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Dear members of the Salesian Family,

Wishing you all an ardent Advent preparation as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. We have been busy during the last month, concluding the scholastic year. I witnessed the graduation of our DBTI-Boroko and DBTS-Gabutu. It was an occasion to thank the Lord and Don

Bosco for keeping up the legacy of our Salesian spirit. I would also like to congratulate the other Don Bosco schools for doing the same.

Our Rector Major sent us his letter on Inculturation of the Salesian Charism (ACTS 411). It is a very good reminder to all of us. He has stated that the salesian charism is the principle of unity in the congregation especially among us salesians and members of the salesian family. Aware of the risks because of the changing cultural paradigms like globalization, the youth situation and many other things, he reviewed our missionary identity. We all have the responsibility to carry on the work of Evangelization much more now because the demand and the challenge is so great in the world and among the young people.

As we end the year, we are hoping too to start the New Year with a better outlook, a better strategy and a better conviction that understanding the young people means to us a fruitful cooperation with the grace of God in facing their cultural diversity. While we expect them to change, maybe we need to

be effective in giving and in planting the Word of God in their hearts.

The Strenna for 2012 **“Let us make the young our life mission by coming to know and imitate Don Bosco”** is a very good means for us to implant and revive this salesian charism. This coming year 2012, we are tasked to know the history of Don Bosco, his context, his person, his experience of life and his choices. My wish is that everyone will strive and make a good effort in doing something in this aspect.

Christmas is close at hand, let us open our hearts to accept Jesus, the Word Incarnate so that we may become a real instruments of His loving care in implanting the salesian charism in the hearts of the young: **WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

Affectionately,
- Fr. Raffy Galve sdb,
Delegate PNG-SI



May the Christ Child bless you and your families.

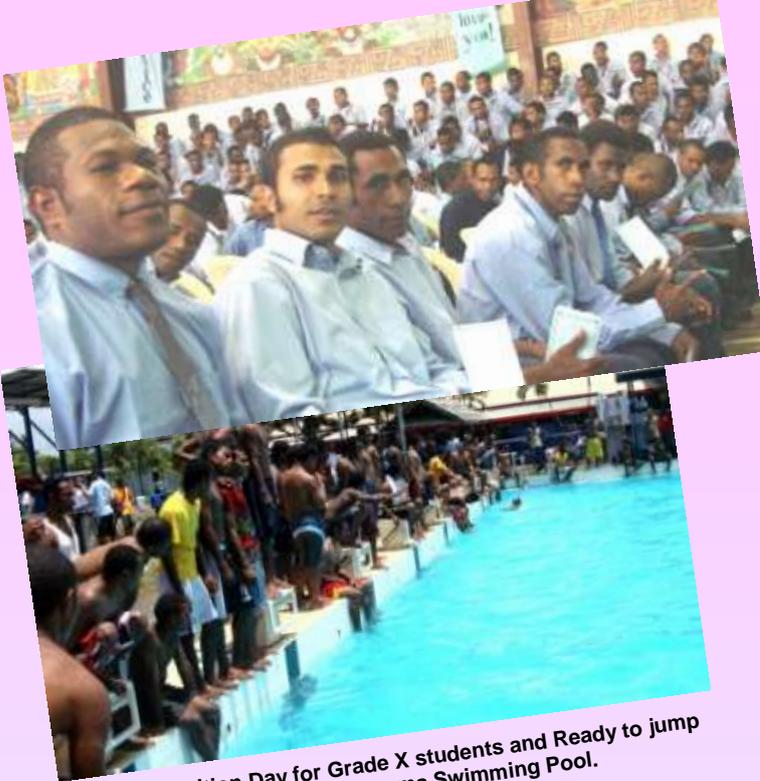
Happy Christmas
and a
Joyous New Year
2012



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Highlights of Gabatu



Left: Recognition Day for Grade X students and Ready to jump into the cool waters at the Taurama Swimming Pool.



Right: EPC at Emmaus Retreat Centre and Mr. Teddy Taylor and Mr. Daniel Miller, at the signing of the Mou for the American Shelf.

