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From: *The Permanent Secretary for Education, Heritage and Arts*

To: *All School Heads, Divisional and District Education Offices*

Ref : *MOE – C23/15*

Date: *13/04/2015*

**SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT
TRAFFICKING (IDADAIT) IN SUPPORT OF THE RED & BLUE RIBBON CAMPAIGN
ON 25TH JUNE 2015**

- 1.0 Warm greetings from the Ministry of Education Headquarters in Suva.
- 2.0 This is to advise that approval is given for all schools to carry out school based programmes to campaign for the Prevention and Reduction of Drug and Substance Abuse, Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) or Lifestyle Related Diseases, Health Promotion, HIV & AIDS, Child Abuse Violence against Girls and Women and Teenage Pregnancy.
- 3.0 The goal is to raise awareness, inspire and mobilize the support for drug control, anti-substance abuse, prevention of HIV & AIDS and the elimination of the identified issues. Schools are given the flexibility to create their own sub- themes in alignment to Substance Abuse, HIV & AIDS, Child Abuse Violence against Girls and Women and Teenage Pregnancy.
- 4.0 The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (IDADAIT) or No Drugs Day will be commemorated on the 25th of June since the 26th of June is a Public Holiday. Schools are requested to commemorate No Drugs Day during the week from 22nd – 25th June, 2015. The No Drugs Day will continue to merge with the Red & Blue Ribbon Campaign [Elimination of Child Abuse] as well as the prevention of HIV & AIDS. This is to advocate against the relationship between Drugs, Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS and the various forms of Child Abuse. The local theme is OUR HEALTH, OUR LIFE, OUR RESPONSIBILITY. I Taukei version: NA TIKO BULABULA E NODA ITAVI .Hindi version: HAMARA SWASTH, HAMARA JIWAN, HAMARI JIMEDAREE.

- 5.0 The above theme will be in use from 2015 to 2017, to re-emphasize the seriousness of these issues amongst our children as well as to save cost and resources.
- 6.0 An IDADAIT Package will be sent to all schools containing the following:
- 6.1 2015 IDADAIT Circular
 - 6.2 2015 IDADAIT Supplement Booklet
 - 6.3 2015 IDADAIT Suggested Activity Booklet
 - 6.4 2015 IDADAIT Catalogue
 - 6.5 2015 IDADAIT Evaluation Form
 - 6.6 2014 IDADAIT Report
- 7.0 It is requested that the Family Life Education Teachers, NSAAC Teacher Volunteers and the NSAAC Trainers for Drugs, Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS are to spearhead this campaign in their respective schools. This is an integral part of their commitment to the National Substance Abuse Advisory Council Training of Trainers which they had attended.
- 8.0 It is also requested and encouraged that all School Employees and Students wear BLUE and RED on the 25th June to support the No Drugs Day and the Red & Blue Ribbon Campaign.
- 9.0 School Heads are reminded to send in their Evaluation Form by 31st of July, 2015.
- 10.0 For further queries please contact **CEO NSAAC** either via email on **misaele.driubalavu@govnet.gov.fj** or by phone: on **3394144 / 3394180 / 7734180**.



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