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NEWSLETTER #2

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Term 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

My Dear Parents & Guardians,

Seasonal Greetings and welcome back everyone!

It is high time we must share some news from your children which I believe you will very much love to hear and know about. Six weeks into the term and you would want to hear from us.

In the last newscast, I assured you to share more on the five sense stations we endorsed to be our term two theme. The children with their teachers have been hard at work with theory and practical activities every

week since the last time we communicated. Lots of interesting and exciting programs with interesting outcomes have been developed and being enjoyed at the same time but giving challenges to the little minds and bodies.

Needless to say that the teachers themselves find these new discovered learning experiences equally challenging and yet enjoyable. However, before I invite you inside your children's educational and learning environment to read about their lessons and participation, please allow me to draw your attention to some special and specific reminders.

1. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: Hope our mothers around the world especially our very own ones from Bava had a lovely family event and that you all had enjoyed the cards with flowers that your children had made for you. The Play-Preschool children and their lovely teachers Mrs Kua and Miss Heagi made me a pretty one with endearing messages. I posted the card on Facebook.

If you have a photo also to share please visit the school site: www.bavaschool.com and sign in to read our letters and may be leave us a comment with your photos. We need to hear from our lovely parents too! Or simply give copies to the office and we may use them appropriately with your notes with your approval.

2. TERM TWO PROGRAMS: Play-Preschool and the middle level programs have been sighted and completed. The upper levels are yet to complete theirs. What has been completed already is being enjoyed at all lev-



A special presentation from Drs Shalon-Taufa and Arnold Waine

3. SPECIAL GUESTS: Invited by The Upper Level with their teacher Mr Mea. It was much enjoyed and a lot was learned from our own lovely parents wife-husband partner doctors: Drs Shalon-Taufa and Arnold Waine. I was present with the children during their whole presentation on the Five Senses.

4. EACH SENSE STATION: as we call them here: The Hearing/Ears, The Sight/Eyes, The Smell/Nose, The Feeling/Skin and The Taste/Tongue were covered specifically and simply for the level of the children to

understand. Even Mr Mea and I both learned a lot from this one hour activity.

I captured the session and the information may be also used in our teacher enhancement in-service trainings and of course in our lessons materials for our science and health and inclusive curriculum programs. Thank you doctors. Any time any of our parents feel that you have some way to contribute to share your knowledge with the school please just let me know. *Will show a few photos to highlight.



New menu for lunch at the school canteen



A big "Hi!" from the Prep/Gr 1 students



Play-Pre's practicing their concert items

5. THE CURRENT POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT: Let us hope that no distractive obstructions are caused to affect the schools in the city. Let us hope that the leaders make the necessary fair decisions to protect the citizens, the children, the businesses, institutions and all that make up a nation to be strong and healthy. My heart bleeds for the future generations in times like this.

6. TERM OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES: it is seriously important that your children's fees are paid as this is the only source to pay for all the school's operations. Thanks.

7. TERM THREE FEE INVOICES: will be issued in the next two weeks giving ample time to make preparations.

8. SCHOOL UNIFORMS: these are worn on Monday-Thursday and Sports only on Friday.

9. FRIDAY: is only a half day so pick up children by lunch time.

10. SWIMMING: is on Wednesday after lunch. Ensure your child brings swimwear and a towel in a bag otherwise they cannot participate.

I did promise you a while ago to take you inside your child's classroom so let me give you this honour now! Let us start with The Play-Preschool Sector.

11. PLAY-PRESCHOOL - MRS KUA & MISS HEAGI: Hi once again we would like to welcome and enlighten you all with some insights. Firstly, let us thank the heavenly Father for his protection always in our lives. Amen.

Class insights

- Our classroom is forever colourful and welcoming with all children's displays.

- Academic - we have completed the Maths on numbers and objects on week 6 assessments done and marks collected for both written and observation/ checklist.
- Week 7 Revision activity to continue and refresh their small brains. Language completed, marks collected.
- Jolly Phonics also completed on week 6, Assessment done, some marks collected, few more this week.
- Other subjects will be completed on this week and will be assessed.
- We have started our concert practices on week 6 and will be full swing on week 7-10.
- Week 9-10 - Finalize Assessment, Reports and concert celebration.
- Week 11 - Report cards go home and concert.
- **Homework**- Thanks to the preschool parents who are really helping their children out at home. Your time

and effort are essentially vital. One day you shall receive the fruits of your investments.

Highlights

Serah Pepena - A playschool student who has shown great interest in her work since term 1. She has maintained that attitude this term and has advanced to Preschool and now competing with the top five students there including, Morgan Verave, Leilani Salaiau, Karo-Timothy Nobetau, Evangeline Ramaltap and Leilani Yuki.

Karen Stanley - A playschool is doing well in visual and vocal experiences. She is the first one to study her script getting ready for the concert.

Well, thanks for being with us on board and you'll hear from us next time.

Cheers from Mrs Kua and Miss Heagi.



A big thank you to Drs Shalon-Taufa and Arnold Waine for their presentation on the 5 senses

Growing avocado seeds as an experiment

PREP-ONE CLASS - MRS MEA:

Hello everyone I am pleased to share some news from our class. Firstly I would like to inform you on the practical lessons we have done so far.

Maths

So far we have covered the topics. shapes and colours. Measurements -comparing sizes using objects. Now we are winding down on the topic. Addition or plus (+). Adding by objects using sticks and stones. Adding by pictures and adding by numbers. So far majority of the class have done well in this topic during their daily maths' activities.

