

# TEMIS

## Newsletter

The Ela Murray International School

[www.elamurray.com](http://www.elamurray.com)

Term 1 Week 10 Thursday, March 30, 2017

### Principal's Message

On Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, the school was closed for a staff development day. During the course of the school-year, we have approval from the IEA to take seven days for staff professional development. These days are essential as a means of ensuring our staff are developing their professional practice.

On the ELC site the program was as follows:

All teachers engaged in research on a specific aspect of early learning theory. They then presented their findings in a creative, engaging way to all ELC staff. The teachers impressed with the depth and quality of the presentations and the connections that can be made between that learning and the development of current learning practice in the ELC.

While teachers were involved in the self-directed professional development, ELC Classroom Assistants were involved in looking at principles of design and how these influence the impact of the learning environment on children's learning. CA staff acknowledged and celebrated their achievements in this area and prepared a presentation of learning activities to share with the rest of the ELC staff.

On the Murray site the program was as follows:

Classroom teachers engaged in two sessions with Sally Hughes from IEA CPD, focused on maths professional development. The specific focus was on developing and strengthening maths mental strategies in teaching. Further professional development in this area took place this week with Sally.

A session in the afternoon focussed on learning support in classes. This stemmed from individual meetings Helen Mortimer and Caroline Moeder held with teachers looking at assessment data and identifying specific needs within classes and how best to meet those needs.

Finally, thank you to all parents who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences on the Murray site. These conferences play an essential role in your child's education. If for some reason you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time to meet. Thanks!

*Brendan Clarkin*

### BOARD NEWS

#### New Building

Today is a very exciting day in the journey of our new building. Indeed it has been a long journey. With the Official Practical Completion ceremony today we are closer to home base. The move will be in May.

The next few weeks will see the final important stages of checking and testing all equipment and utilities. While this is happening the School has begun their moving-in plans and I'm sure the children are looking forward to a new Library, IT lab and classrooms.

On behalf of the Board I'd like to express our thanks and appreciation to all our School Community on your patience during construction phase.

Congratulations to all!

*Anna Togolo*  
*Chairperson*



#### IT Lab



**Bronze Certificates** - Congratulations to Dante'e Kelly Ignas who will receive a Bronze Certificate this week at assembly.

## Parent Group News

We are looking forward to the Grade 5/6 Cake Stall tomorrow at recess!

Prices of items will range from K1 to K5. If your child/ren would like to purchase a treat from the stall, please remember to send in small amounts of money tomorrow. Grade 5/6 parents and students – goodies can be delivered to the staff room in the morning. If any parents are able to help with the stall it would be greatly appreciated.

If you haven't already, please sign up to our Parent Group Facebook page - it is a great source of information for both new and returning parents. If you have put a request in that has not yet been approved, please email [temisparentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:temisparentgroup@gmail.com). Please note that only current TEMIS parents will be accepted.

*Erin Varker*

*E [temisparentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:temisparentgroup@gmail.com)*

*F <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TEMISparentsgroup/>*

## Craft Market

The next TEMIS Craft Market of the year will be held at the Ela Beach site as usual on Saturday, April 29, from 7.30am to 11.30am.

### Craft Market fees for 2017:

Annual stall holders - K250.00

Casual - K25.00 per market day

## Use of Site

**Friday 31 March, 2017**

5:00pm–6:00pm—Footy Players

**Saturday 1 April, 2017**

**Sunday 2 April, 2017**

5:00pm–6:00pm—Footy Players

### Newsletter by email

Parents and friends who wish to have their newsletter emailed, please advise Boio Davana on email address:

[bdavana@temis.iea.ac.pg](mailto:bdavana@temis.iea.ac.pg)

## Important Dates

WK 10	PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY ASA END	FRI	31/03
WK 11	TERM 1 ENDS	WED	05/04
	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	THU	06/04
		WED	19/04
	GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY	FRI	14/04
	FALL IN THE BREAK	MON	17/04
TERM 2	TEACHERS COMMENCE	WED	19/04
	STUDENTS COMMENCE	THU	20/04
	PUBLIC HOLIDAY QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	MON	12/06
	TERM 2 ENDS	FRI	16/06
	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	SAT	17/06
		TUE	18/07

## Soccer News



IEA Soccer begins in Term 2.

Please use the holiday period to buy shin guards if your son/daughter intends to play.

Soccer boots are recommended but not compulsory - players can use normal sneakers if they like.

The uniform is the TEMIS PE uniform together with long blue football socks.

**Kylie Butler-McIntosh**  
Phone: +675 72169955

### Contact Information:

All email addresses consist of the initial of the person's first name, followed by the surname and @temis.iea.ac.pg. For example: bclarkin@temis.iea.ac.pg

THE ELA MURRAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
PO BOX 1137  
BOROKO, NCD  
Phone: (675) 325 2833  
Fax: (675) 325 7925  
Email: [admin1@temis.iea.ac.pg](mailto:admin1@temis.iea.ac.pg)

## School News

### We Care, We Share, We'll Always Be There!

#### SOC Supports the Kokoda Kids

This Saturday, the Kokoda Kids (along with Parents and Teachers) will be heading up to McDonald's Corner to clean up, paint and plant native shrubs. Thanks to Mr Healy, this has become an annual event. The site recognises the contribution of the 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion and the soldiers who lost their lives on the Kokoda Trail in 1942. 2017 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Kokoda and therefore many of the original veterans making their final journey to Papua New Guinea. A special effort is required to ensure that the site is 'spick and span' for this year's Anzac Day Commemorations. In support of this event, the Serving Others Committee has purchased all the equipment and snacks required to help this event run successfully.

#### SOC Supports Links of Hope (LOH)

Over the past couple of years, the Serving Others Committee has sponsored three children - Shane, Elvis and Peter.



Shane was an orphaned and was left with a friend of his mother's when she died. He was brought to LOH's attention and is doing well in school and he has a close relationship with his Foster Carer.

Elvis lives with his grandmother after suffering from some neglect. LOH keeps a close check on them through their community advocacy program. He is a happy and healthy little boy.



Peter is now well supported and cared for by his family members and is doing well in school. He was really happy to receive a solar light at Christmas from a school in Australia and wrote to thank them.

For more information on Links of Hope PNG, please visit their website [www.linksofhopepng.com](http://www.linksofhopepng.com) or their Facebook page - Links of Hope PNG.

A new Serving Others Committee is being established, so please watch this space for more wonderful initiatives and fundraising ideas.

**Catherine Greenbank**  
On behalf of the Serving Others Committee