

## Lihir International School revives Netball Carnival



The LIS 2022 Netball carnival proved to be a fun-filled event of friendly rivalry between Lihir International School (LIS) and visiting teams from Our Lady of Sacred Heart (OLSH) school in Kavieng.

The two-day carnival, held on 6-7 August at the LIS school grounds was a revived event after being put on hold for the past two years due to COVID. The Netball carnival is an initiative that started in 2017 and is a way to maintain the close relationship between the two schools.

To add to the hype and excitement of this year's carnival, there were primary, high school and women's divisions with teams from both LIS and OLSH.

The competition kicked off Saturday morning and ended Sunday afternoon with the LIS primary team winning all but one of their games, and the Lihir ladies team winning all their games.

The LIS high school Kumuls team was the winner of the high school division.

"The weekend event was not just about the winning team, it was all about having fun and being active, and that's what happened throughout the two days between the OLSH and LIS communities," said LIS Deputy Principal, Catherine Langusch.

OLSH teacher Mrs Wiki Thomas, who accompanied the OLSH girls, said during the post-carnival presentation ceremony that they were thankful for the opportunity to attend the carnival. She expressed appreciation for the kind hospitality provided and said they very much enjoyed the competition.

Each OLSH student received a participation medal for their active involvement in the competition.

Several stakeholders were acknowledged during the presentation ceremony for their ongoing support leading up to and during the competition. These stakeholders are the HBP team for training the LIS ladies team, Ms Langusch who revived and organised the Netball competition this year, Ms Grace Savitas for assisting Ms Langusch with training the LIS teams, volunteer umpires and the LIS P&W for running the canteen during carnival and providing food for the visiting school.

The schools look forward to facing off against each other in the 2023 Netball Carnival, except this time, at the OLSH Netball Court in Kavieng. ■

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