, Apia



Brother Humphrey reports that after some years without tenants, our big house on the Apia waterfront has been leased to a local Chinese businessman. He plans to turn it into a high-class restaurant with quality accommodation on the two upper floors. He has made good progress building the dining area on a platform joining the ground floor almost to the Beach Road footpath. Thanks to our Samoa Property and Finance Committee for their expertise in arranging this lease.

More News from Kiribati Brother Sefo Reports



Photos of the staff retreat of the St. Marcellin Preschool and the Champagnat Preschool. Brother Barry and Brother Sefo ran the retreat.

Mulivai in Action in Samoa



Samoa Marist Brothers farewell Simon d' Souza (third from left), recent volunteer at St. Joseph's College here from Parramatta Marist. Brother Siasia also launched a new remedial reading programme school-wide helped by teachers and parents.

District Dates

Friday 18th – District Council meets

Saturday 19th - Marist Family gathering in the Marcellin College Chapel at 2.00 pm.

Sunday 20th - Pentecost Sunday.

Sunday 20th - Anniversary in 1789 of the birth of Marcellin - born at Le Rosey

Saturday 26th – Br David McDonald departs to attend the MAPAC Executives meeting in the Philippines

Links:

[Saturday 19 May – Marial Prayer](#)

[Monday 21 May – Mary, Mother of the Church and baptism of Marcellin Champagnat](#)

An Update from Brother Douglas

My entry visa for Papua New Guinea has finally been granted. I picked my passport up from the consulate in Cairns yesterday, with my work and entry visas attached.



All I have to do now is receive the ticket for my return, from Moresby. While on Cairns, I went on the College Walkathon last Friday, wearing College shirt, shorts and hat that Br Joa loaned me. He also gave me a water bottle. It was 18 kms and while things went well for most of the duration of the walk, I was feeling pretty tired towards the end. By Sunday all was well. No fool like an old fool, I guess.

On Wednesday, Br Doug returned to Papua New Guinea and is now working with a young man interested in the brothers on his English.