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## NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS & GUARDIANS

#04/22 – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

### St. Joseph's Day Celebration

We thank God for a Spirit filled Feast Day celebration on 6 May 2022. The celebration is composed of two main events: Eucharistic Celebration celebrated by Fr. John Curtis, CP and the Showcase of International Cultural Dances.

With great fervor and enthusiasm from the following students dressed up in the provincial costume and took part in the introduction, entrance procession, readings, prayers of the faithful, and vote of thanks:

Petronilla Tamari	Tahali Sundie	Christabell Banobano	Jnr Michael Ipai
Cecil Koimo	Renee Tarum	Vincent Tongia	Cecilia Dabu
Sarah Daniels	Abigail Yaueib	Tanora Bouraga	Zarah Hubert
Cleopatra Tamari	Florence Palin	Vincent Kepi	Corrie Tomuriesa
Tom Sirae	Adrianna Eri	Mona Reid	Asher Lenturut
Deuel Rupa	Jeremiah Kintau	Jimmy Igo	Rihannah Yaguro
Serena Moy	Bourize Omondi	Elizabeth Lourie	Annmarie Sagir
Tavania Vagalia	Anthony Koiri	Skye Kom	Amanda Kingal
Lynda Wawe	Kerenga Koleala	Tiara Tambua	Nicole Mok
William Mirupasi			

To all of you and your parents, sincere thanks. Thank you also to the beautiful choir led by Mr. Warikani and the two Grade 12 classes, the power point operator and the musicians. All Class Patrons, support staff, thank you for organizing the garden food and non-perishable food offerings.

Prior to the Feast Day celebration the Primary Teachers together with the St. Joseph's Day Committee members had the following organized activities:

- St. Joseph Drawing Competition (G5 & G6)
- Role Play on the life of St. Joseph (G3 & G4)
- St. Joseph Coloring Competition (Preschool – Grade 2)

Thank you to the invited Judges.

The second event for the day was the Showcase on International Cultural Dances. Ten international cultural groups competed for the showcase. Each group did not go home empty handed. They were accorded with Prizes sponsored by our generous Mrs. Cherry Lin and Mr. and Mrs. Ong. We were graced by the presence of Fr. Pat Mc Indoe, CP; Sr. Pawitra Subba; Mrs. Cherry Lin; Mr. Alexis Gonzalez and Ms. Shoshanna Tamari, our Judges for the Showcase competition.

To all our parents thank you for the sumptuous lunch you have provided us through your children. We were in abundance during that day. It was a day with resounding success. "Kudos to everyone who put the event together.

**Reminders:**

Confirmation Meeting with Parents: 27 May 2022, 4:00 pm, Peace Theatre  
Confirmation Date: 12 June 2022 11:00 a.m. St Joseph Church –  
Celebrant: Cardinal Sir John Ribat, MSC,DD, KBE

Mrs. B. Jigo  
HOD – Religious Education

**Grade 7 and 9 NAPLAN test dates**

The Naplan test will be conducted from 24 to 26 May.

Testing Sequence: Writing –Reading-Conventions of Language –Numeracy

Kindly support your child by reassuring their attendance and by providing them with their writing materials (2B pencils, eraser, black or blue biro and a simple calculator.) The normal lesson continues after the Naplan test.

**Term 1 Academic Awards**

Congratulations to these students who got the highest Rank Point Average in Term 1.

Grade 7	– Neville Sukwianomb	Grade 10	– Shyra Keihly Velasco
Grade 8	– Syesha Annika Diaz	Grade 11	– Jessica Anthony Swamy
Grade 9	– Hadassah Windi	Grade 12	– Xavier Pilon

A number of students have also received recognition certificates during the school assembly for the effort and commitment they have exemplified in their subjects in term 1. Well done students and keep up the excellent work!

**Term 2 Exam week**

Term 2 examinations has been changed to Week 11, from 27 to 30 June.

**Word of thanks, parent-teacher interviews**

Thank you to all parents and guardians for taking the time to meet with us during Parent-Teacher Meetings. We hope the information shared between students, parents and staff provided a guide for the students regarding what more they can do, and what the College can do, to support them in achieving their learning and wellbeing goals. A reminder that any parent who missed the meeting and wishes to meet teachers can make an appointment for a meeting. Your participation will boost your child's morale in learning.

