

# TEMIS

## Newsletter

The Ela Murray International School

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Term 2 Week 2 Thursday, April 27, 2017

### Deputy Principal's Message

As was mentioned in the newsletter last week, the ELC staff were extremely fortunate in visiting the Airways Hotel as part of our professional development on Wednesday, 19 January. The aim of this visit was to experience the impact the physical environment can have on attitudes, emotions and the senses. The Airways staff were welcoming and provided an excellent insight into the Airways design principles.

This visit concluded our work on the environment and its importance for effective learning; in early childhood circles, the environment is known as *the third teacher*.

Speaking of environments, the ELC has recently seen some refurbishment. New carpet squares arrived for both the Toddlers room and the Pre-school building. We have one more carpet square to be replaced in the Toddlers when the new stock arrives.

The Toddlers room was also fitted out with new curtains in the toilet and mat areas. Not only does it give the room a fresh look, it also helps darken the room for a restful nap time for our youngest children. The office and staff area in the Pre-school building was also refreshed. The old carpet was removed and replaced with vinyl flooring.

While all of this involved a significant amount of manual labour for ELC staff; moving desks, whitegoods and furniture in and out and carting large carpet squares back and forth, we all appreciate our new furnishings.

Our next project is to work on repairing or replacing two sets of our sliding doors. The Toddlers parents are developing their muscles when opening the door to the Toddlers room. Unfortunately, this has been unsuccessfully repaired twice in the past three weeks. We are now looking at replacing the door entirely. Thank you for your patience in managing this challenging entrance into the Toddlers.

**Kerry Honey**

**Bronze Certificates** - Congratulations to Penina Wilshire who will receive a Bronze Certificate this week at assembly.

**Gold Certificates** - Congratulations to Ezekiel Esler who will receive a Gold Certificate this week at assembly.

### News from the Curriculum Team

Last Wednesday, at the Staff Development Day, Sally Hughes, CPD Maths advisor worked with staff to discuss the purpose of guided groups in Maths.

In the IEA curriculum, the structure of a Maths lesson begins with a mental starter. Students practise their recall of facts or taught mental strategies. The main part of the lesson is a whole class interactive session before students split into groups working at a similar level and finally the lesson concludes with a whole class plenary.

While students are working in their groups, the class teacher will work with one group each day, targeting the students carefully, aiming to challenge their thinking and develop understanding. Students are encouraged to talk, explaining their thinking or methods and asking questions. There may be a focus on mental calculations, with informal recordings or a problem to investigate. During this time, teachers learn so much about students and what they are thinking – valuable information which can not be seen from an answer written on a page. Follow up sessions may then be used to reinforce the concepts covered or to practise a skill further. The groups students work in changes regularly, to reflect students strengths in different areas of the curriculum or to help consolidate an idea they are finding difficult.

You will see in the homework which students bring home there is a heavy focus on developing mental and informal methods before students are taught the more formal written methods. As parents, it may be very different to the way you were taught at school. Ask your child to explain their methods – this is fantastic for their learning and to check they have a sound understanding. It also puts them in the position of being a teacher which is great for their confidence. If you find that they are unsure, please talk to your child's class teacher, rather than teaching them a different way.

During the Staff Development Day, teachers also revisited the concept of the literacy block; a two hour session which is split into reading and writing sections. Again, time is spent working in small groups, with teachers able to tailor particular skills to meet student needs. Within the reading section, students are taught both the skills to decode words – literally use the sounds and read them out – and to focus on comprehension – do they understand what they are reading?

Within the writing section, students are encouraged to discussing texts as writers. Why did they choose that word? Why is a text structured that way? How does it help us as a reader. They are then able to use these ideas when they write themselves, focusing on a particular text-type for 3-5 weeks.

## Parent Group News

Welcome back to Term 2! The Parent Group have been busy organising beautiful orchids from the Port Moresby Nature Park for children to purchase for Mother's Day (14 May). The plants are K40 each and make a wonderful gift for Mums, Aunties, Grandmothers, friends and family. Order forms were sent home this week.

A quick reminder that the Secondhand Uniform Shop is open Wednesdays from 2.30-3.30pm. All proceeds from the shop go to the Serving Others Committee so the students can decide where to donate the funds.

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## School News

In the early morning of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, the four TEMIS school captains travelled up to Bomana War Cemetery to attend the annual ANZAC Day Dawn Service. The ceremony honoured the thousands of men and women who fought and served in all wars from Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. Lest we forget.



## Important Dates

WK 3	ASAS STARTS	MON	01/5
	2I ASSEMBLY	FRI	05/5
WK 4	7G ASSEMBLY	FRI	12/5
WK 5	INTER-HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY	WED	17/5
WK 6	6H ASSEMBLY	FRI	26/5
WK 7	3I ASSEMBLY	FRI	02/6
WK 8	PRODUCTION	WED	07/6
	PRODUCTION	THU	08/6
	ASAS END	FRI	09/6
WK 9	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	MON	12/6
	OPEN MORNING—MURRAY SITE	THU	15/6
	PREP E ASSEMBLY	FRI	16/6
	ELC ATHLETIC CARNIVAL	FRI	16/6
	OPEN DAY—ELC	FRI	16/6
	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	FRI	16/6

## Craft Market

The next TEMIS Craft Market of the year will be held at the Ela Beach site as usual on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 28 April, 2017

5:00pm—6:00pm—Footy Players

### Sunday 30 April, 2017

5:00pm—6:00pm—Footy Players

## Community News



### Dance Class Timetable

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

9:00-9:45am	Tiny Tots Ballet - 3-5 year old	K45
10:15-11:00am	Ballet - 6-7 year old	K50
11:15-12:00pm	Ballet - 8-10 year old	K50
1:30-2:30pm	Latin Fitness	K65
3:00-4:00pm	Beginners Latin American	K65
4:30-5:30pm	Beginners Ballroom	K65

**Bookings are essential and pre-payment must be made to guarantee your place.**

**Prepay to Guarantee your place**

**Account name: Fortitude Niugini Ltd  
BSB: 038 007 ACC: 6005 493 460**

**Please use your surname as reference**

For further information about the classes, please visit [www.dancensations.com.au/png](http://www.dancensations.com.au/png)

All Lessons & Classes are held at The Stanley Hotel and Suites

Sir John Guise Drive Port Moresby, parking available on site.

\* Please be advised that parents are not able to stay in the studio while ballet classes are on. Chairs will be provided outside in the gym or you are welcome to visit the Stanley Hotel facilities by the pool where you can purchase food and drinks.

**Contact us to make a booking**

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