



## ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Once again, I extend a warm welcome to all our parents/guardians, students and staff at the beginning of this year.

A very special welcome to all our new students and families and also our new teachers: Ms Etenauna Sione (Year 2) and Mr Samu Kolio (Year 3).

Talofa lava, malo le soifua laulelei.

Welcome to our RLSS family.

This first Newsletter will have our usual reminders for the year:

### 2010 TERM DATES

<b>Term 1</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	11 weeks
-	2 weeks break	
<b>Term 2</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Apr – 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	11 weeks
-	2 weeks break	
<b>Term 3</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Jul – 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11 weeks
-	1 week break	
<b>Term 4</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	7 weeks

Invoices for the first term have been given out this first week of school. The term fees have been divided evenly between the four terms although we have 3 x 11 week terms and 1 x 7 week term. (Students who leave during the year will have their fees adjusted accordingly.)

The 5% penalty fee will be charged at the beginning of week 3. Thank you very much to all those parents who have paid for their children's fees. We ask all the other parents to please pay by next Friday.

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**  
**will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
**from 5:30 – 6:30p.m.**  
**(postponed to 11<sup>th</sup> February – see below)**

I would like to encourage all parents to make time to come in and talk with the teachers this evening. Get to know them and find out what they will be doing this year.

**School starts at 8:00a.m.** we ask parents to please bring your children before 8:00 so they can be ready to start on time.

**School finishes at 1:50p.m.**

Parents are asked to please bring your children into the compound and pick them up from their waiting areas after school, for their safety.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM & SPORTS WEAR

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

### BOOK BAGS

It is compulsory for all students to have book bags so that our library books and readers can be protected.

### HOMEWORK

All classes are given homework.

Individual teachers will talk about their 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, depending on the class level.

**STATIONERY & PROPERTY**

Parents are encouraged to mark all your children's personal belongings. This will save you \$\$'s because any shoes, uniforms, drink bottles, etc found maybe returned to the rightful owner straight away.

**MOBILE PHONES / JEWELLERY**

Mobile phones, earpods, jewellery are not allowed at school.

**CONTAGIOUS SORES & INFECTIONS**

To prevent the spread of the flu and other infectious diseases, parents are asked to keep sick children and those with infectious sores and infections at home. (I refer you to the Parent Information Booklet.)

**HEALTHY LUNCHES & WATER**

All children are asked to bring a nutritious / healthy lunch and **water** to school. For our CLASS OF THE WEEK AWARD, students will get 2 points for bringing a healthy lunch and water.

Parents may order their children's lunches from Bek's Restaurant just across from our school (they will deliver it to school). Children can order from the office also before school.

**BUS SERVICE**

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 Primary and back, its costs \$165.00 for the 11 week term.

From Motootua to Secondary and back, its costs \$220.00 for the 11 week term.

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

**REQUEST**

If you have some bookshelves, kitchen utensils, pots, pans, toys etc that are no longer being used and you would like to give away, we will be happy to take them.

**THIS TERMS SPORTING ACTIVITIES**

We will advise our Senior Syn Interschool Sports Activities as soon as the Sports Committee has met.

**PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS**

**Please contact Suzie Schuster: 7768944.**

**PRIVATE TENNIS LESSONS**

**Contact Yvona Carruthers: 7505055 or Tagifano Soonalole-Taosoga: 7713910**

**God bless all our school and family plans this year.**

Fiaapia Devoe  
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2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010

Dear Parents,

This is to advise that, due to some unforeseen circumstances, our PARENT INFORMATION EVENING which was scheduled for this Thursday 4/2/10, is now put back to next Thursday, 11/2/10 from 5:30 – 6:30p.m.

We hope that we will also have better weather next week.

Yours sincerely,

Fiaapia Devoe  
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