



■ IEA Survey Results

We have received the results of the recent IEA survey of the school's performance. I would like to thank the parents who responded by completing and returning surveys. The surveys are completed by parents, students and staff. The results compare our performance against other IEA schools and historically over the last few years.

The positives from this year's survey are that parents feel that the school has an excellent reputation, is achieving high academic results, is a place that their child enjoys attending, is a safe and secure environment and is well managed. The school is seen as a caring school that encourages individuality.

The areas of concern for parents included reporting on student performance, involvement in decision making and information about the school's curriculum.

We intend to use the survey results within our Strategic Plan. We will create a number of Priority Areas within the Strategic Plan and will use the survey results for "evidence based" improvements.

■ Parent Focus Group

I would like an opportunity to discuss with parents the results of the survey in greater detail. To do this I would like to form a parent focus group that would meet to discuss the issues raised by the survey. If you would like to be part of this group please Email me at paulhalford1@gmail.com or leave a telephone message with the office staff. Your involvement will be greatly appreciated.

■ Book Week

We will be celebrating Book Week in Week 4 (10th to 14th August.) The events during Book Week will include a Short Story Writing competition, a Book Cover competition, a dress as a book character day, readings by authors, library quizzes and shared readings between older and younger students.

■ School Photos

School and class photos will be taken from the 10th to the 11th August. Please ensure that your child is dressed in appropriate school uniform.

■ Amendment to the School Constitution

On Tuesday 21st July an Extra-ordinary meeting of the School Association was held. The meeting passed an amendment to the School Constitution ensuring that the school is a Not For Profit organization.

■ New Building

The IEA has advised that it has approved funding for construction of extra classes at Korobosea. We are currently seeking the services of an architect to oversee this project. Any parents who have a professional background are encouraged to apply. Please contact me for further details.

■ Introduction of Class Merit Awards

The awards will be given to students who demonstrate one or more of the IEA core values. The core values include behaving ethically, communicating, solving problems, collaborating and are self directing.

If a student is awarded 5 Class Merit Awards they will receive a Principal's Award. This will be presented at a school assembly to which parents will be invited and will be featured in the school newsletter.

■ Sports in Term 3

In Term 3 we will enter teams in Netball and 5 a Side Soccer competitions. These will be held on Saturday at TEMIS and Sir John Guise Stadium respectively. For further information please contact Mrs Sapea (Netball) or Mr Giyo (Soccer.)

■ Bus Safety

Parents are advised that during the holidays all the school buses were serviced and checked for safety. This work was completed by our recently appointed school mechanic Mr Sebastian. By employing our own mechanic we have made considerable savings on service costs. Also our drivers can report any concerns for vehicle and receive immediate attention.

Parents are also advised that we have employed two new drivers at the beginning of the term. This has resulted in some delays in picking up students as the drivers learn the routes and pickups. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused but believe it will result in a better service.

■ Student Reports – Parent Conferences

Over the course of this week and into next week we have been holding Parent, Student and Teacher Learning conferences to assist parents in understanding the progress of their child. The conferences are held in conjunction with the mid-year Reports that were provided at the end of last term. If you have not yet booked a meeting time please contact your child's homeroom teacher to do so.

■ Scholastic Book Club.

We are presently completing the distribution of the latest Book Club order. Thank you to Mrs Navi for all her hard work in ordering and distributing the books. Mrs Navi has also set up a display in the Library of the latest Standing Orders books.

IMPORTANT DATES

School Photos	10th August
Book Week	10th - 14th August