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NEWSLETTER #2

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Term 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Seasonal greetings to everyone, and all welcome back. Three weeks exactly today we last communicated on 27th January. If you have missed this copy, please pick up one from the front desk. You may also download or read it from the school website: www.bavaschool.com. Important information for new parents and guardians are to be found there. In this issue, I will be generally letting the teachers to inform you personally their specific classroom news as well as the term's overview of what is being taught. You will read about them under the three levels (Lower, Middle, Upper). A number of announcements and reminders for your attention and information please.

1. TERM DATES: 25th January - Wednesday 23rd March - close with the end of term concert.

2. GOOD FRIDAY: 25th March and start of Term one Holiday/recess - From: 24/3 - 29/3/16.

3. TERM TWO STARTS: Wednesday 30th March - back to school.

4. SPECIAL DAYS: Valentine's Day: Sunday 14th February. Women's Day: Tuesday 8th March.

5. SWIMMING CLASSES: will commence next week on Wednesday. Please pack your child's swim wear and towel in a bag to bring. * A child will not participate without appropriate swim-wear and also if parents do not wish your child to participate, A formal advice to the school is necessary please because without it, we will assume you do agree.

6. SPORTS DAY: Every Friday is a Sports' Day - children are expected to attend school in sports wear.

7. FRIDAY HOME-TIME: Every Friday the school closes at mid-day. All children must be collected before 1pm. Outside of this hour, additional fees are charged.

8. NORMAL HOME-TIME: Normal school day starts at 7.30am and closes at 2.30pm. Children are to leave school premises by 3pm please. Childcare fees may be charged after that.



The new Bava School Bus with its proposed design!

10. SCHOOL BUS: The school finally replaced its bus after 24 years of the old one. Transport service is provided at an affordable price.

11. MEALS: are also provided with most affordable prices. Ask at the front desk for details.

12. A WARM START: The general atmosphere of the school is very lovely. It gets better each year with not

so many new comers having long sad faces and throwing tantrums. Very nice. Thanks to all of you who make our work so much simpler and easier. I can assure you, in no time, you will hear your child asking you to bring her/him to school.

13. HIGHLIGHTS: Some highlights of the last two weeks in photos can be seen on the last page. I encourage you all to please come inside the school area and see for yourselves what the children do inside.

CLASS NEWS: Please allow me to now take you inside your child's classroom environment for his/her own newscast. Let us begin with the Upper , then the Middle to finally land on the grounds with the Lower Level – Play-preschoolies!

MULTI GRADES (UPPER SECTOR): MR BILL MOI MEA - THE HEAD TEACHER

Welcome all to the grades corner for another challenging year. First of all, I'd like to thank our heavenly father for his countless blessings in our lives most importantly our dear little ones who you have placed in our care and to be educated too.

ABOUT ME: I have been teaching in this school for the past five years (since 2011) and I believe that Bava has

taught me a lot, especially in terms of my standard of teaching.

I must also admit that I have learnt a lot from our lovely children (old and new) who challenge me every day from time to time, with their little inquisitive minds. Something we must embrace and encourage.

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

This theme 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 and learning some simple but factual hints/tips as to how we may be able to achieve them.

2016 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW FOR THE MULTI-GRADES CLASS

ENGLISH	MATHS	SCIENCE	HEALTH	S/STUDIES
GRAMMAR	NUMBER & APPLICATION	THE HUMAN	PERSONAL HEALTH	GLOBAL ISSUES
PRONOUNS	OPERATIONS	ANATOMY	HYGIENE	WHAT'S AFFECTING ME?
PERSONAL PRONOUNS PERSON	PLACE VALUES FRACTIONS DECIMALS	I HAVE 5 SENSES	NEW DISEASE ZIKA VIRUS CHOLERA	WHY? HOW CAN I HELP?
POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS		LETS LOOK AT EACH SENSE AND HOW IT WORKS.	HEALTH OF INDIVIDUALS AND POPULATION	
NOUNS	MEASUREMENTS		GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	MY FAMILY
COMMON NOUNS NUMBER NOUNS PROPER NOUNS	ANGLES		STAGES OF GROWTH	FAMILY TREE
COMPOUND NOUNS COLLECTIVE NOUNS POSSESSIVE NOUNS	MONEY TIME		AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT MY FAMILY	GENEOLOGY EXTENDED FAMILY 2 GENERATIONS ETC...

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR CLASSES: Sheldon Frank, Jalisha Deilala, Rachel Paulisbo have settled in well and are ready to learn new things. Chanel Vele and Philip Lohia are both working hard and gradually adjusting their new system. Keep it up!

