



# BAVA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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# NEWSLETTER #1

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Term 1

## WELCOME EVERYONE TO OUR BIG BAVA FAMILY IN 2017!

Getting back to school and especially going to a new school environment can be a bit scary for some little children. I wonder if at times their parents are affected similarly. It is quite normal for a child to leave home for the very first time feeling a little apprehensive and indifferent. This time each year for the past twenty five years, Bava International School has done its outmost best to implement the school motto diligently with excellence, trust and loyalty.

To lighten up your hearts, let me introduce myself, our school and its dedicated hard working staff for 2017! But first let me confirm the commitment we make each year through the application and implementation of the school motto.

### 1. THE SCHOOL MOTTO: "LEARN TO CARE - CARE TO LEARN."

This is the core mission statement which represents the daily commitments of the school in its curriculum and learning programs created, adapted and taught here! The teaching and management staff do not take this lightly. We all are committed. It is our hope and goal to make this year a success for all of us.

We therefore take special care and pride in the levels and standards of programs we offer. Such programs must be of high standard and of high quality even though the physical settings may be a little challenging. With that said, I am confident to assure you to serve your child's educational and learning needs and experiences in 2017. Your choice to bring your children

here indicates that you believe in the services we provide. I make this commitment as the school Principal to serve the best of our abilities to care and educate them. Thank you.

On behalf of the staff at Bava International School, let me welcome you to the school. We look forward to creating a caring environment to share with you and your children. We also do hope to produce a school and home partnership to ensure your children to realise and achieve their highest potentials.

Recognising the importance and relevance of such a successful partnership between home and school, we believe that your children will benefit. The parental and home support is vital to your child's educational and holistic development.

## 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, late fees apply)

### Gates and School Close

4:00 PM

### \* FRIDAYS (Half Day)

Students to be picked up by 1:00 PM  
(After 1pm, late fees apply)

At times the school may be asking for your guidance and support to ensure the success of your children at school;

Eg: That he/she;

1. Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experiences.
2. Completes all homework assignments given by teachers.
3. Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
4. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.

5. Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
6. Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college
7. Encourages him/her to develop a conversation with you.
8. Develops an awareness that you are able to listen to what he/she says.

Parents and guardians are at times asked to offer any suggestions to improve the school.



The playground at the front of the school



The view from the poolside

## 2. THE SCHOOL - BRIEF HISTORY:

Bava International School is:

- 100% nationally owned, managed, and staffed by dedicated qualified citizens who are sincere and committed to care and help develop the future young minds of this robust - vibrant beautiful country, PAPUA NEW GUINEA.
- A registered Permitted School with the Department of Education under 1983 Act since 19th April 2000.
- It has been in this location since November 1991. This year marks the 25th year of its operations.
- Our school continues 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 2017.
- The school accepts the responsibility to provide the most appropriate and conducive learning environment for your children. We sincerely thank you.

**3. 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 – Head Teacher/Upper Sector
- Mrs Michelle Mea – Prep/Grade 1 – Middle Sector – Senior Teacher
- Mrs Julie Kua – Play/Preschool – Lower Sector – Senior Teacher
- Ms Linda Heagi – Play/Preschool – Lower Sector – Teacher - Support
- Ms Karona –Library/Teacher Assistant
- Mrs Vavine Daniel – Kitchen Chef
- Mr Mark Tione – Driver/Ground Security
- Mr Tom Mahuta – Security – Gate/Travel
- Several other auxiliary security and campus helpers on the grounds.

**4. TERM ONE:** Started today Monday 30th January. It is an eleven week program. The first two weeks are mostly used to settle down everyone and familiarise themselves with their new environment. Although normal classes are ensured where it is appropriate and normal. More specific details as the term progresses.

**5. SCHOOL UNIFORMS:** Additional are being ordered. Please do bear with us if you have yet to collect. \*Kindly check at the front desk with Mrs Mary Tione.

**6. STATIONERY:** Most basic are provided & distributed. Only for special projects, you may be asked.

**7. LIBRARY FOLDERS/BAGS:** Will be issued for those who have paid. These are available from the office.



The Circle Time Area for the Play/Preschool children



Carpets being steam-cleaned before school starts

**8. CANTEEN SERVICES/MEALS:** Small and Big lunches available.

- These are prepaid for orders to be taken.
- 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 paid
- K850/term for both small and big lunches with drinks covered.

**9. 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.

**10. TRANSPORT SERVICES:** Depends on Distance

- Casual – K20/daily
- Term – K850/term

**11. 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.

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

**12. PROHIBITED ITEMS:** No expensive toys, mobile phones, big cash monies and sharp items allowed inside bags and school. \*Let Mrs Tione/Duty teacher Manager know about anything you wish us to take note of please.

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

**14. FRIDAYS:** Every Friday is a half day – Sports Day. Children must be in sports uniform.

- The school closes at 12pm midday.
- \*All children must be picked up by 1pm. Late fees apply.

**15. GATE RULES:**

- We ask that parents and Guardians to be mindful of motorists and traffic dangers.
- Please always close the school gate upon entry and exit.
- Gate opens at 7:20am for morning drop offs.
- Gate re-opens at 2:30pm for after school pick-ups.
- Gate closes at 3:30pm for late pick-ups. Fees apply.
- Staff leaves by 4:00pm - all gates close. \*\*No children must be left after 3:30pm without any prior arrangement and appropriate fees paid in advance.

**16. TIPS TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL:**

Visit the school together and ask to be shown the places that are really important to your child and their settling in process, i.e. 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.

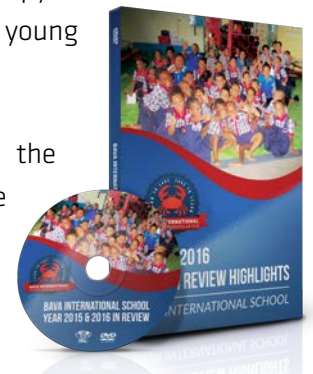
Label your child's uniforms and other belonging including hats and shoes . Write their name inside their shoes with permanent pen.

There are only so many pairs of school shoes available in the shops, often multiple pairs of the same in each classroom, so it helps to label them.

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, and read. Read a wide variety of books, both stories and non-fiction, comics and recipe books - anything that captures their interest and imagination!

**17. 2015 & 2016 HIGHLIGHTS DVD:** We have compiled a DVD with some photo and video highlights from 2015 and 2016. Families who had children at Bava during this time will definitely want to pick up a copy to preserve the memories of their young ones during their time at Bava.

DVDs can be purchased from the front desk for K60 each. Please see Mrs Tione to purchase a copy.



**A FEW FINAL WORDS OF CARE**

Bring your child right inside the school assembly hall gate to hand over to the teachers and care givers. Please do not just leave them at the front gate. It is a concerted partnership effort that will give the pleasing outcomes! Please adhere to the strict drop-off and pick-up times listed to a smooth running of the school which will in turn help all of us. Thank you for your attention and we look forward to meeting and sharing more over the coming weeks as we progress into the first term of 2017 School Year!

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