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NEWSLETTER

Cybersafety?

POMIS has been working with and utilizing the resources of the Australian Federal Police and the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police group for over ten years now, through the CYBER SAFETY PASIFIKA PROGRAM. Every student takes part in seminars that show the dangers of online activities and the ways that students can combat them. We have offered Cybersafety seminars to parents and community members. The virtual world is a feature of PSE and IT lessons. Yet students continue to explore these issues and some end up in great trouble. How can parents help their students become more aware of their own responsibilities and how to resolve issues?



<https://www.esafety.gov.au>

Australia's e-safety Commissioner has a wealth of information on different apps/games/programs as well as general information on how **YOU** can become involved with your child's e-safety.



REMINDER THAT MONDAY IS A STUDENT FREE DAY

Go to our FB page to see lots of photos from the G7 Sleepover!

Go to FB or the school website for the full version of this newsletter.



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week we had the G7 sleepover for the first time since Covid started. About 70 G7s along with a dozen staff stayed behind at the school to spend the evening together. With the support of the PE Staff and the G12 Prefects they played games before evening meal and showers. After that they split up into groups taking part in activities in the library, maths dept, art, music and IT. They then watched a movie together before going to bed.

I would like to thank all the teachers who made this possible as well as the G12 prefects and support staff who assisted. It was great to see the G7s coming together and enjoying themselves and hopefully many of them will have made new friends. I want to thank all of them for being so well behaved and joining in with all the activities.

Musical

Another activity that we missed out on from 2020 to 2022 was the school musical. This will also be revived this year. We will be presenting **Superman Returns!** All the cast, singers and musicians and have been rehearsing throughout this term and they will hit the stage next week Thursday, Friday and Saturday. **Tickets are on sale now.**

Annual General Meeting

This is a reminder that our AGM to be held on Monday 27th March. At the AGM there are two main items of business- one is the presentation of the Annual Report and the other is the nomination/election of members of the School Association Committee. The School Association Committee is then put forward as the School Board.

The School Board is supposed to consist of the ten parent members nominated to the School Association Committee via the AGM, a staff representative and the IEA representative. It has the following Committees- Finance, Enrolment & Discipline, Staffing, Capital Works and Parents & Community.

So far we have received no nominations for parents to join the school Board. I hope that some parents will volunteer to join the Board as we only have six parent representatives at the moment. The nomination sheet is included with this newsletter.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -NOTICE

PORT MORESBY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the 25th Annual General Meeting of the Port Moresby International School Association will be held at POMIS on Monday 27th March 2023, 5.00pm in the Hall.

AGENDA

- Open Meeting
- Apologies
- Acceptance of Proxies

Minutes of previous AGM

Receive the Committee's Report

Determine the number of committee members

Election of committee members

Business Legally Brought Forward

Closure.

School Fee Payments

During this week we have been taking students with outstanding fees out of classes. This is difficult work and not something that we enjoy doing but it is important for the school to collect fees in a timely manner.

It is also a reminder that we are nearing then end of T1 and those who pay in instalments will soon have their next instalment due. If parents need invoices to facilitate the payment of these fees they should contact our Finance Team

Term 1 Interim Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

T1 Interim Reports will be distributed next week on Friday 24/03/23. These are single sheet summaries of student progress to date. The students are reported against the following criteria

- Is well prepared for lessons
- Participates in class activities
- Behaves appropriately in class
- Homework done

Achieves an acceptable standard for the course.

The students are graded C- Consistently, U- Usually, S- Sometimes or R- Rarely. Teachers will also indicate whether they require an interview with parents.

The reports will also be published on Igloo the parent information portal following distribution.

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Monday and Tuesday 27th & 28th March from 3:30pm – 6:30pm. Appointment sheets have been distributed for parents to request interviews. Parents should complete these sheets indicating the teachers they would like to meet and the day/time that is best for them. The students bring this sheet to the teachers who then confirm times with the parents.

The Interim Reports will be published on the Igloo Parent Information portal.



Mr Steven Rowley, PRINCIPAL.

π Day



On Tuesday, March 14, we celebrated π day with two competitions. In our “guess the circumference” competition, students were asked to estimate the circumference of a mystery circle on the school grounds. Congratulations to Iliave Cakaukeivuya for guessing most accurately.



In our second competition, students recited as many digits of π as they could from memory. The **Papua New Guinea record** was broken again by two students. Congratulations to **Michelle Igua (260)** and **Indrajit Das (351)** for exercising their amazing memories. Thanks also to all who took part, including Leiden Kasi who won a pie for being the lucky entrant.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

My name is Mr Jorute Rodney, and I am attached to the Humanities Department teaching Geography and Social Science. I have joined POMIS this year from KOPKOP College. The last two schools that I taught were Saint Ignatius Secondary school (2013-2016) and Kopkop College (2017-2022). I am currently the Roll Call teacher for 11.6 class. I am grateful and honoured to be part of this dynamic institution and look forward to developing my teaching skills and working collaboratively with the school Administration, teachers, students and ancillary staff in 2023.



My name is Ms Lyako Imara, a new teacher in the Mathematics Department. I was a teacher at government schools here in Papua New Guinea and joined POMIS last month February, 2023.

I am very much excited to be part of the dynamic teaching team here at POMIS. In the few weeks that I have being here, I observed that all activities are well organized and established. The school itself is very welcoming and organized, making it suitable for everyone (both staff and students) to comply with accordingly. Thank you POMIS for having me as another member to the teaching staff and I am looking forward giving my best whilst at the same time developing myself professionally.

G7 Sleepover

The G7 Sleepover at POMIS took place on 10/11 March. The program aims to foster good working relationships among students as well as assist students in settling well into high school life here at POMIS.

The students engaged in team building activities which promotes equal participation, effective communication, problem solving and team collaboration. Other fun activities included board games, beebot (STEAM), sequence, screen printing, music and a movie later on in the evening.

Thank you to the parents for allowing your child to be part of our program and teachers for helping to supervise them.

Ms Wuniki (Dean)

GO TO OUR FB PAGE TO SEE A WHOLE LOT OF PHOTOS!

Netball

We have the last trials this weekend. The POMIS Club has U13, U15 , U17 and U21. Our first game in U13 we won 5 v 0 against Hotshot. Training days are Monday/Friday for U17 and U21. And Tuesday/Thursday U15 , U13 and Private School.

Ms Enoch

Rugby Union - Valley Hunters U19s

Saturday saw the first of three pre-season games. The new young squad played against Harlequins. The Valley Hunters dominated the first half with good all round rugby. Showing good forward skills and some sound running and passing by the backs. In the second half I made many interchanges to give all squad members a game. This led to some disorganisation on the pitch. We were leading the Harlequins 8-5 until the final play of the match which saw our opponents score a try in the corner. Final score Valley Hunters 8 – Harlequins 10. This was a pleasing start to the season considering it was some student's first competitive game of Rugby Union. This Saturday we will take on the Crusaders on field 1.

Mr Briggs

Term 1/2 dates

Week 9

Monday 20 March

Student Free Day.

Thursday/Saturday 23/25 March

Superman Returns!



Friday 24 March

Interim Reports.

Week 10

Monday/Tuesday 27/28 March

Parent Teacher Interviews.

Friday 31 March

End of Term One.

Week 1 - Term 2

Wednesday 19 April

First Day of School.

Week 2 - Term 2

Monday 24 April

School Photo Day!