

HAPPENINGS IN Papua New Guinea

ASAROKA LUTHERAN SECONDARY SCHOOL, 2018

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Hello everyone. We thank God for keeping us last year. Many good and bad things happened. Through the bad things God took us through and taught us many things, while through the good things God showed His greatness.

We apologize for not keeping up to date on 'happenings' last year. Certain circumstances beyond our control prevented us. We will try our best to be up to date this year.

1. NO PRINCIPAL YET

Asaroka Lutheran Secondary School has no Principal yet as of this date (04/03/18). Mr. Aki Olisagave and Martin Akiro are still battling over who will be the Principal. It appears both had received letters offering them the job. Martin Akiro was appointed first and then revoked and Olisagave appointed. Therefore, people in authority (Lutheran church and Government) have stepped both of them aside while pending a decision. A care-taker Principal (Mr. Kubakure) is now running the school for 2 weeks with limited powers. We are yet to hear the decisions. Please pray for us.

Peter Hasu has gone to Goroka Secondary School where a Deputy Principal position has been given to him.

The Deputies are; Mr. Kubakure- inservices, and Mrs. Basse who will take care of the Academic work.

Most of the teachers who were here last years still remain while few new ones have joined the team. We hope to see a team of teachers who will work together for the education of Papua New Guineans and for the glory of God.

2. ASAROKA PRIMARY SCHOOL

We also inform that Asaroka Lutheran Primary School has a new Principal and deputy. Mr. Pepi is the Principal and his deputy is Mr. Bino.

3. CLASSES RESUMES FOR 2018

Classes have resumed on the 12 February 2018 after registrations of students and resumptions of teachers. Over 2000 students have been registered. Sixty five (65) teachers have resumed also. Our community is a large one including ancillary staff and their families.

4. JACKO PASSES ON

We inform with sorrow that Jacko who was an ancillary staff of the school has passed away. He was a handy man. He has been humbly involved in labour jobs around the school. He was sick for few weeks and lost his life. The School/ Chaplain organized a funeral service. His body was handed over to his relatives by the school and buried.

Jacko was a very humble man in every sense of the word. He never complained about his job. He never asked for salary increase. He always

5. CHAPEL PAINTED

Our Chapel has been painted and looks new. Thanks to those who volunteered and did the job. Funds from last year 'thanksgiving' were used to buy the paints.

The paints look refreshing and new but we need to have new seats and the cement floor needs to be painted or tiled (it is a mismatch). We are praying for any open doors for assistance. We trust God will help us out. Please pray with us.

6. EARTH QUAKES PNG

A large earthquake measuring 7.0 and over on the scale has rocked the highlands. The most affected are Hela and SHP. Even after the initial earthquake, it is constantly shaking and moving. Many have lost properties, animals and lives. Data is still being collected and will be known exactly how many lives were lost.

God bless you all, Dan Pipon (sorry no photos).

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