



CONCH SHELL

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FINDING TIME

Finding time is a fascinating concept. If one is not fully equipped with how to go about it tactfully, more time is wasted trying to find it. Interestingly, time is something that everyone experiences at the same amount despite ethnicity, profession, religion etc. As educators, time becomes integral in how we operate on a daily basis, conscious of the fact that today's hours cannot be saved for tomorrow's usage. Thus how we spend time becomes more important as we are reminded of the fact that 'time and tide waits for no man'.

Indeed, time is the essence of life and it reminds us that the worth of our lives depends on how we spend time and the value of the things on which we spent that time. As we draw towards the end of this school year, we look back and marvel at how time flies and we can only praise God for bringing us this far. However at this time, we are also reminded of the many times we fall short of His glory and many times we have wished we could have done a better job than we did.

We have experienced and witnessed so much in these two years that have reshaped and redefined the way we live and do things. As Covid-19 continues to rage through the world with its different resurging variants from time to time, the story of Esther should encourage us to keep going for 'who knows you have been chosen for such a time as this' (Esther 4:13 & 14).

Finally, living in these End times is something special. Rather than trying to find time, focus on how we spend the time we have. As Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 6:2 - 'behold, now is 'THE ACCEPTABLE TIME,' behold, now is 'DAY OF SALVATION'. May God bless as we move into the final week of this school and may you all have an enjoyable and safe festive season.

Blessings
Tepora Taala Fuimaono
Samoa Adventist College Principal



HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL AWARD

Beulah Adventist Primary School in Tonga on the 23rd of November, received Gold Medal Award for outstanding health promoting school. The Gold medal award criteria were: well being, water, sanitation, hygiene, movement & fitness and healthy eating.

According to the principal Mrs Melefatai 'I would like to thank all those who have contributed to enable us to reach this milestone. To Dr Elisapesi and the playground committee, Parents and Teacher's Association, Vaini Football Association, and all Alumni. With out your support the school will not accomplish the following projects such as: The student side walk, school canteen, bus stand house, play ground, vegetable garden and additional bathroom facilities."



Deputy Principal Mrs Fe'ofa'aki Satui receiving the award from the Minister of Health



Children's Playground



school canteen

Mrs Melefatai continue stating the teachers have observed some great changes such among the student. Students are more punctual and no more absent from school. No more bully among the students. Students are more active in their learning, the movement and fitness program every Wednesday organised by the Vaini Football Association and many more positive outcomes. Indeed an example of 'a vibrant Adventist school living our hope in Jesus and transforming Tonga.'

SCHOOL UNITE IN PRAYER



students and staff of Betikama unite in prayer

The riot in Honiara, Solomon Island on the 17th of November has caused schools to unite in prayer for protection over the schools and for the country as a whole.

On the 25th of November one of the Honiara govt school got burnt down.

Therefore, Schools have been target and Betikama Adventist College staff and student during lunch time on the on the same day came together to unite in prayer. Due to the situation in Honiara, all schools has been closed for the rest of the year. Please remember our schools in the Solomon Islands in your prayers.

CELEBRATING UNITY WEEK



Iakina Adventist Academy in American Samoa on the 18-22 of October celebrate a unity week which was organized by the Senior students with the purpose to allow all the High School students to come together, support each other in love and unity. "Though we are in a diverse of colours and countries for this week, but the message is to be united in one and love," states the school counselor Jessebeth Ropeti. The school begins its new academic year 2022 with a total enrolment of 208, 17 teaching staff and their new principal Fu'a lese replacing Emma F C Pen. The TPUM Education department would like to thank the American Samoa Mission for their continues support toward Iakina. This shows in the school enrolment 60% of the students are from SDA family. God bless Adventist Education in American Samoa.

OPENING NEW FORM 7 BUILDING



New Form 7 building

Beulah Adventist College in Tonga on the 27th November marked the 125 years of Adventist Education in Tonga.

By officially open the Form 7 building consist of a classroom,, a study common room, teacher's office, kitchen and bathroom. In 2015 was the first establishment of the Form 7 to mark the 120 year of Adventist Education and this year marked the 126.