**REQUESTING DONATION OF BOOKS**

St. Joseph's International College – 2022 Book Week Celebration  
Supporting our community through a Book Drive

We are requesting donations of gently used books which your children have outgrown and educational toys (e.g. jigsaw puzzles) which your children no longer often use. After being checked and organized into the correct age group by the 2022 St. Joseph's Book Week Committee, the books and toys which we receive will be donated to the schools in our community which do not have much resources. In this way, we are sharing our blessings and together we can help more children grow up with books and a love of reading.

Please place your donation of books and educational toys in a bag or a box with your child's name and class. The logistic of the drop off is as follows: \*Parents of Preschoolers – please give your donation of books to the Preschool teachers; \*Prep and Grade 1 Parents: please drop off your donation of books at the table marked

“St. Joseph’s BOOK DRIVES” at the VAIVAI Gate. \* Grades 2 to 6 students: Please give your donation of books to your class teachers. \*Grades 7 – 12 students: please give your donation to your English teachers.

We’d like to thank you all in advance for your generous support towards Our College’s above cause and initiative.

### e-Resources

The college will be implementing a collection of student resources through Google. Students will have access online or download the e-copies of the books/resources that they use in school through their tablet, pc, and laptop at home. With this, student will have the option to carry books home. The school will provide the link to students to access in the coming days. Students must have their G Suite account login details to be able to access this feature. For G Suite login details, the student can seek assistance from the IT department to obtain the account.

### Joey’s Got Talent Secondary School Assembly

We sincerely thank our grade 9s and their teachers for organizing a lively assembly this week Monday 16th May 2022, to reward students who took the risk and in putting in the effort in their participation and learning in various school organised activities in term 1. These students demonstrated confidently, their talents and gifts in different learning areas including Media Education – Chat room Program, Student Leadership, and Sports.

Therefore, we are happy to announce and congratulate these recipients who were awarded Talent Merit Awards for Term 1:

**Student Leadership Talent Merit Awards** were given to outstanding student leaders in term 1:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Risha Riyansha 7CH   | 2. Sebastian Ray Galope 7CH | 3. Edith Itakuri Kambu-7CH |
| 4. Rosemary Tan-10CH    | 5. Cleopatra Tamari -11CM   | 6. Rihannah Yaguro 12CM    |
| 7. Kerenga Koleala 12CH | 8. Petronilla Tamari 12CM   |                            |

**Media Education – Chat room Program Talent Merit Awards** were given to four grade 12 students who volunteered to represent our college and for their excellent chatroom presentation on the topic: “*Role of Youth in Caring for Environment*” on air at the NBC Tribe FM program here in Port Moresby.

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| 1. Rhiannah Yaguro | 2. Petronilla Tamari | 3. Laisebo Maniana | 4. Emmanuel Kelekai |
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**Sports – Inter-House Athletics Talent Merit Awards** given to the first, second and third placing in the different events for both male and female athlete students.

### TRACK EVENTS

100 meters					
Junior Division		Intermediate Division		Senior Division	
1	Chelvinnea Garesa	1	Joana Goodrich	1	Elizabeth Lourie
2	Athena Tawae	2	Andrea Arua	2	Serena Moy
3	Isabel Isoaimo	3	Adasha Tamari	3	Corrie Tomuriesa
1	Melchizedeck Lasia	1	Daniel Sagapuna	1	Asher Lenturut
2	Woodrow Piakon	2	Jacob Potuan	2	William Mirupasi
3	Solomon Wia	3	Cecil Koimo	3	Jeremiah Kintau
200 meters					
Junior Division		Intermediate Division		Senior Division	
1	Elisabeth Labe	1	Joana Goodrich	1	Elizabeth Lourie
2	Genevie Agovai	2	Andrea Arua	2	Corrie Tomuriesa
3	Edith Kambu	3	Adasha Tamari	3	Zahra Hubert
1	Melchizedeck Lasia	1	Daniel Sagapuna	1	Asher Lenturut
2	Colin Yaum	2	Cecil Koimo	2	Mario Mausio
3	Rindia Mirupasi	3	Jacob Potuan	3	Jeremiah Kintau

<b>400 meters</b>					
<b>Junior Division</b>		<b>Intermediate Division</b>		<b>Senior Division</b>	
1	Elisabeth Labe	1	Francisca Paak	1	Elizabeth Lourie
2	Genevie Agovai	2	Andrea Arua	2	Paulette Tadoi
3	Abigail Ai Tom	3	Rosemary Tan	3	Willyanne Galia
1	Jayvee Cudal	1	Cecil Koimo	1	Mario Mausio
2	Junior Lauo Kukula	2	Leshawn Murray	2	Asher Lenturut
3	Gary Keimali	3	Gregory Kowane	3	Vincent kepi

