



# St. Joseph's International Catholic College

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## **NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS & GUARDIANS**

### **#01/22 – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Port Moresby Education Board, School Board of Governors, Staff, and students at St. Joseph's International Catholic College, I am happy to welcome you to the 2022 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a significant difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. Our college vision is "Faith and Family. We all work together as God's family to bring brightness to our children's life.

We are happy to inform you about the significant success in the conclusive results of the 2021 Grade 8, 10 and 12 National Examinations. This came because of numerous interventions, teamwork, and diligence by staff. It is hoped that this standard will not only be maintained but improved upon as we promote and celebrate excellence through determination and hard work. I feel privileged to be a part of this College family. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you.

"Each person holds so much power within themselves that needs to be let out. Sometimes they just need a little nudge, a little direction, a little support, a little coaching, and the greatest things can happen" By: Pete Carroll.

Yours sincerely

Br. Antony Samy PANCRAAS, FSC.

## Welcome

Welcome back to a new school year to all continuing students, parents, and teachers. A special welcome to our new students their parents, and all our new teachers. We also extend a warm welcome to our new Executive Director, Br Antony Samy PANCRAS, FSC.

Our students settled well and easily in their first week of school, and we thank all parents for helping their child/ren to prepare for school in the first two weeks. We hope you and the children are looking forward to the year.

This year has its challenges and it requires a collective approach and everyone working together along the way to meet these challenges. We hear from the news that COVID-19 latest variant is present in NCD, and we all are strongly encouraged to follow the Niupela Pasin Protocols, get vaccinated, and get tested when sick.

Since the beginning of this term, some of our college community family members who tested positive, isolated themselves and returned to school/work after testing negative during their isolation period. We thank them all for following the isolation protocols, and we send our get well wishes to each and every one of our community members who are still in isolation. Also let us encourage each other to continue to pray daily for God's protection on our College Community.

### 2022 New Teaching Staff – Primary School:

- Ms Herron Tineme
- Mrs Josephine Siune Kowane
- Ms Celine Vavana
- Mr Raphael Kasi
- Mrs Mativa Kinakava

### 2022 New Teaching Staff – Secondary School

- Sr. Catherine Stewart, OLSH
- Sr. Pawitra Subba, St Joseph's Cluny
- Mrs. Kila Gulu
- Mrs. Sheryll Extra-Isoaimo
- Mr. Warren Pahren

### SRC Leaders – Primary and Secondary School

Last week we conducted our Student Leaders' elections, and are pleased to present the names of the student-elect leaders for this year.

Secondary School		Primary School	
College Male Captain	Kerenga KOLEALA	Head Boy	Paul YAUIEB
College Female Captain	Petronilla TAMARI	Head Girl	Courtney WINDI
College Male Vice Captain	Raymond BENGA	Vice Head Boy	Kieran BOLA
College Female Vice Captain	Mikhayla TATA	Vice Head Girl	Nanao VAGOLI

**Congratulations** to all our student leaders for this year, and we will all work together for the good of our college.

### 2022 NAPLAN Test Registration

Our students in Grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit this year's NAPLAN Test in May this year. We completed our student registration and submitted the registration data yesterday to New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA), Sydney, Australia.

## **2022 Grade Class and Subject Information Notices**

Next week, your child will bring home curriculum and administrative matters information prepared by the grade class teachers in the Primary School and grade subject teachers in the Secondary School. You are encouraged to contact your child's class teacher in the Primary School and/or your child's Secondary School subject teacher if you have any queries by e-mailing [admin@stjosephsinternational.ac.pg](mailto:admin@stjosephsinternational.ac.pg). We will then forward your query to the teacher/s concerned. Your child's teacher/s will e-mail you direct after your e-mail address is forwarded to them by School Administration.

## **Movement Restrictions – Entry to Prep and Grade 1 Classrooms**

Parents were allowed in the first two weeks of this term to accompany their child/ren to our Prep and Grade 1 classrooms.

Please note that as of next week – **Monday 14 February**, parents will not be allowed to go to these grade classrooms in the morning to leave their child/ren. Prep and Grade 1 parents, please help us and leave your child/ren at the Entrance Gates in the morning, please.

## **COVID-19 Update - Our College Community Action to reduce the risk of transmission.**

- Please remain at home if you are sick with flu like symptoms (and not visit other places while at home), and get tested even with the mildest of symptoms.
- Consider your own health before you attend school/work,
- Ensure you are free from coronavirus symptoms and have had not recent contact with a person confirmed or suspected to have coronavirus.

**Stay home when unwell and get tested, and return to school/work when cleared with a negative result by the medical centre/hospital doctors.**

## **Morning Drop-off and Afternoon Pick-up Gates**

- All continuing students in Grade 1 to 6, and Grade 7 to 12 drop-off and pick-up areas remain the same from last year.
- All Prep students and new students have been informed by their teachers where to be picked up and dropped off according to our drop off and pick up arrangements. These arrangements are done for everyone's convenience in easing the traffic congestion during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times.
- Should any parent wish their child/children be dropped off/picked up at another gate area for their own convenience, please write via your child's diary to his/her teachers to request for a change.

## **Condolences**

Our thoughts and prayers to all the families who recently lost a loved one. May God grant the departed souls eternal rest in peace.

We wish you all a safe week-end, take care and stay safe!

Thank you

Yours sincerely



Mr George Swamy  
Principal  
Secondary School



Mrs Hua Igo  
Principal  
Primary School