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NEWSLETTER #3

Wednesday 9th March 2016

Term 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

My dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back to our term newsletter number 3 of this Term. I do hope you are able to make time available to read the contents of each and every letter that comes your way. I urge you to please make sure that you do so because this is one important way for us to get engaged and keep you updated with what is happening with your children at school. Look out for special announcements and dates as well as read the class news. Let us get started.

SPECIAL DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

1. TERM NEWS: This term will end officially on Friday 25th March 2016.

2. GOOD FRIDAY: 25th March. Due to this public holiday, the school will close a day early on Thursday 24th. Monday 28th is Easter Monday Public Holiday.

3. END OF TERM CONCERT: Thursday 24th March at the school premises. *Specific details to follow soon.

4. TERM ONE HOLIDAY: Friday 25 March to Friday 1st April. One week only.

5. TERM TWO STARTS: Monday 4th April – normal time.

6. TEACHER IN SERVICE: 29th - 31st March.

7. TEACHER-PARENT INTERVIEW/CONVERSATION: Friday 1st April.

*By appointment only. Please consult with your child's teacher if you need this special attention.

8. TERM TEST/ASSESSMENTS: have been completed for reports to be written up by next week. The reports will not be distributed but will be after end of next term. Any issues will be addressed if necessary for any individual student/parents/teacher.

9. REPAIRS-MAINTENANCE: is in progress in the boys' latrine area and hope all will be in place before the second term starts.

10. THE SCHOOL BUS: Finally the school can now own a new bus after almost 25 years. Thank you everybody here and gone. Seats are available for bus service.



Happy students riding the new Bava School Bus to school!

11. SCHOOL UNIFORMS: Have arrived and are ready for distribution to those who have paid by Monday 14th March. For queries please see Mrs Tione at reception.

12. SCHOOL FEES: Kindly pay fees as your child's continuation at school is highly dependent on this. Thank you to those who have obliged.

13. SWIMMING POOL: is now in full restoration and children are enjoying their splashes.

14. WATER & POWER RATIONS: Let us all be mindful of the extreme dry season and respect how to wisely and responsibly use the precious water we have already. This sometimes affects the swimming pool to be cleaned normally to its required standards. I ensure it is all good for the children to use.

15. CANTEEN SERVICES: Small and big lunches available daily. K20/day for casual. K15 prepaid weekly/termly/yearly. *Place order with the front desk. Nutritious meals are prepared and served under the supervi-

sion of the Principal. Mrs Daniel has been preparing kids' meals over 40 years. A list of what is served will be put up shortly.

Generally includes: assorted sandwiches, chicken/fish and chips, fried rice, lamington cakes, doughnuts, cakes, meat/chicken stew and rice/veggies, hamburgers, hotdogs, meat/fish balls, fruits, drinks & water. Fresh fruit salad and ice cream are also available occasionally, just to give you an idea!

This term has gone rather fast since we are all so busy and I want to thank those parents who do find the time to come inside the school and share some time with us.

Mrs Kimmins is one example and I wish to encourage you all. Let me now take you inside the classrooms and introduce the hardworking teachers with their pupils. They will tell you about themselves and what they do so far this term. Welcome to our school.

PLAYSCHOOL/PRESCHOOL SECTOR: **MRS JULIE KUA & MISS LINDA HEAGI**

Hi All, we welcome you all to our third news highlights. Let us thank our Heavenly Father for his love and mercy - Amen.

Aim and Goal

To make sure the play-preschool children especially the preschool kids to read by terms 3 and 4.

Academic

Our lessons ended in week six. We are now doing revision work as well as preparing for the end of term concert practices. The end of term concert is on Thursday 24th March.

Lessons and topics covered.

A Jolly Phonics volume 1 first three sounds: s, a & t (satipn).

Children are learning one sound and one letter a week. After mastering it, we will move on to the next sound and the next letter. Right now these three sounds/letters are being learned because we really want to master and know confidently their sounds and what letters they represent.

We are blending and sounding 3 letter words like; "sat, bat, fat, rat, mat, pat." Morgan Verave is doing extremely well.

- Alphabets we have covered big and small: Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd and Ee.
- Numbers: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
- Colours: Red, Yellow, Blue, Green, Orange and Pink.
- Health/Science: Our body parts & 5 senses.
- Arts and PE: Body movement and exercise with music and beats.
- RI Virtues

- Enrichment
- Computing - keyboard and mouse

Assessment and Evaluation

Checklist and observation in all areas.

The highlights of all in all areas.

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Playschool (Sarah Pepena/Harmaign Richard/Ko-raimala Yamo/Pauline Arut)

Preschool (Morgan Verave/Leilani Salaiau/Leilani Yuki/Rindunge Zemming)

PREPARATORY – GRADE ONE SECTOR: MRS MICHELLE MEA

Hello everyone, once again it is our pleasure to share some news with you.

