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Term 4

SEASONAL GREETINGS TO YOU ALL!

The time has come to end the 2016 school year. This year has seen many real issues that were challenging as well as exciting both locally and globally. In more ways than one, these affected the school curriculum and programs that have been prepared. For the sake of our school community we shall only remain in conversation in that regard.

In this special issue of our final Newsletter of 2016 I wish to dedicate this to all of us who have been part of the school community this year. Special dedication and appreciation to all my staff, teachers, parents, guardians, families and everyone who have given support in one way or another. Thank you everyone.

In this final Edition, I will highlight the mission and vision we have started the year with. Whether we have achieved them or not - what progress has been made to the end of this term.

I am pleased to be the one to reveal the good news to you as participants and as direct or indirect contributors and beneficiaries of this school community at large.

In Term One, Mrs Kua in outlining her specific objectives for her Play-Preschool Sector stated the following:

This Term theme is - "Who am I? I am who I am."

- Our class motto is - FLOURISH
- Our objectives - by end of the year, the children will flourish academically, spiritually, physically and socially in all aspects of their development.

Pauline Arut in playschool who did not talk or sound a single word is now starting to talk.

*Okay, did Mrs Kua achieve her objectives pronounced here by end of this year?

Or more to the point, did Bava International School curriculum objectives achieve them?

Well, on Friday 2nd December at the end of our usual Annual Concert at every level of the school, from the bottom, the middle to the top, we are going to give you the benefit of Doubt, if we have achieved the goals we set ourselves out to reach them!



What a wonderful year 2016 has been! We'll miss you children!

Mr Mea, the head teacher and the teacher of the Upper Level clustered grades proclaimed:

OUR THEME: WHO AM I? (I AM WHO I AM)

- It will give children the best opportunity to learn more about themselves, their identity and worth.
- It will help them to be able to value themselves as someone special and with a purpose.
- And in the grades class, we will be setting goals and visions to learning some simple but factual hints/tips as to how we may be able to achieve them.

Has Mr Mea and his graded classes achieve their goals that he set out for them in Term One of this year? Or more to the point by end of this year?

This Friday will confirm this aspect for your children. I invite you all to review and assess the outcomes of our mission and vision we set out to achieve for your children in 2016. Let me invite you to please attend the End of the Year Concert/Party to both entertain and attest to you the fruits of the hard earned labour of your children, their teachers and the management in totality!

You owe it to your children, please, parents!



Term 1 - Playing with play dough



Term 1 - Getting to know each other



Term 1 - Little ones participating in games

The Four Themes for each term have been embraced to use as guidelines to oversee the implementation of the curriculum overview for this year:

- I. Theme: Who Am I? I Am Who I Am
- II. Theme: The Five Senses (My 5 Senses)
- III. Theme: Exploring Our World (Exploring My World)
- IV. Theme: Making Sense of Our World (Making Sense of My World)

How have these themes been covered to be made relevant to the core subjects and additional ones to our curriculum overview expressed in the beginning of the year.

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 to your children's educational and learning environment to read about their lessons and participation, please allow me to draw your attention to some special specific reminders.

The four core subject areas: English, Maths, Science and Social Studies have been adequately covered as outlined and taught according to the three sectional/age appropriate levels:

In English: The 7 levels of Jolly Phonics, Alphabetical letters in writing, reading and comprehension with grammar (nouns/verbs/some other areas) have been covered in the middle and upper levels. (Prep-Elementary and lower Primary levels although the standards rendered are a lot higher than these levels.)

In Mathematics: Numbers 0-20 have been taught with pictures, words, ordinal and patterned numbers. Again in both the middle and upper levels, the number patterns of 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's have been taught accordingly.

Science: The Human Body, Bones/Organs and the Five Senses have also been taught appropriately and accordingly to the three levels.

Social Studies/Science: Weather, Climate change, Resources, Water, Plants, Animals, Minerals & Air have been learned.

