



TIS NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM TABUBIL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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At Tabubil International School we have three school rules:

- ◆ **BE RESPECTFUL**
- ◆ **BE RESPONSIBLE &**
- ◆ **BE SAFE.**

IEA 5 KEY OUTCOMES

- Be Self Directing
- Communicate effectively
- Behave ethically
- Work collaboratively
- Analyse and solve problems

These are the pillars that govern our school and ensures that students learn in a caring and safe environment.

Every child has the right to be educated but it is a privilege to attend Tabubil International School. We encourage all our students to be responsible learners. These rights and responsibilities are also relevant to all members of the school community—students, teachers, parents, caregivers and visitors.

Reminders for term 2:

- ⇒ Term 2 commenced on April 17.
- ⇒ 9 weeks of school this term.
- ⇒ Parent/Teacher Interviews were in weeks 2 & 3.
- ⇒ Grade 8 Mock Exams weeks 4 & 7.
- ⇒ Term 2 holiday commences on June 19—July 7.
- ⇒ 3 weeks holiday for all teachers and students.
- ⇒ Office hours are from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm daily.
- ⇒ Uniform pick up days on Tuesdays and Thursday from 3:00pm to 4:30 pm.
- ⇒ World Environment Day Week 8.

Dear Tabubil Families

I welcome you back to term 2 to another 9 weeks of learning after two weeks' school holiday and a week of pupil free day due to IEA Learning Conference in Lae. I am eagerly anticipating a successful and rewarding term, and I look forward to working with the dedicated staff, parents and community to provide an exceptional educational experience for our Tabubil students.

As the Principal of Tabubil International School it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great term at Tabubil Inter. To our new students and families, we are pleased to have you join us.

We are excited to have students back into our classrooms and walkways filling them with energy and enthusiasm. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community of caring, friendly people striving to build a positive relationship that supports our students' learning journey. Thank you for entrusting your child/children to the Tabubil Inter staff.

Semester 2 Reports

Your child will bring home the End of Semester 1 Report on Wednesday of week 9. This report covers your child/children's learning progress for Terms 1 and 2.

Updating Parents' Contact Details

It is important that all parents update the front desk with current contact details, both telephone, mobile phone numbers as well as work emails or personal emails. Most times we try to call parents and there is no response on the other end. We have sick children who wait in the sick bay for hours as we cannot reach the parents or caregivers. Therefore, we urge all parents and caregivers who have changed your contact details to come to the office to update your personal information on your child/children's application forms. You can call the school office on telephone number 6499233, Digicel number 72335731 or email ad-min@tabubil.iea.ac.pg to leave your contact details with us.

Sick Children

We encourage parents and caregivers to keep your sick child/children at home and inform the school office to let concern teachers know that your child/children are sick and won't be attending school. If your child/children have scabies, head lice, red eyes, flu and other sicknesses, please get these treated and keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school.

Medium of Communication

Our language of instruction is English and we encourage all our students to speak English at all times as soon as they enter the school premises. We have listened to students speaking in Tok Pisin in school and it is becoming a norm everywhere. Let us be reminded that text books and library books are all written in English. We encourage everyone of you to remind your child/children of the importance of speaking English as it will help them to write better as well as understand what they are learning in school.

The importance of reading and home learning support

Reading is an important aspect of all individuals whether you are at school, work or just at home. Reading helps individuals to be informed of news and events happening around them. In a school setting, it is the most basic tool needed to progress in all areas of learning. We encourage parents to spend time reading with your child/children at home. This will assist them in doing well academically at school.

Parental support is also important for your child/children to know that you care about their education. Spend time with your child/children assisting them with homework, school projects and assignments.

Lost Library Books & school property

All students are encouraged to look after their library books and other school materials. Students will pay for any lost library books or any damaged school property.

School Lunches

We encourage all parents and caregivers to provide healthy lunches for your child/children. We have observed a lot of fries and fizzy drinks which are unhealthy for the students and makes them very hyperactive in class. Some of these unhealthy lunches leads to obesity in children and therefore we encourage you to provide healthy snacks and lunches that will help your child/children to learn well in class. Working parents are encouraged to place lunch orders for your child/children at Star Mart Supermarket on a fortnightly basis.

School and PE/Sports Uniforms

We sincerely apologise to everyone for the delay in delivering these items due to some policy issues with IEA Head Office. The current order that arrived during the Term 1 holiday was purchased three years ago. Due to the pandemic at that time, the uniforms were not delivered on time. Once we are given the green light, you will be notified to collect the items. In the meantime, we have allowed students who have not purchased their uniforms to wear something reasonable to school. Jeans, six pockets and boots are not allowed.

Punctuality & Pick Up

We encourage parents to ensure your child/children come early to school each day. They should be walking into the school gate by 7:45. There are some students who come very early by 6:30. It is quite unsafe as there are no teachers around to ensure the safety of your child/children. In addition, school finishes at 2:45 each day and we encourage parents and caregivers to collect your child/children by 3:00 pm each day. There are some children who stay as late as 6:00pm. Let us be responsible for our child/children and pick them up at the appropriate time. For working parents, it is important to organize someone reliable and responsible to collect your child/children from school.

Positive Behaviour for Learning.

All students are expected to Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe. Learning is enjoyed when students practice all these three bees. We encourage students to practice these at home as well and not just in school. We have experienced some students who do not follow the three bees and as a result have disrupted the learning in the classroom as the teacher tries to attend to inappropriate behavior, taking away the rights of other students to learn. It is our parental responsibility to teach our child/children what it means to be respectful, be responsible and being safe.

Having said that we have the pleasure of informing you that we will have two IEA personnel visiting us this week and supporting teachers in the classroom with teaching and learning. We welcome back to Tabubil, our former principal and IEA consulting Principal, Mr. James Masa and one of our new IEA schools advisor Ms. Dessie Loniu. They will be conducting staff professional development training sessions in the afternoons as well.

Outstanding school fees

We encourage parents and caregivers to follow up with sponsors for outstanding school fees for 2022 and 2023. Liaise with the respective HR of your companies to provide remittance for verification if fees have been paid. Suspension notices will be given to concern parents informing them of the IEA's school fee policy.

School Fee Refunds

As per IEA school fee policy there is no third party when it comes to school fees. Parents requesting school fee refunds will be denied this request as all refunds will be sent back to the appropriate sponsors. Requests for school fee refunds or transfers from one school to another should be made in writing. Proper documentation must be provided including transfer certificates before school fees can be refunded or forwarded to the next school. Students who have outstanding will be denied transfer certificates and school progressive reports.

Teacher shortage in IEA

IEA is experiencing teacher shortage in some of its schools including TIS. We are currently in the process of interviewing and recruiting teachers from the system school to fill these gaps. They will be working with mentors and school leaders to deliver our curriculum to the students concern. We sincerely apologise for the long delay as we want to recruit the best teachers for our students.

SRC Corner

We thank the 2022 SRC team for their efforts in organizing fundraising activities as part of their drive to support the administration. A total of five water dispensers were purchased last year and just arrived few weeks ago. They will be installed both in the ELC and the main campus. The current SRC are challenged to do even better this year.

Mothers' Day Morning Tea

We thank all the mothers who took time off your busy schedules to attend the special Mothers' Day morning tea organized by staff and students both at ELC and the main campus. A big thank you to all the ELC fathers who donated a plate of food that was shared with the mothers and students.