



Marist Champagnat Family Newsletter

Marist Brothers New Zealand Province
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Dear Champagnat Marists,

Greetings to you as we move into the cooler weather. May winter treat you kindly!

BROTHER PAUL SCOTT R.I.P.



Brother Paul died in Christchurch on May 5th, aged 89, in his 72nd year as a Marist Brother.

He was Principal at Xavier College, Christchurch 1958 to 1960, Sacred Heart College Auckland 1961-65, and St John's College, Hamilton, 1972-78. He was Provincial from 1966 to 1971. He directed our scholasticate, Onslow Ave, from 1978-82, when he moved to Takuilau College in Tonga for three years, followed by three years in Rome, then seven years at Marcellin College and five at Kawakawa, before his final move to Christchurch in 2000.

We remember fondly his humanity, his cheerful warmth, his good words for everybody, his wisdom, his generous spirit, his great common sense, and his truly pastoral care for every one of us. He was a great community man; he loved us and we loved him; it was as simple as that. He was particularly grateful in recent years for the constant loving care he received from our Brothers in

Christchurch. Just last August he told a visitor that they were real angels to him, giving him great comfort and peace of mind; he could not speak highly enough of them, declaring that he could not have been in better company as his time here drew to its close. Well done, Denis and Pat!

FATHER TERRY DIBBLE R.I.P.



Father Terry died in Auckland on Easter Sunday after a short illness. Over the last 30 years he celebrated Eucharist most days for the Richmond Road communities. Always grateful that the St Paul's Brothers had welcomed him into their home as a well loved brother and friend, he asked that the Brothers and nobody else conduct his vigil ceremony, which from all accounts they did extremely well.

PACIFIC ASSEMBLY



Our Brothers and lay partners from Fiji, Kiribati and Samoa met in Suva on May 6th for an assembly of our Pacific Region. They looked at possible developments in the Pacific under the new administrative unit that will be ours after 2011 resulting from our recent restructuring.

**BROTHER KIERAN O’SULLIVAN
CELEBRATES 90 YEARS**

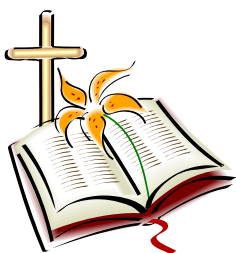


Many Brothers gathered at Onslow Avenue on April 1st for a joyous celebration with Kieran of his 90th birthday. In a moving short speech he

thanked the many Brothers and communities who had always made him welcome over the years. Congratulations to you, Kieran, on this momentous milestone, and to your community for their fine hospitality.



**OCEANIA COMMUNITY
LEADERS’ CONFERENCE,
MITTAGONG**



63 of our community leaders from the Provinces of Melbourne, New Zealand and Sydney met in late February for a three-day conference

on fostering brotherhood across our Oceania region. Themes included how to be a leader in a modern religious community, Brothers and Lay Partners together, and moving forward with hope into new lands. This was an opportunity for many inter-province friendships to be renewed and new connections made,

giving us a shared understanding of what lies ahead and an eagerness to see the new relationships and supportive structures work out well for all.

**NEW PROVINCIAL
HOUSE**



This is now situated at Sacred Heart College in the wing which began in 1955 as the Brothers’ rooms,

offices and dining room. The community of Brothers David, Nevil and Peter Horide are very pleased with their new situation.

FM CONNECTION



Brothers Kevin Dobbyn, Peter Henderson and Borerei Katarake (Kiribati) have moved from Budock Road to Beatrice Road, where they will continue the vocations discernment programme begun in Wellington. Brother Borerei left on May 27th to continue his formation at MAPAC (Marist Asia Pacific Centre) in Manila. We wish him well in this new stage of his life with us.

**CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE
Brother Denis reports**

Our house stood up OK. Wooden, single storey, no chimneys. A mess inside with all shelves emptied onto the floor; anything that could fall did fall. Even Our Lady took a fall but, as you would expect, Mary kept her head. So we are not too badly off compared with some with loss of

life and property. As a little effort we have offered accommodation for three. But don't be put off from visiting; we have room for two visitors. As for Catholic Cathedral College (see next item) there is concern for J and K blocks because they are so close to the seriously weakened cathedral. K block suffered major water damage when the grotto spring flooded.



SACRED HEART COLLEGE SUPPORTS CHRISTCHURCH WITH RED AND BLACK DAY



On February 25th over 1200 boys and staff dressed up in Canterbury red and black for a grand fundraiser for the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal, especially Catholic Cathedral College, which was formerly staffed by the Marist Brothers as Xavier

College. It was a great fun day, with red and black balloons, sashes and garments everywhere. The event raised \$13,000, including donations from old boys. An anonymous donor matched this to make a grand total of \$26,000. Over the week-end more donations raised this total to \$33,000. Well done, SHC; a mighty effort!



CAMPION COLLEGE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS



First Day pupils turned up in their droves to celebrate this wonderful occasion

The week-end of March 4th - 6th saw the golden jubilee reunion of Campion College as a co-educational college, combining the previous Edmund Campion College and St Mary's College. Former students came from Ireland, America, Australia and London, and 365 people registered for the week-end. A highlight of the occasion was the opening of the new gymnasium. Father Mark Field, a former teacher at Campion, blessed the buildings, then Brother Alan Henley, the first principal of the combined colleges, cut the ribbon for the official opening.



This is in commemoration and celebration of the opening of the Campion College Gymnasium 4th March, 2011.

