



**Champagnat Marists**

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# Champagnat Partnership News

## Brothers & Lay Marists Together

**March 2018** *Kia Ora, Greetings, Ni sa bula vinaka, Kam na mauri, Talofa lava*

### Tauoro Tiaon RIP

*Taatite Babetara, Champagnat Marist Kiribati Reports*

Keep TAUORO TIAON in your prayers, one of the 100 passengers and was in Form 4 at St Louis High School last year, who was lost in the sea when a ferry MV Butiraoi sunk accidentally in January 18 2018. In honour of those victims Kiribati had declared Thursday 8 February a Public Holiday.

May all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



### Cyclone Gita – Tonga, Samoa & American Samoa

Various reports of severe damage to homes, livelihoods and infrastructure have been received throughout Tonga, including damage to Takuilau College, while Samoa and American Samoa have experienced severe flooding with running tap water only returning this week. Many teaching and learning resources have been lost or damaged as shared in the photo provided by Br Siaosi, Principal at Marist Brothers Primary School in Mulivai.

If you wish to make a donation, the NZMBTB Finance Team has shared the following instructions:

- **The account into which the funds can be deposited is: 03-0104-0641857-004**
- **It would be appreciated if, in the reference fields, you can place your name/community group/school (e.g St Anne's) and Tonga and/or Samoa and/or American Samoa to indicate where you would like your donation directed.**
- **Please note that as all funds received will be applied overseas no donation receipts will be issued.**



### Marist Alternative Education Staff Charism Development Day

On Friday 2 February the staff at MAE gathered at Manly Beach house in preparation for the new year. It was great to have Br Kevin O'Malley present to share in the genesis story of the centre - gathered around a table, dreaming about how to meet the need of marginalised youth then putting the dream into action! Nineteen years later the staff continue to invest in the youth they serve by ensuring their 'roots' are consciously lived through example and that the 'fruits' of their labour are shared explicitly through the Marist values with their students.



### Teachers New to Marist Schools, Auckland & Hamilton

16 staff members gathered at Sacred Heart Old Boys Lounge on Wednesday 7 February to attend the annual induction day for teachers new to Marist Schools. In attendance were staff from St Paul's College (2), Sacred Heart College (8) and St John's College (7). Many thanks to Philomena Clare (Catholic Character) and Br Kevin Wanden (Marist Character) who led workshop sessions alongside Dan Dungey (Champagnat Character) on the day.

### Marist Student Leaders Forum, Kaiapoi, North Canterbury, New Zealand



36 student leaders from across New Zealand gathered in Christchurch from 22-25 February to take part in the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Marist Student Leaders Forum. Participating Schools included:

Verdon College, Invercargill (x6) <http://www.verdoncollege.school.nz>  
 John Paul II High School, Greymouth (x4) <https://www.johnpaul.ac.nz>  
 Catholic Cathedral College, Christchurch (x5) <http://www.cathcollege.school.nz>  
 St Bernard's College, Lower Hutt (x5) <https://www.sbc.school.nz>  
 Chanel College, Masterton (x7) <http://chanelcollege.school.nz>  
 St John's College, Hamilton (x3) <http://www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz>  
 Marcellin College, Auckland (x2) <http://www.marcellin.school.nz>  
 St Paul's College, Auckland (x2) <http://stpaulscollege.co.nz>  
 Sacred Heart College, Auckland (x2) <https://sacredheart.school.nz>



Many people contributed to the success of this programme and Br Osmund Macnamara and myself are extremely grateful to:

- [Principal's, DRS' and support staff](#) who prepared their student leaders.
- [Mr Tony Shaw](#) and the Catholic Cathedral College community for their welcome and hospitality upon our arrival into Christchurch. Also, for the use of the school vans from the airport along with the printing of our student resource booklets.
- [Brother Mark Oliver](#) for being available to drive the school van for airport transfers.
- [Pauline Murphy](#) and all her team at Blue Skies for their hospitality.
- [Kerri Teramura](#) at Pacific Rise for all her liaison work with our schools.
- [Amy Aukusitino](#) for lead, and availability as a chaperone for our girls.
- [John Gourley](#) for sharing his gifts in a workshop on Leadership (Myers-Briggs).
- [Father John Craddock sm](#) for leading our Eucharist prior to his departure for Whangarei in April.
- [Tara Quinney](#) who accompanied the Chanel College, Masterton student leaders and led the preparation for the Eucharist on the Saturday night.
- [Brothers Denis Turner & Mark Oliver](#) and several lay [Champagnat Marists](#) who joined us for the Eucharist.

The various responses from the student leader's evaluations forms reaffirmed the significant impact that this gathering had on our youth. Some examples included:

- *'The forum enhanced my understanding as a Marist leader. It's to help other people who are lost, least and last and to continue the mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved – with the five pillars as our guide'*
- *'The servant leadership' ideal surrounding Marist is one that I like and believe all leaders should model'*
- *'Creating new friendships and knowing that there are other schools out there that are just like us'*



We pray for all our student leaders in 2018 that they keep St Marcellin Champagnat's vision alive authentically by making Jesus Christ known and loved within their families, school communities and all whom they encounter, with Mary our good mother as their companion and guide.

**In the spirit of St. Marcellin Champagnat,**  
*Dan Dungey*

#### **Upcoming Events**

##### **7 & 8 March**

Oceania Partnership Commission (OPC), Marist Centre, Brisbane

##### **25 & 26 March**

Oceania Council (OC), Auckland