Arts/Expressive: and similar forms have also been encouraged to build confidence and nurture common good characters. Children standing in front of whole school, in front of the Principal/teachers and parents and families

such as today with great confidence and character speaking, singing, dancing, and performing as learned students.

This is real personal growth. *Apart from that, Children have been doing practical activities to learn – Play-dough making, painting, drawing, collaging and writing stories on themed topics.

Health and Physical Education: Personal Profile, Food, Nutrition, Energy, Protein & Protective foods, Healthy living, care of own body and exercises.

The above is the general guidelines the teachers have used together with help from myself and the Librarian/ Resources available to complement each term theme.



Triplets showing their "rights" cards



Library/Reading session with Ms Karona



Students showing their "rights" on ICD

Take particular note of the levels of learning, skills, knowledge with confidence in all these areas in your child/ children from term to term. If you have come to the last three Term Concerts, you may be able to feel and tell the different levels of your child's progress and growth over the year.

How the little ones in the Playschool/Preschool children have grown in their physical, cognitive and mental stages of development. I hope you can see this for yourselves.

For myself and the teachers, we have been growing together from strength to strength along with your dear children as we teach them.

I hope we have delivered for the trust and confidence you have bestowed upon us.

What I have just described is a mere skeleton. It takes a lot of work, preparation, dedication and commitment; from me, the staff, teachers, caregivers, management, and all kind serving contributors.

Not forgetting to mention of course the support you provide to create the value, quality and ultimate satisfaction to ones' desired outcomes such as the progress we see in the children.

Unpaid overtime hours, the willingness of staff to care and teach, so that no one is left out to fail – failure is not an option.

At Bava no one is marked failed. Only "most improved" is the lowest awarded assessment of any test results.

Every Friday morning, the teachers and the children exercise together by also dancing ZUMBA and at times I join in. I share with them three times a week in their Assembly times, which marks a very important and happy time we share together.

Lots can be said about this year, events, and our school and children, but I believe that I have been able to achieve by communicating with my school community every term via the newsletters, personally meeting you, the term concerts and other related events we come and celebrate together.

You have been updated with almost everything as to what has been happening to your children this year.

This letter cannot accommodate the very many beautiful activities the school has provided to share with you and your children throughout the year. This Friday 2nd December we will once again show case the very many educational achievements of your children and the school.

Please do come by and be entertained and you may equally learn a thing or two in the process. So much has happened this year and you can only reflect back to your termly newsletters, concerts, and visit our school website at www.bavaschool.com to refresh your memories or learn more about our school and your children.

2017 details are now available as of now to you and enrolments are also open for registration.



Posing for a shot during Nature Park visit



Boys playing some rugby outdoors



Girls examining some buried bones

A DVD is in the process of being made and a special thank you to my son Ira for his endless support he renders to the school. A form with details is attached for anyone who may be interested to buy shortly after the annual concert to cover the year activities.

Before I hand over the conversation to the rest of the staff and your children, let me point out some important announcements:

1. END OF THE TERM CONCERT/CHRISTMAS PARTY: Friday, 2nd Dec. 10 am – 12.30pm at School. Bring yourself & something to share for lunch. Children to be dropped off by 8am in full school uniform. Lots to cover so be seated by 9.50am please. *Farewell after lunch.

2. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS: will be held at the end of the concert. Awards, Prizes & Annual Reports will be handed out to students.

3. SANTA CLAUS GIFTS: please bring in gifts for your child to receive from Santa by Thursday.

4. HALF-DAY: Thursday is only a half day so please collect children by lunch time.

5. RAFFLES: Entertainment including fun time with raffles to be drawn. Buy tickets a head to save time.

6. 2017 SPECIAL REMINDERS: and announcements are to be made at the concert so be there.

Let me take you inside the school environment to share their stories now.

THE FRONT OFFICE- MRS TIONE - REGISTRAR:

Hi everyone.

So excited to see our little children preparing for their Concert and Graduation Day this Friday 2nd December 2016.

