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Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome back everyone. It has been a long break for all and I hope students have had a good rest and are now all set for Term 3.

School Hours

Starting next week, **Monday 17th August** we will be extending our school hours to accommodate for the time lost during the 2 week mandatory closure of all schools as a prevention of spreading the swine flu. This change will continue until exams in Term 4.

This will allow for an extra period/class for the day. This extended time will make up for all the time lost in the last 2 weeks.

New Times: 8:15am – 2.55pm (Monday, Wednesday – Form Period)

8:15am – 2.45pm (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

School Assembly: 8:00am every Mondays and Fridays, weather permitting.

Swine Flu

It is very important for all to be cautious and extra vigilant with practicing good hygiene to minimize the spread of the flu. Students have been reminded of all the basic things they can do like washing hands, blocking mouths when coughing, not sharing drinks etc...

All students and staff have also been told to stay home if they are sick, there are still people who are coming to school with the sniffles, cough, runny nose, headaches and so forth which may not be the swine flu but prevention is always better than the cost of curing.

Students have also been encouraged to wear masks primarily as a preventive measure; the school has masks available at the office for \$1.00 each.

Parent – Teacher Report Day: Friday 14th August, 8:15am – 4:30pm

Please note that our Parent teacher report day is this Friday 14th August from 8:15am – 4:30pm, therefore there will **not be any classes** but you are encouraged to bring your child/children with you for this report day.

Only parents or guardians are allowed to uplift their child's report any time from 8:15 – 4:30pm. This is to ensure that reports are getting home and parents are informed about the progress of their children at school. If you are not available on this day, a letter from you (parents/guardians) must be presented to the Form teacher authorizing your child or any other member of the family to uplift the report on Friday.

There will not be any set times for interviews, so it will be on a 'first come' basis.

Australian Chemistry and Australian Maths Quiz

These two tests were originally scheduled to be sat 2 weeks ago; due to the closure of schools, this was not possible. We have contacted the Australian Institute of Mathematics which is managing these assessments around the region and have been given the approval for students to sit these tests despite being late. These tests are now scheduled for next week, **Chemistry on Monday 17th August, Period 2 and Maths on Tuesday 18th August, Period 2.**

German Language Tutorial

One-off chance to be part of the first German Language Tutorial in Samoa

Students are given the opportunity to take part in a free pilot project that will take place every **Tuesday, 3.00 -4.00 pm**, starting from **August 18th** at Robert-Louis Secondary School. We will learn the German language and culture, but also produce a short movie to take part in a movie competition for German classes in New Zealand and the Pacific.

The German government also offers **scholarships** for students who are doing well in their German classes to go to Germany for further language training alongside with youths from other countries.

Interested students should *sign up in the school office*.

Katharina Kopp (German teacher)

Commercial Studies

We welcome to RLSS our new Commercial Studies teacher for the Junior Level – Mrs Sera Ah Hoy who joins us after having taught at St Josephs College for 3 years. Mrs Ah Hoy will be taking Social Science as well for one of the Form 3 classes. She has also been a reliever for the school for the last 2 terms.

School Fees

Please be reminded that school fees are now due, all students were issued with invoices during the last week of Term 2; unless your child was away, all students should have received their invoices, if not contact the office as soon as possible. Please note that non receipt of invoice is not an excuse for non payment of fees.

PSSC and SSC Exam

PSSC exams now start on the 9th November instead of the 3rd November as originally planned. This is the result of a request to the South Pacific Board of Examination Assessment managing this regional assessment for this external exam to be put back because of the closure of schools. We have yet to hear from our Ministry of Education regarding any change in our SSC exam dates. Once this is confirmed then our Seniors school exam dates can then be scheduled.

Internal Assessment – IA for PSSC and SSC

Please remind your child and follow up on their IA work that is now due. The students know that IA marks are very important as it contributes a lot towards their final marks at the end of the year.

Term 3 Dates:

Monday 27th July – Friday 9th October

- *Report – Parent Day: Friday August 9th from 8.15 – 4.30pm – Week 3.*
- *Road Switch days: Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September – Week 7: PUBLIC HOLIDAY*

Finally, if parents have any concern regarding school activities or the work of their child, do not hesitate to call the office or drop in to see us at the school. We welcome and value your input in ensuring that we continue to try and provide the best service for our children.

If you would like for us to email school newsletters to you, let us know and provide us with your email or fax details. All newsletters are also posted on our school website at this address, www.rlss.samoa.ws.

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