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NEWSLETTER #1

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Term 4

Greetings and welcome back everyone!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MS DARO

This is the final term of 2016 School Year and we have much to share with you. There is much to account for and evaluate to assess, in order to make appropriate conclusions to reflect genuine accomplishments of the years' efforts.

Generally, I will mention what we all here have been up to before each sector tells its own story as we unfold the pages to continue.

1. 2017 ACADEMIC YEAR PERIOD: 41 WEEKS

A week longer than normal due to disruptions caused which were beyond our control. Special consideration and allowance was given to the welfare and learning requirements of the children. This term has only nine weeks to complete the years' academic programs.

- Ensure your child is here for the next eight weeks to benefit from all these.
- This term will end on Friday 2nd December with the end of the Year Concert as usual. Please make sure to jot this date down in your Commitment Calendar!

2. TERM FOUR: REVISION - EVALUATION - TESTS - ASSESSMENTS

- Whereby the themes, topics and programs covered in the past three terms are brought forward and revised and reviewed.
- Such method helps the children to be assessed properly and fairly.
- That children are able to understand the concepts and practical applications taught and learned.
- A good way for them to remember how much they have learned to upgrade them adequately to the next levels of their education ladder.
- Already tests and assessments have been conducted and outcomes are encouraging.



Bava Teachers wearing their International Teacher's Day shirts

3. EVENTS COMING UP:

Halloween Dress Ups – will be on Friday 24th from 9-12 noon.

- Children will be dressed up in any costumes of character they admire or wish to impersonate.
- The school has some fun costumes for this, but children are free to choose their own from home.
- Parents/guardians are invited for a bit of fun if you can find the time.
- The teachers will be taking care of these events, so see your child's teacher if need be.

International Year of the Children – 1979 Declared by UNESCO.

- Monday 20 November, the teachers are asking your permission to let your child/children to celebrate their special day at the Nature Park.
*A consent form will be handed out before that.
- What will be required will also be noted (transport/lunch fees , etc. They may have a little picnic there?)
- May be interested parents could join? But all must be done properly first.
- This will be the last outdoor activity for the school children in 2016.

4. WORLD TEACHERS' DAY – OCTOBER 5:

- Declared by UNESCO in 1996 with ILO.
- The school and the Principal celebrated this special day with the teachers.
- A special 2016 message was printed out for all the teachers at school.
- Their photos were posted on Facebook on the same day.

7. PLAY-PRESCHOOL - MRS KUA & MISS HEAGI:

Good day and welcome again to share our latest insights. But first let us thank our heavenly Father for his breath of life he blesses us with.

Our theme for this Term is "Making sense of my world"

- **Academic** - Children are doing fine by reflecting back on the themes they had learned already in term's 1,2 and 3.
- **Assessment** - Week 1 assessment done on Thursday the 6th October.

- On Friday a small lunch was shared amongst them all.
- We wished them all every success and humility as they serve in their profession they chose to commit to children day in and day out. God bless them all.

5. READ YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER COMMENTS:

- Very important that you do read them because it is all about your child.
- There could be a need for your attention for help.
- In certain areas, you may be required to come to discuss matters.
- In fact everything in the letter should be read properly and digested.
- If you feel the need to consult the class teacher, please make arrangement with the front desk to be made accordingly.

6. URGENT REMINDERS:

- Return 2017 Survey Form whether returning or leaving.
- Outstanding School Fees – must comply to pay up.
- Swimming Pool is back to normal so children must wear appropriate costumes.
- Pick up on time after school please.

Now let me take you inside the classrooms to your children to read about their news. Please make any comments or can I invite you inside to experience what the children can teach and show us in their own special ways. Let us start with reading their news.

- **Reminder** - Every Thursday there will be tests on topics revised so please, let your child/children come to school.
- Week 6 - Assessment will close
- Week 7 - Evaluation and Report cards filled
- Weeks 8 & 9 - Concert Preparation.
(Many thanks to those parents who helped with costumes for the last term concert. Everyone's efforts made our day success.)

- **Other stories** - Mrs Madeline Paulisbo Snr, grandmother of Madeline Paulisbo Jnr, made a comment saying that she is “really impressed with her grand-daughter's progress and achievements every day.” *It encourages us to hear nice things about your children.
- **Triplets** - The triplets have now settled and are enjoying and mixing well with the other children. Marsha can say one or two words and correctly now. She is progressing very fast but Anya is still yet to say a word.

Cheers from us all.

Mrs Kua & Miss Heagi

8. PREP-GRADE 1 – MRS MEA:

Hello everyone and welcome back. For this final term we will be revising the topics learned in the past three terms.

- Tests will be given after every two weeks. Please encourage your child to come to school for the next eight weeks.

