



Quiz Night is scheduled to be held on **Saturday, the 25 of February 2012**. This is HUGE fundraising event for the MZIS school and has proved to be a fun and popular community event over the past 2 years. Last year, through the generosity of our community members and corporate sponsors we were able to raise \$19,000 USD in one night! Funds have been used to buy special extra classroom equipment; sponsor the Halloween Carnival; Christmas parties; special Hot Lunches and an amazing week of Basil Grumble.

The Quiz Night Committee is once again asking you to consider donating a unique item or two from your travels over the next few months. All items donated will be put up for silent or live auction during the night. Anything and everything is welcome - art, music, food, clothing, drums, Starbucks mugs, alcohol, candles, ethnic or cultural carvings/paintings, jewellery, home decor, season or holiday decor, etc. Whatever you find that you are willing to donate to our auction will be greatly appreciated.

The more unique the item, the greater the interest and sale price... Anyone have an painted egg from South Africa, a totem pole from Papua, bacon from Australia... And if all else fails bring in some alcohol; we throw it all together it's a show stopper! Alternatively feel free to work with friends and put together a creative/theme basket (Hamper for the Aussies). If you are a creative person, feel free to make something to donate!

As Quiz Night approaches we will need help selling tickets, setting up and running the event. As we get closer to the date I will send out more information and different ways you can help before, during and after the big night.

For those of you not familiar with Quiz Night, here are the basics:

Teams of only 6 (six) players compete to answer a variety of questions for points, very similar to trivia nights held at pubs. The team with the most points wins bragging rights for a year (or 2, in some cases!) Silent and Live Auctions, games and drawings are held throughout the night. It's a fun, adults-only event that benefits all students of MZIS.

Thanks in advance for bringing something back from your travels! I will be happy to store whatever you bring back until it's time to put it up for auction. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Cheers,
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Abigail Betsill
Pre 3/4



Ruby Paton
Kindergarten



Rhinuschka Nel
Grade 1

Congratulations to our MZIS Communicators



Reginald Eshie
Grade 2



Tiara Paton
Grade 3



Isabel Blundell
Grade 4/5



Rhys Davidson
Middle School

For Sale - 2012 School Calendar

NOW AVAILABLE!!!

Two designs:

- **Postcards from Papua:** Scenic photos from both the lowlands and the highlands showing different aspects of where we all live in Papua
- **Papua: An Amazing Place:** A mixture of scenic photos, mostly from the highlands including the mine, glacier and other scenic walks.



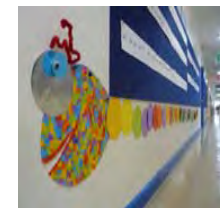
All pictures depict where we live in Papua, so are a great souvenir to have of your time here and a perfect gift for family and friends. Remember, Christmas is just around the corner!!

150,000Rp each, fill out a form in the front office and place in the Hot Lunch Box.

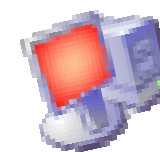
All proceeds to go to Mount Zaagkam International School's Parent and Teacher Association.
Questions contact Donna 081354074114 or Julz 081240363794



Message from ICT... It would be very beneficial for all students, Grade 2-8 to bring back a USB Flash or "thumb" drive after the holidays. This will help students save or back-up their work as well as make it easier to bring digital work back and forth between home and school. I suggest the drive should be able to hold at least 2gb of work.



CONGRATULATIONS A HUGE thanks to all those readers at MZIS who have made Bookie grow and grow! He is now stretching all the way down the corridor and back. We celebrated our achievement today with a sponsored **pizza and ice-cream lunch**.



The new and improved revamped MZIS Website: www.mzis.org is UP AND RUNNING. Access it for all of your up-to-date school related information and announcements. Any questions please see Blair or Mark.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday, December 5th - Awards Assembly 8am
- Friday, December 8-9th Concert rehearsals at the Lupe
- Saturday, December 10th - End of Year Concert
- Tuesday, December 13th—Last day of school and Report Cards distributed.



