



CONCH SHELL

12 EDITION | JANUARY

WELCOME!

It is with great pleasure and a wonderful sense of anticipation that I welcome you to the Adventist School family. Thank you for choosing to serve God in our Adventist School System as a career. It is an incredibly rewarding life choice, and yet a demanding one. In your hands can lie the destiny of each child in your classroom.

Some come to school seeking a safe place. Some are escaping the abuse at home or their local community. Some come bright eyed and engage to learn while others appear to be reluctant attendees. But all will be impacted by how you treat them, what you say and just how you say it. Thus we look forward to forging strong and lasting relationships with you as together we support our children on their life-journey for now until He returns.

Teaching has many personal and professional rewards, but I also understand that it also has distinct challenges. Therefore, I would like to encourage you to stay connected to God as you may be the only picture of God your children see. They at times will challenge you, but remember God has put you there for such a time as this.

Once again, thank you for choosing to become a fellow Adventist educator and dedicating your time and effort to impact the lives and learning of our children. We are looking forward to working with you and together we are **MOVING FOWARD!**

Finally,
Psalms 32:8 says, **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."**

It is my prayer that we will claim the promise in Psalms 32:8 and that everything we do is to glorify God alone. I wish you all the best for 2021 and may God be with you as you make a difference for Him - the Master Teacher!

Kind Regards

Mere Vaihola
Education Director



Adventist
Education



NEW LEADERS



Mrs Kelera Sukanabulisau
Fiji Mission



Mr Plimma Viva
Solomon Is. Mission



Mr Fatogia Hopoate
Tonga Mission



Mr Jeffersen Trief
Vanuatu Mission

Congratulations and welcome to our newly-appointed and re-elected Education Directors for the next quinquennium. We praise God for you and thank you for accepting the call. We also like to thank our out-going education directors Dr Nemani Tausere for Fiji mission , Mr Gilrick Joshua for Vanuatu Mission and Mr Billy Leta for Solomon Mission for their contribution over the last quinquennium. Together with the new leaders we quote: "If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants." Isaac Newton. Though our thoughts are only words, but it is filled with gratitude for what you all have done for Adventist education in the Pacific and good wishes for what is laid ahead of you. We pray God will grant you all the blessings He has in stored for you. To our new leaders, now you are a family member of the TPUM Adventist Education and we hope that we together will work very hard to make our schools **vibrant Adventist schools living our hope in Jesus and transforming the Pacific one at a time.**



A NEW TEACHING - WITH AUTHORITY

Before teachers resume classes, all Adventist teachers whether in Adventist school or non-Adventist schools gathered for a two day retreat on the 15th–16th January at the Fiji Mission Conference hall. With the timely theme 'a new teaching with authority' - Mark 1:27. The teachers were inspired and blessed with presentation via zoom from GC Ed Director Lisa Beardsley–Hardy, SPD Ed Director Dr David McClintock and Dr Leeroy Elisha from PAU who took the morning devotion.

With the challenges our schools in Fiji are facing with government mandate staffing to schools. The need for such encouragement for our Adventist teachers to teach with authority as Jesus did. According to one of the participant, "I am encouraged and inspired by the speakers to go and make a difference in my school for I am place in my school for such a time as this."

The TPUM Education department would like to acknowledge the work of Dr Nemani Tausere in advocating for Adventist Education in Fiji.

MOVING FORWARD



On the 20th–22nd January, teachers gathered together at Beulah College, Tonga for a retreat with the theme ‘moving forward’. Dr Elisapesi Manson as the main facilitator and SPD Education Director Dr David McClintock and Mere Vaihola from TPUM presented via zoom. According to one of the teachers “it was not only a time to reflect on what we could improve to do better in our schools to make it truly Adventist, but also it was a time for spiritual revival among teachers as we recommit our lives to be more committed Adventist teachers.” the mission education director Fatongia Hopoate thanks the principals of the schools for the organisation of the retreat.

AORE MY HOME

After the success of the Vanuatu 24th session, the session delegates, ex-students and church members on the 24th January conclude the session with a musical concert to fundraise for the rebuilding of the school. Through songs and sharing of stories from ex scholars and the favourite was the famous Aore my home song where everyone can relate to. Praise God a total of vt906500 was collected. Aore need vt10million in order for the completion of the rebuilding. Therefore, we continue to ask for your prayers and donation toward Aore.



INDUCTION SABBATH



Naha SDA Primary school in Honiara, Solomon started the school year with a Sabbath Induction program on the 29th, not only for teachers but including their spouses and families. With the theme ‘I will go to my family’. Pr George Auna encouraged the teachers "to be a quality worker you should start in the family." And Pr Maega focused on family life.

This is the first time the school have organised such program and the school have decided to continue with the induction program at the beginning of every year.

According to one of the staff, “the message was timely and to see the collaboration between pastors, teachers and families was encouraging.”

With an enrolment of almost 300 students, 13 teachers and 40% students coming from non-Adventist families is a huge challenge.



ADVENTIST EDUCATION WEEK

Mark this date 7th–14th August into your school calendar and watch this space for more information coming in regards to our special week of promoting Adventist Education in our community.

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Contact your local mission education director for more information on these resources if your school have not received them.



UP-COMING EVENTS

1. 25th January school begins for: Solomon/Tuvalu
2. 1st February school begins for: Kiribati/Samoa/Vanuatu/Tonga/
3. 15th February- Fulton Adventist University College Semester 1 begins (returning students)
4. 8th March– Fulton Adventist University College

YEAR 12 & 13 RESULTS ARE OUT, APPLY NOW!



PRAYER FOCUS

1. Navesau in Fiji – Privatetized
2. Vatuvonu in Fiji–court case
2. Kauma in Kiribati–financially challenged
3. Fulton Tailevu Site
4. All our New teachers and Students.
5. Education Programs



FINALLY

“And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

We would love to hear from you, your stories and challenges could be means of a blessings and encouragement to others. So, please share!

For your stories please forward it to:

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