



# BAVA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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# NEWSLETTER #2

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Term 1

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MS DARO

Welcome back everyone and belated happy Valentine's. Hope you all liked the lovely cards your children and their teachers made for you. I had one made for me by them too and it was very pretty with kind messages. Love them all.

You last heard from us on January 30. It is now time to share some more news. A lot has already happened since then and we have so much to share with you. News about your children and what they do here at school is an important responsibility I believe to share.

The success of your children is a joint-partnership between the school and their homes. I humbly ask that this important aspect of your child's education and learning experiences this year is given the support to realize their full potentials.

As the school Principal I do take my overall management of the school very seriously. I do ensure that your children are given the support, and appropriate education and care Bava is known for. My teachers and I are committed to creating a learning environment most suitable and conducive to their needs.

What is taught to your children is equally inspirational with confidence and yet challenging to the inquisitive little minds to enhance their imaginations! I hope that you will notice their progresses as we move into each term. I look forward to sharing more on this in future

newsletters. We are excited to serve you in the best ways possible. We do appreciate the trust you have bestowed upon us and our school.

This year marks the twenty fifth year of our existence in this very location under my care, ownership and management. Lots of successful students have come and gone. Many of whom now hold and enjoy lifestyles across the country and the world. We wish them well and many are now bringing their own children back to Bava for their early childhood care and education.

Thank you all for your support and trust in us! I have no doubt your children will experience similar successes in their future lifestyle choices once they establish their foundations here.

Before I take you inside their respective classroom environment for you to read about them, please allow me to point out certain matters of common interests. Please take special note of each of them.



Happy Valentine's from everyone at Bava School!

**1. TERM DATE – DURATION:** 11 Weeks from January 30 – April 14.

This term ends on Friday 14th April. But due to Good Friday falling on that day, children will all go home on Thursday 13th. The term one break starts also from Easter Monday 18 - 22 April (1 week holidays).

**2. END OF TERM ONE CONCERT:** Thursday 13th 10 AM - 12 PM. Details to follow. After the Event all children must leave for the first term holidays.

**3. TERM TWO:** Starts on Monday 24th April – June 30. Term 2 Holidays are 3 weeks, starting from July 3 – 21. T2 Invoices are being distributed this week so make sure you get yours.

**4. BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED SO FAR:** A number of children have had their birthdays celebrated with lovely big cakes at the school with their friends. The children love these events! We encourage you to do the same for your own children if they have a birthday coming up.



Lower Sector creating arts & crafts



The Grades class on an outdoor assignment



During free time kids play with keyboards

**5. SWIMMING PROGRAM:** has already started last Wednesday and the children are all happy and enjoying their splashes again! Children who do not bring swim wear and towel are not permitted. **\*\*IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO SWIM, PLEASE LEAVE A NOTE WITH MRS TIONE/CLASS TEACHER TO LET US KNOW.**

**6. ANZAC DAY:** Tuesday April 25th.

**7. ELECTION DATES:** This year the elections will take place from April 20 – July 24.

For your information and easy reference, here are the Election Dates. Please double check these dates and confirm with the Electoral Commission Office.

- Issue of writs – Thursday April 20
- Close of Nominations – April 27. One week only.
- Campaign Period – April 20 - July 8
- Polling Starts – June 24
- Polling Ends – July 8
- Return of Writs – July 24
- LLG Elections – Return of Writs August 8

Now let us go inside and say hello to your children and their teachers! Let us start with the tiny ones in the Lower Sector – Play/ Pre-School children.

#### **8. THE LOWER SECTOR (PLAY-PRESCHOOL) –**

**MRS JULIE KUA & MISS LINDA HEAGI:** Welcome back all. Before we go into our news in brief, let us take a minute to thank our God for his everyday provision and protection Amen.

All children have settled just only a few cries especially in the mornings, but now slowly cooling down and under good moods. Our theme for this term is on "This Is The Real Me." The children will discover and learn more about themselves.

Our classroom is clean and tidy, always welcoming and the atmosphere is free and good.

Academic - Preschools are already into the main activity of learning. As you can see that they are coming home with their home works. ***Please help them at home.***

Play-schools are also in the learning process. We are ready for the challenges for this year.

Thank you. **Mrs Kua and Ms Heagi**

### 9. THE MIDDLE SECTOR (PREP & GRADE ONE) - MRS MICHELLE MEA:

Hello dear parents. I am Mrs Michelle Mea from Milne Bay and I have been teaching in this school since 2013. It is my pleasure to be the class teacher for the middle sector again in 2017.

It is another year again for all of us. I want to thank you for entrusting our school by bringing in your child to be taken care of and be educated.

We will be doing lots of fun-filled activities that your child will surely love and enjoy like singing, dancing, painting, reading and writing and many more you will yourselves find inspiring in the development progress.

Some important things to know about our classes:

1. Homework will be given on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please kindly assist your child at home. A check list is done for each child who does his/her home work on those days.
2. Progressive Assessments are done weekly.
3. Home-Link Book – each child will be coming home with a link book that will show the class teacher's comments. Parents or guardians of each child can comment in writing regarding the child's performance.
4. Class Highlights – I have done revision activities on Jolly Phonics volume 1 in sounding blending regarding words and sentences.
5. In Mathematics – counting, identifying numbers and number words so far.
6. For Science – On the Five Senses of the Human Body. I am pleased to hear and see children showing interest and participating well during our class discussions and activities. A few children who have joined our classes have now settled in and are doing well.
7. I am pleased to share this news and I am looking forward to sharing more good stories in our next newsletter.