- Recognition Day for Grade X students was celebrated on the day of the last of the Board examinations, on the 14th October. 112 students were recognized on their completion of Grade X, awards were given to meritorious students.
- 23rd October was the final FAMILY DAY for the year, celebrated at the Taurama Swimming Pool complex. Big numbers turned out as swimming during the hottest part of the year was an added attraction. After a variety of activities, the distribution of the 3rd term report cards was the final part of the program.
- SEPP for 2012 was prepared on 21st and 22nd November by the EPC. All the Salesians, teaching staff, with representatives of the Parents, Non-teaching staff, Past Pupils and students spent two days preparing the EPP focusing on the Strenna of the Rector Major. To make the process more serious, we had a change of venue in Emmaus Centre, East Boroko.

American Shelf in the School Library: MoU of Understanding with the US Embassy for an American shelf in

the library was signed on 28th November. In his speech the Ambassador Mr. Teddy Taylor said that this was to commemorate the 50 years of USAID to the Pacific, with its headquarters at Port Moresby. Mr. Daniel Miller, the Acting Director of USAID enumerated how 50 years back President John F. Kennedy began USAID. The MoU is a commitment from the school to keep the American Shelf and a commitment from the US Embassy to keep updating the section with books, videos, DVDs etc.

- 14th Speech Day was celebrated with due solemnity on Wednesday, 30th November. Fr. Louie Castaneda, Rector of DBTI was the Main celebrant at the Graduation Mass at 8.30 am. The graduation proper began at 10.30 with Hon. Grand Chief Michael Ogio, Governor General, giving the keynote address. All the outgoing students of Grade XII and ITC-2 were inducted into the Past Pupils' Association: 133 of the ITC and 114 of Grade XII.

The President of the Parish Council, Mr. Tom Sinari, passed away after rather prolonged illness. The parish organized a fitting funeral service on 4th November. RIP! Mr. John Aromari was elected President, filling up the vacant post.

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DBTI, Boroko 10th Graduation Exercise



Josephine, DBTI Bachelor in Education flanked by Josephine Sagar and Sr. Pamela Vecina, FMA

DBTI held its 10th graduation exercises on the 25th of November 2011 at the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians. We have a total of 193 graduates for 2011: 50 for the Bachelor's Degree in Education and for the different technologies – 41 in Computer Technology, 26 in Electronics Technology, 25 in Electrical Technology, 30 in Maintenance and Fitting and Machining Technology and 21 in Motor Vehicle Technology.

Present at the graduation ceremonies were **Mr. Matthew Pobaya**, Teaching Service Commissioner who proclaimed and received our graduates, **Mr. Simon Kenehe**, the Chairman for Higher Education and **Dr. Cecilia Nembou**, Vice President of the Divine Word University.

Another very important event was held on that special occasion - the signing of the **Memorandum of Understanding on the Renewal of Affiliation** of DBTI with DWU. Both parties signed the agreement during the ceremony. Fr. Rafael Galve, SDB, President of Don Bosco Technological Institute and Dr. Nembou represented the Divine Word University.

How time flies! It was just ten years ago that the school had its first batch of graduands. It is a decade of producing another set for the workforce. All over the country we are

proud to say that Bosconians are widespread and well distributed. Some, even before their graduation had already jobs ready for them in the companies where they had had their In-Plant Training. And others have been offered scholarships too. This is for those who have achieved higher ranks. Companies sponsoring the awards for the best in different technologies were also grateful that we sent them to be trained, though it is really a requirement that they complete their number of hours, before they obtain their certificates or diplomas. We also acknowledged the different schools in NCD that permitted our students for their Practice Teaching.

Still reminiscing the past, if you browse on the albums of DBTI at the early beginning, this place was just a plain, grassy land where buildings gradually sprouted, where workshops are standing one after the other after it was cleared and flattened. With the efforts of the first Salesians who paved the way for other missionaries and the partnership with donor organizations or NGO's the workshops were filled with machinery needed by students for practical job. We are so happy that companies link with us and ask for our graduates to work with them. That's an added bonus, a feather in our cap, showing their trust in Bosconians.

Originally, it was supposed to be teacher's college catering only for boys but if you get in the campus, it has become a melting pot not only of young men from all over PNG but also for young ladies too as well as for students from overseas. To accommodate more of the latter, new dormitories for girls need only the finishing touches and by February 2012, it is ready to be occupied. This just means that the institution caters for both sexes, hence it is a co-educational institution.