<b>FIELD EVENTS</b>					
<b>JAVELIN</b>					
<b>Junior Division</b>		<b>Intermediate Division</b>		<b>Senior Division</b>	
1	Joy-Cecilia Katumadalum'wala	1	Jemma Griffin	1	Elanoa Davani
2	Tamika Vagoli	2	Rehanna Obara	2	Gimaima Wia
3	Maureen Morabang	3	Keisha Kelep	3	Kristy Tilip
1	Simon Paul	1	John Paul Soweni	1	Mathias Terau
2	Jayvee Cudal	2	Cecil Koimo	2	Paul Humphries
3	Francisco Mitio	3	Benedict Murray	3	Yacob Sode
<b>SHOT-PUT</b>					
<b>Junior Division</b>		<b>Intermediate Division</b>		<b>Senior Division</b>	
1	Athena Tawae	1	Jemma Griffin	1	Lynda Wawe
2	Amy Chung	2	Joy Cecilia Katumadalum'wala	2	Tianna Webb
3	Arianna Koimo	3	Wynonna Leka	3	Komdal Frank
1	Trevor Gari	1	Sione Telefoni	1	Xavier Pilon
2	Liam Apelis	2	John Paul Soweni	2	Sune Tua
3	David Eugene-Ezebilo	3	Merari Payani	3	Moshe'Ben Mase
<b>DISCUS</b>					
<b>Junior Division</b>		<b>Intermediate Division</b>		<b>Senior Division</b>	
1	NO THROWERS	1	Lydia Ezebilo	1	Lynda Wawe
2		2	Ashleigh Tambua	2	Sharaiah Wapen
3		3	Ke'moheena Sumbuk	3	Cleopatra Tamari
1	NO THROWERS	1	John Paul Soweni	1	Xavier Pilon
2		2	Mathias Terau	2	Mathias Terau
3		3	Emmanuel Daniels	3	Yacob Sode
<b>HIGH JUMP</b>					
<b>Junior Division</b>		<b>Intermediate Division</b>		<b>Senior Division</b>	
1	NOT ALLOWED – Intermediate and Senior Divisions only	1	Francisca Paak	1	Serena Moy
2		2	Rosemary Tan	2	Naomi Kukula
3		3	Zoe Mogi	3	Abigail Yaueib
1	NOT ALLOWED - Intermediate and Senior Divisions only	1	NO JUMPERS	1	NO JUMPERS
2		2			
3		3			
<b>LONG JUMP</b>					
<b>Junior Division</b>		<b>Intermediate Division</b>		<b>Senior Division</b>	
1	Aunahoi Jones	1	Merian Tolopa	1	Paulette Tadoi
2	Genevie Agovai	2	Philomena Eri	2	Elanoa Davani
3	Jia Sabuwala	3	Emma Mays	3	Joana Goodrich
1	Bryle Michael Tuguinay	1	Cecil Koimo	1	Malcolm Maliaki
2	Rindia Mirupasi	2	Cameron Winga	2	Josh Tan
3	Trevor Gari	3	William McConnell	3	Mario Mausio

## Girls in ICT Day Exhibition – 2022

The College Administration would like to sincerely thank the U.S. Embassy in Port Moresby for considering our school to attend the “2022 Girls in ICT Day Exhibition” on Thursday April 28. This initiative by the U.S. Embassy was to join the girls around the world to mark International Girls in ICT Day by hosting a mini-ICT exhibition at the American Corner in Port Moresby. The U.S. alumni (Papua New Guineans who studied in the US) with ICT expertise who are involved in ICT space were invited by the U.S Embassy to showcase their work to promote ICT career opportunities to inspire and motivate grade 12 girls who are interested in tech careers. A total of 19 grade 12 girls from our school attended the exhibition. Thank you, Ms. Wut and Ms. Tom for organizing this event.

### Student Leadership:

We acknowledged Ms. Concepta Wut, Head of the Student Welfare, for actively promoting student leadership in our school with the support of the Homeroom teachers and the Pastoral Care and Behaviour Management Committee. We witness this week, that our student leaders participated in organizing gender-based meetings to help address observations made whilst carrying out their duties as leaders in term 1 and in the last 4 weeks of term 2.

