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Reminders

T3W7

NO BULLYING CAMPAIGN.

17/8 FINAL G12 TRIAL EXAMINATION.

18/8 G10 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING.

T3W8

26/8 REPENTANCE DAY.

T3W9

4/9 ID51!

T3W10

8/9 G8 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING.

11/9 LAST DAY OF TERM.

Mr Steven Rowley - Principal.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Independence Celebrations

Our Independence Celebration will be on Friday 4th September. Tickets will be on sale when we have them printed and we will advise at that time.

For families of students who have children participating in a dance we will be reserving two tickets to be sold for the parents. Overall, there will be a limit of four tickets per family.

The students are busy practising their dances. A lot of the practices take place after school, and this is something that the students should have advised their parents about. At POMIS the Independence Celebration is a student led activity – the G11 students do all of the organizing and most of the dances are led by G11 students.

We appreciate the time and effort that students and families put into the dances- without them we would not have an Independence event. However, it should be noted that participation in dance is not compulsory, and we do not require a dance from each province. The students have all been advised of the rules around the dances and dance participation. In particular, groups will dance at the time that they are programmed for. We get a lot of requests from groups to dance later in the programme, and it is clearly impossible to accommodate all of these requests. Some groups have to go on earlier in the day and we expect that groups assigned to these slots will be on time for their dance. If they are late, they do not get a second chance.

We will once again be engaging external security for the event.

Australian Scaling Test

G12 ACT Students sit the Australian Scaling Test on August 25th & 26th. This test is used to calculate their Australian Tertiary Entrance Rank (ATAR). A reminder that there are no subject exams in the ACT system so it is vital for the students who wish to obtain a Tertiary Entrance rank to complete the ATAR.

We are aware that one of these days is the Repentance Day public Holiday but unfortunately, we have no control over that.

Parent Information Evenings

We are drawing close to the time when parents have to begin thinking about next year. For G8 and G10 next year there will be a major change. They will have to choose a new curriculum and new subjects. We will be holding Parent Information Evenings to assist parents with this process.

Week 7 Tuesday Aug 18th Grade 10 Parents School Hall 5:30pm.

This is a very important meeting. We will be making changes to the process we have used in previous years. Every year we have large numbers of grade 11s who try to change subjects during the year because they did not think through their subject choices. Those who change subjects miss out on valuable learning time which they have spent on the wrong subjects and others realise too late that they have chosen incorrectly.

Week 10 Tuesday Sept 8th Grade 8 Parents School Hall 5:30pm.

There will also be an information evening in W9 on Tuesday 1st September for parents who are new to POMIS. This is mainly for parents from Koroboro, Gordons and TEMIS who might be thinking of enrolling their children here.

Late coming

The number of students arriving late each morning is concerning. In W5 the average was 120 each morning and this was a week when we were not recording lates for G10 as they were in exams. The majority of these students are dropped by parents and the reason given is “Traffic”. Parents need to consider that on some mornings there will be heavy traffic. If this means being a bit early sometimes then it is worth for the mornings when the extra time is needed to be on time.

Our mission is “To Prepare Students for Success in the Modern World” – this means that students need to be aware of the importance of punctuality. Many students (and sadly some parents) have a far too casual attitude to this.

Late going

Independence practice finishes at 4pm. Students should clear the campus by 4.30pm. There are far too many students hanging around the school long after acivities.

School Fees

This week we have started removing from class those with outstanding fees for the third instalment. We are very much aware that this is not pleasant for anyone. However, we are currently owed over K3 million in fees and steps need to be taken for us to collect the outstanding fees.