Children at Bava International School have been working very hard for the last 9 weeks. We are asking you to come and witness what they have ready for us. So please come over and enjoy yourselves with us.

2017 School Fees and Enrolment Forms

These will be made available to the current parents before the public. Remember we only have limited spaces. So do

not wait until your space is given away to an outsider.

Report cards

Only to be given to those children who have paid up all school fees. If you have not paid your child's fees you should see me and settle yours before you can collect your child's report. Thank you to those parents who have faithfully completed their children's fees.

Uniforms

Limited in stock. Place your order now.
Thank you all and have a blessed Xmas.

Mrs Tione
Registrar



Students preparing decorations for Friday



The young ones having fun drawing



Girls in Play/Pre wearing their pretty hats

MIDDLE SECTOR - PREP/GR. 1 - MRS MEA:

Hello everyone.

My pleasure to share with you some stories for the last time in 2016.

This year has been a very challenging but one of the best years of my teaching this sector. With all my heart I am thankful to you parents/guardians for helping and supporting your child one way or another with his/her academic performances and social behaviour for the past four schooling terms. I believe that you have seen some progress in your children.

Some highlights on what some of our children have to say and write about their school, they make me so proud:

"I like Bava because the teachers are good." *Philemon Deilala*

"I like Bava because it is nice school." *Joshua Arazi*

"I like Bava because it has a swimming pool and a playground."

Gerard Raga and Romalene Sabumei

"I like Bava because I want to learn more and more." *Chloe Kwaudi*

"I like Bava because I come to school to learn and play." *Isaiah Lavaki*

"I like Bava because it has all of the teachers looking after and respect us all." *Renee Rambani*

Thank you that is all from us and hope to see you all next year in 2017.

Merry Christmas and God bless.

Mrs Mea
Class teacher

PLAY/PRESCHOOL SECTOR – MRS KUA – MISS HEAGI:

Hi all, welcome again to share our final insights. Before we proceed let us take a moment to say thank eternal God who has brought us this far. Amen.

Insights

Classroom management is ok and well. You know it is Christmas season so the classroom is looking great with beautiful decorations to welcome the day with our students' hand prints.

Academic

Our academic lessons and assessments done and Report Cards had been filled for you to pick up. Children are doing well and fine, ready for Prep next year. Reports are done fairly without favour and fear. Assessment measurements are given according to their abilities, knowledge, skills and attitudes.

Concert preparation

Both levels are doing well by putting more effort in practicing their scripts and other tasks they are asked of. For their costumes these are the things that you are to purchase for them:

- All red round neck T/shirt and black long pants trousers or leggings
- Girls - long ball dress with hats decorated with ribbons/flowers
- Boys - Gentleman dressing with hats with ribbons/bowtie

With that thank you so much and we are anticipating to see you all on Friday. For those you did not make it on the other three concerts, please we would like to see your faces. Come let us celebrate together.

Cheers and have a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year 2017.

Mrs Kua and Miss Heagi.
Class teachers/Carers

THE LIBRARY – MS KARONA:

A Special Highlight:

Though it has been busy I have managed to implement the reading program. As a result some children namely Naomi, Popau, Paul, Braxton and Chanel are able to blend and read.

This is a fantastic sign I am confident that their parents will soon recognise these little achievements by their children as they progress further.

Finally, I want to say that it is my dream to help them to excel and better themselves in their studies and to be very successful in future.

Overall, this year we have celebrated many students in their progress reading levels. Well done Children!

Thank you.

Ms Karona
School Librarian

As much as I wish to share more with you all, time has now come to say good bye to end this edition of our conversation for 2016. Until Friday when I hope to see you in school, may I take this wonderful opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout the year. I am confident that we can share more next year together.

Please allow me and the school to wish you all the very best of the season's greetings with bucketful of beautiful memorable returns. Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year!

Ms Boio Bess Daro, OBE.
School Principal

Merry
Christmas