In the meetings, our senior student leaders spoke passionately about the importance of school, learning, and the well-being of our school community. Respect for self, others, and the environment were key issues addressed at these gender-based meetings. We sincerely commend our SRC team and Ms. Wut for the effort in practically working together in learning the subject of Student leadership in school.

## Primary School News

### Term 2 Staffing Update

Ms Shayne Siega, Deputy Principal, Curriculum, Primary School resigned because she won a Principal position in a New Britain Oil Palm School in Popondetta, Oro Province.

We had a small farewell gathering last Friday for Ms Shayne Siega to congratulate her on her new appointment, acknowledge and thank her for her services to the college in her role as the Deputy Principal, Curriculum. We also wished her God’s blessings for her and her small family.

Mrs Eden Estandarte is now the Deputy Principal, Curriculum, Primary School. We thank her for accepting the challenge, and also welcome her to the team to lead and guide our teachers in all aspects of the Primary School curriculum, professional learning and assessments. Congratulations, Mrs Estandarte!

Three new Primary School teachers joined our Teaching Staff late last term and early this term. Mr Valentine P Gelah in the Upper Primary Section, and Ms Jackie Malau and Ms Celine Vavana in the Lower Grade section. We extend our sincere welcome to these new teachers to Primary School Team.

### 2022 NAPLAN TESTS

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

This year’s NAPLAN Tests will be administered next week for Grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 students.

### 2022 NAPLAN Test Information Timetable – for Grades 3 and 5

Tests	Test Dates	Test Time and Duration
Language Conventions	Tuesday 24 May	<b>Year 3 and Year 5</b> 8:30 am – 9:10 am (40 minutes)
Writing	Tuesday 24 May	<b>Year 3 and Year 5</b> 9:30 am – 10:10 am (40 minutes)

Tests	Test Dates	Test Time and Duration
Reading	Wednesday 25 May	<b>Year 3</b> 8:30am – 9:15 am (45 minutes)
		<b>Year 5</b> 8:30 am- 9:20 am (50 minutes)
Numeracy	Thursday 26 May	<b>Year 3</b> 8:30am – 9:15 am (45 minutes)
		<b>Year 5</b> 8:30 am- 9:20 am (50 minutes)

#### Reminders to Parents:

1. Please ensure your child gets a good rest by sleeping early the night before the test dates.
2. Ensure the child gets a full breakfast before going to school in the mornings.
3. Provide your child with healthy lunch food especially during the test days.
4. Ensure your child is dropped-off to school by 7:30 am each day for the tests.

#### Acknowledgements - St Joseph's Feast Day

Thank you all for your support in providing non-perishable items/garden foods for offering, a plate of food/fruits for your child to share with the class, and also for assisting your child with his/her costumes for the various International Cultural Dance group presentation during our St Joseph's Feast Day. All our students were very excited and enjoyed our Patron Saint's Feast Day celebrations. Well done, everyone!

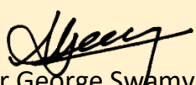
#### 2022 Department of Education Calendar Revised School Term Dates – Both Primary & Secondary

The Department of Education informed all schools of the change in the dates for Term 2 and Term 3 of the 2022 Education Calendar. Term 2 and Term 3 dates are adjusted to make Term 2 break coincide with the new polling dates fixed by the Electoral Commission from July 9 – July 22, 2022.

Term	New Date	Note
Term 2 ends	1 July 2022	11 weeks – Term 2
<b>Term 2 Holiday starts</b>	<b>4 July</b>	<b>2 x weeks holiday break – Term 2</b>
<b>Term 2 Holiday ends</b>	<b>15 July</b>	
Term 3 starts	18 July	
Term 3 ends	23 September	10 weeks – Term 3
<b>Term 3 Holiday starts</b>	<b>26 September</b>	<b>1 x week holiday break – Term 3</b>
<b>Term 3 Holiday ends</b>	<b>30 September</b>	
Term 4 starts	3 October	
Term 4 ends	9 December	10 weeks – Term 4
<b>Term 4 Holiday starts and ends</b>	<b>12 Dec 2022 – 28 Jan 2023</b>	<b>8 weeks Holiday break</b>

Thank you

Yours sincerely

  
 Mr George Swamy  
 Principal  
 Secondary School

  
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 Principal  
 Primary School