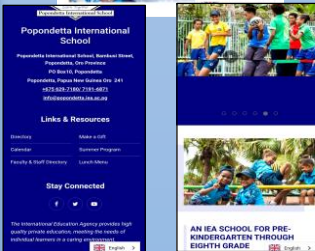


UPDATE:

Popondetta International School Web Site

Here is a sneak preview of our school's web site that is currently being developed.



You should be able to have access to it once it is completed and launched.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is with much delight and dutiful consideration that I send my greetings to every member of our school community and hope that your families are doing well and keeping healthy at this time of the year. We have reached the first half of the 2023 school year and I am pleased to share some of our well-to-do stories with you in this edition of our Admin Newsletter. We have had our fair share of high and low moments in the past five months and I thank you and your amazing families for your steadfast support in all that we have accomplished as a school. Moreover, I would like to acknowledge individuals or social groups within our community who have gone beyond our expectations to assist us in our pursuit to maintain a safe, conducive and beautiful learning space for our children. I sincerely look forward to completing the school year with the same passion and drive with you by our side. Well done!

TERM 2 HIGHLIGHTS

Teaching and Learning

The journey so far has essentially been rewarding for every member of our classes this term. Children had settled well into their respective grade levels and had been engaged in all learning activities throughout the term. Teachers delivered learning contents for each level and used assessment data to inform planning and move students learning forward. We are pleased to announce that most, if not all our children have demonstrated progress in their learning this semester and each one of them would have established or been guided to find a reputable approach that had helped them settle into learning mode at school.

Class Assemblies

We celebrated learning through class assemblies this term. Mrs. Soong's class assembly was held in week 3 on the Inquiry theme 'Good Food, Good Mood'. Students shared their learning on healthy food habits and the life cycle of a butterfly. The senior classes hosted their class assembly in Week 7 on the theme 'Think Big, Act Locally'. They also shared some integrated activities from their Inquiry units, Maths units, Reading and Writing, and Expressive Arts. Amongst the audiences who attended the assemblies respectively were members of our POPIS families, working parents, students and staff of a neighbouring state school, and even followers of our fb page.

Celebrated Events and Guest Speakers

In Week 3, we invited Doctor Bob Kevin from the Popondetta General Hospital to talk to the school community about the recent outbreak of Pertussis and Tuberculosis in the province. Speaking with sincere calmness and natural bond, Doctor Kevin shared valuable information and knowledge about the spread of both diseases and outlined the steps we can take to avoid contracting these diseases. We also invited the team from the PNG Fire Services in Popondetta to conduct awareness on fire. The team under the leadership of Commander Gabrielle Paulus gave an insightful demonstration on how to contain fire from a burning building, but more importantly about ways to prevent fires from starting. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and get instant feedback from the team. We even had a fire drill afterwards. Our POPIS mothers organised a visit to the Women's Ward at the Popondetta General hospital around the eve of Mother's Day. Gifts were donated, much to the delight of the recipients. The Junior classes shared their literacy learning on procedural writing through a pop-corn making activity. World Environment Day activities were planned into our end-of-term program and our students and staff visited the trees and vines they had planted during the 2022 WED event at the top oval. They also planted some more beautification plants around the carpark roundabout to observe this year's WED.

Annual General Meeting

We would like to thank everyone who attended the AGM held on the 20th of May 2023 at the school hall. We take this opportunity to thank former members of the School Association Board who have been involved in the planning, decision-making and direction

of the school during their term. We hereby would also like to announce the successful election of new members to the Popondetta International School Association Board and wish to thank you for mandating them to the Board.

The three new Board members are;

Mr Eugene Zebulon

Mr Owen Pastina

Mr Joseph Sangga

We congratulate you on your appointment and look forward to working closely with you during your term!

TERM 2 HOLIDAY AND START OF TERM 3

Holiday Information

We end Term 2 this week on Thursday 15th June and children will be away from school for the next 3 weeks. Friday 16th June has been declared a public holiday to observe King Charles III's birthday so school will be closed. We would like to wish our students a restful and well-deserved break and we look forward to receiving you all back refreshed and prepared for the final half of the school year.

Term 2/2023 Ends	Term 2 School Holiday		Term 3/2023 Begins
Friday 16 th June	Holiday Starts	Holiday Ends	Monday 10 th July
	Monday 19 th June	Friday 7 th July	
TOTAL No. Of Days = 15			

School Office

Please visit the school office during the times specified in the table below and speak with the Principal or the Admin Assistant on any matters relating to school fee plans for your child/children and any other outstanding fees you may have incurred in the last two terms. You are also invited to discuss any changes to your child's pick-up and drop-off arrangements for the coming term, lunch orders, uniforms, etcetera.

Holiday Week	Date	Office	Person In Charge
1st	Monday 19 th June - Friday 23 rd June	Open 8am – 4pm	Principal Admin Assistant
2nd	Monday 26 th June - Friday 30 th June	Close	NA
3rd	Monday 3 rd July - Friday 7 th July	Open 8am – 4pm	Admin Assistant

Looking Ahead

Each child will be given a form for you to fill for our teacher-parent-student conferences in the first and second week of Term 3. Please ensure that you indicate a date and time you will be available to attend this important meeting with your child's teacher. Return the completed form anytime during the holidays so teachers can lock in your time for the conference. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning progress with his/her teacher in person.

Kindly take note, due to the short terms we have had so far this semester including the public holidays and the other interrupted school days, the management had made a collective decision to allow teachers to teach right through to the end of the term. Teachers will then use the holidays to compile each child's Semester 1 reports and issue them during the conference with you and your child.

Also looking ahead, we have started drafting a plan for the PNG Day event happening in September next term. After we have passed this through the Board, we will begin sending updates on the requirements of your involvement in this event.

Finally, in the next couple of days during the holidays, we will be sharing some of our children's learning experiences at school on our school's fb page captured during the semester. Please follow our page if you have not.

A sincere thank you once again to everyone!

Mr. B Samson