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

Thank you,

Mr Mea | Grades Class

**PREP & GRADE 1 (MIDDLE SECTOR):
MRS MICHELLE MEA - TEACHER IN-CHARGE**

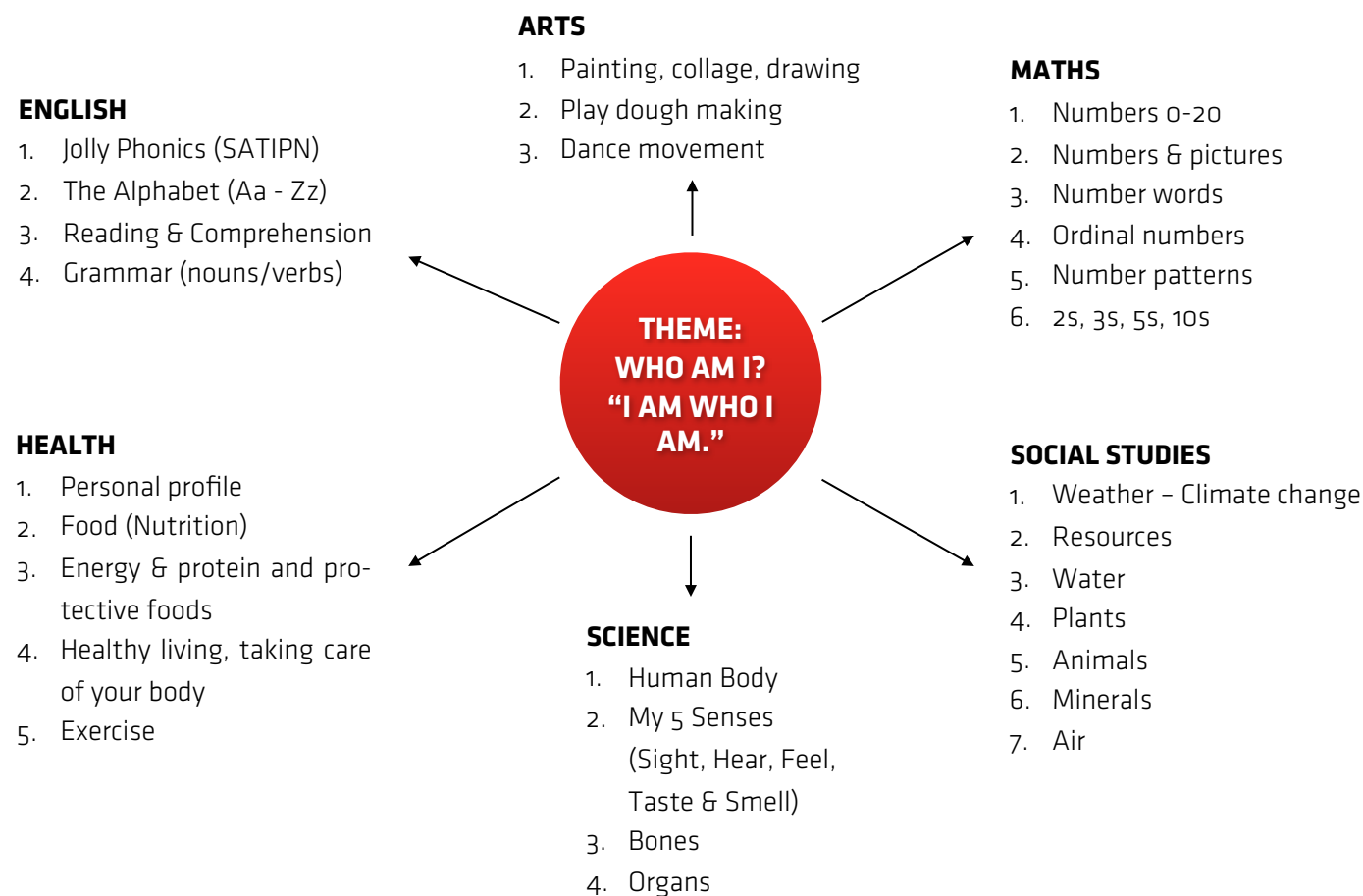
Hello Everyone! Welcome back to another challenging year of school. I am so happy to see a lot of new faces and old students returning.

I am Mrs Mea, from Milne Bay Province. This will be my fourth (4th) year here in Bava International School. I am the teacher in charge of the middle sector comprising of the Preps and Grade 1's classes. Currently the attendance for this term stands at 19 students for the Preps and 11 students for Grade 1, all who have settled in well for the past 2 weeks now.

