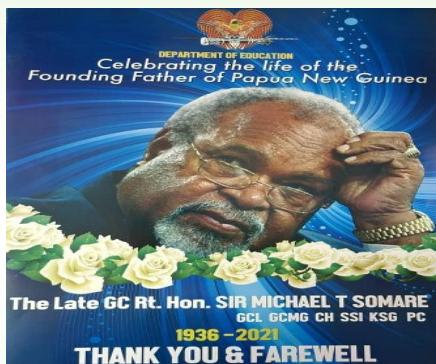


School Resumption

The 2021 academic year resumption started on Monday 25th January week one of this year. The normal classes have started straight after the registration for both primary and secondary section.

It has seen that enrolment for the primary has increased this year comparing last year. Also for a steady enrolment increase in the high school section led by couple of transfer-in students.

Death of Grand Chief Sir MT Somare



Like other schools in the country, HLIS has mourned the untimely passing of the Founding Father of this Great Nation, Sir TM Somare. The NEC has declared two days holiday (5th & 12th) March which HLIS has observed to reflect on the Great things he has done for this country especially to gain Independence

COVID-19 Precautionary Measures

More recent times the COVID - 19 Pandemic has increased and claimed two lives at the Enga Teachers' College and this is a great surprise comparing the other provinces. Both are Lecturers and this has prompted us to closed HLIS for a day which was Monday this week. This action was deemed necessary to be taken because some of the ETC students are currently accommodated here. However, the school was re-open on Tuesday.

HLIS has decided to impose some strict measures to practise, 'New Normal' at the school.

Measures are: No Mask, No Entry, hand washing, social distancing, pish bump and others. This is very important here and we appeal to the parents, stakeholders and others to comply with us in order to fight against this deathly virus.

Term One Holiday

This is to remind the stakeholders and parents that beginning of term one holiday is expected to be on the week 10 of this term. This is only 4 weeks away. The most of the HLIS news which are not included in this newsletter will be edited and included during the 2nd newsletter.

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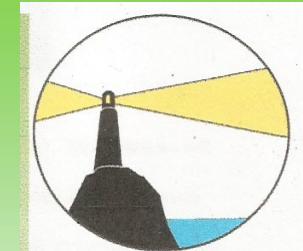
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From...the Writer's Desk.

Hello everyone and welcome to the First edition of our newsletter 2021.

We are now through the middle of first term of this new schooling year and all our activities are in full swing. We hope to close the term with report cards and the 2nd newsletter. Parents are urged to read the HLIS newsletter and know what is happening here.



New Principal, Mrs Anna Blake

It is indeed a blessing and also a privilege to welcome a New Principal in Mrs Anna Blake. She hails from the neighbouring WHP. The HLIS does not have a permanent Principal to run the everyday operation of this beautiful institution for the last three years. Nevertheless, this has made possible by the HLIS Interim Board led by Governor Sir Peter Ipatas brought in Mrs Blake to serve as a permanent Principal. She has accepted the call and agreed unanimously to take the challenges as this is her first appointment as a Principal. She has multiple teaching experiences both in the Government and Private School settings. Teachers are looking forward to work under her leadership this year 2021.

New Principal's Message

The New Principal welcome teachers, students, ancillary staff, carpenters and community in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. She emphasised on this year's Theme; 'Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed, Proverbs 16:3'. She basically elaborated further on 'team work' and submit to authorities. In this way her aim is for everyone in the school to work together for the common good and that is for the students to dwell and exile in their learning. She also expressed much gratitude for her personal experience in the new environment, meeting great team of teachers, support staff and the community for the wonderful respect reflected on her.

She also expressed much gratitude for the Action Governor and Interim Board Chairman Sir Peter Ipatas and out-going Care-Taker Principal, Henry Kapao for having trust in her leadership and appointed her to be the principal of HLIS 2021.

Finally, she appealed to everyone to submit to the authority and work as a team to make HLIS the school of 'excellence' and produce much anticipated outstanding results from especially Gr 10s and 12s at the end of this year.

*Flower blooms for a day.
What does this mean?*

Handover - Takeover : - Principal



It was the special occasion for new and old teachers of both primary and secondary at HLIS where the 'Handover-Takeover' ceremony was taken place. Mr Henry Kapao who has been a 'care-taker' principal for three years has this time handover the principal's position to the in-coming principal, Mrs Anna Blake. The Interim Board has appointed Mrs Blake to be the principal for a year. The ceremony was witnessed by the teachers, ancillary staff and BOG members. Mr Kapao thanked the teachers and the support staff for helping him to manage during the difficult years have passed. Mrs Blake thanked the BOG for the trust they have bestowed on her and she has called for the 'team work' from the colleagues in order to produce better results for HLIS.



New Teachers



Mrs Lorraine Nakanol - Gr 2 Teacher

The two new teachers have been recruited to join HLIS this year. They are Mrs Anna Blake, the Principal and Mrs Nakanol, the Gr2 teacher. Both teachers have wealth of teaching experience in their respective areas of teaching and learning. It is a bonus for HLIS and they are most welcome to be part of the team to make HLIS to become the school of excellence.



Flower speaks. Do you believe it?

HLIS Teaching Staff - 2021

The 2021 teaching staff at HLIS is diverse. The institution has primary and high school teachers. The current principal is from neighboring Western Highlands Province while the teachers come from various parts of PNG. Although the culture is diverse the medium of communication in the school is English. In the high school section courses are offered from Grade 7-12. HLIS has hired some of the best trained and experienced teachers to teach at the school including the early childhood.

The Secondary Section has two faculties: Science and Social Science. These faculties have some of the best performing teachers the school has so far. The Gr12 performance last year was slightly dropped even though it ranked 10th in 2019. This shows the simple manifestation of hard working teachers supported by the action team of Interim Board members headed by Sir Peter Ipatas as the Interim Chairman.

In the Primary Section the teachers have taken a holistic approach in their teaching and learning led by Mrs. Pam Liu, Deputy Principal, with her professional teachers, they keep the students active and alive in their classes. In most cases this is manifested during the special occasions with displays of poetry, dramas, dances and music.