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NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS & GUARDIANS

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Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

Greetings from St. Joseph International Catholic College,

I am happy to welcome you all again to term two. A good beginning makes a big difference... We began this term with new hopes and a positive mindset to make it a brighter chapter in your child's school life full of knowledge and learning. I am sure your child will make you proud and happy!!!

Whether you are a first-time visitor or are already a member of our college community, I encourage you to explore the St. Joseph International Catholic College and discover the activities and programs happening in our classrooms. Come see our campus and feel the excitement and energy our children emulate every day. Take a tour, meet our staff, and see for yourself our welcoming community. Please don't hesitate to let us know if we can be of any assistance. We are here to help you and, most importantly, to help your child be successful!

At St. Joseph, we believe in a strong home and school partnership. It's why we welcome and encourage parent involvement in the operation of our schools. By teaming with parents who share our vision for better education, we have been able to create a culture of achievement that sets St. Joseph apart from other public schools.

The support you provide your children from monitoring their homework to providing them encouragement has a positive, proven impact on their education. When your children come to school, our dedicated teachers and staff reinforce the same values you hold dear to help students reach their full potential.

Thank you for choosing St. Joseph International Catholic College and allowing our college team to work with your children each day.

God bless you all.

Yours' Sincerely

Br. Antony Samy PANCRAS, FSC.
Executive Director

Primary School Inter-House Athletics



We ended term 1 on an interesting note. It was fun and enjoyable for our students and teachers in their house colour uniforms. The day began with prayers, march past and the highlight of the day was the track events that were played at our Baubau field and ball games played at our centennial hall.

All students participated in one or more events and enjoyed and the day concluded as scheduled.

We sincerely thank the following;

- Sports teachers and their committee for planning and organizing the carnival.
- Support and teaching staff for running the events and assisting students to and from the toilets.
- Parents for supporting your children in preparation for the carnival,
- House captains/matrons for the supervision and organization of your student-athletes, and participants for the different events.
- Mrs. Vada for assisting us with three tents for our shelter at Baubau field.
- Our school securities for watching over us on that day and
- The college administration for always supporting our school's organized activities. We appreciate you.

Congratulations to Chevalier (Red House) the Primary school's winning team for the 2022 Inter-House Athletics Carnival.

Parents/Visitor's entry to the school

Students' welfare and safety is our responsibility, hence this is a kind reminder to all our parents and guardians to wait at the gates during pick up and drop off unless only on wet days you are allowed to go to your child's classroom. For other matters, parents/guardians and visitors are advised to visit the college reception for assistance.

Pick Up Gates

We have organised the three gates, especially for pick up at the end of each day for order and security of our students.

Please note the gates accordingly for pick up at home time;

- **Vaivai gate** – All students with siblings in both schools
- **Church Gate** – Primary school students without siblings, our teachers and support staff's children and company pickups.
- **Mavaru Gate** – High school students without siblings

If parents wish to have their children picked up at different gates for their convenience, please write to your child's teacher via the diary requesting for a change and stating your reasons. The school administration through the Deputy Principal Administration will give you a response accordingly.

Secondary School Term 1 report collection and Parent-Teacher Meetings

Term 1 reports were released today, 29 April, Friday, by respective class patrons/matrons. If you were not able to collect your child's report, you can collect it next week from the reception.

The upcoming Parent-Teacher meetings will provide students and their parents with an opportunity to discuss their learning journey and ways in which their learning can be supported both here and at home. We encourage all our students to be engaged and active learners to improve any areas that need support to achieve the best outcomes they can, across all subjects.

Please check the report if you are REQUIRED to attend the parent-teacher interview next week. If REQUIRED INTERVIEW is ticked in the report, you are required to attend the interview. Below is the interview schedule for your guide.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW SCHEDULES - 2nd – 5th May 2022 (Monday – Thursday)

	2 nd May, Monday	3 rd May, Tuesday	4 th May, Wednesday	5 th May, Thursday
Time	3:00 – 4:20 pm	3:00 – 4:20 pm	3:00 – 4:20 pm	3:00 – 4:20 pm
Grade	Grades 7 and 10	Grades 8 and 9	Grades 11	Grade 12
Venue	Classrooms	Classrooms	Classrooms	Classrooms

2022 NAPLAN

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken in Week 5, 17 – 19 May (Tuesday to Thursday).