Health

Sweet carrot salad was successful done by the children and with the assistance from Mrs Mea and Ms Karona. They have eaten and shared with their other friends in the other two classes. The Principal was also shared some and she really liked it.

Social Studies Project

So excited after doing this particular practical activity in planting their pawpaw seeds and are now watering it every morning.

Jolly Phonics

We have covered all the learning areas and topics for this term since the majority of the class have now learned their sounding, blending and reading group 1,2 and 3 words and are now reading sentences cards for the rest of this term.

Science

As we all know our theme for this term is SENSES, the children have done two practical lessons on the Sight sense. Blind folding, identifying colours and objects. Smell sense - Smell and tell different odours and food smell. So far we have identified the parts of the eye and nose to help understand more of their functions they do to our bodies.

We will cover the other three SENSES (hearing and ears/taste and tongue/feel and skin), next three weeks of this term.

Assessments

Tests are done weekly so please your child must come to school everyday.

Acknowledgement

Special thanks to all our parents who have assisted your child in providing for their practical lessons.

Thank you and God bless. Mrs Mea.

THE CLUSTER GRADES – MR MEA:

Hello everyone, welcome once again to our class insights in this edition of our newsletter. For the past weeks we have been very busy both in and out of our classrooms, thus our children have learned more interesting and exciting things about their environments through the use of SENSES. Here are some brief highlights:

Science - SENSES

We've learned about the parts and structures of our sense organs. Now we are able to tell you which nerves carry messages from our sense organs to our brains. A special thank you to our parents (doctors) Mr and Mrs Waine for the educational visit on Wednesday 11th May. What an inspiration you brought to us. Thank you so much.

Social Studies - (Global Issues - Global warming)

We are learning about Global warming and its causes and effects. We are tackling this issue because currently, it is affecting us and the environment we live in. Therefore, we believe that if we are educated and understand what it is, we can be able to make better choices and even be positive influences in future.

For that matter, we have also started an avocado project which we initiated early this term. We learned that plants can help us to control the amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) which is the main gas that is causing global warming and we hope that this drive can go a long way.

Some children have transplanted their seeds while others are still waiting for theirs to germinate.

Further more Avocado is a fruit/vegetable that is very nutritious and healthy. We hope to get the whole class into the habit of eating avocados.

Thank you, Mr Mea.

Well that brings me to the end of the classroom show and broadcasts. I wish to ask your kindness and patience to read the contents sincerely because the information contained therein are important to you and your child/children. Take good care of our dear little darlings and we shall see and meet up as always at our school Bava!

Have a blessed rest of the weekend and do take care until next time you hear from us again!

THE LIBRARY CORNER – MS KARONA:

Once again hello everyone. This term has been a busy time for me as I have been sorting out, labelling books and putting them away in the new storage cabinet.

A Special Highlight from us here

Though it has been busy I have managed to implement my programme. As a result some children namely Naomi, Popau, Paul, Braxton and Chanel are able to blend and read. This is a fantastic progress for all these children. I am confident that the parents will soon recognize these little achievements by their children in the

most immediate future. Please encourage them to borrow books to read more and share this reading with you.

A Kind reminder:

**Please do fill out the Home Reading Diaries your children bring home with their library books.

For those children who wants to borrow books from the library but do not have a library bag, please see Mrs Tione at the front desk. A bag is K20.

Thanks - Ms Karona

THE FRONT DESK – REGISTRAR MRS MARY TIONE:

A big hello with some Quick Reminders.

Students without Library Bags

Children must have a bag to borrow library books. Please make sure that your child has a library bag and can be purchased for K20.

School Fees still pending

For those children who still owe school fees, I am appealing to your parents and guardians to settle in the next two weeks. Thank you to those who have already done so.

Canteen & Meal Services – Balanced meals are ensured always

This week's special menus include: a shepherd pie & a meat pie. On Tuesday was the shepherd pie and Thursday will be a Meat/Chicken Pie. Every meal is cooked and prepared fresh and according to the numbers of orders received. Place order by 9am.

Both morning tea and lunch served with drinks for K20.per day. (Morning tea: cake/lamington/doughnut/muffins/French bread/assorted biscuits/fresh fruits-banana/pawpaw/watermelon/apple/orange) just to name some.

For lunch usually hot meals are served or assorted sandwiches with meat/chicken/egg/fish/cheese/spaghetti/baked beans/peanut-jam-vegemite butter.

Fish/chicken & chips, hot dogs, hamburgers, noodles etc+Salad. Ice-cream.

Drinks: Water/Juice/Chocolate /Milo/Milk/Vita /and other packet drinks that are healthy serves. Small lunch at 10am and big lunch at 12 midday sharp.

Bus Services

Spaces are available. Reliable service. Get details from me.

Late Pickups

Be mindful that a fee of K20 is charged 3:30 - 4pm when the gate closes.

School Gate

Opens at 7:30 am drop off time Reopens at 2:30pm for pick up and ends by 3.30pm.

Thank you for your time and see you in the next newsletter.

Let me end by asking you all to find some quality time and read our newsletter contents because they are important for your attention and may need your action. Let me thank you again for having the trust in me, my staff and Bava School in choosing us for your child/children.

Sincerely yours,

Ms Boio Bess Daro, BA, OBE.
School Principal