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Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome back to all our students and staff to the start of Term 2. I hope everyone has had a good rest during the 2 week break and are back rejuvenated and ready for an intensive and very busy term ahead. Please note the following dates and activities for your information.

### **2009 Remaining Term Dates**

TERM TWO	27 <sup>th</sup> April – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	11 Weeks
TERM THREE	27 <sup>th</sup> July - 9 <sup>th</sup> October	11 Weeks
TERM FOUR	19 <sup>th</sup> October – 4 <sup>th</sup> December	7 Weeks

### **Term 2 Public Holidays**

11<sup>th</sup> May (Week 3) – Mothers Day

1<sup>st</sup> June (Week 6) – Independence Anniversary

***MID YEAR EXAMS 29<sup>th</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> July***

*Holiday (2 weeks) 11<sup>th</sup> July – 26<sup>th</sup> July*

### **School Fees**

Please be reminded that school fees are to be paid in **full** within 2 weeks of the commencement of each term. A **5% late penalty fee** will be charged after this period.

If the full fees are not paid within 2 weeks after commencement of school the child may be withdrawn and the place offered to the next child on the waiting list.

Also, please remember that school fees are calculated at a 10 week period per term, for the four terms as the school year consist of 40 weeks.

### **Independence Celebrations**

The school is invited to perform at the upcoming Samoa Independence Celebrations by performing the sāsā. It is the first time that we have been invited to perform and we feel very privileged to have been recognized and included for the entertainment of this year's independence celebration.

However, the school always participates by marching every year and student turnout for this event has always been impressive.

The whole school will perform, and we request for everyone's support and assistance of our preparations (practices and uniform). Practices have started, for the Junior school it is held during Samoan classes while for the Senior level it will be during PE.

### **Electives**

School Electives will start next Friday. A confirmed list of all electives offered will be available this Friday for students to select their top 4 choices.

### **Australian Maths and Australian Chemistry Quiz**

As advised last term in our previous newsletters, any student, Form 2 – Form 6 is welcomed to sit these quizzes. We do encourage all students to register although it is not compulsory. These are regional assessments and our school has always performed exceptionally well.

**Registration:** Maths Quiz - \$5.00  
Chemistry Quiz - \$10.00

Due date for registration is next Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May. Please register at our office before the due date because all registrations have to be sent to Australia as soon as possible.

### **Cricket**

There is only 1 more week of competition left, and since only a handful of students turned up during the holidays for their games, leading to cancellation of games and withdrawal of schools we will not be participating in the remaining week.

### **Rugby**

Thank you to all parents /guardians and friends of our school who have been supporting our teams during the last 4 weeks of competition. Thank you also to all our committed rugby players and coaches who despite being on holiday were able to play their games.

However, please note that we still have 2 more weeks of games left so we will continue with our usual **Thursday programme with school finishing at 1.00pm starting tomorrow** to allow time for our teams and coaches to arrive at playing venues. We still run a normal programme, only classes will be shortened by 5 minutes.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade rugby team has made it to the top 4 of their division and will be playing Leulumoega Fou College this Thursday for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> position at Apia Park at 1.50. All other teams are playing at the usual venues. Please come to support all our teams. Good Luck boys.

### **Golf Tournament**

Our major fundraiser as advised in a previous newsletter for this year will be a Golf Tournament at Faleata Golf Course. This has been postponed from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**.

Please help support our fundraising by offering to sponsor a team, or by donating prizes or food for breakfast and lunch.

Please call our school offices, Lotopa, 23762 or Tafaigata 26877 if you can help in any way. Otherwise you may fill in the form below and return it to school as soon as possible.

### **Water Problem**

We continue to have problems with the main supply of our water, and several attempts /requests to Samoa Water Authority for assistance has not always been received well. Some days we have to truck in loads of water, a very **costly** process. Therefore, we ask that students bring their drinking water from home, we've also informed them to be wise with the use of water at school.

### **Parent Interviews of Progres Reports – Term 1**

Parent attendance for this important day was very high. Thank you to parents who were able to see the teachers who requested for a parent teacher conference. If you did not have the time to meet the teachers, you are still encouraged to make an appointment with your child's teachers to discuss their progress.

You may call the office to arrange this.

### **School Reminder**

School Time – 8.15am – 2.15pm

School Assembly – Mondays and Fridays ONLY at 8.00 weather permitting

Council Meeting – Tuesdays at Lunch time (Class captains and prefects)

### **School Uniform**

Students are to be in full school uniform at all times. Students coming to school in mufti or half uniform without a note from parents will be sent back home.

### **Leaving School Grounds**

During the day, students are NOT permitted to leave school grounds unless they have a note from a parent. When a student needs to attend an appointment during school hours please advise the form teacher or school directly. Children will not be released until we hear from the parent.

### **Student Vehicles**

Secondary students who wish to drive themselves to school must register their intention at the secondary school office and comply with the following requirements.

1. Written permission by parents / caregivers must be presented to the office. This letter will be kept in the student files.
2. The vehicle driven by the student must comply with all legal on road requirements.
3. At no time is the student permitted to drive the vehicle with other student passengers unless permission is provided in writing by parents of the driver and passenger students. These letters will be kept in the student files.
4. Student vehicles will be parked in the gravel area outside the computer library. It is the responsibility of the owner to secure the vehicle. The school takes no responsibility in regard to damage or theft.

In cases of breaches of the above requirements students will have the privilege of bringing a vehicle to school **revoked** immediately.

### **Board of Trustees**

At our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April, our 2009 Trust Management Board was elected. Welcome to:

Leota Ray Schuster (Chairman)  
Charlie Mansfield (Vice Chairman)  
Klaus Stunzner (Treasurer)  
Doreen Tuala (Secretary)  
Tuaimalo Asamu Ah Sam  
Lemamea Sia Matalavea  
Arne Schreiber  
Allyson Sefo  
Unasa Leulu Felise Vaa  
Lance Cutts  
Nauna Tonga  
Dave Mc Lean

Life Trust Members: Dick Bishop  
Leiataua Tom Tinai

Finally, as I have mentioned earlier, this term will be a very busy one for all, and with your continuous assistance and support we can ensure that this term will run according to plan. We have an open door policy to discuss any concerns or queries you may have with teachers or myself about the progress of your child or any assistance you would like to offer the school. Please feel free to call the school.

Thank you

Mrs Faleatoa Tomane  
PRINCIPAL

## GOLF – ASSISTANCE FORM

**OFFER OF ASSISTANCE**  
**For RLSS Golf Tournament**  
*(please tick appropriate box)*

I will be happy to help our School Fundraising Golf Tournament by:

Sponsoring a Team (\$300.00)

Sponsoring a/some prizes

Donating Food for breakfast

Donating food for lunch

Donating money for prizes

Being a member of the Committee

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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