



WELCOME BACK!

Dear Families,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back to school next week. We are also excited to meet the many new families who will be starting with us at Edai and at Sunrise Bethel.

- We have a group of children starting at Edai in our very first Early Learning Class, and new students in the new Prep class and others joining our Grade 1 and 2 students in their class.
- At Sunrise Bethel we will be welcoming new students into the Prep class and into a number of other classes across the school.
- Our first Grade 10 class will begin, with the Grade 9 pioneers from last year moving into Grade 10.

Over the last few weeks, the staff have been preparing, planning and getting ready for the new year. It has been a busy and full time. One of the things we have really appreciated, has been time to sit in God’s presence together each morning. Waiting on him and worshipping him together. We have felt built as a team and as a school.



This year our theme is “*Be Strong Be Brave*”. It comes from the verse in I Corinthians 16:13-14 “*Watch. Stand Fast in the Faith. Be Strong. Be Brave. Do Everything in Love.*”

Just like the Corinthians, we are also called to be brave and strong in our Christian walk. We are not to compromise our faith but to hold on tight to that which is good and noble, right and pure - honourable, admirable and lovely. (Philippians 4:8)

And we do this as we trust in the Lord with all our heart - for He is the rock of our salvation and the foundation on which we stand. We are told to be devoted to each other in Christ - for we are one body in Him. We should be there for each other. We are members of His body and united together in Him. Therefore, our goal this year will be for us to teach our children how to share the gospel and to understand how to be brave and strong in their faith. I am sure that it will be a year of challenge for us all as we focus and learn more about how to ‘Be Strong’ and ‘Be Brave’.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

There will be a couple of changes to the leadership of the schools in 2021.

- Mrs Elinas Sione has been appointed Principal of Sunrise Bethel Christian School.
- The senior staff working with her are Mr Paitus Raire and Mrs Joy Romalus.
- Ms Janet Givan will continue as Head of Campus at Edai Christian School.
- Mrs Rebekah Cook will be known as Executive Principal over both schools.



Mrs Elinas Sione



Ms Janet Givan

CLASSROOM TEACHERS and SSO staff

EDAI Christian School

Early Learning	Teacher: Ms Saphy Watiti	SSO: Ms Ruth Ohue
Prep	Teacher: Ms Janet Givan	SSO: Miss Merrily Mai
Grade 1 and 2	Teacher: Ms Margaret Haihe	SSO: Miss Merrily Mai

Sunrise Bethel Christian School

Prep	Teacher: Ms Agatha Yuwila	SSO: Mrs Lilly Samom
Grade 1	Teacher: Ms Patricia Orotu	SSO: Mrs Maryann Mavat
Grade 2	Teacher: Ms Elizabeth Kuriar	SSO: Ms Shalom Virobo
Grade 3	Teacher: Mrs Joy Romalus	SSO: Mrs Lynette Moris
Grade 4	Teacher: Ms Matilda Agwi	SSO: Mr Mailau Charles
Grade 5	Teacher: Mr Sibona Mauri	SSO: Mr Mailau Charles
Grade 6	Teacher: Ms Rachel Parik	SSO: Miss Shalom Badira
Grade 7	Teacher: Mr Paitus Raire	SSO: Miss Shalom Badira
Grade 8	Teacher: Ms Nicole Pirpir	SSO: Mrs Grace Yabom
Grade 9	Teacher: Ms Gorothy Burue And Ms Joy Ewebi	SSO: Mrs Grace Yabom
Grade 10	Teacher: Ms Wendy Dili	SSO: Mrs Grace Yabom



Mrs Joy Romalus



Mr Paitus Raire



Mrs Rebekah Cook

We welcome to our staff Ms Saphy Watiti and Mr Mailau Charles who have previously worked for Sunrise Bethel Christian School. It is good to have them back with us. And we also welcome Ms Rachel Parik, Ms Margaret Haihe and Ms Wendy Dili. All of these new members of staff will be a wonderful addition to our school and have been enthusiastically preparing for the year ahead.

Mrs Rebekah Cook
Executive Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Wearing the correct school uniform is a requirement for all students at Sunrise Bethel Christian School. Please ensure that your child has the right uniform on and has a hat at school. Please take particular notice of socks and shoes. Our uniform policy is available at the front office. School uniform is available from the Tangos store at Tokarara.

Later this year a new uniform will be launched, but the current school uniform may still be worn all year.

SBCS Grade Prep to Grade 8
Current school uniform



Grade 9/10 students:

Girls: Commemoration shirt or Green Polo with School logo with skirt.

Boys: Long grey pants or green shorts with Grade 8 commemoration shirt Green Polo with School logo

Edai Christian School:

Sunrise Bethel School uniform (until the new uniform arrives)

Edai Early Learning

A plain polo style shirt with shorts (until the new uniform arrives)

COVID HYGIENE PRACTICES

We will continue to practice all the normal hygiene and good health practices with our students at school.

- Students must wash their hands on arrival at school.
- Adults will not be allowed onto the school property or near classrooms during the school day.
- Visiting adults must wear a mask.
- Every child MUST have their own drink bottle.
- Wash hands regularly during the day
- Cough into a towel or cloth or elbow, rather than your hand and avoid handshaking where possible
- Be aware of the symptoms of the virus and keep your family away from others if you are unwell.



Please ensure that your child's immunisations are up to date before returning to school.



SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT

FIRST PAYMENTS ARE NOW DUE FOR SCHOOL FEES. PLEASE PAY THIS WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS. Ensure that you have your fees up to date as your child/rens attendance at school depends on their fees being paid.

The front office staff are able to help you with any information regarding fees for your children. It is most important that you communicate with the school about payments if you are having difficulty meeting the payment schedule.

WATER BOTTLES



Every student must have a water bottle at school. Water bottles should be accessible at all times for each student. Please make sure that each of your children have their own, named, water bottle at school. Juices and other drinks are not permitted at school at any time. Drink bottles should only contain water.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Reader Satchels and School Bags

Reader Bags and School bags are now available through the school office. Please note that our logo school bags, and reader bags are compulsory uniform items.

Monday – 8:00 am - Worship and Devotion Assembly
Wednesday – 8:00 am – Grade 7 – 10 Assembly (Waigani Only)
Friday – 1:45 – 2:30 pm – Prep – Grade 6 Show and Tell About Learning Assembly – and certificates
Parents are welcome to share in assemblies as long as restrictions do not limit us.

COMMUNICATION BOOKS

Communication Books are a keyway for parents and teachers to share information. We ask that parents and caregivers sign the Communication Book every day to indicate that you have seen any notes or notices that are in there and to indicate that your child has completed their homework.



ENROLMENTS

We are not processing any new enrolments at this time at SBCS. There are limited spaces in the classes at Edai Christian School.

If you have friends or family who are hoping to enroll their children at Sunrise Bethel Christian School. Please encourage them to obtain an Expression of Interest form that can be lodged in August. Please ensure that siblings of children at SBCS have a completed form lodged before the end of August this year.



FOOD AT SCHOOL

Your child or children should have enough food for the day. All children should have their lunch at school.

Lunches and snacks should contain food items that help children learn to their best capacity. Please avoid foods with a high sugar content that can result in children being restless and unable to concentrate.



YOUR UPDATED INFORMATION

Please ensure that the office has the latest contact information. It is important that we are able to contact you very quickly in the case of an emergency. An update form will be coming home in the next week. All medical information must be correct, and any medical plans should be submitted to the office.



SCHOOL TIMES

School starts at 7:55 am each day. Have your children at school on time for the school day.

- Collect your children within the first 15 minutes of dismissal times.
- All classes finish at 2:30 pm.

If you are unable to collect your children unexpectedly, please contact the school, so that your children are cared for. This care is available for unexpected circumstances only and does have a fee attached.

“PICK UP” AT SUNRISE BETHEL AT WAIGANI

Pick up of all students is held outside the Grade 4 and 5 classrooms. Students will be seated and waiting for their family member to collect them. We ask that all family members come and collect their children from this area.

- In the event of rain – students will be in the church area.

Grade 8 to 10 students will be dismissed and will wait near the new tyre-playground area, unless they are walking home.

At 3:00 pm any students who have not been collected will be taken into the church area with Miss Shalom Badira for After School Hours Care.

After School Hours Care has a cost for all students who are present after 3:00 pm, and families will be charged accordingly.

“PICK UP” AT EDAI

Pick up of Early Learning students is on the northern side of the Early Learning Classroom.

Pick up of all other students is held outside the Grade 1 and 2 classroom.



IMPORTANT DATES



SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY – Special Dedication Service for Sunrise Bethel Christian School, EDAI Christian School, staff, students and families at Bethel Tabernacle of Praise, 10:00 am. Staff members will attend and all school families and parents are invited to be a part of this special dedication time. Students should wear their school uniform.

SUNRISE PHONICS WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS OF ALL NEW CHILDREN AT BOTH SBCS and ECS.

SATURDAY 27th FEBRUARY AT SUNRISE BETHEL

SATURDAY 6th MARCH AT EDAI

All parents of new students are invited to attend the Sunrise Phonics Workshops. Understanding how the Sunrise Phonics program works is essential for all parents in order to help their children with their homework and learning.

Each participant will be given a folder with charts, booklets and a phonogram CD.

To ensure your place at the session please contact Kila Vere at kila.ver@sunrisebethel.ac.pg or at the school office, with your payment of K15 to cover costs of the resources by Wednesday 24th February at Waigani and Wednesday 3rd March at Edai.



PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS - WEEK 2: 9TH – 11TH FEBRUARY

Parent Information Sessions will be held after school during week 2. If you have 2 grades that you should attend at the same time, please attend the one for the oldest child. Each session will take around 30 minutes, with time for questions afterwards.

	Tuesday 11 th Feb	Wednesday 12 th Feb	Thursday 13 th Feb
1:00 pm	Prep		
3:00 pm	Grade 2 Grade 7 Grade 8	Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 6 Grade 9	Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 10
Edai 2:45 pm	Edai Prep	Edai Grade 1 and 2	

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Shirt Order Grade 9 and 10 Students

Dear Parents,

We expect that our new uniform will be complete before the end of the year.

Grade 9 and 10 students are able to wear the green polo with school logo on it.

We are offering families the opportunity to order polo shirts. The final cost will be K60. Please send this amount in a named envelope to the school office if you wish to purchase shirts.

For any further information please contact Ms Kila Vere

Please include the following information with your payment:

SHIRT FOR GRADE 9 and 10 STUDENTS

Student Name: _____

Shirt Size: _____ Number of Shirts: _____

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