



Updated details

Please ensure to provide your current email address and mobile numbers to ease communication between home and school.

Our school mobile number is: 77266172

Newsletter by

email

All communication will be emailed by Kathleen Pokop through email addresses: kpokop@gordon.iea.ac.pg/ mail@gordon.iea.ac.pg

Health Matters

MUMPS

We have had a few cases of Mumps in the lower grade classes. If your child shows and symptoms of Mumps, please keep your child at home and seek medical attention. Below is a brief information on Mumps.

What is Mumps?
Mumps is a contagious disease caused by a virus. It can cause painful swelling in your parotid salivary glands (parotitis). Treatment for mumps focuses on alleviating symptoms. The disease has to run its course. Most symptoms are mild, but serious complications can occur. The MMR vaccine offers protection from the virus that causes mumps.

How is mumps treated?
There's no specific treatment for mumps. The disease must run its course and usually goes away on its own within a couple of weeks. Mumps treatment focuses on alleviating your child's symptoms to make them as comfortable as possible. The following steps can help manage symptoms:

- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Gargle warm salt water.
- Eat soft, easy-to-chew foods.
- Avoid acidic foods that make your mouth water.
- Suck on an ice pop to soothe a sore throat.
- Place ice or heat packs on swollen glands.

Take non-aspirin medications such as acetaminophen and ibuprofen to reduce fever and help with pain.

DON'T LET MUMPS SPOIL YOUR FUN

MMR VACCINATION IS THE BEST PROTECTION AGAINST MUMPS!

KEEP FROM SPREADING MUMPS

Don't share drinks or eating utensils

Cover your coughs and sneezes

Stay home when you are sick

Wash your hands often with soap and water

Clean and disinfect surfaces

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF MUMPS

Mumps is best known for the puffy cheeks and swollen jaw that it causes.

Fever

Headache

Loss of appetite

Muscle aches

Tiredness

THERE IS NO TREATMENT FOR MUMPS

How is mumps treated?

Use ice or heat to ease swelling and discomfort.

Drink plenty of fluids.

Non-aspirin medications such as acetaminophen and ibuprofen can be used to bring a fever under control and help with pain from swollen glands.

Mumps is a highly preventable disease because of the effectiveness of the MMR vaccine.

DATES FOR YOUR DIAR

WEEK 08
TERM 2

SIVARAI #03



Public Holiday:
Friday 16/06/23

End of Term 2:
Thursday 15th
June

Start of Term 3:
Monday July 13th

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." —Malcolm X

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Gordon Parents, Guardians and Students,
YAY!!!! We have finally reached the end of term 2. We thank you all for a wonderful and fun filled term. Despite how short the term was, we accomplished a lot. Before we head off for three long weeks of school holiday, we would like to update you all on a few school matters for the end of term.

END OF TERM PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY

There will be a Performance Assembly hosted by the Dance & Music Department . The Assembly will start at 9am and end at 11am. Classes from Prep to Grade 8 will show perform and Dance and Musical piece based on their learning over the Semester. We invite all parents and caregivers to be a part of this special assembly. PE Awards will also be given out in this special assembly.

LEARNING SHOWS

Classes from ELC to Grade 6 will be showcasing their learning for the term through various presentations on Thursday 15th June. The Learning Shows will take place from 11:30 –1:30pm. During the shows, parents are invited to visit the classroom and observe the learning shows. Semester 1 Reports will be issued during the Learning Shows. The Grade 7 & 8 Students will be running a Science and STEM Fair as well.

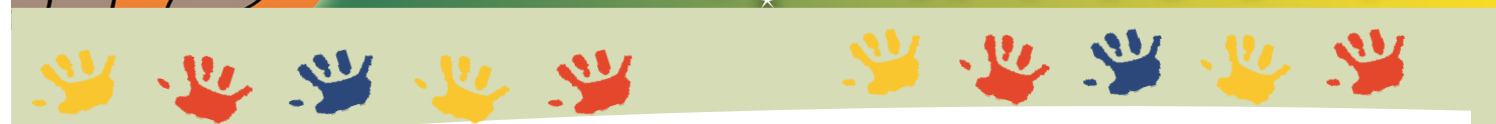
END OF TERM DATES

School closes for Term 2 on Thursday 15th June, at 3pm. Teachers and students will be on three long weeks of holiday and return for Term 3 on Monday 10th July. Below are the holiday dates for your information;

- Holiday Week 1 (19th—23rd June)—School office is still open and support staff are at work**
- Holiday week 2 (26th –30th June)— SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSSES/STAFF ON HOLIDAY**
- Holiday week 3 (3rd –7th June)— School office opens and staff are back to work**
- Monday 10th July—Start of Term 3**

We thank you all for a wonderful term and wish everyone a restful holiday. We look forward to receiving your child/children back for Term 3 on Monday 10th of July.

