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School NEWSLETTER

Theme:

Be
Purposeful



Hello everyone & welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter. We are excited to have new students joining us this year and also to introduce new Teachers in this 1st issue. We aim to bring you all the updates on classroom learning & other news happening here at HLIS. Enjoy reading!



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Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Careers, Welcome to another new school year, an exciting time as our students return to start their education journey. I extend a special welcome to our New Parents and Students who have joined our vibrant HLIS school community this year. The mixed emotions with so much anxiety is now a thing of the past, every new kid has settled in well. Choosing HLIS is the best decision you made for your child and we stand committed to embrace the individuality of every child and educate them to explore their talents and potential beyond boundaries, guiding them with the Gospel of Christ.

WELCOME!

We started the Term with the **Theme;**
Be Purposeful.

The theme being the driver for the start of the academic year, positive change, growth and development as a real educational adventure seems achievable as the year progresses. Normal school routines and lessons have gained momentum. It truly a joy to see faces beaming with pride and passion.

Teaching Staff: This year dawned with us welcoming 7 new teachers in the High school section and 2 new teachers in the Primary section, 1 x teacher aid. A profile for each one of them in detail can be read in this edition of the newsletter as you flip through.

“The future depends on what you do today.”



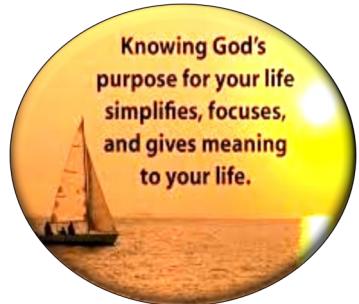
There is more involvement from the school SRC led by The School President: Emmanuel Koi and The Vice-President: Theona Ipatas. Parents are invited to attend chapel hour with us on Wednesdays – 8 a.m. – 9a.m (especially when your child's class is leading chapel)

As I come to a close for now, please be reminded that we have our Mid-Term break this Friday, 3rd March and resume classes on Tuesday 7th March, 2023. All Boarding students return on Monday to boarding houses. More News in the next edition.

Have a safe weekend and we will see you on the other side.

**God Bless,
Anna Blake
PRINCIPAL**

Knowing God's purpose for your life simplifies, focuses, and gives meaning to your life.



What is a purpose driven life?

This is what the author of the book titled: A Purpose driven life had to say;

Pastor Rick Warren: I think the biggest misunderstanding that students have is confusing God's purposes for their life with secondary issues. They want to ask questions like "where should I go to school, what job should I have, who should I marry, where should I live?" Those are important, but secondary, because God is more interested in who you are. We are human beings, not human doers. God is far more interested in your character, because you're not taking your career to heaven, but you are taking your character. Give all your dreams to the one who holds your dreams. When you leave God out, there is no sense of direction and all else fails in chaos.

UNDERSTAND WHY YOU EXIST

Today, we're surrounded by mass media messages that tell us to look within ourselves for answers. We pursue earthly successes that are empty and temporary. You were placed on earth for God's cosmic purposes, which stretch into eternity.

The only way to reveal your purpose is through a relationship with Christ. Don't try to use God for your purpose; let God use you for *His* purposes instead.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Luke 18:16

Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.



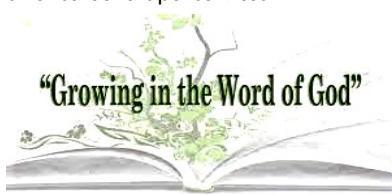
Students singing praise songs during the first chapel hour this term. Enrollment of students have increased and the mess hall was filled with excited students.



Our school Principal Mrs. Blake makes important announcements after school chapel services.



Reverend John Pupu addressing the students after the Wednesday chapel hour.



"Let the children come to me"

We give thanks to the Lord for the increase in the number of students enrollment, particularly in the Preschool class up to the lower Primary. We have also received some new students in the High School Section. The scripture says, 'Let the children come to me, do not hinder them, for the Kingdom belongs to such as these.' **(Matthew 19:14, Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16)** How profound are these words of Jesus. At HLIS we embrace these words of Jesus with our mission statement "Excellence in Education guided by the Gospel of Christ. HLIS continues to ensure a child is shaped, molded & trained to be a whole person intellectually & spiritually.

We do this through our Monday to Friday Christian Religious Education (CRE) lessons for the High Schoolers as well as daily homeroom devotions for all. All classes combine for the chapel hour every Wednesdays each schooling week.

