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NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS & GUARDIANS

#04/21 – 21st May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers/Students and Staff,

We have completed five weeks of Term 2 as of today, and we have another five weeks to go before this term ends.

We wish to thank you all for your co-operation and compliance in following our 'New Normal' practices and procedures stated in our last Newsletter, and encourage everyone to continue to do so.

Staff Movement

Our staff had a small and simple send-off gathering for Mrs Josepha Wailoni last Friday in the Staff Centre. We congratulated her on new appointment as the Vice President of Divine Word University at Madang, and thanked her for all the great things she did for our College, and her professional commitment in serving our College community. She was presented with a gift from the College and gifts from other members of our teaching and support staff.

Sacrament of Confirmation Mass – Sunday 23 May at 11.00am

On Pentecost Sunday, 23 May 2021, 84 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parents and Sponsors are reminded of the following details:

- Assembly Time/Area: **10:00 am, Peace Theatre**
- Confirmation Mass: **11:00 am, St. Joseph's Parish Church, Boroko**
- **No Mask No Entry. Maintain social distancing in the Church**

The main celebrant is His Eminence, Sir Cardinal John Ribat, MSC, DD, KBE.

Please come on time.

2021 NAPLAN Test Dates

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will sit the 2021 NAPLAN Tests next week – Week 6. The Test Dates and time are shown here. Please ensure that your child comes to school on these Test days. There will not be any Catch up Day for missed NAPLAN Tests. Your child should be here at school before 8:00 am. We will supply the Grade 3 and 5 students with 2HB pencils, easers and blank papers.

2021 NAPLAN TIMETABLE

All NAPLAN Tests for Grade 3 and 5 will start at 8.30am.

Tuesday 25 th of May 2021	Wednesday 26 th of May 2021	Thursday 27 th of May 2021
Language Convention Test 8.30 am starting time 45 Minutes duration	Reading Test 8.30 am starting time Year 3: 45 minutes duration Year 5: 50 minutes duration	Numeracy Test 8.30am starting time Year 3: 45 minutes duration Year 5: 50 minutes duration
10:00 am -10:30 am Recess Break		
Writing Test 10:30 am starting time 40 minutes duration	Normal lessons for the day.	Normal lessons for the day.

2021 NAPLAN GRADE 7 AND GRADE 9 NAPLAN TEST TIMETABLE

All NAPLAN Tests for Grade 7 and 9 will start at 8.30am.

	Day 1 TUESDAY 25 MAY	Day 2 WEDNESDAY 26 MAY	Day 3 THURSDAY 27 MAY
Year 7	Language conventions: 45 minutes Writing: 40 minutes	Reading: 65 minutes	Numeracy: 65 minutes
Year 9	Language conventions: 45 minutes Writing: 40 minutes	Reading: 65 minutes	Numeracy: 65 minutes

Parents, we need your support by dropping your child early and allowing your child to be present in class every day. No catch up test will be given. Materials to be brought: 2HB pencil, eraser, sharpener and black or blue biro

ACADEMIC Reminders – Secondary School

This is week 5 of Term 2 and almost all students are back to school. Thank you for the support you have given to your child's learning during the lockdown period.

With the remaining weeks this Semester, kindly encourage and support your child to attend classes every day and complete all assessments including the examinations in Week 10. A Semester 1 report will be released in Week 2 of Term 3.

Kindly respond to teacher's notices (diary or email) and attend meetings when an invitation is given.

After School Late Pick-Up

It has been observed that quite a large number of students are still waiting to be picked up after school, and we are concerned that there has been no improvement in this area by some parents.

Our teachers' afternoon Duty of Care finishes at 4.15pm daily. We respectfully ask if you can pick up your child/ren after school by 4.15pm each day. Starting next week, Week 6, we will monitor our students' afternoon pick-up and register students' names in our Late Afternoon Pick-Up Register after 4.15pm. By the end of Week 7 this term, we will use the data to send letters to the parents concerned to explain why their children were collected very late each day during Week 6 and 7.

Thank you



George Anthony Swamy

Acting Executive Director/Principal Secondary