

Kimbe International School

The Right School For Your Child



From the Principal

• Newsletter Number 1
• Term 2
• Year 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2 and a special welcome to those who have joined us for the first time. At the end of last term we heard that the IEA would be carrying out a review of the school in Term 3. The school review process involves an initial internal review where we look critically at our activities and consider what we need to do to improve further. We have started collecting the data for our internal review. In Week 6 of Term 3 the school will be visited by a panel of four educationalists chaired by one of the IEA Directors. It may be necessary to hold surveys of parents so I hope you will all cooperate with any requests for feedback.

We are determined that our show, Jack and the Beanstalk, will still be performed despite the extra work involved in the review. The students and staff are busy developing ideas and scripts for this show.

This week saw the beginning of the MEEP course for Grade 9 and they returned to school having very much enjoyed the first session. They are looking forward to the practical snorkeling next week.



Last Saturday the ANZAC Dusk Service of Remembrance was held at the San Remo Club and our school took part by laying a wreath and joining with NBIS to form a choir singing one hymn and the national anthems of PNG, Australia and New Zealand. We were also pleased to assist with the provision of chairs. Thank you to all of the students, parents and staff who attended the service.

This Saturday sees the beginning of the 2009 soccer and netball competition between KIS, NBIS and Mosa Primary. Any parents wishing to come along to support our students will be very welcome.

As promised in the last newsletter we sent out a term 1 report and asked for feedback on that report. Over 100 parents have already replied and I thank all of you very much for your replies. If you have any extra comments or suggestions they would be very well received. Remember, this report is an additional one aiming to provide an early indication of your child's progress at the start of the year.



From the Principal ~ continued

There will be more specific reports linked to the learning outcomes later in the year and the Three-way Conference will enable further insight into specific areas of their work. I will try to contact the parents who disagreed with some of the statements in the survey to find out what your concerns are

In Week 1 of this term we were visited by an IEA adviser, Mrs. Julie McLean, and she is acting as our review consultant helping us to get the most from the review.

As this is the end of Week 2 I hope everyone has settled their Term 2 fees or made arrangements with the Principal. I will be reviewing everyone's accounts over the weekend and hope there will be no need to ask anyone to keep their children at home. If you have any temporary problems with fee payments then please come in to talk to me.

Ivor Jones - Principal

School Reminders

Parents and Friends Meeting

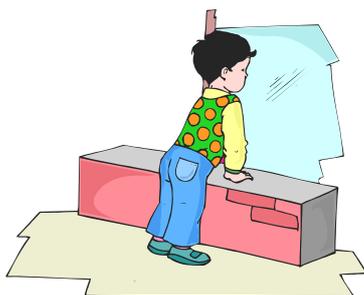
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please be informed that there will be a Parents and Friends meeting scheduled for next Wednesday 6th of May, commencing at 5pm. This is to restart the Parents and Friends association. I hope that as many as are able will join us.

We will be looking for ideas to help develop the school and support the curriculum.

Looking forward to see you,

Mrs. Gertrude Loga



News from the Foundation Class

Dear Parents Guardians,



Welcome back to term 2.

Our focus for this term is Fairy Tales and this will lead to the Whole School Production that will take place in week 4 of term 3. This term's planning will be based around Fairy Tales and the Theme Web that will go out next week should explain about what we'll be doing this term in class.

As we are ending week two of this term, there are plenty of events, activities and excitement planned for the weeks ahead. To start the excitement, the Foundations and Preps are visiting the Liamo Hotel today to see the crocodile as part of our Living Things lesson.

I am happy to report to you about your child trying his or her best to adapt to the class and the school routines at all times. While some children are displaying confidence to abide by these routines, there are some who still need more time to develop confidence. We respect each child as an individual and will only encourage, motivate and provide suitable and interesting activities to our children to develop confidence.

Reminders to Parents and Guardians:

Pack enough food for recess and lunch because some children eat all their food at recess and they're left with nothing for lunch.

Provide plenty of water especially for sunny days and label the water bottles.

All your child's possessions should be labeled clearly.

Please provide your child with a hat every day because play is the most important method for your child's Physical Development.

A communication book is provided for you and me to communicate about what your child is doing or about anything relating to school. Please do have the time to check in your child's bag for newsletters and also for messages in the communication book. Reply or ask questions if you're not sure of something in this book.

Parents and Guardians, please do spend some half an hour each day to speak in English with your child if you can and if you cannot, arrange for play over or sleep over with other friends of your children who are already confident in speaking the English Language. It makes a big difference when children come to school with some English Language.

Try to have some routines established in your homes for your child so he/she will not find it difficult to abide by the routines in class and at school.

Special Days

Our Music day is on Tuesday while our sports day is on Thursday each week. Our library day is Wednesday.

If you have any concerns you are most welcome to see me or contact me by phone or email. Please send us any seeds, shells, boxes, tube rolls, magazines, margarine containers, old news papers and egg cartons.

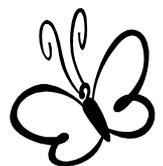
Parents and Guardians, you are encouraged to come in and help in any way so if you have half an hour or more to spare of your precious time, do not hesitate to see me. It does make a difference to your child's development in his/her school life.

My email address is gloga@kimbe.iea.ac.pg.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Gertrude Loga

At Kimbe International School, we learn by doing.
Foundation
Children having fun blowing big and small bubbles.



Elma and Tijuana painting a picture of themselves and the Foundation Classroom as part of our Knowledge, Understanding about the World. KUW.

News from the Grade 12 History Class



The Grade 12 History students have been very busy since last term, fundraising for their excursion to Rabaul in June during the term two holidays. They will be going to Rabaul to see the war relics left by the Japanese Imperialist Army after the end of the war in September, 1945.

One of the most interesting engineering feats achieved by the Japanese during the war, was the construction of a three level underground hospital which had served thousands of wounded and dead Japanese soldiers.



This amazing underground hospital, which today attracts a large number of foreign tourists, especially Japanese, is located at Gelegele resettlement in a plantation owned by Coconut Products Limited. We have seen slides of it and cannot wait to go and explore the site.



There is a lot of excitement in the air for everyone involved in the preparation of this excursion, especially the six girls studying history and their history teacher. For most of the students, this would be their first time to see Rabaul.



Apart from seeing the war relics, the students will also have the opportunity to see the volcanoes, for which Rabaul is famous, the various educational institutions and of course a bit of snorkeling off the white sandy beaches in Kokopo.



The main fundraising activity has been the selling of ice-cream at the school and that is still continuing. The attached slides show some of the Grade 12 students serving ice-cream to the students during small lunch at 10.00am and big lunch at 12.20 noon.

We are also thankful to certain business houses that have made commitments to help sponsor this educational trip. We've already had a financial donation from one business house and another, maybe by the time this newsletter is published, will have also fulfilled its sponsorship promise.

We will definitely bring back with us a lot of pictures and have them published in the newsletter for the benefit of everyone to see. Till then, bye for now and enjoy reading!!!



RICHARD KORERUA (History Teacher 2009)