This is not simply a speech day but also an opportune time to express our gratitude to God, our parents or guardians, the school, lecturers and trainers and also the donor agencies.



Motor Vehicle Technology Graduates with Fr. Rafael Galve sdb, President of DBTI, Dr. Cecilia Nembou, Vice President of the Divine Word University, Commissioner- Teaching Service Commission, Mr. Simon Kenehe, Commissioner Office of Higher Education, Fr. Louie Castaneda, Rector DBTI, Mr. Noel Guillermo, Principal and Mr. Rod Mondez, Motor Vehicle Technology Patron.

Tetere News Bits



Fr. Joseph Than, Br Moise Palaku and Fr. Michael Lap

Celebrating LIFE

On November 9th, the school organized their familiar monthly birthday celebration for the months of November and December. Fr.

Joseph for 5th Nov, Br. Moise, 4th Dec, and Fr. Michael for 13th December. Thus all three Salesians joined the November December celebrants. The events included the graduation for the basic learners of guitar, and farewell for the second year students.

6th Graduation

Don Bosco Rural Training Centre, Tetere held its 6th graduation ceremony on 11th November, 2011. 38 students who for the past two years have spent their time at the school have learnt new skills. The ceremony was divided into three parts: the first was the celebration of the Holy Eucharist presided over by His grace, Bishop John Doninoel sm, Auxiliary Bishop of Honiara. FMA sisters, de la Pieta sisters, DMI sisters, MA sisters and several other invited guests joined in the celebrations. After the Eucharist celebration, the 38 graduates received their certificate from Fr. Michael Lap, sdb. Each received a spade and a packet of eggplant seeds as a



Fr. Michael Lap, Rector presenting a certificate to a graduating student



Graduates sing - 'Bosconians Forever'

token of appreciation from the school. A delicious lunch was offered to the graduates, guests, parents and friends. Everyone enjoyed a healthy shared meal prepared by the school and the parents of the graduates. A live entertainment followed. It was truly a blessed day for the school to witness yet again another batch of Bosconians from all over the country graduate from a Don Bosco School. All departed rejoicing.

Fathers Conference

During the weekend of 18th to 20th Nov., Christ the King Parish has mark an new event in the history of the Solomon Catholic Church.



After gathering all the catholic women of all over the Archdiocese of Honiara, the parish welcomed all the Fathers, from Tetere Parish communities for the weekend of 18th to 20th November, 2011. The theme of the conference was 'Rise, take the child and his mother', Mt 2,13. Inputs and discussions from different groups such as Legion of Mary, Divine Mercy, Pioneer, CFC, Women's Group, etc., inspired the gathering. They were also enlightened on the matter of the *Natural Family Planning*. The presence of the Archbishop among them for two days gave the gathering a note of solemnity. The Eucharistic celebration of the solemnity of Christ the King brought to a close the Fathers' Conference. And all the communities gathered to honor their parish feast day. The Archbishop has manifest, once again, his affection and closeness the parishioners of Christ the King parish, Tetere. Unbelievable, but true, the men of Christ the King have shown their aptitude of doing many things while they spent three days together.

Destroyed Cathedral rebuild

(ANS – Gizo) – On Sunday 4th December, the diocese of Gizo, at present entrusted to the Salesian Bishop Luciano Capelli, celebrated with joy and pride the consecration of the new Cathedral of St Peter and the diocesan offices, destroyed by the tsunami on 2nd April 2007. Representatives of all the parishes attended the moving ceremony of consecration greatly appreciated by the faithful.

Concelebrating with Bishop Bernard O'Grady, bishop emeritus of Gizo, who presided at the Mass and the blessing of the premises were the 4 Bishops of the 3 dioceses of the Solomon Islands and 11 other priests. Also present were various civil authorities and about 700 of the faithful.

The celebrations had begun the previous evening on Saturday 3rd December, with a ceremony at which the past was remembered, the challenges for the present and the prospects for the future recalled. Throughout the weekend the people showed their gratitude, and contributed to the festivities with abundant specially prepared typical dishes. The new diocesan premises includes the Cathedral of St Peter, a multi-purpose hall, a youth centre, a nursery

school and a job-training centre for 60 young people with courses in

building, mechanics, electrics and air-conditioning repairs. The building took only four years thanks to the contribution of very many benefactors and the lively interest of the group of Volunteers "Friends of the Solomon Islands Mission" (AMIS) who came from Italy in 4 groups.

