

# The International School Of Lae



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**Thought of the Week:** from Samuel Taylor Coleridge 1772–1834, English poet and man of letters

“Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm.”

## School Association AGM Report

A successful School Association AGM was held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. Elliot Harding, delivered his report on the Board's activities over the last twelve months.

The Board had established three main objectives for the year:

*The upgrading of the Standby Generator Set for the school site has been a major and long standing goal of the School Board. The Gen Set has now been installed and is providing sufficient power for the whole school site with an automatic switch-over in the event of a blackout.*

*Maintenance and upgrading of the two teacher housing units owned by the school was commenced in 2007. The work was desperately needed to keep the units in good condition. The Board takes its responsibility to provide appropriate standard housing for the teachers very seriously and will continue improving these properties over the next few years.*

*Air conditioning for the central block of classrooms has been slated for action for a number of years. Work was scheduled for last year, however, it was discovered that the electrical wiring needed upgrading to support the installation of air conditioning. This work has now been completed and it is expected that the air conditioning installation will commence shortly*

The Chairman noted the improvements seen in the School Canteen and congratulated all involved with these efforts to provide healthy and affordable snacks and lunches for staff and students.

Identified Board goals for 2008 include:

- Create administrative stability through a continuing Principal.
- Continue with the upgrading and maintenance of staff housing
- Major maintenance of the classrooms and other buildings at the school including; a major re-painting programme, repairs to roofs, guttering and walls, and other items.
- Increase the resources available in the classrooms e.g. text books, library books, computers, IWB (Interactive White Boards), etc.

The Chairman also thanked outgoing Board members for their contribution to the development of the school:

- Mr. Ben Woo
- Mrs. Miranda Collins and
- Mrs. Pauline Galbraith.

During his report to the AGM the Principal, Mr. Neal Mather, outlined some of the significant achievements of the school during 2007. These included a successful conference for IEA teachers hosted by the Lae IEA schools and major capital purchases such as the School Bus and Computer Network Servers. The cost of the new Standby Generator will be covered by a Capital Grant from the IEA and thanks go to the IEA Board for funding this enhancement to the school's facilities.

The Principal stressed that the school's core business is education, and that this will continue to be the focus of the teaching staff during the coming year. The school will further develop its IT and Computer infrastructure to ensure that technology becomes a seamless part of student learning.

Mr. Mather acknowledged that the contribution of all the school staff members is critical to the success of the school. Parental involvement is also recognised as being pivotal to successful and enjoyable learning for students and the part played by TISOL parents in this process was stressed by the Principal.

Many successful events conducted by the P&F were acknowledged and the commencement of P&F activities in 2008 is anticipated shortly.

### School Association Committee Elections

Elections for the School Association Committee were conducted at the AGM. The following parents were elected unopposed to serve for three years:

Dr. Yongoe Kambue  
Mrs. Clarissa Reilly  
Mr. Andrew VanderHeide

Congratulations to all of our new Committee members.

Continuing Committee members are:

Mr. Elliot Harding  
Mr. Jeff Wade  
Mrs. Dawn Jackson  
Mr. Raymond Seeto  
Mr. Peter Stitt  
Mr. Gary Sugars  
Mrs. Marcella Phillips

Non Elected Members of the School Board are:

Mr. Willard Bogan – Teachers' Representative  
Mr. Neal Mather – Principal  
IEA nominated representative - TBA  
Mr. Barry Sam – Deputy Principal (non voting)

### Assembly Dates for Term One

TERM	Week	Date	Time	Assembly	Host
1	6	Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March	8:00 am	ECC-3 Syndicate	ECC-3
	7	Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March	1:50 pm	Whole School	5/6 LG
	8	Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March	1:40 pm	Easter Parade	Whole School
	9	Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March	1:50 pm	Whole School	2 RB
	10	Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	8:00 am	ECC-3 Syndicate	ECC-3

Assemblies are a time for presenting student awards and for sharing student learning and achievements. Parents are most welcome to attend all assemblies.

### Principal's Notes

I will be attending the IEA Principal's Meeting in Port Moresby in Week 6, 3-8 March. In my absence Mr. Barry Sam will be Acting Principal. I look forward to sharing the outcome of our discussions with you upon my return.

Although the new school year is well underway we are still enrolling new students into the school. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new students and their families to the TISOL community. We hope that your time with the school will be enjoyable and rewarding, and not as scary as Sally thinks it will be!

Neal Mather