Learning Areas - Jolly Phonics

We have been doing a lot of activities mainly on jolly phonics. Positive feedbacks and comments from some parents of progress in reading words, sentences and even a book by their children. This shows the sound partnership between the school and home which plays a significant role in learning experience by children.

Some children I would like to highlight are: Kehtira Kimmins, Aaron Yamo, Braxton Ravu, Romalene Sabumei, Mharl Kila, Isaiah Lavaki and Philemon Deilala. Well done!

Assessment

Tests are being given, results and assessment will be completed by next week with their reports. However, your child will continue to bring homework to do at home. Please assist them. Please feel free to write a comment on the homework book or home link book regarding your child's homework progress or any note you would like me to know about your child.

Easter and concert preparation

Next two weeks will be preparing for the term concert. Each child will come with a script to practice at home.

These eight pupils progressed exceptionally well this term. Congratulations. The rest of the classes are getting there slowly but surely. Help given to children is much appreciated.

Concert

Everyone is working really hard at this. Be here to have a pleasant surprise on Thursday 24th March to be entertained. See you all then!

We've started preparing our Easter Bunny hats, egg holders, baskets and few others to be done next week.

Thank you - Mrs Mea

UPPER GRADES: MR MOI BILL MEA

Hello and welcome again to our class insights. The upper classes have had a slight change with the inclusion of the Grade One class. This will open an opportunity to advanced learning experiences.

Grade One students are now in Jolly Phonics Reading groups with the rest of the classes, allowing them to help each other during the Jolly Phonics sessions..

I want to acknowledge Ms Karona for her assistance.

Assessment

Unit tests have been conducted with term reports also to be compiled accordingly but will not be released until after the end of next Term. However, any concerns you may have can be addressed with your child's teacher via teacher-parent consultation/interview. Ask at the front desk for an appointment date/time to be fixed.

Concert

Preparations have already started and students will be practicing their scripts at home. Can you please assist your child with his practice? We have also composed a poem and a song about our theme ("Who am I?") and we cannot wait to present them to you.

Highlights

Some children who I believe are working really hard and are showing signs of progress in their work are: Jnr Joseph Keamau, Philip Lahui, Chanel Vele and Troy Madiiroto.

These boys are from Grade 2 and are doing well with their Jolly phonic sounds and blending skills. I am so proud of them and I want to encourage them to keep on trying.

I also want our wonderful parents and guardians to please help them out at home. Other children are also learning well and maybe they will be our highlights in our next newsletter.

- Mr Mea

LIBRARY CORNER - MS WARI KARONA

Hello everyone, I am the new Librarian. I am from Central Province and this is my first month with the school. A very enjoyable working environment and lovely children to deal with. Since I have started, I have been en-

couraging the children to borrow books so they can either read with their parents, or have their parents assist them in reading.

Activities done during library period are shown below in the library program.

- Library Web
- Shared Reading
- Quiet Reading and borrowing of books
- Drilling of tricky words.
- Drilling of the Jolly Phonics

Highlights

Paul Ben who is beginning to read, Joseph Keamau who is beginning to sound, blend and pronounce words and not forgetting the Play/Preschool classes always coming to me and telling me they want to read books.

Reminders

Children are to borrow books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Parents do fill out the Home Reading Diaries for my feedback. Thank you.



Mrs Kua drilling "S-A-T" Jolly Phonics



Gerard & Aaron showing off their work



Students playing homemade checkers

**THE FRONT DESK - REGISTRAR/BURSAR:
MRS MARY TIONE**

Thank you for making time available to read our newsletter and updates. As we draw closer to the end of the term, several reminders to our good parents.

Firstly our Colgate Palmolive promotion, please drop off any empty packets of Colgate brand products to the school front desk to gain points to win prizes. Thank you for your support.

Secondly is to those parents still owing term one school fees, please settle before Wednesday 23rd of March. All term two fees must be paid when term starts on April 4th.

Thirdly, Term 2 School Fees. Invoices are out already, Please notify the school if you have not received yours.

Bus Services - seats available for any children who is in need of transport for pick up and drop off and ask front desk.

Meals - Lunch orders are available at the school canteen. You can place orders for both meals for morning and lunch with drinks.



Students hanging out after school



Happy 5th Birthday to Valentine Frank!



Sssshhh... Library is in session

As you can see we have lots to share with you and these pages cannot contain all our stories. So please come on over on Thursday 24th March to be inspired and entertained by your own very dear little darlings. You may have a pleasant surprise. Let us share more soon or later. Please do not hesitate to share any sound suggestions to help improve our small school for the sake of our children now and the future.

By the way children are preparing their Easter bunny cards/greetings for this special event and we hope that you will like what your little ones are making for you!

HAPPY READING AND SAFE STAY IN OUR CITY OF PORT MORESBY.

Sincerely yours,

Ms Boio Bess Daro, BA, OBE.
School Principal