

TEMIS

Newsletter

The Ela Murray International School

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Term 1 Week 5 Friday, 26 February, 2021

Deputy Principal's Message

Happy Friendship week everyone

Mr. Maxwell, Mrs. Mortimer, Ms. Hadden and myself will take turns to write the newsletter this year and this week is my turn. I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce myself to the TEMIS community members in more detail. My name is Anne-Marie Grayston and I lead the ELC at our Ela Beach Site. Papua New Guinea has been home for the last 18 months and is such a special experience. I am here with my husband and two daughters; one is at the Murray Site and one is at the ELC.

I originally started in the Head Office with CPD (Centre for Professional Development) where my main role was to enhance and complete a curriculum for Early Years to be used in the sixteen IEA Primary Schools around PNG. The ELC at Ela Beach was the first school I visited in 2019 and that year and in 2020 I was able to implement a series of professional development sessions with the staff on play based education, the voice of the child, the importance of observations and the cycle of teaching and learning in an ELC setting.

Previously to PNG I have been lucky enough to work and live in many countries around the world. I started my educational career almost two decades ago in my home country of Scotland. Then I quickly went international and have never looked back. Switzerland, South Korea, Russia, Thailand and Malaysia.

When our acting CEO asked me to be seconded to lead the ELC for 2021, I was delighted. Early Years education is such a passion of mine and I look forward to initiating new projects both in the inside and outside environment, developing approaches to early numeracy and literacy for all children, creating a rigorous transition process for the children going to Prep and implementing the new ELC curriculum; Capturing Learning. It is an honour to work with the dedicated, professional and knowledgeable staff members at the ELC.

Have a lovely weekend.

Anne-Marie Grayston

News from the Level 4

A Recipe for Friendship

'Good friends are hard to find, harder to leave and impossible to forget' - G. Randolf

Would you believe we are halfway through the term already? Would you believe so much has been achieved by so many friends in our very own Level 4?

Team O and the Hot Potato

Friendship Week is a time when we acknowledge the wonderful people in our lives that we call friends and look forward to making new ones. This week, we wrote a Hot Potato of compliments and words of admiration to the students of our class that we already know. We also took this opportunity to familiarise ourselves with those we didn't quite know yet, so we could write something about each of our peers by the end of the week that would make them feel appreciated. In the weeks, moving forward we endeavour to create some interesting socially distanced troupe skipping routines before school, to invigorate us for the rest of the day. We will investigate whether this exercise will have an impact on our productivity.

Frog Rehabilitation with 5/6H

With the wet season looming, our class has been busy saving green tree frog tadpoles from puddles and drains. We have been rehabilitating them in class, getting ready for release in Term Two.

We have also been studying the impact of cane toads on the delicate ecosystems that exist in Port Moresby and its surrounds. By rehabilitating tree frogs we are trying to get the balance back in order. We have learnt it only takes one invasive species to upset the balance of the food chain.

Only one earth!

Together is Better in 5/6MH

Many hands make light work and creates synergy.

This week in 5/6MH we continued to learn and work collaboratively. We learned that it is important to value other people's strengths and learn from each other. Celebrating Friendship Week also reminded us of the importance of getting along well with others, even if we are all different. We aimed to seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because by teaming with others, we can create better solutions than anyone of us can alone.

The Best Vitamin for Making Friends: B1

Friendship Week for 5/6T was a time for us to rediscover the true meaning of friendship and reflect on how good a friend we have been. The distinct questions we asked ourselves when the week commenced were: *Being a good friend? What makes a good friend?*

With these questions in mind, we aimed to strengthen friendships both inside and outside of our classroom. Excited, encouraged and enthused, we participated in engaging activities such as developing a bank of vocabulary associated with being a good friend and producing our very own creative recipes for friendship.



School News

This is a reminder:

- Students missing school due to illness need to notify either the school or class teachers.
- If they miss 3 (or more) consecutive days due to illness, upon their return, the child must bring a medical note or formal letter from parents explaining his/her absence.

This is so their class teachers are aware and have written evidence for their attendance record.

1. Tutoring

We have started tutoring again, (keeping Covid protocols in mind). However, all tutoring needs to be arranged through the deputy principals. Please email hmortimer@temis.iea.ac.pg and mhadden@temis.iea.ac.pg if you would like your child to receive additional support. Following consultation with your child's teacher, we will assign a suitable tutor.

2. Birthdays

We are happy to celebrate birthdays at school. Please only send cupcakes/individually portioned treats (not whole cakes) and ensure there are no candles, and no nuts.

3. Head lice

There have been several cases of head lice in school. A letter will be sent home if we are aware of cases in a particular class.

Please check your child's head regularly and treat if necessary.

4. SRC Badges

We had several Class Captain Badges returned to us from children who had multiple at home – saying they wanted them to be reused rather than gather dust.

If you have several badges and only need 1 as a memento, please feel free to return spares to us at school so they can be reused.

5. Parent Pass

If you have not collected your Pass, please do so now. The G4S guards will not allow you to enter the school premises if you don't have the Pass by **8th March, 2021.**

Important Dates

WK 6	LEVEL 2-5 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES	TUE	02/03
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WK 9	3/4 SOGERI TRIP	MON	22/03
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TBC	3/4 SOGERI TRIP	THU	25/03
	3/4 SOGERI TRIP	FRI	26/03
WK 10	END OF TERM 1	THU	01/04

Craft Market

Unfortunately, due to the continued spike in COVID 19 cases in NCD the Market tomorrow is CANCELLED.

Award of Merits

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a Merit Award in Week 4 and Week 5:

Week 4: Kaavya Rajaratname, Jane Park, Caelan Scovell, Sofia Fardin, Liratha Waro, Ariel Tritton, Styn Oreel, Lily Lin, Louis Prochazka, Annabelle Gunn, Ellesana Koeget, Audrey Kratzing, Magdaline Warren

Week 5: Johnson Pundari, Victoria Vassili, Kabishra Varnaraj, Rohaan Maiap, Guiagnes Aba, Fesa'itu Wong, Heran Ayalew, Louis Lucido, Yuveka Bogati, Mendali Maiap, Emmanuel Rolu, Sarah Obeidi

Special certificates:

Bronze certificates: Connor Crick-Russack,

Silver certificates: Advait Inna Kedige,

Gold certificates: Laksharah Varnaraj

Use of Site

Saturday, 27 February, 2021
7:00am–5:00pm – 1to1 Swimming

Sunday, 28 February, 2021
7:00am–5:00pm – 1to1 Swimming

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

THE ELA MURRAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Ela Murray International School will be held in Staffroom on Tuesday, 16 March 2021.

AGENDA

- Open Meeting (Quorum is 10% of members or 10, whichever is the lesser)
- Apologies
- Minutes of previous AGM
- Receive the Committee's Report
- Determine the number of committee members
- Election of committee members
- Special resolution
- Any business legally brought forward (received with the notice period)
- Closure.