"The completion of this project at a time of international economic crisis," Bishop Capelli said, "has been made possible thanks to the combination of missionary efforts and work from every part of the world. The spirit of solidarity has reached the furthest ends of the earth. The faith of Europe is still alive and fruitful in these projects of missionary solidarity."



Vunabosco:

- Remeglo Harold A. Argante

Gloria 2011!



Four secondary schools in East New Britain Province namely **Kokopo Secondary School, Malabunga Secondary School, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH) Secondary School, and Vunabosco Agro-Technical Secondary School** joined together for the **GLORIA 2011 Christmas Program** held at Vunabosco gymnasium. Fr. Clifford Morais, SDB, principal of Vunabosco, spearheaded this program with the aim of uniting and leading students and schools to build the Church of Christ.

The program was formally opened by Fr. Valeriano Barbero, SDB. In his welcome address, Fr. Val stressed the need to have this kind of affair as it brings us closer to Jesus and to His mission of proclaiming the gospel through the different performances that depict the essence of Christmas in this modern age.

This event showcased various talents of students from these schools through the **Christmas Carol Competition, Novelty Dance Contest, Battle of the Bands, and Christmas Drama Competition**. The audience saw spectacles from each presentation as each school managed to come up with different glittering Christmas costumes and props.

The different contest items wowed the crowd as it truly brought out what **GLORIA 2011** was all about – a glorious Christmas treat. Meanwhile, a life-size statue of Santa Claus added glitter to the occasion that captured the attention and admiration of teachers



Fr. Roger Miranda, Rector at Gloria 2011

and students of the participating schools since it was dressed up with real-life Santa Claus costume.

OLSH Secondary School won the grand prize in the Christmas Carol and Christmas Drama Competition while Vunabosco Agro-Technical Secondary School got the most coveted awards in the Novelty Dance and Battle of the Bands Competition. Winners and non-winners received Coca-Cola gift items from Coca-Cola Amatil plus trophies courtesy of Vunabosco Administration.

“This kind of gathering of schools initiated by Vunabosco is such a rewarding and beautiful experience because this helps to attain the maximum potentials of students in the field of arts and music,” said Mrs. Eleonora Vigil, principal of OLSH.

Furthermore, Mr. John Lote, Coca-Cola Marketing Co-ordinator, NGI, mentioned in his closing remarks that this kind of activity should be made an annual event because it builds students’ confidence, and social interaction among students of other schools.

This fun-filled event was made possible through the joint effort of Vunabosco headed by its Rector, Fr. Roger Miranda, SDB, in cooperation with the Principals of the participating schools and its major sponsor, Coca-Cola Amatil.

Vunabosco Agro-Technical Secondary School extends the aim of GLORIA 2011 to the business houses and schools around Kokopo area, religious of Vunapope Parish as well as to the sick people in the hospitals and to the Filipino community through the singing of Christmas Carols and Christmas wishes.

REFLECTION Dying of Loneliness

- Flor McCarthy

In an audience Pope Paul VI told how one day, when he was Archbishop of Milan, he went out on parish visitation. During the course of the visitation he found an old woman living alone.

‘How are you?’ he asked her. ‘Not bad,’ she answered. ‘I have enough food, and I’m not suffering from the cold.’ ‘You must be reasonably happy then?’ he said.

‘No, I’m not’, she said as she started to cry. ‘You see, my son and daughter-in-law never come to see me. I’m dying of loneliness.’ Afterwards he was haunted by the phrase ‘I’m dying of loneliness’.

And the Pope concluded: ‘Food and warmth are not enough in themselves. People need something more. They need our presence, our time, our love. They need to be touched, to be reassured that they are not forgotten.’

Perhaps, this Christmas, we need to reach out to our brothers, sisters and our loved ones.

HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR FAMILY



My Life is in You

9th Graduation at Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson – 21st October, 2011
- Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb, Rector

“Share in the work of Christ. Be holy, humble and honest. Lead and guide your companions and be a Good Shepherds”, encouraged Bishop Chris Cardone op, as he spoke to the graduating students during the homily at the Graduating ceremony at Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson, on 21st October, 2011. 67 young boys and girls received their certificates at the hands of the Chief Guest and other special invitees.