- Homework will be given on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bear in mind if you could assist your child.
- Reading group highlights: The children have done their first reading test last week and these children read their books well:
Renee Rambai, Braxton Ravu, Philemon Deilala, Isaiah Lavaki and Valentine Frank.
- Rest of the children have read well however there is a need to put more effort with their sounding, blending and reading. I am pleased with their performances, improvement and more interest that children are now showing.
- **Halloween Costume** - Halloween will be staged on Friday 24th October. It is optional if you wish to prepare or assist your child with a costume. It can be of a hero, funny person, horror or any other character (witch or fairy , etc.) your child fancies and admires. *Do not worry if you are unable.

Thanks.

Mrs Mea



Preschool Jolly Phonics Oral Test



Prep/Gr.1 Class taking science tests



Body parts quizzed by Preps/Gr.1's

9. THE GRADED CLUSTER CLASSES – MR MEA:

Hello from us all. Can we share some of our classroom news with you?

- This final term started well because almost all of the students in the classes came on the 1st day. Please be reminded again that this term is very important as we will be doing a lot of revision work on the themes we had covered earlier on in the first three terms.

- **Tests and Assessment** - We are having weekly tests this term. I am kindly asking our good parents to please encourage our children to study and revise well in preparation. We've already started in week one.
- **Attendance and Punctuality** - This is very important in all aspects. All students are expected to be in school on time, every day. Hence, this will allow them to easily follow through.

- **International Teachers Day - See photos.** Thank you to everyone, especially our dear children for making the day so special for us. My students made/created history, something I will never forget for a long time. I received so many cards with nice and encouraging messages from them. A special thank you to Shiana and Kelesi Waine for the lovely gift. May God bless you.

- **Units/Lessons** - Week one has passed and all our children are showing good progress. Below is the scope of this term. Finally, I will be conducting parent teacher interviews in the coming weeks, but these are only for selected students only.

Thank you.
Mr Mea

Week	Eng	Math	Science	Health	Social studies
1	Punctuation and sentences	Operations	5 Senses	Growth Dev	Global Issues
2	Sentences	Place Value	Functions	Areas of growth	Climate change
3	Jolly Phonics	Problem solving	Living things	Nutrition	Earth studies
4	Vowel sounds	Multiples	Plants	Food group	Layers
5	Reading Skills	Geometry	Water	Diseases and sick	Resources
6	Verbs and Tenses	Shapes and Angles	Water/Animal/Plant	In PNG	Fossil fuels
7	Antonyms & Homonyms	Measurements	Body System	Modified sports	Pollution
8	Synonyms	Time and money	Digestive	Ball games	Conservation
9	Enrichment lessons and end of the year preparations.				

10. THE LIBRARY CORNER - MS KARONA:

Hello everyone. It is the beginning of Term 4 and I am looking forward to lending more books to the children to continue with their library reading program sessions.

- **Insights** - I am impressed with certain children who are beginning to blend and read three letter words. This time the Play - Preschool children namely; *Morgan Verave, Evangeline Ramaltap* and *Karo-Timothy* stand out. Parents are encouraged to read with and or supervise with your child's home reading. If you can help your children to use their Jolly Phonic sounds when they read the books. You may be surprised to learn a thing or two yourself!
- **Reminders** - The library is open to the children to borrow books. Fill out the home reading diary after supervising and helping with their reading. Thank you.

I hope you all are looking forward to the achievements of your children by the end of the year. There are a few reminders I wish to inform you of.

- I would like to ask you all to return the forms that were given out in the last newsletter to confirm your child/children if your child/children are returning/not.
- School fees - specific dates were outlined with terms and conditions which will affect your child's final results this year, so make sure to read the newsletter from last term. Otherwise get a copy from me.
- Not meeting the deadlines will affect your child's tests, assessments and final grading for upgrading to the next level. Also to be denied for certificates on transfers and final exams and annual reports.
- Please do not disappoint your children as they have worked hard and must be respected and rewarded.

11. FRONT DESK- MRS TIONE:

Hello and welcome once again to our final term of 2016.

Thank you.
Mrs Tione - Registrar



Play/Pre presenting a Jolly Phonics item



Prep/Gr.1's explaining the Water Cycle



Grades discussing the Water Cycle in detail



Play/Pre presenting a Jolly Phonics item



An item on continents by Prep/Gr.1's



An interactive practical item on volcanoes



Play/Pre teaching us about the planets



The fashionistas of the world!



Grades item on grammar

I hope you have enjoyed reading about the news of your children. Even though I spend my day with them daily I never seem to get tired of their voices. They feed my spirit and soul with happiness and strength. Every time I come to their presence, their five senses all light up and lift me up. It is a magical experience. I hope you do identify some of these beautiful experiences I share with your dear children at our Bava School.

May I thank you all for your support and I sincerely do hope that we are serving you in trust and confidence. Enjoy our news and until next issue, take care.

Ms Boio Bess Daro, BA, OBE.
School Principal