Students from different classes are given the opportunity to share the word of God by way of expository by senior students, singing & dramatizing from a given text from the scripture. We also conduct Friday night fellowships for Teachers with their families and the HLIS boarding students. To continue enriching our spiritual lives at the school, we have our Sunday service together as the HLIS congregation. Parents/guardians are free to join us every Sundays at 9:30a.m

This is a blessed school as our students also come along with some most senior students from UOG Enga campus who reside with us and worship together on Sundays and Friday nights.

Parents, guardians and sponsors, we thank you for choosing HLIS as the ideal place for your child's educational & spiritual development. Your child is in good hands and you have sent your child to a school which allows the word of God to take precedence for Jesus says, "let the children come to me, do not hinder them, for the kingdom belongs to such as these."

God's peace be with you all.

**Reverend John Pupu
School Chaplain**

Wednesday School Chapel Hour



Our senior students in the Highschool section lead the praise & worship for the whole school during the chapel hour on Wednesdays. We have one of our staff member Mr. Narowen who works well with the musicians to organize the chapel sing along as well as other school organized activities that involves music.

← Here we have the students & Mr. Narowen



One of our chapel service was led by the Grade 11 class. Pictured here is Lamek, a male student in grade 11 who began the chapel hour with a word of prayer. It is very good to see students like Lamek well dressed with a desire to praise God.



Here is Londe in grade 11 leading the school with praise & worship songs. It's enlightening to see students like these leading by example for the young children in the Primary Section. Honoring God at such a young age goes along way in the kind of character you build for yourself in the future to come.

Sharing of the word



Laura in grade 11 shared the word of God which followed with a drama performed by her classmates. The message shared was taken from

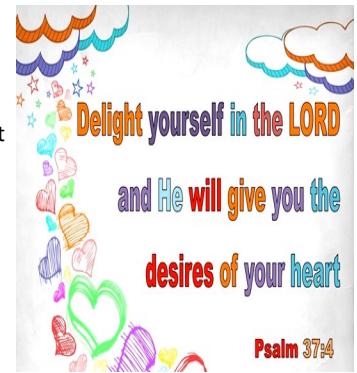
Mathew 6:1-8

So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

This was a great message for everyone as it serves as a reminder of what God values & honors in the life of a Christian. Everyone in our changing world today work hard to please others in public but God values the things we do in secret that honors him.

Thank you Grade 11's for the message!



Psalm 37:4



We are excited to have some new staff members this year, 2023. HLIS aims to provide the best education for our students through the recruitment of qualified, experienced Teachers within Enga Province & around the country. This year, we have 8 new Teachers who have joined the HLIS Teaching Staff. We welcome all of them to our HLIS family.



Pictured above is Ms. Walfridis Soalili from Madang Province. She is taking Grade 8 Social Science and Grade 9-12 Geography. Ms. Soalili likes the peaceful school environment with the less number of students to teach.



From Right: Meet Mr. Andrew Kopta (with glasses) He comes from Simbu. He is taking Grade 11&12 History, Grade 7,8 & 10 Social Science. Mr. Kopta has experiences in Private schools such as POMIS IEA & Paradise College in POM.

His Remarks: " HLIS is a fine Educational Institution with a quiet & conducive learning environment which I enjoy staying in.

In the Centre is Mr. Iso from Goroka. Mr. Iso is taking grade 10-12 ICT & Grades 11&12 General Maths.

On the Left behind Mr. Iso is Mr. Terdy Green who is taking Grade 9 Maths as well as Grade 11&12 Physics. Mr. Green is honoured to be here on his 11th year of Teaching.



Ms. Fuawe Geana is a Morobean. She is teaching Grade 12 students Accounting and taking Grade 11&9 Classes with Business Studies. She is thrilled to teach only 3 students in one of the 3 classes given to her in HLIS compared to teaching 2 classes of 80 plus students from her previous school. She also shared these remarks: "Coming from a Lutheran background, I am so grateful that I have decided to join HLIS as now I can balance my work as well as my spiritual life."



In the Primary Section: Pictured above, We have Ms. Elsie J. Tandawai from the heart of Enga Province. She is the Grade 3 Class Teacher for this year. Ms. Tandawai was anxious on her first day here at HLIS but was excited when she met her Primary Teacher Colleagues. She is proud to work in a different environment after spending 12 years in her previous school.



