



NEWSLETTER WEEK 1.3 2020

WELCOME

Dear Parents and Guardians,
A very warm welcome back to everyone and I trust you have all had an enjoyable and restful break. In particular I welcome our new families and new students to the AIS community.

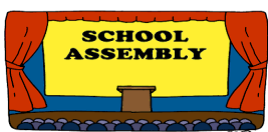
Eljay Korave – Early Learning
Tsianaiv Ngahan-Bai – Early Learning
Samantha Lutz – Early Learning
Shantelle Ignas- Early Learning
Aidan Dunks- Year 1
Immanuel Itaki- Year 4
Shicainah Itaki- Year 3
Eishner Korave – Year 2
Jemicah Relhang – Year 5
Mockonec Kimisopa- Year 6

We also welcome our new teachers.
Mr. Tom Monemone is the year 5/6 Teacher and Miss Bonita Amepou is teaching year 1.

ASSEMBLY: Our first assembly for the term will be from 2:00-3:00 pm this Friday the 14th of February. After the assembly we you can take your children home. Our theme for the assembly is “Valentine’s Day” Please come and join us if you can. There will be tea and coffee afterwards. Teachers will be available after the assembly as well if there are any issues to be discussed.

Assembly Dates

Wk 6- 6th March 2019
Wk 10- 3rd April 2019



CLASS PLACEMENTS: Class placements for this term are as follows.

EL-Miss Simon/Ruthy Petrus
Year 2 / F -Mrs Ashley Joshiah
Year 1 - Miss Bonita Amepou
Year 3/4 - Mrs Frieda Ghabiliha
Years 5/6 - Mr Monemone
Years 6/7/8 - Mr Bai

Mrs Lomutopa will also be taking support sessions for selected students in every class on Fridays.

PRIME MATHS: Last year we decided to use the International version of the Prime Math as this version offered more practice activities for the students. Unfortunately, due to copyright / producer issues internationally the “Prime Math International version is no longer available in Australia as Prime AUS has taken over this. Our supplier is now sourcing our orders from the US (same content, different printer). A few schools in Australia including AISPNG who prefer to use the International version are now waiting for these books to arrive. I expect the books to arrive late Feb / early March. Teachers already have access to the interactive books online and they will be using this to teach, until the hardcopies arrive.



BREAKS: During the school day there are two major breaks – recess at 10.00am for Junior students and Snr students 10:30 and lunch at 12.00pm and Snr students 1:00pm. Students like to have a small snack of e.g. fruit

and biscuits during recess and then for lunch they require a balanced meal or sandwiches, a piece of fruit and a drink of juice, milk, or water. Soft drinks are discouraged and are not sold at the Tuckshop. The Tuckshop offers morning tea and lunches. For all parents who want to make use of this service, please complete the Tuckshop order forms at the front desk and pass these on at the admin office.



CLASS DOCUMENTS: All teachers’ class newsletters, overviews and homework will be sent via email. Just a reminder on homework; homework is given and explained in class everyday. We are encouraging parents to get their children homework diaries, so that students can be responsible for their homework and write their own little reminders.

Spelling words are also copied into these diaries in class. Electronic copies that we send out are just to inform parents what students are doing in class. There is no need to print these. Of course, feel free to do so if this helps you or your child with their homework.

BUS SERVICE: For the safety of the kids and time constraints, the school bus will only do pick up and drop offs within Goroka town. We like to avoid the school bus taking longer trips on the highway. This decision is mostly due to time constraints taking into account that most students are picked up in town. We do not want the students to have a very long commute. Thank you for your understanding.



TUITION FEES: Thank you to all the parents for the prompt payment of school fees and those that came in to do instalments of fees. Reminders of second instalment dates will be emailed to you closer to date. We would prefer payments to be made via direct deposit or bank transfer. It is important you advise us once payment is made, so we can easily identify the incoming payment. (this can of course be done per email:

admin@aispng.com.



TARDINESS: Quite a number of students have been coming late to school frequently. We would like to ask all parents to please bring your children to school on time as students do miss out on very important announcements and the start of lessons.

COLD/FLU: A kind reminder to parents to please let your children stay home if they have a cold until they are better. Quite a number of students have been coming to school with a cold/flu and I have sent them home. As of this year students with a cold will be sent home with a note. Colds do easily pass on to other students here at school so we would like to keep this as minimal as possible.



To support our awareness efforts, we have asked Dr Diave to come to school and speak to staff on

precautionary measures that teachers and students can take.

UNIFORMS: Please make sure that your children are in their correct uniforms before they come to school. Uniform checks are done every Wednesday morning and students do often lose points for their team if they are not in their correct uniforms. We would like all parents to please purchase school uniforms from the school, so all students are in the same attire.

There are a couple of students who are missing either their hat or jumpers. Could I ask every parent to please have a look at home for any unidentified jumpers laying around at home and have it returned to school. Can parents also make sure that your child's uniforms are labelled so it's easy to locate them when lost.

We currently have no stock of hats and size 4 dresses. These uniform items are on order and will arrive later during the term. I will keep you all updated on this.



TUCKSHOP: Due to the large number of outstanding bills from the Tuckshop from last year and parents contradicting the invoices issued, we would like all parents to make payment for Tuckshop at the front desk via Eftpos only.

LAPTOPS: Senior students who have laptops are encouraged to bring their computer in as of next week. It is not permitted for students to share flash drives. There is a very high risk of transferring a computer virus.



SCHOOL CAMPS: The senior camp for this year will be in country. Once a venue is confirmed we will let everyone know.

Junior camp will be in term 2. Once teachers finalise these dates, we will inform the parents.



NAPLAN. Naplan exams are scheduled for May. Most schools in Australia are now doing these exams online. We will wait for confirmation if we are to do the same here in Goroka. I will keep everyone posted on this.



I will be away from the 17-21st of February. During my absence Mrs Ghabiliha will be covering for me for any admin issues. I will be available via email if there are any urgent matters to be discussed.

Have a good week everyone.
Regards
Michelle Melachon- Kalwij

PRINCIPAL



Term Dates

<i>Term</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Break</i>
<i>Term 1</i>	<i>28 Jan–Friday 3rd April</i>	<i>10 weeks</i>	<i>2 weeks</i>
<i>Term 2</i>	<i>21st April–Friday 26 June</i>	<i>10 weeks</i>	<i>2 weeks</i>
<i>Term 3</i>	<i>14th July–Friday 18th September</i>	<i>10 weeks</i>	<i>2 weeks</i>
<i>Term 4</i>	<i>6th Oct–Friday 11th Dec</i>	<i>10 weeks</i>	<i>2 weeks</i>