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Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

This week has been a bit quiet with the Middle School closed due to a few confirmed cases of AH1N1 on Monday. I'm sure everyone has had time to rest up and recuperate from this nasty virus. The Middle School section will reopen on Monday morning, February 1. However, we ask your continued help by keeping home any child who may have flu-like symptoms. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our school healthy.

We continue with our *Hope for Haiti* campaign with students wearing red today in support of the victims of the devastating earthquake. It warms my heart to see our students show empathy towards people in a country they may have never even heard of until this natural disaster. With such news, however, comes opportunity – an opportunity to teach compassion, to teach geography, and to teach science. Our teachers take these opportunities and impart the knowledge with a dedication to the task of developing open-minded global citizens imbued with social responsibility – these are just some of the values we teach at RIS.



The High School Counselors put on a very informative seminar yesterday on College Planning for Grade 11 students and was well attended. However, if you were unable to attend, please stop by and see them in their offices. They are very supportive and doing all they can to help our students prepare for their future academic endeavors.

Next week begins our **February Fun-a-Thon** where our fundraising efforts turn to a project much closer to home, Fr. Ray's Children's Village, www.fr-ray.org. Each section has come up with a sponsored activity that goes hand-in-hand with the educational goals, so students will be learning as well as raising funds for this worthy cause! But please mark Saturday, February 27 on your calendars to participate in our school-wide Fun Run and Walk Rally at Perfect Place near the lakeside. More details will be coming home soon.

On Monday morning, February 1, we are pleased to welcome the Minburi District Officer on our campus to officially open St. Luke's Gallery where a collection of amazing pieces of artwork are on display of our budding high school artists. Please stop by during the week when you have some time to visit the Gallery and enjoy the work of our students.

That's all for this week! Have a great weekend, and stay healthy!

Peace,

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