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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

WELCOME

Talofa lava - malo le soifua maua ma le lagi e mama! Greetings to you all and welcome to the beginning of this 2009 school year.

We welcome back our students and staff members from last year; and extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families.

We also extend a special welcome to our new young, staff members: Miss Molia Moresi and Miss Akenese Motusaga who will be teaching Years 3 and 4 respectively.

We look forward to an eventful and fun-filled year.

REMINDERS FOR THE YEAR:

SCHOOL TERMS AND FEES:

Term 1: 26th Jan – 9th Apr (11 weeks)

Term 2: 27th Apr – 10th Jul (11 weeks)

Term 3: 27th Jul – 9th Oct (11 weeks)

Term 4: 19th Oct – 4th Dec (7 weeks)

All students will continue to be invoiced on a 10-week basis but should they leave during the year, their fees will be calculated accordingly.

First term invoices have been distributed.

Please pay your fees on time and avoid paying the penalty fee.

If you have not received your invoice/s, please enquire at the office. Non-receipt of your invoice is not a valid excuse for late payment.

SCHOOL TIMES:

We ask all parents to please bring your child/ren to school before 8:00 so they can be ready to start when the bell goes.

Children should be picked up by 2:20p.m. as that is the time the teachers on duty go off duty.

Please bring your child into our school compound and pick them up from their designated waiting areas after school – for their safety.

SCHOOL UNIFORM & SPORTS WEAR

All children must wear the designated uniform, to and from school. They may change into their sports wear for PE and Sports, but must change back to uniform after their sports / before they go home.

WAITING AREAS AFTER SCHOOL

Years 1, 2 and 3 will wait in front of the Year 1 rooms (beside the flag pole).

Years 4-6 will wait in the Hall.

ON RAINY DAYS (if it rains before bell time)

Year 1's will wait in their own rooms.

Years 2 & 3 will wait outside Year 1 rooms

Year 4's will wait in the Year 4 room next to the bell

Year 5's & 6T will wait in their own rooms; and

Year 6ST & Year 7's will wait in the Hall.

BOOK BAGS

It is compulsory for all students to have a Book Bag so that our school library books and readers can be protected. A reminder to all about our special Book Bag Award for children who use the **same book bag for 5 years.**

PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

This will be held next **Thursday 6th February from 5:30 – 6:30p.m.**

Please make time to come and meet your child's new teacher. She/He will briefly go over their anticipated programmes for the year and you may ask questions to clarify things you maybe unsure of.

HOMEWORK

All classes are given homework from Monday to Thursday. Individual teachers will talk about their Class Homework and Discipline styles at our Parents Information Evening.

If you have any concerns about homework – whether it be no homework, too hard or too easy, please do not leave it too long. Come in and see the teacher.

Time allocated for homework ranges from 20 – 60 minutes daily, depending on the class level.

STATIONERY & PROPERTY

Parents are encouraged to mark all your children's personal belongings. This will save you \$\$'s because lost property maybe returned to their rightful owners, when found.

HEALTHY LUNCHES AND WATER

All parents are asked to give their children nutritious/healthy lunches (sandwich, a filled roll, a fruit etc) and **water**.

For our **CLASS OF THE WEEK AWARD** children are given 2 points for their class (daily) if they bring a healthy lunch and water.

We are currently negotiating a Healthy Tuckshop provider for our Primary School. This will replace our weekly Pie Order from years past.

CONTAGIOUS SORES & INFECTIONS

Parents are asked to keep sick children and those with contagious sores and infections at home (I refer you to the Parent Information Booklet).

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are not allowed at school.

HOUSEGIRLS & PARENTS AT SCHOOL

After this first week, we ask parents/caregivers to please drop your children off at school and leave them in our care. We discourage having housegirls/mothers at school because we want our children to become independent and able to look after themselves and their property as soon as possible.

5-TO- LIFE-BANKING

This service made available by The National Bank of Samoa will begin in Week 3. Banking is collected on Thursdays and passbooks returned on Monday.

BUS SERVICE

As some parents have asked, this is for your information:

Queen Poto runs a bus service from Seb & Rene's Sports Shop at Motootua – down to the Bus Depot next to the Fish Market – up to the Primary School – then up to the Secondary School at Tafaigata.

From Motootua to Secondary and back – it costs \$220.00 for the 11-week term.

From Motootua to Primary School at Lotopa – it costs \$165.00 for the 11-week term.

This is a private arrangement between parents and the Queen Poto Bus Company.

THIS TERMS SPORTING ACTIVITIES

We will advise our Senior Syndicate Sporting Events for this term as soon as the Inter-school Sports Committee have met.

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Fiaapia Devoe
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We will officially open our new Computer Room next week, Monday.

I would like to acknowledge and thank

- our School Trust Management Board, in particular Tom Tinai, Arne Schreiber and Charles Mansfield for all their voluntary contributions which has made it possible for us to get this ready and in place to be used this year;

- Mr Alan Nilon and his carpenters for doing our renovations;

- Dave McClean and his Electrical Services for taking care of the electrical side of things;

- Bethlehem College – Tauranga, NZ for donating our computers;

- Arne & Selina Schreiber and Lagoon Computers for fixing and upgrading our computers.

MALO LAVA, FAAFETAI TELE!