

Thought for the week:

"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known." -

Carl Sagan, 1934-96, American astronomer and popularizer of science



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is being held at TIS in the Music Room next week.

The students will be able to view the books and may come home with a "My Wish List".

The "Wish List" will allow the children to talk to their parents about the book or books that look interesting to them. It is also a reminder that the Book Fair is happening.

Books will be able to be purchased during the following times:

Wednesday

2:15 - 3:30 (after school)

Thursday

12:15 - 12:45 (lunchtime)

2:15 - 7:30

(after school and early evening)

Friday

12:15 - 12:45 (lunchtime)

2:15 - 3:30 (after school)

Anyone interested in helping please contact Jenny Humphreys 548 8661.

It's a Girl!

We are pleased to let you know that Mrs Adrian gave birth to a healthy 3kg baby girl on Saturday 13th August. Both Raelene and baby are doing fine.

Board Resignations

The School Board wishes to announce the recent resignations of two School Board members.

Mr Peter Martin has been a Board member for a number of years and has acted as board Secretary for the last two years. Peter played a major part in the recent purchase of the new school buses. He and his family will be transferring to Port Moresby in the next few weeks.

Mr Jonathan Kepa is also standing down from the Board after two years as he is taking Long Service Leave after 20 years with OTML.

The Board would like to express its thanks to Peter and Jonathan for their time and effort in support of the school.

Hats

This is a reminder to students and parents that all students are expected to have hats at school everyday. Our Sun Safe policy is that hats are required for outdoor school activities and lessons and playtimes. There is no exception to this policy.

Habits of Mind

- **Persistence**

Efficacious people stick to a task until it is completed. They don't give up easily.

Students often give up in despair when the answer to a problem is not immediately known. We would encourage our students not to give up when they think, "I can't do this" or "It's too hard".

- **Managing Impulsivity**

Effective problem solvers have a sense of deliberativeness: They think before they act.

Often students blurt the first answer that comes to mind, or start to work without fully understanding the directions. We would encourage our students to have an organized plan or strategy for approaching a problem.

- **Listening with understanding and empathy**

Highly effective people spend a lot of time and energy listening. Some psychologists believe that the ability to listen to another person, to empathize with, and to understand their point of view is one of the highest forms of intelligent behaviour.

We spend 55 percent of our lives listening yet it is often not taught in schools. We often say we are listening but in actuality, we are rehearsing in our head what we are going to say next when our partner is finished.

We wish students to learn to hold onto their own values, judgments, opinions, and prejudices in order to listen to and entertain another person's thoughts.

- **Thinking Flexibly**

An amazing discovery about the human brain is its plasticity--its ability to "rewire", change and even repair itself to become smarter. Flexible people are the ones with the most control.

When students have difficulty in considering alternative points of view or dealing with more than one idea at a time we would like them to consider other approaches; so that they appreciate that their way may not be the only solution.

Curriculum Corner

As mentioned in the last TIS News we will be bringing you the Habits of Mind, as described by Art Costa and Bena Kallick.

Here are explanations of four of the Habits of Mind along with ways they can be useful to our students.

Up Coming Events

Sports Day

- Friday 2nd September

TIS Independence Day Celebrations

- Thursday 15th September

Independence Day Public Holiday

- 16th September

End of Term

- Friday 23rd September

Start of Term 4

- Wednesday 5th October