

NEWSLETTER

Friday, 5th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers/Students,

As I am new to St Joseph's school I feel should introduce myself. My name is Sr Angela Taylor and presently I am living at Marianville Secondary School at Bomana.

However, before coming to St Joseph's I taught at OLSH High School, Yule Island (girls only). Although the teachers and students loved living on the island, our enrolments were increasing so rapidly, we decided to move to the mainland and Mainohana High School kindly accepted us and so together we became a co-educational school in 1990. The Mainohana students, boys and staff were most welcoming and very generous in sharing their school with us. I went across to Mainohana but after a few years I was moved to Marianville High School and have stayed there until a few months ago when I found myself in St Joseph's College. A couple of years ago I resigned from the Department of Education so when our Cardinal asked me about coming to St Joseph's I was very happy to say "yes".

Now I am really enjoying working with all of you in your beautiful school and soon I hope to come to your classrooms to see some of the good work you are doing, I know you all are working extra hard to "catch up" on the time you missed when the S.O.E was suddenly put into place.

I look forward to seeing you happily working in class.

Sr Angela Taylor, OLSH, ML
Executive Director

Principals' Corner

A warm welcome to our new Executive Director

On behalf of our College of Faith and Family Community we extend a warm welcome to Sr Angela Taylor, OLSH, ML as our new College Executive Director. Her first official day was 4 May 2020, the first day of Term 2.

We look forward to working with Sr Angela to continue to deliver a safe learning environment, where staff, students and parents all work together to nurture and encourage children to reach their full potential.

George Swamy
Principal – Secondary

Hua Igo (Mrs)
Principal – Primary



SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Uniform Information

School uniforms are still selling at Tango Department Store Boroko & Tokarara. Parents are encouraged to check at these locations should they wish to purchase uniforms. Any issues with uniform design and prolonged unavailability of certain sizes of uniforms should be communicated to the school administration through homeroom teachers or directly to the Principals of respective schools to resolve with the supplier. We have been assured by the supplier that all agreed uniform sizes and designs are available and will be made available upon request should they run out.

Uniforms and Personal Appearance

Please ensure your child comes to school daily in the correct uniform attire and is neat and tidy in her/his personal appearance. Any concerns with uniform, write a note in your child's Home Diary for the teachers to note and also for our information.

Faded uniform especially brown trousers not classified as our school uniform or brown jeans are not allowed to be worn at school.

Josepha Wailoni



Grade 10 WEX EXAM – Thursday 18 June 2020

- Exam Duration : 2 hours
- Drop off before 8:00 am and students go home after examinations. Please arrange your child's pick up.
- Bring writing materials (black and blue biro , pencils and erasers)
- Students should be in complete white and brown uniform .

TERM 2 EXAMINATIONS - Monday 6 July – Friday 10 July 2020

- All subjects will have a written examination this term.

Thank you.

Estrella Tuguinay

Deputy Principal Curriculum – Secondary



PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Primary School Reminders

➤ **Late pick up from school**

We would like to thank our parents who have been punctual in picking up your child/children on time from school by 3.15pm each day. We appreciate your effort and co-operation – THANK YOU!

Our afternoon pick up records show that some of our students especially those without siblings in the Secondary School are still not collected by 3.15pm, and we appeal to these parents to make an effort to collect their child/children by 3.15pm.

Primary school students with siblings in the Secondary school are expected to be collected by 3.50pm after their older siblings are dismissed from classes at 3.40pm. Secondary school dismissal time at the end of each day for your noting;

🚦 **On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday – 3.40pm dismissal**

🚦 **On Wednesday and Friday both schools finish at 3.00pm hence pick up is expected by 3.15pm.**

As much as we would like to understand parents' busy schedules, the safety of the majority is our concern therefore it is the parents' responsibility to come in on time to pick up their children. The waiting areas are overcrowded in the afternoon's hence timely pick up by parents minimises the overcrowding; a safety measure enforced by Covid-19 safety rules. It is also unsafe for students to be waiting late.

Our records also show that particular children who are continuously picked up late are also the same ones in the late pick up after 3.15pm from school during this new normal. We will be inviting their parents to come in for interview with the Primary School Principal.

➤ **Parents entering our College Grounds**

Our Guidelines on Movement In and Out and Around the College currently posted at all the Waiting Gates must be respected and followed by all. It is disappointing to note that some parents by-pass these instructions from our security guards at the gates during drop off in the morning and pick up after school and had access into the school to drop off children at the classroom doors or organise lunch or pick up their children this week. Please respect our Security Staff.

This is a kind reminder that all parents will stop at the gate when dropping off your child/children to school and picking up from school at home time.

By now all parents should know which gate to collect their child/children and report to the right gate at the Vaivai or the Church to pick up.

Children's lunch must be well organised at home before dropping off the child/children at school in the morning.

All our School daily routines and guidelines implemented during the SOE period will continue in the two weeks' extension.

Thank you!

Mrs Sagapuna
Deputy Principal – Administration

.....

SINCERE THANK YOU and APPRECIATION

To all our students for your courage in adapting and adjusting well to our 'new normal' teaching and learning environment since the beginning of this term.

To all our parents for your understanding, love and support for your children by sending them to come to school prepared each day of the school week.

To all our teachers for your commitment and resilience demonstrated in your extraordinary efforts and collective responsibility to ensure our teaching and learning in the classrooms continue despite the challenges posed by COVID-19.

Ms Siega
Deputy Principal - Curriculum

Public Holiday
Queen's Birthday, Monday, 8th June

REVISED TERM DATES 2020

Term	Start of Term	End of Term	No. of Teaching Weeks	Term Holidays	Student Holiday Weeks	Teacher Holiday Weeks
1	3 rd February	9 th April	10	13 th - 17 th April	1	1
2	4 th May	10 th July	10	13 th - 17 th July	1	1
3	20 th July	18 th Sept	9	21 st Sept - 25 th Sept	1	1
4	28 th Sept	4 th Dec	10	7 th Dec - 29 th Jan 2020	8	7

2021

18th January	<i>Ancillary staff resume duty</i>
20th January	<i>Executive & HOD staff resume duty</i>
25th January	<i>Teachers resume duty</i>
1st February	<i>Students commence class (Pre-School to Grade 12)</i>

SR ANGELA TAYLOR, OLSH
Executive Director