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Dear Parents

We have almost reached the end of another term of learning at Lihir International Primary School and I again need to acknowledge the terrific effort and behaviour displayed by all students throughout first term.

The positive classroom tone, which is evident at nearly all times, really sets the scene for an effective learning environment and great credit must also go to our hard working teachers who ensure all students have access to the best possible learning opportunities.

I am sure that many parents saw evidence of these positive Student / Teacher learning partnerships when going through the term one portfolios and hope all parents were able to follow this with a Parent / Teacher Interview to discuss your child's learning progress and plans for future improvement.

If you have not yet returned your child's portfolio please do this as soon as possible so that teachers can continue to build on these records of your child's learning.

Please remember that first term finishes at 2:45pm this Thursday and school will recommence on Monday 11th April.

Prep and Year One Assembly

Well done to our prep and year one students who presented a great assembly last Friday.

These students presented some terrific art work and performed a song they had learnt with the help of some of our year seven students.

It has been great to see our oldest and youngest school children working together during this preparation.

This Thursday's assembly will feature a performance from our singing group, a year five drama performance and an Easter parade as we say farewell to term one and look forward to the Easter holidays.



Congratulations Week Eight

Principal Award Winners

Hazel Napier – Year Five

Jerson Soipang – Kindy

Eston Brunskill– Year One

Desree Nialir – Year Two

Chantelle Turan – Year Three

Clinton Malele – Year Seven

School Council

Last week's School Council meeting focused on the reviewed and updated LIPS Science Plan, the school fire evacuation plan, student portfolios, future approaches to student health screening and

staffing while there was also discussion regarding two School Council vacancies and nominations to fill these vacancies.

Following discussion on these vacancies Dennis Zeriga-Gati's nomination was accepted, by School Council, to fill the Parent Representative position while Daren Smart has been endorsed by School Council and accepted by the NML Lihir HR Manager to fill the remaining NML appointed School Councilor role.

Congratulations to Dennis and Darren and we look forward to your contributions to School Council.

Student Council

Congratulations Student Council for organising a terrific LIPS Market on Saturday morning.

There was an extremely positive feel around school as some children sold their craft and cooking creations while others painted nails, faces and arms on the way to raising 808 Kina to support the purchase of learning resources for a Lihirian school.

Well done to all children involved and thank you to the many parents who helped out.

A day like this is not possible without a thorough planning and lead up process – thank you to Mrs King for the many planning hours you put into supporting the Student Council to organise such a great event.

Education Psychologist Visit

Megan Colahan has had a long association with our school and worked with many students, parents and teachers in recent years.

Megan's 2016 visit will be on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th of April. Megan will work with identified students and your child's class teacher will discuss this with you if they have reason to believe your child could benefit from working with Megan.

Megan will also run at least one parent information session to discuss latest research on positive parenting and to be available to answer any questions you may have.

Teacher identified students will have priority during Megan's visit; however, if you have any concerns regarding your child and wish to inquire about any benefit of them working with Megan please talk to your child's class teacher to discuss these concerns so that a decision can be made as to whether a follow up appointment is necessary.

It is important to understand that there is no benefit in having a child tested if there is not clear evidence that the child requires testing and assessment – this testing is used to support the implementation of significant learning interventions and your child's teacher will be able to provide you with the most up to date data and information regarding your child's learning progress.

Tuberculosis Update

ISOS has followed up weekend Mantoux testing and sent all blood tests to Port Moresby. If you have any concerns regarding your health or that of your child please make an appointment for a consultation at the Lihir Medical Centre so that medical professionals are able to support you and your family.

Staffing News

Mrs Gertrude Kelele has been appointed as our new year six and seven Assistant Teacher. Gertrude's most recent employment was as deputy principal of a PNG school in Madang. Gertrude comes to us with a high level of qualifications and excellent references.

Gertrude has visited our school this week to meet staff and students and I look forward to her starting her work at LIPS on the first day of second term.

I am sure all in our school community will ensure Gertrude enjoys a warm welcome to LIPS.

Parent and Emergency Contacts

If your phone number, email address or emergency contacts have recently changed can you please notify Rose in the front office? This information needs to be up to date, at all times, to support the safety and wellbeing of all students at our school.

Happy Easter Holidays!

I wish you all a safe, exciting Easter holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 11th of April - please remember Mr King will be acting principal Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th of March.

Kind regards

Michael

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