NEWSLETTER

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Sarah MAI



Kabake LASANA



National Athletics Team.

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Mr Steven Rowley - Principal.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week the G8 students completed their PNG COBE examinations and last week our G12 students completed their PNG examinations. We have therefore completed all the PNG examinations. However, there are still many examinations to go. Next week the G12 International Baccalaureate students begin their exams and the G10 IGCSE students continue their exams.

Although the PNG exams are complete for our students, they are not finished at school as in the PNG. As noted previously, G10 PNG students are continuing classes until the end of the year and the same applies for the G8 students.

For the other grades (7,9 and 11) it is important that they remain focused on their work- for them they are only halfway through their respective courses. For G7 & 9 there is a long way to go until they reach their final exams in G12 but it is important for them to lay solid foundations for that stage of their schooling. For the G11s they are now in the last 12 months of their time in school and they need to be completely focused on their exams next year rather than thinking about breaks and holidays.

Re-enrolment Forms & Subject Selections

Re-enrolment forms have been distributed to all students and should be returned to the school as soon as possible.

G8s and 10s should have submitted their subject selections for next year by now.

Grade 12s

The G12s have finished their classes with us but are not finished with POMIS.

The G12 graduation is on Friday 29th November at the Gateway Hotel with the G12 formal the next evening. Before then G12 should ensure that they have organized their references, and transcripts. They have been given letters and forms to cover the process of graduating from POMIS and they should ensure that they return all textbooks and school materials and complete these forms they have been given.

The DHERST National Online Application system is now open for G12s to apply to Tertiary Institutions in PNG for 2026. All the students have been given their invitation letter with their access credentials and should have checked that they have access to the system so that they can start to input their selections. There have been some issues with some students. If your child has been affected by these, then please contact Ms. Nindivi so that she can liaise with the National Department about them.

School Fees 2027

The School Board has approved a budget and fees for 2027. These now have to be approved by the IEA Board Unfortunately their meeting which was scheduled for 16th October was put back to 23rd October. We hope to have the confirmed fees schedule out soon after that.

The School Board has also approved new bus fees. Bus application forms for 2027 will sent out in due course. Parents are reminded that having a bus place in 2026 does not guarantee a bus place next year.

Term Dates 2027

Term 1 classes begin Wednesday 20th January, classes finish Thursday 25th March

Term 2 classes begin Monday 12th April, classes finish Wednesday 16th June

Term 3 classes begin Monday 12th July, classes finish Friday 10th September

Term 4 classes begin Monday 27th September, classes finish Thursday 2nd December

A full school calendar will be sent out later this term.

Mr Steven Rowley

National Athletics Championships

Congratulations to seven POMIS students who after their success at the NCD championships have been selected for the National Athletics Championships in Lae later in the year. Congratulations to all of you.

Kabake Lasana – 100m and 200m/Tristan Ravusiro – High Jump/Joshua Kaut – 400m-Warrick Kirriwom – 100m, 200m and 4x100m Relay/Cristina Timbi – 100m and 200mSonal Vaidya - 100m and 200m/Abigail Ata – 200m and 400m

Youth Olympic Games

Kabake Lasana has been selected by the PNG Olympic Committee to represent Team PNG in the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar. He will represent PNG in the 100m event.

As part of the official Games preparation programme, Kabake will travel with Team PNG from 27 October 2026 to 13 November 2026 to participate in pre-Games activities, athlete preparations, and the Youth Olympic Games competition programme. Participation in this prestigious international event is a significant achievement and a great honour for both Kabake and Papua New Guinea. Congratulation on making it to the International stage and we wish you all the best in the Games.

International Netball News

Congratulations to Sarah Mai who will represent PNG in the inaugural PacificAus Sports Netball Challenge in Brisbane.

Unlike previous editions of the PacificAus Sports Netball Series which often feature Pacific athletes based in Australia or New Zealand, the 2026 Challenge will exclusively feature Pacific-based netballers to strengthen high-performance pathways in the Pacific.

A fantastic achievement and all the best for the upcoming championships!

GUITAR CLUB

After a few interruptions during T3 due to Independence Day rehearsals and in T4 due to examinations, the Guitar Club is back in action! With many of its members being G10 students, the club's activities experienced slow progress due to these important school commitments.

However, on Monday this week, most members returned for an enjoyable and productive practice session, working enthusiastically in their respective learning groups.

Beginners Build Their Guitar Skills

The beginner-level students have made encouraging progress, moving beyond the basics of

learning and practising guitar chords. They are now focusing on perfecting these chords while practising their group song.

Next week, students will be introduced to individual songs and pieces to practise before the end of the term. They will also begin learning bar-chords, an important technique that will help them play a wider range of songs and develop their guitar skills further.

Intermediate Students Take on New Pieces

Meanwhile, the intermediate-level students have successfully completed their TAB (tablature) reading exercises and are now progressing to individual guitar pieces, continuing from where they left off last term.

Their current repertoire includes *The House of the Rising Sun*, *Ode to Joy (Easy)*, and *Blues in G (Easy)*. These pieces provide valuable opportunities for students to strengthen their sight-reading skills, picking techniques, and develop greater confidence in playing independently.

Learning Essential Guitar Maintenance Skills

As the term progresses, both beginner and intermediate students will learn two important practical skills: "how to tune a guitar and how to restring it". These lessons are scheduled to begin in Week 8 and continue through to the end of the term. Learning these skills will help students care for their instruments and become more independent musicians.

Despite the interruptions to their regular sessions, the Guitar Club members have demonstrated commitment, enthusiasm, and steady improvement. Their progress so far has been remarkable, reflecting their willingness to learn, practise, and develop their musical abilities.





Reminders

T4W5

26/10 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAMINATIONS START

IGCSE EXAMINATIONS CONTINUE.

CHECKPOINT EXAMINATIONS CONTINUE.

T4W6

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAMINATIONS CONTINUE.

IGCSE EXAMINATIONS CONTINUE.

T4W7

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAMINATIONS CONTINUE.

IGCSE EXAMINATIONS CONTINUE.

ARTS WEEK!

T4W8

TECHNOLOGY CELEBRATION.

G12 GRADUATION.

IEA SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

T4W10

2/12 ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY.

4/12 FINAL DAY OF T4.