Showers of blessings rained down as final preparations for the Graduation Ceremony got underway. The stage was tastefully decorated with the words ‘My Life is in You’. The hall was filled with parents, guardians and friends gathered for the celebration. In marched representatives of carrying the tools of their trade – as the choir sang, ‘My Life is in You’. Lively dances with students dressed in their traditional costumes enhanced the celebration, while youthful singing filled the appropriate parts of the Thanksgiving Eucharist.

Dwelling on the life of Don Bosco and his love for youngsters, Bishop Chris Cardone op, Bishop of Auki, in a very animated sermon interacted closely with the graduating students and the congregation. He reminded all of the love of the Lord and Don Bosco and the need to be close to the heart of Jesus. He encouraged the students to be Good Shepherds leading and guiding their companions along the path of virtue.

Congratulating the graduating students, Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb, Rector, reminded them to uphold what they learnt at Don Bosco and continue to put them into practice. “Keep up your ideals and values and you will realize that you can do great things”, he said. He thanked the principal, Ms. Camari Bainivalu, teachers and parents – for their dedication and involvement in the education of the young. In speaking about the courses at Don Bosco, he spoke of the need to constantly update the different courses to ensure that they are relevant to the requirements of industry and that they meet the needs of changing times. “Don Bosco is striving to set a benchmark in regard to its curriculum, academic performance and above all its attitude”, he said. The graduating students proudly came forward to receive their certificates. Many were commended for the dedication, while several received praise for their 100% attendance.



In dwelling on the theme, Mr. John Wate, Director of TVET, Chief Guest for the occasion, questioned what were the motivating factors that enable the students achieve their goal. In answer, he quoted

Left: John Wate presenting Muriel Katelo her certificate



Left: Entire group of graduating students 2011



Margaret Waihaho, Form 3 receiving her certificate from Bishop Chris Cardone op, Bishop of Auki

Proverbs 16:3, ‘Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed’. He dwelt on two ingredients needed to make an everyday masterpiece: ‘decisions and discipline’. He was most appreciative of the efforts of Don Bosco to train skilled manpower for the Industries and looks to further the collaboration between TVET and Don Bosco. It was extremely unique when he called upon his TVET staff who together sang: ‘Let me walk with you Jesus’.

John Kaura, head boy, thanked the school and the teachers for the spiritual and intellectual development passed on to the students. “Your knowledge is not lost, but passed on”, he said. In gratitude he thanked the parents who constantly work hard to support their children and ensure that they have all they need to complete their course.

The graduating students then sang an inspirational and reflective country gospel number, by the Crabb Family entitled: The Reason I am standing. They received a thunderous clap at the end of a very harmonious performance.

Among the special guests were: John Wate, Chief guest, Bishop Chris Cardone op, Bishop of Auki, John Usuramo, Director of USP, Honiara, Cypriano Nuake, Secretary of the Roman Catholic Education Authority, Freddy Ratu, School of Industry, together with several from Ministry and Industry, with parents, relatives and friends. Chris Yarham, former AVI Carpentry Instructor was happy to congratulate his students on their achievements.

Then followed a delicious lunch while the audience was treated to some fine entertainment by the students.



Right: Doreene Watoto, Delialah Goutala and Theresa Misu leading the offertory procession

Freddy Ratu presenting Kole Paul Francis his certificate



Fond memories

Fr. Joseph Savina sdb and Sr. Martina Chan csj



Fr. Joseph Savina sdb

A time to reflect on friendship, on service, on life . . .

On 28th November, 2011 the remains of the two missionaries (namely Fr. Joseph Savina, SDB an Italian priest and Sr. Martina Chan, CSJ a Korean) were exhumed at the Caritas Technical Secondary School

grounds and was moved to their final resting place at the back of the Emmaus Retreat Centre. Both have served and offered their lives for others.

Fr. Valeriano in his homily mentioned that Fr. Joseph Savina and he were very close friends. This started in the novitiate. When the former went to Manila, the latter followed and did likewise and followed him to Papua New Guinea. Though they are the best of friends, they would always argue, but they were a tandem, one could not live without the other.

Both have started schools: Fr. Valeriano started Don Bosco Araimiri, Gulf Province in 1980 and Fr. Savina started Don Bosco, Gabutu in 1983. Before the Don Bosco Boroko was built, Don Bosco Gabutu served as the drop off and pick up point for religious and the volunteers who had arrived in the country.