Thank you. **Mrs Mea**



Happy Valentine's from Lower Sector!



Happy Valentine's from Middle Sector!



Free time in the playground after school

### 10. THE COMBINED UPPER SECTOR (THE GRADES) - MR BILL MOI MEA:

Greetings to you all and welcome once again to our class insights for this edition to our school newsletter. It is a new year and yes, we are all looking forward to another big year.

Our class this year is comprised of Grades 2, 3 and 4, most of whom are continuing students. So far we have two new

students namely, Nyron Verave and Geraldine Peni. Both children have now settled in well.

The Theme for this term – "THIS IS THE REAL ME."  
"This Is The Real Me" is profound as it will allow and enable us to learn more and understand ourselves better.

#### Class Aims:

Being the class teacher, it is my utmost dream and prayer to see all children under my care, to progress and improve and be the best they can possibly be.

**Class Objectives:**

By the end of the year, all children in Grades should be able to:

- Read and understand English Language.
- Say, read and write numbers correctly.
- Have a fair knowledge of the causes and effects of certain scientific and or social issues.

**My Personal Commitment:**

To achieve the aims stated above –

- I must prepare and plan appropriate lessons with practical activities.
- Teach the children to the best of my ability.
- Give homework to children every week
- And conduct "Teacher Parent" conferences whenever needed and possible.

**Class highlights:**

An impressive start for most children in the graded classes, especially for the two lovely little girls, Tammy Sury and Amelia Macapaz. Both girls have shown good working progress despite being first timers in their class.

The same can be said about our two new friends, Nyron and Geraldine. Both have started off well with Jolly Phonics Volume 1. With "Word Hunt" and are doing fine with the rest of the program.

We are also preparing a play/drama which we will present to you all during our end of term concert.

There is much more to share in the coming weeks so stay tuned.

Thank you. **Mr Mea**



Lower Sector building with blocks



Reading time in the library



Learning words with flash cards

**11. THE LIBRARY CORNER – MS KARONA:**

Hello everyone and welcome back. I hope everyone is looking forward to another successful year with Bava School.

We have had a positive start with the library section, though it is not open yet for lending. I have a lot of children asking when they can be able to borrow books.

Several things to be brought to your attention please:

1. Library program as shown below.
  - Paired Reading
  - Word game
  - Shared Reading
  - Quiet Reading
  - Drilling Jolly Phonics
2. Lending of books with home reading diaries

3. To both new and old students, if you have not bought yourself a library bag yet, I kindly remind you to purchase one from the front desk.

Thank you. **The Librarian**

**12. THE FRONT OFFICE – MRS MARY TIONE:**

Hi everyone. Welcome to our new and old parents.

A start of a new year is exciting and busy at the same time having to know everyone by family and trying to remember names as well can be challenging. Let us all work together and make our big Bava Family For 2017 a success story.

\*\*Please read more about our children and school at the school website: [www.bavaschool.com](http://www.bavaschool.com)

1. **A Reminder to those parents who were given the enrollment forms,** please return it ASAP. This form certifies that your child is registered this year with the school. Thank you.

2. **Term 1 Fees**

Please pay up the fees to avoid the additional fee of K100 on top of the term fees by end of February. **\*\*ALL TERM ONE FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL.**

3. **School Bus Service (K850/Term)**

This service is provided to those who pay and to these locations only: (Boroko, Korobosea, Gordons, Hohola, Koki.)

\*No go zone areas - (Hanuabada, Konedobu, Morata, Gerehu, 8 & 9 Mile, & Taurama Village).

4. **Meals (K850 Term or K20/Daily)**

Meals are provided according to number of children. A well-balanced meal (hot/cold) with fruits and veggies and hot or cold drinks is served for both small and big lunches. To place order - enquire at the school - front counter. See photos on this page for examples of our meals that we serve.

5. **School Uniforms**

More school uniforms have been ordered and we are just waiting to receive them. If you have paid and are still waiting, it is because we are out of stock and are waiting for this order. Thank you for your patience.

Thank you all. **Mrs Mary Tione**

## 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 1PM  
(After 1pm, late fees apply)



Chicken with mashed potatoes and greens



Ham & Cheese sandwich with salad



Chocolate cake with fruits and juice

I hope you have enjoyed reading about your children and what we do and how we engage with them here at school from Monday to Friday. Should you have any helpful suggestions on improving our programs or school, please leave us a note. I would be most pleased. We sincerely do encourage parents and guardians to please visit us at school and should you wish to come and share an interesting story or activity, we are most delighted to have your company! Please do find the time to read this newsletter contents because it is very important you get involved and interested in your children's learning and growth progresses!!! Thank you once again and looking forward to meeting you all soon!

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

**2015 & 2016 HIGHLIGHTS DVD:**

We have compiled a DVD with some photo and video highlights from 2015 and 2016. DVDs can be purchased from the front desk for K60 each. Please see Mrs Tione to purchase a copy.

