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CIRCULAR

From: The Permanent Secretary for Education, Heritage and Arts

To: School Heads, District and Divisional Offices

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SUBJECT: ***INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING (IDADAIT) & SOCIAL ISSUES AWARENESS SCHOOL CAMPAIGN***

Dear Colleagues

- 1.0 This year's IDADAIT and Social Awareness week will be commemorated from **24 – 28 June 2019**. Substance Abuse Advisory Council (SAAC) will lead the programme nationally with teachers who have attended the SAAC Training of Trainers programme taking a lead role in their respective schools.
- 2.0 The 2018 – 2020 theme is "**HEALTHY CHILD, PROTECTIVE FAMILY, SAFER SCHOOL, BETTER FIJI**". The theme focuses on every child living a healthy lifestyle, families' role in protecting children by providing an environment of love and respect, and instilling good values. This also extends to schools providing an environment which is safe and conducive to learning where all children can reach their full potential.
- 3.0 Substance Abuse Advisory Council (SAAC) will be promoting a 5-day campaign. More information on the IDADAIT & Social Awareness Campaign is attached.
- 4.0 Schools are encouraged to carry out school based programmes to campaign for the Prevention and Reduction of Substance Abuse, HIV & AIDS, Child Abuse, Teenage Pregnancy, Violence in Schools, Social Media, Suicide and NCDs. The aim is to raise the level of awareness in schools so that students can be empowered with the necessary knowledge and life skills that will inspire them to make right choices and therefore achieving their goals in life.
- 5.0 For further enquiries please contact Mr Josua Naisele, Principal Administrative Officer, SAAC on email josua.naisele@govnet.gov.fj.
- 6.0 I thank you for your support in encouraging the participation of your students in this campaign.

Yours faithfully

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Permanent Secretary

2019 INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING (IDADAIT) and SOCIAL ISSUES AWARENESS SCHOOL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

The Substance Abuse Advisory Council (SAAC) would like to acknowledge the great work done in the past years in your respective schools. The evaluation forms and reports received speak volume of the commitment and dedication on your part. The work done has impacted the lives of the young people under your care to work hard in achieving their dreams and to make wise decisions and avoid obstacles that can impede their progress.

For this year, IDADAIT and Social Awareness week will be commemorated from the **24 – 28 June 2019**. Please find below further information on the campaign:

A. THEME

The 2018 – 2020 theme remains:

"HEALTHY CHILD, PROTECTIVE FAMILY, SAFER SCHOOL, BETTER FIJI".

"GONE BULABULA, VUVALE DAUVEITAQOMAKI, KORONIVULI DAUVEIMAROROI, VITI VINAKA"

"SVASTH BACHE, RAKSHAKAARI PARIVAAR, SURAKSHIT PATHSALA, BEHATAR FIJI".

The theme focuses on every child living a healthy lifestyle. The family must protect the children by instilling good values and raising them up in an environment of love and respect. The school must develop an environment which is safe and conducive to learning where all children can reach their full potential. When all three [child, parents and teachers] work together, Fiji will be a better place to live in.

B. PROGRAMME

As the students face various social issues as part of growing up, SAAC has planned to include these issues in the five [5] days campaign. Schools are requested to follow the sub - theme given for each day as stipulated below:

- 1) **Monday [24/6]: Be a Friend Not a Bully [Blue Day]**. The focus is on eliminating Violence and Child Abuse.
- 2) **Tuesday [25/6]: Respect Your Body [Pink Day]**. The focus is on preventing STI/HIV/Teenage Pregnancy.
- 3) **Wednesday [26/6]: Love Yourself Be Drug Free [Red Day]**. The focus is on reducing Drug and Substance Abuse
- 4) **Thursday [27/6]: Think Before You Click [Orange Day]**. The focus is on Social Media awareness.
- 5) **Friday [28/6]: Healthy Mind, Healthy Body [Green Day]**. The focus is on promoting Wellness and good Mental Health.

C. ROLE OF SCHOOLS HEADS AND SAAC TRAINED TEACHERS

School heads are requested to conduct the awareness within the school during recess or lunch hour to avoid minimum disruption to teaching and learning time. The teachers who had attended the SAAC Training of Trainers to spearhead the programme as this was part of their commitment after the training. It is also requested that the School Drug Coordinators, Child Protection Officers, Family Life Education Teachers and Prefects assist in this campaign in their respective schools.

All schools should have access to the IDADAIT packages from FEMIS which contains the following:

- i. IDADAIT School Activity Booklet
- ii. IDADAIT Evaluation Form
- iii. IDADAIT Brochures and Posters

School Heads are reminded to send in their **IDADAIT Evaluation Form by 31st of July, 2019**.

For further enquiries please contact Mr Josua Naisele, Principal Administrative Officer, SAAC on email josua.naisele@govnet.gov.fj. Thank you for all your support.