Grade 10 WEX Exam

Grade 10 Written Expression Exam – Week 7, Thursday 2nd June

Secondary School Annual Inter-House Athletics Carnival

Acknowledgement for the Secondary School Annual Inter-House Athletics Carnival

It was a fun and successful Inter-House Athletics Carnival held on Friday 8th April 2022. Therefore, the College Administration would like to sincerely thank all our:

- Support and teaching staff for leading, assisting, organizing and running the events,
- Sports committee for the planning and organizing the carnival
- Parents for supporting your children in preparation for the carnival,
- Southern Star and NEST Athletics club for assisting in training our student-athletes
- House captains/matrons for the supervision and organization of your student-athletes
- St Johns Ambulance for attending to the casualties on that day and
- Students who showed up on the day to cheer and support the student-athletes representing their house to make the events lively.
- School security and
- Sir John Guise Stadium Venue Management Team for your assistance.

We also congratulate the Chevalier House (Red) as the Champions for this year's Inter-House Athletics Carnival 2022.

St Josephs – The Worker Feast Day Celebration

St Josephs – The Worker Feast Day Celebration is on Friday, 6th May 2022.

Both schools (Primary and Secondary) will celebrate the Feast Day of St Josephs – our School Patron Saint with a variety of activities confined to students and teachers' participation only. It is a normal school day and we expect all students to attend school to celebrate and participate in the activities planned for the day.

Program for the day:

7:50am	Homeroom
8:15am	Start moving to the church
8:30am	Mass begins
9:30 am	Break
10:00 am	Assembly
11:45 pm	Shared Lunch
12:45 pm	Clean up
1:00 pm	Hometime.

- The dress code for the day will be gold and brown PE T-shirt.
- Homeroom and class teachers in both schools will organize students in their class to bring a plate of food to share and celebrate Feast Day in their classroom.
- Program ends at 12:45 pm for both primary and secondary school. Pick up your child at their respective gates from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. We expect all children to be gone by 2:00 pm.

Prohibited items such as mobile phones, cameras, etc... are not allowed on this day and all other school rules apply as normal.

Media Education Seminar:

We acknowledge and sincerely thank Mrs. Sheryll-Extra Isoaimo for assisting and guiding our young and talented grade 11 students to prepare and participate in the series of seminars initiated, organised and facilitated by the Social Communication (SOCOM) Commission for the Catholic Bishop Conference.

LISTENING builds Love, Hope and Inspiration - MESSAGE 1.

'LISTEN! Do Everything with LOVE,' was the empowering theme for the first Media Education Seminar (MES1) with students from ten catholic agency schools in Port Moresby including St Joseph's International Catholic College. The significance of the theme was highlighted to students that it was always good to listen to others as it was a sign of respect and empathy. When we give others the opportunity to shine, we are already showing them that we care about what they think and that they have a contribution to make to the church and society. It's always good to remain calm, quiet, and listen to those around us and understand how they feel.

The seminar was held on Saturday 2nd April 2022 at the Catholic Bishops Conference (CBCPNGSI) Centre and five of our grade 11 students: Nied Estandarte, Paul Pondo, John Bu, Mikhayla Tata and Blaze Ralewa, attended the seminar.

The 7-hour day-program had sessions that focused on: Media and Communication; Photos to Inspire; Logos with a Message; Prayer and Reflection. Group activities and lively energizers had participants fully engaged right throughout the sessions.

Chatroom Program: Mrs. Sheryll-Extra Isoaimo

On March 30, 2022, four Gr 12 students went on air to make a call to their fellow youth to take care of Mother Earth. Petronilla Tamari, Jeremiah Kintau, Laisebo Maniana and Rhiannah Yaguro represented St. Joseph's International Catholic College in the Chatroom, a weekly radio program of Tribe FM by the young for the young. They passionately discussed the need for young people to put into practice the call of Pope Francis to take care of our common home in his encyclical "Laudato Si." They emphasized that young people have both the capacity and the responsibility to act and influence others to act on behalf of Mother Earth.

May: Month of Mary

In observance of the Month of Mary starting on Monday 2nd May, we begin with a para liturgy at the Peace Theatre. All classes will pray a decade of the rosary during the Homeroom period. Each class is assigned to offer flowers on different days in front of the Shrine of Mama Mary at the Peace Theatre. Starting time will be 7:40 am and we expect all students to be on time for the prayers.

The Rosary represents the Catholic emphasis on participation in the life of Mary whose focus was Christ. Thought is given to one of the Mysteries of the Rosary, which recall the events in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

Yours sincerely



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Principal
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Mrs Hua Igo
Principal
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