

MAX BENJAMIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (MBES) GRADUATION 2018

MBES graduation 2018 was held this morning at the Max Benjamin Elementary School grounds. This is the 6th graduation ceremony held since the school was established in 2011.

On Tuesday the 20th November this year the school had the UN Children's Day celebrations involving food, drink, games and activities with their teachers and relatives. Today's activities were concentrated on the students and their school achievements throughout 2018. Praise by the Secretary/Treasurer, Cecilie Benjamin was directed firmly towards the efforts of the 4 dedicated teachers working tirelessly throughout the year, Mrs. Noelyn Wakou, (Principal) Ms. June Aminio, Ms. Josephine Airau and Ms. Helen Kaikmata.

Ms. June Aminio spoke on behalf of the teaching staff of MBES. She reported the school numbers as approximately 180 students at the end of year. At the beginning of school year, there were in excess of 200. Some have transferred out or left due to illness or other reasons. There are considerably more girls than boys in Kindergarten but even numbers of girls and boys prevail in the other three classes of Preparatory, Elementary 1 and Elementary 2. She mentioned the low absentee rate from school throughout the year which is a sign of good and interesting teaching.

The number of MBES students who graduated today was 44. The majority of these students will go on to the Walindi Primary School (WPS) established on the northern end of Walindi Plantation. Next year, 2019, that school will see it reach its present full potential, Grade 3 to 6 inclusive. They could be expecting up to 170 students. In a matter of only 9 years, the completed schools of MBES and Walindi Primary School have been built to capacity. Thanks for this effort must be contributed to WNB Governor Hon Sasindran Muthuvel's support of education initiatives, WNB Provincial Government and Walindi Plantation Resort management in providing construction and infrastructure. Teachers, P & C representatives and Board members plus our wonderful donors have made the school fill with life and meaningful educational activity for students. The MBES Board of Management has met 27 times since it formed in February 2012.

MBES Graduating
Class Elementary 2
2018 with teachers





Max Benjamin Elementary School Elementary 2 students march into the Graduation Ceremony 22-11-2018

Presentation of Elementary 2 graduating Certificates by Mrs. Metta, Teacher WPS



Further presentations of Certificates

Note the wonderful array of prizes and rewards for achievement on the table to the left of image.

Prizes had an educational theme of dictionaries, math & English books plus some alarm clocks.