*2021 Form 7 Students and their Form Teacher
Ms Kathy Moala*

Ex-students funded this project with the total cost of TOP\$245,430. The guest of honour to mark this special occasion was the President for Tonga mission Pr Fanueli Mataele. The Tonga Ex-student president Mr Lui Aho would like to convey his sincere thanks to all ex-students of Beulah College from overseas and locally for your contribution in order for the success completion of this project. He acknowledge it is by God's grace alone.

A free willing offering was also collected during the program in order to support the on-going needs from the school. A total of TOP\$23,561 was collected including New Zealand Alumni donated TOP\$10126.00. The USA Alumni are donating 45 computers to the school and should be ready when school resume for the 2022 academic year.

According to the school principal Mr Lemani Matui, "it is with great honour having to witness the great support from our Ex-students all over. And on behalf of the school we would like to say thank you so much for all that you do to help provide the best learning environment we can give our children for now and for eternity."

RE-UNITE, RE-BUILD NAVESAU



Staff and students during the concert

The Navesau Worldwide Virtual Sabbath was first mooted by the school Chaplain, Pr Leone Tubuna. After the initial discussion, the school chaplain and the principal agreed to have a Virtual Concert too after the Virtual Sabbath as the school needed money to complete the reconstruction of a staff house that was destroyed by a fire back in 2019. A target of \$20,000 to be generated from the virtual Concert. The proposed date was 27/11/21 and that the program was to cover Vespers, Sabbath School, Divine Service, AY and Closing Sabbath. This was to be followed by a Virtual Concert after Sabbath. The school thank the Fiji Mission administration for accepting the proposal. Further, the Fiji Mission Admin also provided the Fiji Mission Conference Centre as the venue and the Hope team to cover the whole Navesau Virtual program, all at no cost to the school.

The teachers appointed a committee to look into the program, advertising, logistics. The committed also had old scholars from Australia and New Zealand as members began to have zoom meetings every Mondays and Wednesdays. Advertising through posters and video clips produced by the HOPE team went wide and far. The theme "Reunite, Rebuild Navesau" was incorporated to the school theme "OUR EYES ARE UPON YOU LORD". The Fiji Mission Administrators were all engaged for the weekend, with the Mission President taking the Vespers, the outgoing Mission Secretary taking the Divine Service and the incoming Mission Secretary taking the Closing Sabbath. The mission outgoing Education Director hosted the Variety hour after lunch on Sabbath while the CFO was the MC for the virtual Concert.

Staff and students made their way to Suva on Friday (26/11), and were billeted at Suva SDA Primary School, for the weekend as this venue was adjacent to the Fiji Mission Conference Centre. The school principal Mr Qalobula praise the Lord for the headteacher, Mrs Reapi Talei's kind heart in allowing us to use the Primary school facility, free of charge. PTA Suva provided dinner for the staff and students on Friday night, while the other weekend meals was prepared by the school with the assistance of our Namosi parents. Also billeted at the Primary school were NESA (Navesau Ex Students Association) members, and their support have been awesome. We have also been overwhelmed with the support of NESA Australia and NESA New Zealand as well NESA from most parts of the Pacific.

Prior to this program a lot of preparation at school, involved a lot of prayers and meetings and the school would want to praise the Lord for the opportunity to fellowship, reconnect, rebuild relationships in worship and songs; testimonies and interviews; sharing and that at the end of the concert, money collected, exceeded the amount targeted. A total of \$22,000 was raised.

The school plan to make this an annual event and to everyone who contributed to make the weekend a successful one. On behalf of principal Mr Qalobula and Navesau staff and student we say Vinaka vakalevu and may God's goodness and favour be upon each of you always. - **Josua Qalobula**

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."

MOTHER THERESA

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Navesau and Vatuvonu Challenges
- Tenakonga Adventist High School Rebuilding
- Bekabeka Adventist Community School Aftershock earthquake
- Kauma Adventist High School with challenges
- Solomon Island Schools
- School staffing 2022
- 2022 School year plannings

FINALLY



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

For your stories please forward it to:

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*"SUCCESS doesn't RUSH.
The greatest REWARD is the JOURNEY."*
OSCAR WILDE