



District of the Pacific Update

Champagnat Marists

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Brothers on the move



Br Jone returned to Kaikohe last week after attending the Oceania Partnership meeting. Welcome back Br Jone!

Br Luke arrives in Auckland to attend the Champagnat in the Pacific course this weekend.

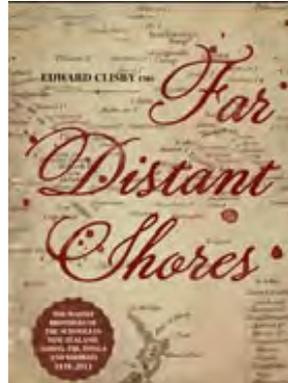


Br Desmond is visiting Auckland this weekend to attend the memorial service at GIFT for Sister Jean Sinclair.

Br Tim departs New Zealand for Malaysia on Monday. Bon Voyage Br Tim!



Book Launch of "Far Distant Shores"



On Sunday, 13th August a number of Brothers, Sisters and Lay people gathered at Onslow Avenue to launch Brother Edward's book, "Far Distant Shores", the history of the Marist Brothers in New Zealand, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga and Kiribati from 1838 – 2013. The event opened with a prayer and was followed by "Mo Maria", the hymn written by Bishop Pompallier.

Brother Edward spoke on the history of his writing the book and some of the difficulties he faced over several years. He then presented a copy of the book to Brother David, our District Leader. This was followed by a chance for people to have a look through a copy of the book which was then followed by a social afternoon tea and a chance to meet up with others.

Anna Mantell designed the layout of the book and attended the event. Here she is proudly holding a copy of the book after hours of working with Br Ted, to ensure it came out the way that best tells the story.



District Dates

Saturday 19th - Administrative units of Melanesia, Australia and the Pacific meet

Sunday 20th - Champagnat in the Pacific begins at Long Bay

Monday 21st - Oceania Council meet

Tuesday 22nd - College of Leaders meet

Friday 25th - District Finance meeting

Sacred Heart College Old Boys gather



The Sacred Heart College Old Boys gathered for their annual dinner with 160 attending. Mr. Kelsen Butler, the Chairperson of the Sacred Heart Board of Trustees interviewed Prime Minister Bill English. It was a great evening enjoyed by all.



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Feast of the Assumption – Reception into the Novitiate

First Year Novices presented their symbols as signs of the beginning of their novitiate journey. These signify their willing choice to begin this new journey and their firm personal intention to respond well to everything that God is asking of them.



left to right: Vaii, Petero, Steve

Br Fergus' 83rd Birthday



Brothers and staff of Marist Champagnat Institute celebrated Br Fergus' 83rd birthday on August 11th.

"Old Friends" Gathering

Dear Brothers,
You are invited to suggest names of "old friends" of the Brothers of our Communities in Auckland who could be invited to a gathering at the St Columba Centre on the 12th November. This would be an afternoon tea event beginning about 3.00 pm to recognize people who might have been forgotten in our Bicentennial celebrations. If you have any thoughts could you please email possible names to **Brothers Colin, Richard or Bryan M** plus their address so that a written invitation with details would be sent to them.

Sports

On Sunday Discovery premieres *John Eales Reveals: The Haka* on Sky TV.

St Paul's College defeated Kelston 16 - 4 to claim Auckland Leagues Championship.

Auckland Marist Schools celebrate bicentenary



On Tuesday 15th August, the three Auckland Marist schools (Marcellin College, St Paul's College, Sacred Heart College) gathered to celebrate 200 years of Champagnat, Marist education. Mass was held at the Logan Campbell Centre and led by the Most Reverend Patrick Dunn DD; the Bishop of Auckland. Br David did a reading, commemorative plaques were blessed by the bishop and given to the schools by Janne Pender; Chairperson of the Marist Brothers College Proprietor Companies.



Brothers Anitelea and Christopher Visit Savaii

Brother Anitelea and Brother Chris circumnavigated the island of Savaii with sallyies into the interior visiting parish priests with mail for possible interested young persons. Their journey was enabled by the kind hospitality of Br Siaosi's cousin Sala Pesamino who provided transport and lodgings for an overnight stay.