More than likely the Grade ones will be upgraded slightly and to be separated from the Preparatory class. Efforts are in the pipeline if the two classes continue to grow in numbers.

Teacher support is available immediately so any slight changes would not affect the quality of care and education they receive.

Our theme for this term is: Who am I? I am who I am. Basically this is the overview. I will teach my lessons according to brief overview below.



Some of our new students who have shown a lot of effort for the first two weeks are:

- Kihran Kimmins and Mharl William Kila - our sports stars in Week 1, while Theresa Aru and Braxton Ravu are already able to confidently sound, blend and read words formed from Jolly Phonics Volume 1.
- A special student also to highlight is "Valentine Frank" he read two books that he chose from the

library titled "I Like Books" and "Helping." This little boy showed a lot of interest in reading books and doing class work.

All in all, the students in the middle sector are coping well to adjust. More updates in the next news.

Thank you.

Mrs Mea | Prep/Grade 1

PLAY-PRESCHOOL (LOWER SECTOR):

MRS JULIA KUA - HEAD TEACHER

Hello everyone,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you both old and new parents to our academic year 2016 in the name of our heavenly father for his love and mercy. Amen.

OUR CLASSROOM INSIGHTS

- Well organised, colourful and welcoming to all children and parents.
- Children are all settling in and are enjoying themselves with one another.
- Harmaign Richard in playschool who did not understand and speak English is now already saying one to three words in English.
- Pauline Arut in playschool who did not talk or sound a word is now starting to talk .
- Even Karen Stanley who cannot speak is now beginning to speak and I am very proud of them.

ACADEMIC LESSONS

In week two, we have covered two letters and their sounds. S/s and A/a. Now in Week Three we are doing our review and assessment. Next week, letters "Tt" and sound "Tt" will be introduced. This is learning the Jolly Phonics Level One in the English Language syllabus adapted and taught at our school. You can see how as young as a 2-3-4 year old child can already be participating in formal learning.

The children are doing extremely well and some need special mention for their special efforts.

- Morgan Verave and Leilani Salaiau. Well done!
- This Term theme is - Who am I?
- 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.

1. Reminder!!! There will be Home work/Research Experiment given to children to take home.
2. Your help is requested and is necessary.
3. Please help your child to share and speak English at home.
4. Our timetable will be out soon.

Thank you and cheers!

Mrs Kua - Dip BED

THE LIBRARY - TEACHER ASSISTANT - MS WARI KARONA:

Ms Karona has a wealth of experience with her library knowledge and skills especially in schools similar to Bava age groups. She is also a highly certified teacher with elementary level of caring, teaching and programming. She can be useful to the three levels whenever on call.

I welcome her on behalf of myself, the management, staff and our Bava school families to our Bava School community. She is already enjoying the environment and the team work that is highly respected and expected. Ms Karona has already drawn up a program for this term in consultation with myself and the teachers.

FROM THE FRONT DESK REGISTRAR - MRS

MARY TIONE: Welcome to 2016 school year. I am still learning to put new faces to their names. Quite a task but slowly and surely we shall all become one neat small body of families and be easily recognisable by face and name by the end of the term.

UNIFORMS: Our new order should be arriving soon. Those who have paid will be issued uniforms if you have not yet collected them already. We are anticipating their arrival by end of the month.

TERM 1 SCHOOL FEES: A friendly reminder to those parents who still owe this Term's school fees, please see the Registrar to complete your fees as soon as possible. By end of this month those who have not

completed the term fees will be denied access to classroom and school works.

BUS SERVICES: Pick up and drop off services have started already and some seats are still available. Price: K750.00/Term. For more details please see Mrs Tione at the front desk.

CANTEEN SERVICES: Food orders are now available. K20/casual K75.00/weekly and K750.00/termly. *For more specific details, see me please. **A menu will be made available and pinned up on notice boards for your perusal and convenience. Thank you and regards. Mrs Tione. *Now back with the school Principal to wind up this session of our second meeting of the first term newscast.



Mrs Kua counting to five with Pre/Plays



Philip Lahui & Chanel Vele in Grades Class



Kihran & Kehtira Kimmins with their mum



Cousins Romalene and Naomi



Librarian Ms Karona helping eager readers



Sisters Shiana & Kelesi Waine with Ms Daro

I do hope that by now you will have heard something specific from each and every nominated member of staff who you have chosen to entrust to take custody of your children this school year.

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**