To our students.....

Always remember what you have learned. Your education is your life—guard it well.

PROVERBS 4:13 GNT



Ms. Emily Togilibu is from Milne Bay. She is the Prekinder Class Teacher. She finds HLIS to be a good working environment and aims to overcome any challenges in her job this year.



This is Mrs. Dorcas Patrick from Eastern Highlands. She has 18 years of Teaching experience and she is Teaching Grades 9, 11 & 12 Biology. Ms. Patrick feels that HLIS is a quiet environment with kind students & also the most safest place. She is privileged to be here after spending a few years in her previous school Hagen Park Day Secondary.



Mr. Pius is a new graduate from UOG and has done a tremendous job of Teaching the grade 5 & 6 class. He is a Teacher assistant to the grade 5/6 class. Pictured is Mr. Pius teaching the grade 6 students fractions in Math.

To gain worldly wisdom requires much effort. To gain heavenly wisdom requires much submission.

Mr. Pius is a trained Teacher which qualifies him to teach these classes. He thanks God for such a great opportunity to be part of the HLIS Teaching staff this year.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Grade 2 Class



Grade 2 students working hard to do well in their spelling activities. In this class, students are prepared for upper primary through usage of textbooks/booklets, homework assignments and also group tasks & presentations.

PreKinder class



Ms. Togilibu & her Prekinder students were busy during their Math activity this week. The children learnt about what a balance scale is. They observed the scale to see which object is heavy or light. This activity helps children to develop their hands & eye coordination & also to develop their reasoning skills.



Lenisha Abotane proudly showing off her work sample on different shapes.

Preschool class



Preschoolers listened attentively to their I.T Teacher Mr. Narowen explaining the I.T Lab rules on their first I.T lesson. That's a great start!



Preschoolers enjoying their first small lunch together on their first day at school

More CLASSROOM NEWS

Kindergarten class



Pictured above is Mrs. Nakanol's Kindergarten class having a health lesson on the importance of bringing healthy lunch to school as this leads to increased focus in class and better classroom behaviors.

Highschool students in Grade 11



Here we have the Grade 11 students doing their first Biology test. Science Teachers in the High school section work hard to prepare both theory and practical activities to help students learn well.

Grade 9 class



Students make discussions based on the science activity.



They did group work on the Topic Mass. They learnt how to use a balance to do measurements and recorded their findings as a group. Working cooperatively enhances learning.

LEARN
STUDY
SUCCESS
DISCOVERY
CREATIVITY
STRATEGY
BEGINNING
WORK
SCIENCE

Special Event- National Rememberance Day of the Late First Prime Minister, Grand Chief Hon. Sir Michael T. Somare



HLIS staff & students came together as a school community to commemorate the National Remembrance Day of PNG's first Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare on the 24th of February in week 4. Our school chaplain opened the special program with a word of prayer.



The special program started in the morning with various presentations from the senior students. The activities highlighted the History of our late Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare. Pictured here are grade 8 students presenting Poems.



Principal Mrs. Blake made the final speech to end the special program.

This year 2023 marks the second anniversary since the passing on of the founding father, the late Grand Chief Sir Michael Thomas Somare on February 26th 2021.



Atasha Jimmy in Grade 10 & Lumeck in Grade 11 presented a brief History of Sir Michael Somare.

HLIS Assembly area

Other News

Prime Minister's visit



We were once again honored to host our Prime Minister Honorable James Marape & his delegates here at HLIS when he was officially invited by the Wapenamanda MP Hon. Miki Kaoek for the launching of the District 5 year development plan as well as the plan to build the fly over bridge at the Wapenamanda District earlier in January. The Prime Minister arrives at our school with his own police escorts and is warmly welcomed by our friendly school community members as well as our Principal.



School Project: Front gate fencing



Our school gate fencing project which started at the end of last year is coming to a completion.



The school employed new police officers to ensure safety of the students but Sergeant Kia remains one of our very own faithful officer who continues to serve HLIS with pride. Thankyou Sergeant Kia!

Reminders

- ⇒ Mid-Term break this Friday, 3rd March and classes resume on Tuesday 7th March, 2023.
- ⇒ Healthy Lunch Reminders: Please ensure your child brings healthy food to school as this helps them to focus & learn well in class.
- ⇒ Grooming: Every child must dress up neatly, hairs must be combed and appropriate shoes must be worn to school.

Enjoy your mid-term break