

HOPE NOTE



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Bula Friends!
Hamoni here with
some cool news.

Bula from Live & Learn,

Welcome back to another exciting year of school. We hope you all had a great Christmas break.



This year our HOPE for Peace programme has some more fun and exciting peace activities in store. Guess what? The Peace Team is putting the finishing touches to the Peace Bus, which will be touring all HOPE primary schools pretty soon.

Peace Education Training Workshops for primary school teachers will also start this year. Live & Learn also has some exciting stuff on the School Broadcasting Unit (SBU), so stay tuned.

Schools still with HOPE registration forms must send them in soon.



What's happening in February?

- Peace Team plan for Peace bus
- World Water Day Activity on SBU starts
- Peace Teacher Workshop preparation for Nadi Area

Calendar Events in February

We invite your school to think of practical ways you can promote peace on the days identified below.

- Freedom Day- Feb. 1
- World Wetlands Day- Feb. 2
- Valentine's Day- Feb. 14
- Read to Your Child Day- Feb. 14

Finding Your Inner Peace

"Take time each day to slow down; to listen inward; and to find out what would make you feel better. Loving yourself is a radical thing to do."



WORLD WETLANDS DAY 2007

World Wetlands Day is celebrated each year on February 2. It marks the day when the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention) was signed in Ramsar, Iran, on February 2, 1971.

Today, there are 138 member countries including Fiji, who have committed themselves to the Convention on Wetlands treaty and celebrate World Wetlands Day by raising public awareness on the importance of wetland and promoting the conservation and wise use of wetlands.

This year's international theme for World Wetlands Day is 'Wetlands and Fisheries' in recognition of the importance of fish and fisheries to all people around the world. And the catchy slogan for World Wetlands Day 2007 is 'Fish for Tomorrow?'

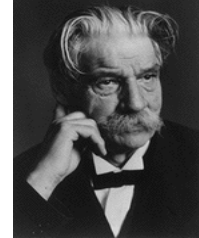


A few examples of wetlands here in Fiji

Please do write to us at Live & Learn and tell us how your class or school celebrated World Wetlands Day. Our address is given above.



by Peace Team



'Man has lost the ability to foresee and to forestall. He will end by destroying the earth.'
Albert Schweitzer,

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What are Wetlands?

Wetlands are bodies of Water like swamps and marshes, lakes and rivers, wet grasslands and peat lands, oases, estuaries, deltas and tidal flats, near shore marine areas, mangroves and coral reefs and man-made sites such as rice paddies, reservoirs and salt pans.

Why are wetlands important?

- Protect our shores from wave action, impacts of flood and provide homes for animals and plants.
- Purify our water and important for recreational activities.
- Form nurseries for fish and freshwater and marine life.
- Culturally important to local people.

Here's some ways you can celebrate World Wetlands Day:

A nature walk to a wetland area, a school talk, artwork of wetlands to display and a community clean-up of a wetland area.



Remember to promote a culture of peace in your school because "Peace is in our hands"

