

IN ADDITION to improving students' academic abilities, schools also play an important role in developing life skills that will be valuable for their future. In this ever-evolving era, it is not enough for students to simply achieve good grades; they must also possess the ability to think creatively, collaborate effectively, communicate clearly, lead others, and demonstrate resilience in the face of challenges.

One effective way to develop these skills is by involving students in various competitions in academics, sports, the arts, and other fields. Through these competitions, students learn discipline, responsibility, sportsmanship, perseverance, and the ability to handle both success and failure.

In the first semester of 2026, the school sent students to participate in various competitions, and thankfully, their efforts resulted in achievements that make us proud. *

Kasih Karunia School ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH COMPETITIONS



▲ The Kasih Karunia Elementary School Quiz Team (top left), the Kasih Karunia Junior High School Quiz Team and the storytelling winner (top right) proudly display their winning trophy.



▲ Students and teachers of Kasih Karunia School pose with the Regent of Kupang (top), while the bottom photo features all winners of the 2026 National Education Day Competition in Kupang Regency.

TO COMMEMORATE National Education Day 2026, the Kupang Regency Education and Culture Office organized an inter-school competition for elementary and junior high schools. The event was held at a school in Central Kupang at the end of April. The competitions included a quiz contest, an English speech and a storytelling contest.

In the storytelling competition, Ananda Kause from Kasih Karunia Junior High School won first place with the highest score. Meanwhile, in the quiz competition, Kasih Karunia Elementary School secured first place at the elementary school level, while Kasih Karunia Junior High School finished second at the junior high school level. In the elementary school quiz competition, Kasih Karunia Elementary School was represented by Helena Dejesus Pereira, Nathania Christina Mbeo, and Valentina Jaonimequela Tenistuan. At the junior high school level, the school was represented by Salmon Lubalu, Ghisela Ndoki, and Jessy Bebengu.

Based on these results, the organizing committee declared Kasih Karunia Elementary and Junior High School the Overall Champions. The awards and the rotating trophy were presented by the Regent of Kupang, Yosef Lede, during the National Education Day commemoration ceremony on May 2, 2026. For Kasih Karunia Junior High School, this Overall Champion title marks its second consecutive year receiving the award. *



KASIH KARUNIA HIGH SCHOOL Won the Championship Again



THE 2026 National Student Arts and Literature Competition (FLS3N) for high school students in Kupang Regency was held at Oematnunu, West Kupang, from April 22–25, 2026. This annual event, organized by the Indonesia Ministry of Education, brought together hundreds of students from high schools across Kupang Regency to showcase their talents in the fields of arts, culture, and literature.

This year, Kasih Karunia High School once again sent its top students to compete in nine competition categories, and they delivered outstanding results, earning the school the title of Overall Champion. With this achievement, Kasih Karunia High School successfully defended its Overall Champion title for the second consecutive year and

earned the right to take home the rotating trophy it first won in 2025.

Out of the nine competition categories entered, Kasih Karunia High School achieved placements in every category:

- 1st Place – Poetry Writing and Recitation
- 1st Place – Monologue
- 1st Place – Indonesian Debate
- 2nd Place – English Debate
- 2nd Place – Short Film
- 3rd Place – Solo Guitar
- 1st Runner-Up – Solo Vocal
- 2nd Runner-Up – Photography
- 3rd Runner-Up – Creative Dance

We are grateful for this achievement, which serves as a benchmark for assessing the development of our students’ potential, mental resilience, and talents beyond the classroom. *



WORLD BOOK DAY SHORT FILM COMPETITION OF BANK INDONESIA NTT

IN CELEBRATION OF WORLD BOOK DAY 2026, Kasih Karunia High School participated in a short film competition organized by the Bank Indonesia Representative Office in East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) Province by submitting a film titled “One Book for a Glimmer of Hope,” which was produced and acted by 11th-grade students.

The film tells the story of three friends living in a remote village who struggle to continue their education while also helping their parents, who live in poverty. Although it is a work of fiction, the story reflects a reality that is still experienced by many children in remote villages across NTT.

As a result, the students’ outstanding creativity successfully captured the attention of the judges, who awarded the film high scores and named it the Second Place winner. *

Joshua Ballo, an 11th-grade student who wrote and directed the short film “A Book for a Glimmer of Hope,” received a prize and an award from the organizing committee.



GRADE 12 STUDENTS' Thanksgiving SERVICE



GRADUATION is the moment most eagerly awaited by students after completing their three years of high school education. The graduation ceremony is not only a symbol of academic success but also a form of appreciation for the students' perseverance, hard work, and dedication throughout their educational journey.

On May 19, 2026, the school held a thanksgiving service to celebrate the graduation of 30 twelfth-grade students, comprising the ninth graduating class. Dressed in traditional NTT attire, the students joyfully received their diplomas in the presence of their parents and family members.

The Word of God, themed "Saved by Grace, Marked by Gratitude," reminded them that those who have received God's grace should live lives marked by gratitude—an attitude of thankfulness for all that we receive and possess, recognizing that everything is a gift and an expression of God's mercy.



On this occasion, the school presented awards to two students who excelled in demonstrating the school's core values, which have been taught since the 10th grade. The event concluded with the students expressing their heartfelt gratitude to their teachers and parents in a deeply moving ceremony. *



Recipients of the awards for exemplifying the school's core values: **Luna Moy** ("Endurance") and **Revita Gole** ("Responsibility").

Three students who completed their entire education at Kasih Karunia School, from kindergarten through high school, received souvenirs from the School Coordinator and the Principal.



FOOD PROGRAM & TUTORING

CHILDREN are the future generation and require serious attention and care so that they may develop a strong foundation of faith and knowledge. In addition to formal schooling, Kupang Christian Center (KCC) also provides services for children who have not yet been reached through its Food Program and tutoring services.

These two activities are conducted at KCC as well as at GMIT Emaus, a local church located not far from the center. The children's enthusiasm for learning motivates the teachers to remain passionate about teaching and to continue caring for them despite the limited facilities available. *

