



NEWSLETTER WEEK 3.8 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,
We have now come to the end of the term and staff and students are ready for the term 3 break.

TERM DATES FOR 2017

Term 3 - Tue 11/07/17 – Thu 14/09/17

Term 4 – Tue 03/10/17- - Fri 1/12/17

HOLIDAYS: Students have two weeks of holidays and will return on the 3rd of October.

ASSEMBLY: Our last assembly for the term will be on Thursday from 12:00- 01:00pm. Students may leave for the holidays after the assembly.

This assembly will be an Independence themed assembly and we would like for all students to dress up in their traditional attire. For our international community, students can come dressed up in something representing PNG or their own national attire.

We would like to ask all parents to bring a plate of a PNG dish to share with everyone after assembly tomorrow.

SENIOR CAMP: We are now finalizing dates for the senior camp in November. Just a friendly reminder to parents who have received forms from me to fill out; please have this forms completed and returned to me as soon as you can.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Reports will be provided for students who have attended classes for more than 30 days.

A Student Update will be provided to students who have attended classes for 20 days.

No reports will be provided to students with less than 20 days of attendance.

A note of clarification: grading in all reports will always be as per Australian Curriculum year level standards (and not comparative-to-peers grading).

SCHOLASTICS: Scholastics orders have not arrived yet. Once they do I will advise all parents.

LIBRARY BOOKS: All parents please have a

look at home for any library books that belong to the school and have them returned.

TOYS: A reminder to all parents that students are not allowed to bring their own toys to school unless it is for a special project at school or for show and tell. Lately students have been bringing toys to school and it is a distraction to them and their peers during class time.

MUSIC LESSONS: The music schedule for all students have now been set. Private lessons are on Monday afternoons, Thursday afternoons and Friday afternoons.

If you would like Mr Karafe to take lessons over the holidays please organize with him or come and see me for arrangements.

PRIME MATHS: YEARS 1-6. We started a term late as the books did not arrive in time.

We realize that it has taken longer than expected to complete book A. This was due to the fact that there are more concepts taught and our teachers had to re-visit all these concepts regularly to ensure all students mastered them before moving on.

We have decided that rather than pushing all students to complete book B in term 4 with only 7 weeks of teaching, we will cover concepts not mastered first, before moving on. There is quite a number of extension and bridging activities that the Prime Maths Australia has supplied and we are going implement this in term 4.

For parents who are interested in having a go at book B with their kids over the holidays, you are more than welcome to do so. Please come and see Mrs Ghabiliha or class teachers.

If you would like more information on this please come and see Mrs Ghabiliha.

BOARDING SCHOOLS: For students who are leaving next year for boarding school, could their parents please come and see me to start organizing the transition.

There is an Asia Pacific scholarship program that all our students can apply for. When a

scholarship is awarded, all tuition fees from year 9-12 are paid for. Last year Hayden Karre was one of the recipients of this scholarship. If you would like more information on this please come and see me.

PNG COOK UP: Thank you all the parents who have contributed food items to this event. All students enjoyed themselves. Pictures will be posted on our website if you would like to have a look.

TRAINEE TEACHERS: On behalf of the staff and students we would like to say thank you to our trainees from the Early Childhood Centre at the University of Goroka, Miss Manam, Mr. Aluga, Mrs Taria and Mrs Mohave for being here with us for this term. Your help has been greatly appreciated by all staff and students and the AIS Parent Community.

I would like to also sincerely thank all the parents for your continued support throughout the term and all the teachers for another successful term.

I wish you all a lovely independence holiday and hope to see you all tomorrow.

Thanks,
Michelle