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From: The Acting Permanent Secretary for Education

To: Heads of Schools, Divisional and District Officers

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Subject: International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (IDADAIT) & Other Social Issues Campaign

This Circular serves to inform all Heads of Schools, Divisional Heads and District Education Officers of the Acting Permanent Secretary for Education's approval for all schools to carry out a week-long school-based programme to mark the International Day against Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (IDADAIT) and Other Social Issues Campaign. The details of this campaign are as follows:

- 1.0 The 2023 **IDADAIT week** will be commemorated from the **03 to 07 July 2023**.
- 2.0 The theme is **"UNDERSTANDING AND SHARING FACTS ON DRUGS AND OTHER SOCIAL ISSUES: SAVE LIVES."**
- 3.0 During this week-long programme, schools are to campaign on the prevention and reduction of drugs and substance abuse. The week will also include the campaign against violence in school and sex related offences while promoting safe social media use as well as good mental health and wellness.
- 4.0 The aim is to spread facts on drugs, violence, cyber safety and mental health to fight misinformation regarding these social issues.
- 5.0 The campaign will also raise the level of awareness in schools on the above issues so that students can be empowered with the necessary knowledge and life skills that will inspire them to make right choices and follow a healthy and respectful lifestyle.
- 6.0 The internal awareness programme to be conducted during recess and lunch hour from Monday to Thursday while the Friday programme can start after lunch from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Students to be encouraged to participate in organized school based activities so they learn and understand the correct knowledge of drugs and other social issues.
- 7.0 The schools are invited to engage the parents and guardians in the programme so they can provide the necessary support to their children at home.

8.0 The topics for daily awareness programme are given below.

DAY	DATE	TOPIC
Monday	03/07/23	Reducing Violence
Tuesday	04/07/23	Social Media Safety
Wednesday	05/07/23	Eradicating Sexual Harassment
Thursday	06/07/23	Good Mental and Physical Health
Friday	07/07/23	No drugs and substances

9.0 School are to invite other relevant stakeholders such as Faith Based Leaders, Community Leaders, Social Welfare officers, Police, Ministry of Health officials, Counselling organisations officials, Education Officers and Retired Civil Servants as guests to help in raising awareness to the students.

10.0 All schools should receive the e-copies of IDADAIT packages from the FEMIS which contains the following:

10.1 IDADAIT School Activity and Information Booklet

10.2 IDADAIT Evaluation Form

11.0 School Heads are reminded to send in their **IDADAIT Evaluation Form by 31 August 2023**. The e-copy of the IDADAIT Evaluation Form can be accessed through the FEMIS.

Any further enquiries to be directed to Mr Josua Naisele, Acting CEO SAAC on email: josua.naisele@edu.gov.fj or nsaaccouncil@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely



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