It recognises the 50th Jubilee Reunion as the first official event for this new facility. Opened by Brother Alan Henley Blessed by Father Mark Field

FAREWELL TO MR REON TAYLOR

Recently the staff at Pacific Rise, the headquarters of the Marist Brothers in New Zealand, gathered to carry out the sad task of farewell to popular staff member, Mr Reon Taylor, who was resigning his position as our accountant to dedicate more time to looking after his elderly mother.

Brother Alan Henley, who first hired Reon back in the days the offices were at Onslow Avenue, spoke warmly of Reon's strengths and dedication to looking after our accounts so meticulously as well as his companionship and humour in the staffroom. Reon replied with his usual twinkling wit and promised to keep in touch to check that we are keeping up the high standards that he had come to know and appreciate.



Mr Reon Taylor, Mrs Elizabeth Andrew, Brother Henry Spinks, Brother Alan Henley and Mrs Mary Denize

MARIST STUDENT LEADERS FORUM



3.00pm Thursday 3rd March saw 38 student leaders from our Marist Schools gather in the Old Boys Lounge at Sacred Heart for the beginning of the 2011 Forum – our fourth. (The two leaders from Te Kura Taumata O Panguru joined us later at the powhiri at Hato Petera College owing to transport issues) The twenty

flying into Auckland were met at the airport by Brother Peter Henderson and the Chaperone, Mrs Janie Murray, and transported to Sacred Heart College.

Those attending this year were Panguru (2), Hato Petera (4), Marcellin (6), St Paul's (3), Sacred Heart (2), St John's (3), St Peter's PN (2), Chanel (4), St Bernard's (4), Catholic Cathedral (2), John Paul II H.S. (2) and Verdon (6). In addition we were joined by Mr Ioasa Afamasaga from St Joseph's College (Samoa) who came to learn the ropes so that he can lead a similar seminar for the Prefects in that school prior to their Induction on the College's Feast Day.



As Pentecost and the feast day of Saint Marcellin Champagnat approach, may we be open to the Good Lord's many blessings which come our way every day, and may we be truly grateful for them all.



Warm greetings to you and all your loved ones.

Brother Humphrey O'Connor

WHERE THE BROTHERS ARE - 2011

Mangere Bridge

Br Bosco Camden
Br Bryan McKay
Br Kevin O'Malley

52 Onslow Ave - Epsom

Br Aidan Benefield
Br Patrick Bignell
Br Graeme Clisby
Br David Greenlees
Br Kieran O'Sullivan
Br Henry Spinks

48 Crossfield Road

Br Reginald Burgess
Br Mark Chamberlain
[plus Guide Dog, Pierce]
Br Marcel Hall
Br Albert Kennedy
Br William Lawson
Br Gabriel Power
Br Denis Turner

50 Crossfield Road

Br Dunstan Henry
Br Murray Kelly
Br Gerard Mahony
Br Anthony Walker

Christchurch

Br Denis Gallavin
Br Patrick Hill
Br Osmund Macnamara*
Br Jordan McCormick

Hillsborough

Br Peter Brown
Br William Lawley
Br Peter Thompson

Invercargill

Br Osmund Macnamara
[in the interim]

Trafalgar St. Lower Hutt

Br Tim Leen
Br James McBride
Br Emilian O'Dowd
Br Claudius Pettit
Br Desmond Quirke
Br Edgar Tansey
Br Kevin Wanden

'The Grove', Lower Hutt

Br Douglas Dawick
Br Kieran Fenn

Province House SHC

Br Nevil Bingley
Br Peter Horide
Br David McDonald

Marcellin College

Br Alan Henley
Br Kevin King
Br David Lavin
Br Brian Wanden
Br John Paul Wilson

Napier

Br Fidelis Kiely
Br Humphrey O'Connor
Br Basil Ward

Ngaruawahia

Br Roger Dowling
Br Joseph McCarthy

Pt Chevalier

Br Raymond Harold

Richmond Road

Br Hilarion Cowen
Br Colin Divane
Br Champion McMahan
Br Rupert Woods

St Paul's College

Br Bernard Blewman
Br Richard Dunleavy
Br John Fitzgibbon
Br Sean Hanaray
Br Patrick Macnamara
Br Joseph McDermott
Br George McRae

Takanini

Br Romuald Gibson
Br Martin Pattison
Br Bryan Stanaway

Sacred Heart Hostel

Br Terence Costello
Br John Koorey
Br Michael Taylor

Beatrice Avenue Remuera

Br Kevin Dobbyn
Br Peter Henderson
Br Borerei Katarake [until
June]

Selwyn Heights Village

Br Giles Waters

Overseas Missions

Philippines - MAPAC

Br John Hazelman
Br Ueanimatang Kimaere
Br Amberoti Nantei
Br Borerei Katarake [after
June]
Br Carl Tapp

Kiribati - Bairiki

Br Christopher Poppelwell
Br Donald Teixeira

Kiribati - Bikenibeu

Br Terence Maney
Br Jone Seduadua

Samoa - Sigamoga

Br Kevin Hore
Br Sefo Une

Samoa - Mulivai

Br Edward Danielson
Br Tainga Moanriba
Br Mark Oliver
Br Bernard O'Malley
Br Iulio Suaesi

Samoa - Alafua

Br Brian Callaghan
Br Stephen Filipo
Br Siasoi Ioane
Br Samisoni Talia [after June]

Fiji - High School

Br Sam Eathorne
Br Fergus Garrett
Br Jioseva Wara

Fiji - Vatuwaqa

Br Luke Fong
Br Kees Van der Weert

Fiji - Lomeri

Br Christopher Maney

Thursday Island

Br Damien Shutt

Rome

Br Barry Burns
Br Edward Clisby
Br Samisoni Talia [until June]

Ad Gentes Programme

Br Michael Potter

Sydney

Br Afaese Afaese

