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NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS & GUARDIANS

#06/21 – 23rd June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers/Students and Staff,

It has been a successful semester despite missing three weeks of school in Term 1 due to COVID19 restrictions. All the teaching and support staff worked hard to ensure the learning continued in these three weeks of Term 1. We were compelled to learn in our Staff Professional Learning sessions and use new technology in teaching for remote learning using Google Suite applications. We continued our normal teaching and learning for the full 10 weeks of Term 2 under the new normal conditions.

COVID-19 Vaccination

A total of 25 staff received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination on 11th May, and they will receive their second dose in the first week of Term 3. All other staff are encouraged to receive their vaccination to protect themselves against the COVID19.

Staff Movement

We sincerely thank Mrs. Abady and Ms. Efi for their service and commitment to St Joseph's over their years of employment here, and wish them all the best in their new work places. On the same note we welcome three new staff to St. Joseph's namely:

1. Mrs. Grace Narokobi - Mathematics Teacher
2. Sr. Madeline Ofoi, OLSH - Part time RE teacher
3. Sr. Lawrence Ruamana, OLSH - RE teacher

We also made some internal staff movements:

1. Mr. Fabian Papenga - Deputy Principal Administration - Secondary
2. Mrs. Yogi Barampataz - Head of English Department
3. Ms. Concepta Wut - Head of Student Welfare

Part-time Indonesian Language teacher

Mr Sylvester Euga will teach Indonesian Language starting Term 3 on a part-time basis. This part-time appointment was made because Mrs Barampataz is now the Head of English, and she will teach the two Grade 12 classes while Mr Euga will teach Indonesian Language. We are grateful to the Indonesian Embassy for their assistance and support in allowing him to continue the teaching of Indonesian Language to our Grade 7 and 8 students for the rest of the year.

Student Leadership Empowerment Seminar

Thank you, Mr Papenga, for arranging the above workshop on Passion, Purpose and Perseverance for 60 of our Secondary students on Saturday 12 June. The students were thankful they attended these three hour-action-packed seminars that engaged them right throughout with lots of individual and group fun activities, while challenging them to think deeply about their lives in discovering their passions and living with purpose. Students were also led into looking at their worldview and our faith including the factors that influence one's beliefs, values and actions.

2021 Term 2 Holiday One-Week Break

The National Department of Education advised all schools last week to have only one week Term 2 holiday. Therefore, our Term 2 Holiday Break is now only one week from **Monday 28 June to Friday 2 July 2021**, and all classes for Term 3 will start on Monday 5 July 2021.

2021 Term 3 Commencement Date:

Monday 5 July 2021

2021 Term 3 Teaching/Learning Weeks:

11 x weeks for Term 3 – Monday 5 July to Friday 17 September 2021

Appreciation

On behalf of the College Executive Team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for your support, understanding and co-operation in Semester 1. I also extend our sincere appreciation to all our teaching and support staff for all the time and effort you have put into the school in your various areas of responsibility this semester. To all our students, you deserve a good one-week break and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 5 July at the normal school starting time.

Take care and have a safe one-week holiday break.

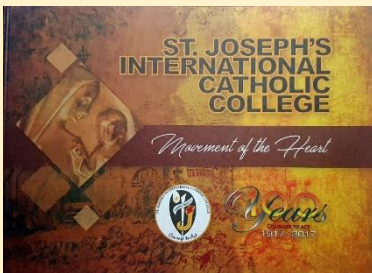
Thank you

George Anthony Swamy

Acting Executive Director/Principal Secondary



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