



## ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, we extend a special welcome to all our new students, parents/guardians who have joined our RLSS Family this year. We also welcome back the rest of our family – students, parents & staff. Talofa lava! Malo le soifua laulelei. We also warmly welcome our new teachers: Mrs Aliitasi Salesa – teaching Year 6; Ms Elizabeth Siemsen – teaching Year 2; and Ms Loimata Falute – teaching Year 4. We look forward to another fruitful and successful year.

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

### 2011 TERM DATES

**Term 1: 31st Jan – 15th Apr – 11 weeks**  
*2 weeks break*

**Term 2: 2nd May – 15th Jul - 11 weeks**  
*2 weeks break*

**Term 3: 1st Aug - 14th Oct - 11 weeks**  
*1 week break*

**Term 4: 24th Oct - 9th Dec - 7 weeks**

### SCHOOL FEES

Invoices for the first term will be given out by the end of the 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 the week 3. To all those parents who have paid their children's fees for this term –thank you very much.

We ask all the other parents to please pay by next Friday, to avoid paying the penalty.

### School times:

#### School starts at 8:30a.m.

We ask parents to please bring your children into the compound before bell time.

#### School finishes at 2:15p.m.

Some parents are picking up their children before the bell at 2:15. – This is disruptive to the classes and we ask that all parents to please wait at the front of the school until the children are brought to their waiting areas. (If your child has an appointment during school time please advise the teacher – refer Parent Handbook.)

**We also ask that all children be picked up by 2:45p.m. - that is when teachers go off duty.**

### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING will be held on Thursday 10th February from 5:30 – 6:30p.m.

Please make time to meet your child/rens' teachers and find out what they will be doing for the year.

### SCHOOL UNIFORMS & SPORTS WEAR

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

### BOOK BAGS

It is compulsory for all students to have book bags so that our Library books and readers are protected.

### STATIONERY & PROPERTY

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

**MOBILE PHONES/JEWELLERY**

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

**HOMEWORK**

All classes are given homework for the week. Teachers will talk about their homework and discipline styles at the Parent Information Evening.

Time allocated for homework ranges from 30 – 60 minutes depending on the class level. If you have any concerns about homework, please do not leave it too long but come in and see the teacher concerned as soon as possible.

**CONTAGIOUS SORES & INFECTIONS**

To prevent the spread of the flu and other infectious diseases, parents are asked to keep sick children and those with contagious infections at home. (Please refer to the Parent Handbook.)

**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 a healthy lunch and water.

Children can order from our school office a sandwich (tuna/egg) for \$2.50, a fruit \$1.50/\$2.00 and water \$2.00 (small). If you would like to buy anything more for your child you may order from Bek’s Restaurant just across from our school (they will deliver these to school.) Cokes, Sprite / Fizzy drinks are not allowed.

**PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS**

Please contact Mrs Suzie Schuster 7768944.

**TENNIS LESSONS**

Tennis Samoa runs tennis clinics on Saturdays from 8:30 – 10:30a.m. at the Apia Park Tennis Courts beginning 19th Feb 2011 For after school private sessions, contact: Tagifano Soonalole-Taosoga: 771-3910; or Yvona Carruthers: 750-5055.

**STRANGER DANGER**

We continue to teach our children to be aware of the danger of talking to strangers. Please be on the lookout for strangers; and **do not leave your car unlocked** if you have valuables in your car when you come to pick your children up.

**CONTACT NUMBERS/EMAIL**

We can email you our Newsletters if you give us your email address. Please fill in the form below and return to school next week for a Lucky Draw at our Friday School Assembly.

Also, please advise any changes to your phone numbers in case of emergencies.

With the weather being wet and unpredictable, please put some spare clothes/change in a plastic bag in your child’s bag.

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