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NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS & GUARDIANS

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Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

Returning to classroom teaching and learning, Week 7 – Term 4, 2021

We wish to advise that all our Pre-School to Grade 6 students will return to normal classes next Monday 8 November 2021.

Sincere thanks to all mums, dads and carers for all your support and efforts over the past two weeks of guiding and supporting your child/ren to complete Home Learning for Week 5 and 6.

Only three more weeks left of this school year. Teachers are completing their end of year assessments in preparation for writing Semester 2 Student reports. We will distribute Semester 2 Reports during Week 10. The date, time and venue for you to collect your child's Report will be sent to you by your child's class teacher in Week 9.

COVID-19 Safe Learning - When students return next Monday, we will maintain and strictly follow all the Niupela Pisin Protocols and Measures we implemented early last year, and all these measures are still in place at our school.

- Check student/staff body temperatures and sanitize hands in the morning at the three entrance gates. No Mask, No Entry.
- Ensure all students wear masks during the school day.
- Ensure students wash their hands regularly and promote appropriate hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene practices. Students will need to wash hands and use hand sanitisers throughout the day.
 - Hand sanitizer will be available at school entrances, classrooms, toilets and other locations throughout the school.
 - Teachers and students will sanitise before and after entering and exiting classrooms and toilets.
 - Hand washing soap and paper hand towels provided in all classrooms for children to wash their hands thoroughly before and after eating.
 - Students will not be allowed to share food or drink.
- Stagger our Physical Education lessons and conduct lessons in three small groups of 10 students each to do light physical education exercises for 10 minutes each group.
- Monitor our school cleaning program by our dedicated cleaners includes regular cleaning and sanitizing of high touch services, frequently used objects, toilets, classroom desks and tables, and play equipment during the day and after school each day.
- All classrooms have been assessed to increase fresh air circulation and teachers advised to open all louvres and doors during instruction times in the classrooms. Teachers will maximise the use of

outdoor learning spaces and allow for proper social distance measures both inside the classroom and outside the classroom.

- Students will be regularly reminded by Yard Duty teachers to maintain social distancing during recess, lunch time and home time while waiting at the gates.
- All children should be collected by **3.10pm** each day.
 - Names of students not collected by **3.15pm** will be collect and e-mails sent to parents to respect their children's pick-up time.

We will not allow sick children and sick staff to the classrooms/offices. Any child or staff who displays any symptoms of a cold or flu or fever must be kept at home until symptoms have gone.

- Should a child display these symptoms at school, they will be isolated, and parents/carers will be contacted to collect the child immediately.
- Should you, a family member or your child come into contact with a positive COVID case or become COVID positive please call the school immediately on 325 3733, BM 75641742, Digicel 74328139.
- Please help us by providing a Medical Clearance before your child returns to class in the remaining three weeks of this term.
- Our aim is keep everyone – adults and children as safe as possible. Please support us in the implementation of these important steps to enable us to complete the school year.

We will not hold any assemblies – this includes our Pre-School graduation and Primary School Learning Celebration this term.

We thank you again for all your support and we very much look forward to welcoming our students back to classroom learning full time on Monday 8 November.

Take care, stay safe, stay well and stay positive.

Kind regards

Thank you



Mr George Swamy
a/Executive Director, Principal - Secondary