**All ASA finished this week
Last Game of Softball TOMORROW
Swimming Lessons Last Day Today**

Message from Blair... It is difficult to believe that Semester 1 is almost over. It has definitely been eventful. Through it all, I have appreciated seeing the teachers and parents working together to ensure the children receive a quality education. We have come together as a school and community to give our children meaningful experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. As you read through, the Highlands Post you will see how active we are. Thanks for all that you do to help make MZIS a great place to be.

First of all, I want to thank the PTA for the delicious Turkey "Hot Lunch" (the term lunch is really a misnomer) last Thursday. The students had a great time celebrating American Thanksgiving, in style. While we were eating we had to write down on a leaf what we were thankful for. The PTA took those leaves and made a 'Thankful Tree'. It is a great representation of our gratitude. It is hanging outside the office, you should stop by and take a look.

Obviously, I am experiencing many firsts this year but the Christmas Shop blew me away. Wow! It was amazing to see all the parents and community volunteers coming together to provide an opportunity for our children to purchase gifts for others. This event was a great learning experience for our children. It is often difficult for children to focus on what others may enjoy receiving rather than what they would like to be getting. I enjoyed hearing the discussions between the volunteers and the children as they tried to determine what Dad (and others) would want for a gift. The children were all smiles when they were carrying their wrapped gifts down the hallway. Many students paused to tell me that "Mom is going to love what I got her". I want to say a special thanks to Donna Gibson and Julz Clulee for their efforts in coordinating this event.

This Saturday will be the last day for softball. Thanks to Liam for organizing and planning this opportunity for our children to go outside, get some exercise, enjoy their friends, and learn a sport. I have appreciated seeing all the parents come out and help or just enjoy a coffee while hanging out with friends. Our next weekend activity is soccer. If you have not paid for your uniform you should do that soon.

We finally have a secretary. YAHOO!!!! Mercy joined us on Thursday, December 1st. Please stop by and introduce yourself and welcome her to the MZIS community. For those of you that enjoy trivia – Robin Zimmer was the first parent to phone in and leave a message that actually got to me. Life is good.

We also learned some sad news this week as well. Ms. Tanya Lekstrom will be moving back to Canada with Morgan after the Christmas break. She has been a great addition to our staff and has done great work with the grade two class. We will be sad to see her go.

If you have questions or concerns please drop by and see either Mark Brandin or me. Have a great weekend.

Blair

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MZIS End of Year Concert is fast approaching!

Families and friends are invited to meet at the Lupe, Saturday December 10th, 5-7pm for a sit down meal, class presentations and a special visitor! Student meals are FREE (sponsored by the PTA). Adult tickets 160,000Rp each. Secure tickets for friends by contacting Rachel. 081240214753



Thanks to the Mums who organized the Thanksgiving Lunch last Thursday. We have a lot to be thankful for and highlighted some things on our MZIS 'Thanksgiving Tree'

my little brother Zane.
Cali

I am thankful for being able to travel all around the world and live a happy life.
Reize

The turkey Parge
Cherry stuffing
Michelle

I'm thankful that I can help people
Chloe

I'm thankful for my family. I'm thankful for having more than I need.
-Isabel

I am thankful that I am going home to spend Christmas with my family.
Michelle

November ?

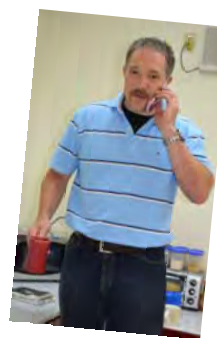
This annual month long charity event that raises funds and awareness for men's health issues including prostate cancer, depression, testicular cancer and much more.

The point of is for people all over the world

to not shave their upper lip region from November 1st until the last day he month. By the end of the month all participants will have one thing in common: a mustache that is either brilliant, disgusting or

invisible.. This simple act has been raising money and awareness for tons of health issues If you are wanting more information or willing to support this worthy cause we have a group set up called 'Cloudy with a chance of MO'

www.movember.com/m/2463084



Thank you to Donna and Julz for putting together the Christmas Gift Shop this year. A fantastic job and your efforts are much appreciated. Many thanks also to Kerry Mahoney, responsible for most of the shopping. A wonderful selection of gifts for both children and adults to enjoy! Thanks also to all the helpers and wrappers on the day.

