



# BAVA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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# NEWSLETTER #1

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Term 1

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## WELCOME EVERYONE TO OUR BIG BAVA FAMILY IN 2016!

Getting back to school and especially going to a new school or environment can be very scary for some little children, and perhaps at times for their parents too. It can be daunting for a child leaving home for the very first time. To lighten up your hearts and minds, let me introduce myself, our school and its dedicated hard working staff. I hope it will help you to leave your children under our care with trust and ease of mind.

**1. INTRODUCTION:** Allow me to first introduce our school and its staff who will be serving you this year. But most specifically to care and educate your children you entrust under our care.

**THE SCHOOL MOTTO: "LEARN TO CARE - CARE TO LEARN."** This is a serious statement which decisively commits the services and programs provided that are of high standard and quality even though the physical settings may be a little indifferent. One cannot always be right by judging the book only by its cover.

### THE SCHOOL - BRIEF HISTORY

Bava International School is 100% nationally owned, managed, and staffed by dedicated citizens who are sincere and committed to care and help mould the future young minds of this robust and vibrant beautiful country: PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

Bava has been a registered Permitted School with the Department of Education since 1983. It has

been in this location since November 1991. This year marks the 25th year of its operations.

From its most humble beginnings, slowly but surely Bava has continued to excel in producing an increasing number of incredibly brilliant, outstanding students who now hold prominent positions in employment, business, political, educational and many other private and public institutions in PNG and in other parts of the world.

We take tremendous pride in them. Many of them return with their own children to be educated and cared for at Bava!

Some families have been attending Bava almost as a tradition of their own since its inception. We salute your continuing support and belief in the school.

Bava values the support, patronage with confidence and trust you bestow upon us which grants us the vote of confidence in taking care of and educating your children in 2016.

**2. STAFF MEMBERS:** Meet your children's caring minders, educators and trainers and much more:

- Ms Boio-Bess Daro  
*Principal/Managing Director*
- Mrs Mary Daro-Tione  
*Registrar/Office Manageress*
- Mr Moi Bill Mea  
*Mixed Grades - Head Teacher*
- Mrs Michelle Mea-Moi  
*Prep/Grade 1 - Senior Teacher*
- Mrs Julie Kua  
*Play/Preschool - Senior Teacher*
- Mrs Josephine Vele  
*Play/Preschool - Teacher/Support*
- Mrs Wendy Copeland  
*Library/Teacher Aid*
- Mrs Vavine Daniel  
*Kitchen Chef*
- Mr Mark Tione  
*Driver/Ground Security*
- Gate Security - Additional staff
- + Several other auxiliary helpers on the grounds.

Let me have the teachers welcome you. They will be giving out their own welcome letters to their own classes later in the weeks once they have all settled the children.

**3. TERM ONE:** Started on Monday 25th January but the children started on Wednesday 27th. The rest of the term details will be released in the next two weeks with the term curriculum overviews. \*The first two weeks are mostly required to settle down everyone and get them to familiarise with their new environment.

**4. SCHOOL UNIFORMS:** These are being ordered from overseas and are expected next month. If you had paid with your first term fees, you will be issued with the exact number paid for.

**5. STATIONERY:** Will be provided & distributed.

**6. LIBRARY FOLDERS/BAGS:** Will be issued for those who have paid.

**7. CANTEEN SERVICES/MEALS:** These are prepaid for orders to be taken.\*The menu and the prices will be made available also this week. Children are allowed to bring own food/drink from home. Be mindful of junk foods and drinks. Be healthy and give good food to train them with good eating habits. \*No child must be left hungry please. K20/day for casuals and advanced paid weekly/term is K15/day for both small and big lunches with drinks covered.

**8. CLIMATIC CONDITIONS:** It can be hot at times and children can be rather thirsty, so please encourage your child to drink more water by providing a water bottle in their bags. Ensure everything brought to school must be clearly marked with own names.

**9. PERSONAL BELONGINGS:** All items belonging to your child must be clearly marked with her/his own names. Anything left unmarked will be put inside a "Lost and Found Property" basket for recovery purposes. Ask first your child's teacher please.

\*\*\*FOR PLAY/PRESCHOOL (Ages: 2-5 years old) bring a pillow case, a bed sheet, change of clothes, and a towel labeled clearly with name which will be taken home every Friday to be replaced with fresh ones on Monday.

**10. PROHIBITED ITEMS:** No expensive toys, mobile phones, big cash monies and sharp items allowed inside bags and school.

**11. SHOES OFF:** No shoes are worn on the carpets in the main hall and are removed and put in child's own location prepared for her/him.

**12. FRIDAY:** Is a half day. The school closes at 12pm midday. \*All children must be picked up by 1pm. Late fees apply.

**13. GATE RULES:** We ask that parents and guardians be mindful of motorists and traffic dangers. Please always close the school gate upon entry and exit.

**13 .TIPS TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL READINESS:**

- Visit the school together and ask to be shown the places that are really important to your child and their settling in process, is the toilets, their classroom, etc.
- If possible, meet the teacher together and encourage your child to say hello and share a few things about herself that the teacher might like to know.
- Go on a special and exciting trip together to buy stationery and essential items for starting school, such as a lunch box, new shoes and a little stationery.
- Label your child's uniforms and other belonging including hats and shoes. Write their name inside their shoes with permanent pen. There are only so many pairs of school shoes available in the shops, often multiple pairs of the same in each classroom.
- While you are there, draw half of a smiley face in the left shoe and the other half in the right (or a butterfly, football etc), so that when they are held together they match like a puzzle. This is an easy way to help your child know which foot each shoe goes on especially those in the lower sector.
- The best way to prepare a child in life is to read to them. Forget all the different activities and games out there and simply read, read, read. Read a wide variety of books, both stories and non-fiction, comics and recipe books - anything that captures their interest!
- Teach them to recognize their own name. This is step one and if you only have time for one thing, do this. Write their name out and type it out, then stick those up for them to see or let them play with them.
- Ask them to find their name among lots of other words. Make it fun and playful.

I look forward to meeting all the little ones. Please do come inside. Feel at home. Bring your child right inside the school assembly arena. Please do not just leave them at the front gate. Please adhere to the strict drop-off and pick-up times listed to the top right. Late fees do apply.

We shall share more soon,

**Ms Boio Bess Daro, BA, OBE.**  
**School Principal**

## SCHOOL TIMES

**Gate Opens For Drop Off**

7:30 - 8:00 AM ONLY

(This is a "Free Play Period" an important time for all children to intermingle).

**Assembly/Sharing Time**

8:00 - 8:30 AM

**Morning Tea Break**

10:00 - 10:20 AM

**Lunch Break**

11:50 - 12:30 PM

**Rest Time For Play/Preschool**

12:30 - 1:45 PM

**Home Time/Pick Up**

2:30 - 3:00 PM

(After 3pm, child-minding fees of K20/hr will be charged for late students.)

**Gates and School Close**

4:30 PM

**\* FRIDAYS (Half Day)**

Students to be picked up by 1:00 PM

