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NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Mr. Wayne Kirk

Dear Parents/ Guardians

The end of the 2023 school year is fast approaching with next Friday 8 December the final day of Term 4. Before then, we have several important events taking place, including Friday's Secondary Awards Presentation and next Wednesday's Primary Learning Celebration. We look forward to having many parents and family members in attendance to help congratulate and recognise the students' achievements and performances this year. Both ceremonies will commence at 9:00am in the School Hall.

2024 Teaching Staff

We are saddened to be saying goodbye to four teachers who will be leaving KIS at the end of this year. Two of our teachers are moving to other IEA schools. Ms Tokeimota is transferring to Alotau International School and Mrs Tulasoi has accepted a position at Lae International School. For both ladies, it is an opportunity to return home and be with family. We will also be farewelling Mr Mu'uh who has decided to take a well-earned break and enjoy retirement. Mr Aupong will also be leaving KIS to return home to take up a new position much closer to his family. They have all been hard-working and effective team members who have made a significant contribution to our school and the learning development of our students. We thank them for all their effort and commitment and wish them all the best for their future success and happiness.

For 2024, we welcome Ms Karen Petilani and Ms Ivy Cadigan to Kimbe International School. Both ladies are experienced IEA Teachers with significant expertise and skills that will add value to our school. They are both excited about the move and opportunity to join Team KIS.

The 2024 KIS Teaching Plan is as follows:

Primary Teachers

Mrs Dorcas Tom - Foundation
Ms Sharyl Blasius - Prep
Mr Gideon Simbiken - Gr. 1/2
Ms Leonie Valu - Gr. 3/4
Ms Ivy Cadigan - Gr.5/6

2024 Secondary Teachers

Ms Karen Petilani - Gr.7 Patron
Mr Eugene Kua - Gr.8 Patron
Mrs Genevieve Kua - Gr.9 Patron
Mrs Charmaine Muap - Gr.10 Patron
Ms Pauline Tokamara - Gr.11 Patron
Ms Diana Songo - Gr.12 Patron
Mrs Alexia Pidik - Gr.7/8 Support Patron
Ms Mariella Nalela - Gr.9/10 Support Patron
Mrs Genevieve Lavai - Gr.11/12 Support Patron

Student Reports

Next Friday, students will receive their semester two student reports to take home. These provide detailed information on their overall academic achievements across the subjects/ learning areas studied. Parents can also come to the school office during the first week of the school holidays to collect them.

2024 School Fees

Included with this final newsletter is the 2024 KIS School Fee Advice. There has been a small increase to all fee categories for next year, which has been approved by the IEA Board. To enrol students at KIS for 2024, all continuing and new **private** fee paying parents/ guardians must complete and return this form for each student. This is necessary to identify each family's preferred payment method, whether it be by instalment or one lump sum payment up front. **For 2024, parents paying by instalment will have to pay 50% of the Term 1 amount up front before their child/ children can attend the first day of school on Wednesday 24 January.** This is not a requirement for the Term 2 and 3 payments.

New Student Uniform

We are excited to be introducing a new student uniform package early next year. We are currently finalising designs and will be placing an order before school closes in two weeks. The new uniform will include school and house sport shirts and shorts, jumper, hats, formal and polo school shirts. We hope to have the new items available for purchase
when school resumes in January. Below is a sample of a possible new KIS Sport Shirt and School Polo.



Teacher Development

Regardless of previous experience, all new teachers employed in an IEA school undergo a two-year probationary period. Last week, Mrs Kua, Ms Songo and Mrs Muap received their acknowledgement letters from the IEA recognising their permanency as IEA Teachers. They have each worked very hard to achieve this and we look forward to their ongoing positive contributions to KIS.