Here are a few anecdotes shared by Fr. Valeriano about this great priest. Since Araimiri is close to the sea, he requested him to buy a fishing net for him. He willingly purchased a large one, fit for a boat. On another occasion he was sick and wanted treatment in Australia so he requested that his documents be processed. The next day he changed his mind, simply stating, *'Who are you to decide for my life?'*

He worked hard, was very approachable and planned for the future. His office was a stock room of sorts, but he knew where things were placed. He was then assigned in Kumgi.

In June 1999, he went for Retreat at Vunapope. After lunch he was injecting himself with insulin. Fr. Val asked him what he wanted for Kumgi. His reply was, 'Rabaul mangoes' - so that he could plant the seeds in Don Bosco, Kumgi where he was based - a sign that he wanted to grow where he was planted.

There was a dinner invitation for them at one of the business owners in Kokopo and I happened to tag along. He had a sweet tooth and likes to have them despite warnings. Just a couple of months later, he passed away. That was in 9th June, 1999. He was very sick and was due to travel for treatment but his time had come.

The Caritas Sisters of Jesus first set foot in Araimiri on 24th August, 1986. Sister Martina Chan csj, a Korean sister was one of them. Every Sunday they went with the Salesian priests and brothers to the neighbouring villages, sometimes by car, by truck and even by the dinghy, celebrating the sacraments and teaching catechism. When they had accepted girls at the other side of Don Bosco, she taught Home Economics - cooking, baking and dress making. To defend herself from malaria attacks she regularly took medication. This could have produced the side effects, remarked one of her companions.



Sr. Martina teaching the girls Baking Skills

Sr. Martina was a hardworking person. She loved nature and enjoyed long walks. She had her vegetable garden and got the help of some girls to assist her. She gave her life assisting the young people, particularly the young girls in the villages. After the sea had claimed some residences on Araimiri, the congregation transferred to Port Moresby and she went with them. She passed away in 1995 and was laid to rest in the Caritas grounds.

Fr. Valeriano Barbero sdb has been assigned to Vunapope, Rabaul, yet he made sure that the remains of these two religious were given a proper home where the future religious will also be laid to rest.

In life, we also need to think of our own death. While we bring them home to the final resting place we ask ourselves, "Are we ready to face our Maker, the Lord?"





SINCERE THANKS

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Colourful Care



Jessica Whiting on a visit to the CARITAS Early Learning Centre

Hidden away in the Don Bosco Technological School grounds of East Boroko - PNG, a rainbow of colours can be seen and cheeky laughter can be heard upon approaching the gates of the Caritas Early Learning Centre. As we entered the facility, we were greeted by the excited group of children who had smiles bright enough to light up a dark room. The children didn't expect anything from us, they were just so happy to see new faces and to kick around a soccer ball. They were thrilled as we took photos and showed them pictures of their smiles on the digital camera display.

Run by the Caritas Sisters, this simple yet comfortable facility caters for 120 beautiful pre-school aged children (aged 3-6) who attend each weekday from 8am-3pm. Although the facility is quite basic, the children have more than enough to keep them busy and content throughout the day whilst learning



Carol Labbad amidst the children

important skills to aid in their development. The playground was bursting with colour as the children played on the brightly painted tyre swings and rode around on their bikes.

Lunchtime consists of hearty meals made from local produce and fresh vegetables grown by the Sister's on the premises. Sister Seniorina, in charge of the Learning Centre, took us for a tour around the gardens where we saw pumpkins, tomatoes and eggplants amongst many other organically grown vegetables.

Sustainable practices and the use of local resources seemed like common themes throughout the centre. We were even presented with beautiful hand-made cards and rosary bracelets to thank us for our visit.

Despite it being a short time at the centre, it was certainly a huge highlight of our trip to PNG. We hope to one day visit again and perhaps spend a little more time with the children and teachers.

Birthday corner

DECEMBER
19 Fr. FAZZINI, Angelo
21 Cl. LIHN, Dominic Savio
29 Fr. Escala, Jesus

JANUARY
3 Fr. Caspa, Charles

FEBRUARY
16 Fr. MORAIS, Clifford

Be Christ bearers and Christ Givers this Christmas

Happy Christmas

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