



# CONCH SHELL

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## THANK YOU

What a year it has been for everyone. Some of the thoughts that come to my mind are: disruptive, unsettling but also increased technology skills, zoom experts, new ways of doing and closer connection, through virtual means, and in our homes with family. It will certainly go down in history as a turning point. Therefore, on behalf of the Trans Pacific Education team, we want to express how grateful we are that you were part of our educational journey. I know that the teaching ministry is not an easy task, and it will continue to be a challenging one, **BUT IT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE**, as we are revealing Jesus to our students and affect them to life eternal.

As a matter of preparation for 2022, let me ask you this question which is the very goal of our work as Adventist educators, **HOW MUCH HAVE YOU INFLUENCED YOUR STUDENTS WITH YOUR LIFE TO HEAVENLY THINGS IN 2021?** At the end of the day, teacher documentations, student's books, good facilities, finance, exam results, beautiful campus can only take limited effects on the way they assist our work as teachers. What the students will take home with them are those values they see in us, the way we reveal Jesus, leaves lasting memories in their lives for a very long time, if not for as long as they live.

As we reflect on God's great love reflected through the scriptures in Isaiah 40:30-31 it reads **"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."** May we continue to instil the need to rely on God's everlasting, never-ending love now and forever more.

Once again Vinaka Vaka Levu! Ensure to enjoy every moment of your holidays for now it is the time for the sunshine, but please do take care of yourself and your families until we board the 2022 academic year.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas filled with joy and immense gratitude for all our blessings and a Happy New Year.

Yours in His service

Mere Vaihola  
Education Director



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## SCHOOLS CONTINUE MAKING DISCIPLES



The joy to see our students making that life time decision to follow Jesus into the water of baptism, is what Adventist Education is all about. On the 27th November Pujivai Adventist High School in the Solomon Island saw 11 students baptised. This has come about after two weeks downlink presentations from the mission and Bible studies conducted.

*Pujivai Students baptised*

On the same date saw 5 students from Hilliard Adventist Memorial School in Tonga were baptised, according to the Principal Katalina Matui that brings a total of 8 students baptised this year for Hilliard. On the 11th of December, 3 senior students of Navesau Adventist College in Fiji as only the year 12 and year 13 resume back to face to face classes last month. The TPUM Education Director Mele Vaihola was the guest speaker for this special Sabbath with the theme 'Following Jesus'. It was a blessing to witness these 3 students baptised, having Fiji schools went through the challenges of the 2nd outbreak of the Covid19, states Mrs Vaihola.



*Hilliard Students*



*Navesau Students*

## VICTORY FOR KIRIBATI CLASS OF 2021



*The Principal Mr Tekeman and the graduating class of 2021*

Kiribati is still a Covid19 free country, yet Kauma Adventist High School faces many challenges, such as finance and staffing. But on the 7th December, the school saw 20 Form 7 (Year 13) students graduating with certificate of completion. Mrs Tautongo the school deputy principal states "we witness God's faithfulness and blessings despite the many difficulties we face. It was victory for our Form 7 students and we look forward for what God has in store for these students in their next step. We wish them all the best." - **Tautongo Riannaba**



## PASS IT ON CONCERT



*Funafuti School Choir*

On November 25, our Primary school in Tuvalu held the Pass It On Concert as the official closing activity for the school's academic year. This is the second year the school had this Concert, and it is going to be an ongoing annual event. For the first time it was live on the school's Facebook group, and according to the principal Mr Kima Pedro "we had positive feedback from the community."

The concert involves students sharing memory verses and songs. "We believe that they are being equipped with God's Word. These Bible promises will become useful and meaningful to them one day when they grow up. At the same time, our children are trained to do public speaking - in this case sharing God's Word through memory verses and songs." states Mr Pedro.

As Adventist educators, our sacred duty is to introduce Jesus to our students - and we strongly believe that such activity contributes a lot to that. Moreover, it is our very sincere desire that when our students leave our school one day, like Joseph they will take Jesus wherever they go-and that is all that matters! - **Kima Pedro**

## FINISH THE YEAR TOGETHER STRONG



*Sunday's PD with incoming Ed Director Mr Vateitei*



*Group photo*

On the 17th - 20th December, Navesau Adventist High School in Fiji went out to Sabeto (Nadi) Christian camp site for a weekend of reflecting, reviving and encouragement as they finish of another challenging year with the theme "Ordinary to Extraordinary." Current teachers and new teachers for the new-year joined this retreat with their families.

Guest speakers for this retreat was the outgoing Education director Mrs Kelera Sukanabulisau, in-coming Education director Mr Anasa Vateitei and TPUM Education director Mele Vaihola. According to one of the teachers Anna 'I have learnt a lot from this retreat and I am excited and looking forward for the new year as I want to be known by my students as an extraordinary teacher and not just an ordinary one.'

We wish the principal Mr Qalobula and his team much of God's blessing for 2022.

## SAMOA CELEBRATED GRADUATION & TECHINCAL/VOCATIONAL EXHIBITION

Samoa Adventist School ended its academic year on the 2nd of December with 25 of its senior students (Year 13) passing out with their Samoa School Leaving Certificates (SSLC).

It was a joyous occasion with parents filling the Mission Youth Hall to capacity, states Trevor Balelua the deputy principal. The Samoa Mission Administration was also in attendance with the keynote address presented by Su'a Hellenne Wallwork Lamb who was recently appointed as the country's Attorney General.



*SAC graduating class of 2021*

The day also featured a food stall and an exhibition of the school's Technical and Vocational subjects under a tent next the venue. This was not only for the purpose of selling projects done by the students but to also promote the recently introduced vocational subjects.

This year was also made more special to everyone involved as it marked a more stable year in terms of movement of teachers and formal classes compared to the previous year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Above all, Samoa Adventist School has seen God's blessings throughout the year and are looking forward to 2022 and beyond. - **Trevor Balelua**

## ACCREDITATION AWARD FOR ALL TONGAN SCHOOLS

All 4 schools in Tonga were awarded B Category 1 year accreditation. Having completed the 3 components review approved for 2021, for the Quality Adventist School Framework. The Education director Mr Fatongia Hopoate presented the 4 schools Beulah Adventist College, Mizpah Adventist High School, Hilliard Adventist Memorial School and Beulah Primary Adventist School their awards at each of their year-end closing exercise program. Mrs Katalina Matui the principal for Hilliard Adventist Memorial School states, "this is a great achievement for the school and to be presented on such occasion the school community were very pleased with such recognition and accomplishment."



All four schools met on the 7th December to look into their school improvement plans for 2022. And on the 9th December Mr Fatongia Hopoate and Dr Elisapesi Manson conducted a PD for the Union Directors to share their success story and for encouragement to the rest of the other mission schools. Dr Manson states, "just do it, it is the only way you will know your improvement journey for your schools and for a more authentic quality Adventist schools in the Trans Pacific."

**"The most effective way of improving the quality of education for individual pupils is to expect schools to take responsibility for their own quality assurance. Quality should be built into a school's day-to-day work and not bolted on."**

**IAN GAMBLE**



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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



### WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

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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