Holiday Break

The school office will close on Friday 15 December and will re-open on Monday 15 January to enable parents to complete enrolment procedures and make school fee payments. The first day of the 2024 school year for all students will be Wednesday 24 January. I'd like to wish all our families and staff a Merry Christmas and a safe and positive start to 2024. I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable festive season and I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Best Wishes
Wayne Kirk
Principal

First day of school in 2024 will be on Wednesday the 24th of January

World AIDS day is an annual observation that falls on December the 1st. It is aimed at raising awareness of the global epidemic of AIDS and the spread of HIV



CELEBRATING WORLD CHILDRENS' DAY

Children's Day is a day to acknowledge that children are not just our future but our present as well.

This day has been a long time supporter of children's well being, worldwide. It is a day where we celebrate their dreams, their potential and their education. It is a day for awareness worldwide about the problems children face such as those who have experienced violence, various forms of abuse and discrimination and suffering by differences which include religion, race and disabilities. It is also a day that we educate and be educated on how to improve the well being of children."

Generally the rights given to people are understood to be for adults. Today, however these rights guarantee children the right to life, health, education, play, family, protection from violence, discrimination, and suppression. If we want to ensure a stable, safe, sustainable future for our planet, it starts with the children of today.

In a lot of places in Papua New Guinea, we tend to overlook the problems facing children today because it does not happen in our daily lives. Children's Day is a day to spread the knowledge that there are millions of children around the world who don't have access to education, healthcare and other opportunities.

At Kimbe International School, we celebrated the day by letting our children be children through exercising their rights to being free. Games were played, food was provided and certificates of acknowledgement were presented to students by teachers.









Happy Children's Day at KIS!!!





GOOD BYE KIS TEACHERS

Kimbe International School will sadly miss the presence of four dedicated teachers next year. Mr. Adrian Aupong, Mrs. Valarie Tulasoi, Mr. Jude Muúh from secondary school, and Ms. Tokeimota from the Primary School.

Mr. Aupong has been teaching for over 14 years. He joined KIS in 2022 but since his short stay here, he has expressed that everything about his KIS experience has been a highlight for him, and from this experience he has learned so much. Mr. Aupong takes Grades 9 Mathematics, Grade 11 and 12 Mathematics and Physics.

Ms Tokeimota has been in the teaching profession for over 20 years. Eight of these have been spent with IEA schools around Papua New Guinea and she believes that KIS is the best IEA institution with a wonderful learning culture. Ms Tokeimota started with KIS in 2019 and her highlights include being creative with her students, class debates, having her students work appear in the National Paper and watching her students grow in their confidence and their learning. Ms. Tokeimota would like to leave with these following remarks;

a. *Continue to work together in harmony. Teachers and students learn from mistakes and always be positive to make a difference*

b*. Students acknowledge that all classmates are unique . Be forgiving and help one another with an open heart.*

c. *Teachers continue to explore and create platforms for students to showcase their talents . There are singers, dancers , artists, etc who need a boost to bring out their talents, not only in academics*

d *.Parents here at KIS, you have been very supportive….a big thank you to my beautiful parents for your support throughout the years.*

Mrs. Tulasoi started teaching in public schools in 1998. In 2012, she commenced teaching with the IEA. In 2021, she devoted herself to Kimbe International School. Upon her arrival here, she immediately fell in love with the environment and the greenery. Most importantly she fell in love with the togetherness of TEAM KIS''.

"Here at KIS it is easy to turn a stressful moment (like writing reports), into a fun moment because we know we have eachothers backs and this is something I will really miss.

"KIS is a very good school but we can make it better. Let us identify our weaknesses and improve on them.

"LETS MAKE KIS THE BEST SCHOOL IN WEST NEW BRITAIN AND IN ALL OF IEA''.

Kimbe International School would like to wish our teachers all the best and all success in their journey and we say...

"THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT AND YOUR ROLE IN MAKING KIS, KIS.''

MR. JUDE MU-ÚH



MS. TAMARA TOKEIMOTA





MR. ADRIAN AUPONG



MRS. VALERIE TULASOI