With kindest regards,
Jennie Kaupa
School Principal



Performance Assembly

DRAFT PROGRAM

Time	Class	Items
8:30 – 9:00		Classes move to the assembly area
9:00 – 9:20	Prep MD	Music
	1 KG	Dance
	Prep JG	Music
	1 ST	Dance
9:20 – 9:30	Preppies to grade 1	PE awards
9:30 – 9:50	2 RS	Dance
	2 LB	Music
	3 OL	Dance
	3 SK	Dance
9:50 – 10:00	Grade 2 & 3	PE awards
10:00 – 10:20	4 MB	Music
	4 CJ	Dance
	Grade 6 Ensemble	Music
	5 AH	Dance
	7 AW	Music
10:20 – 10:30	Grade 4 to 6	PE awards
	6 VW	Dance
	7 LK	Music
	7 LM	Music
	Grade 8 Ensemble	Music
	8 CH	Music
	Gordon Dance Crew	Dance
10:30 – 10:40		Cross Country Carnival Presentation
10:40		Program ends & Students move back to class-rooms



REMINDERS

LOST PROPERTIES

There is huge pile of student uniforms, swim wears, water bottles, lunch boxes and many other items that have been forgotten or left behind everyday. These items have been left at school for over two terms so they are now put out to be claimed. If your child has lost any personal items, please locate them among this pile. Any unclaimed item will be discarded or kept as extra change in the Wellness room.



LIBRARY BOOKS

Students must return all library books to the Library and have their names cleared. Students with outstanding library book accounts will not be able to receive their semester report.

ECA/ HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Due to the teacher travels, there will be no holiday ECA Programs, however, Moniplus will be running the Pepsi CRU program. This program will run on the school holidays. Sign up for your child should they be interested.

**PEPSI CRU
MONI PLUS JUNIOR RUGBY CLINIC
REGISTER NOW!**

ATTENTION PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND SCHOOLS

The CRU is the oldest and biggest rugby union competition in PNG and is situated in the heart of the nation's capital, Port Moresby. The CRU is looking for the next generation of rugby union players!

DATES: 26th June to the 5th of July, 2023
AGES: 12-17 years old
LOCATION: Bava Rugby Park
APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 18th June, 2023

TO REGISTER, USE THE ONLINE BOOKING FORM BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR EMAIL: PARANAS BOKUIK AND JOANNE LAPAN - INFO@CRU.ORG.PG
Fees Apply

SCAN TO REGISTER



Term 2 Highlights

Despite being the shortest term, a lot was achieved .
Some of the highlights included;

- Grade 8 excursions to the 9 Mile Farm
- ELC Excursion to the Nature Park
- Inquiry Lesson Demonstrations by Ms Caroline Moeder, Schools Advisor
- Mothers Day Celebration Assembly
- Inter house Cross country
- Interschool Cross country
- Visit from AFL Star– ACE
- AFL Coaching Classes
- After School Activities
- Dance & Musical Recitals



Curriculum

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-

Over the holidays, the Senior Management Team, Teachers and Coaches will be taking a trip to Australia for Teacher Learning Conferences. We will leave on Wednesday 21st of June and return Friday 30th of June. The purpose of this trip is to attend 3 different workshops based on the school needs and will cover the following areas;

1. PM Benchmark Reading Assessments

PM Benchmark Reading Assessment Resources are now currently used through out the school. This program identify students' instructional or independent reading levels and identify the knowledge, skills and strategies students use when reading. The Resources also allow teachers to assess students' fluency, assess students' retelling strategies and determine students' comprehension understanding within and beyond the text. Teachers may analyze this information to make informed decisions about students' future development . Teachers can use the PM Benchmark Reading Assessment Resources to assess students' reading abilities using unseen, meaningful texts. Guidelines on how to administer the texts and interpret assessment data are also included in the teachers' notes. Each benchmark text has a prepared Student Record pro forma.

The PM Benchmark Reading Assessment Resources offer:

- a quality assessment resource
- a system for accurate identification of students' reading levels
- evidence of students' achievement and progress
- a vehicle for consistent assessment practices within and between schools
- data for school review and community feedback.

2. Words Their Way (A Spelling Program)

An efficacy study of the Words Their Way program was conducted during the 2010-11 school year. This program includes numerous components designed to increase student reading fluency and reading comprehension by engaging students and teaching them fundamental reading skills. Words Their Way provides language activities related to phonics, spelling, and vocabulary as well as individualized tutoring in a small group format. The study was designed to assess implementation of the curriculum in classrooms, answer research questions related to student reading achievement and attitudes, and to assess product satisfaction from teachers and students. This program has been introduced to our IEA schools and our teachers are fortunate to attend this conference.

3. Effective Pedagogies

An effective teacher must have a range of different teaching and learning tools that can be drawn upon and used in the classroom. For effective learning to take place, the teacher must not only have good subject knowledge but also effective pedagogical skills if they are to get the ideas across to the students. This program will provide teachers with better teaching and learning strategies based on 21st century learning.

As part of the PD, we will visit schools and certain educational sites that will expose our teachers and also gain new knowledge. We wish to take this time to thank all those who helped to support our trip. We thank our school board, the IEA, parents and families who have assisted specifically in cash donations towards the PD costs.

