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"The Internet is remaking business...but its also the greatest way to waste time that the human race has ever invented.."

-The Wall Street Journal

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WHAT IS SCHOOLNET?

The Ministry is working with other organizations in developing SchoolNet. SchoolNet will promote societal development by connecting all 42 secondary schools in the country to one Wide Area Network. This process can help develop links between students, teachers and schools and help share information and learning resources in networked environments. In MESc's attempt to improve and modernize Samoa's education systems, there have been obstacles such as cost and availability of resources. The SchoolNet and Community Access Project will address and overcome most if not all of these obstacles to help the development of our educational system. This development can assist our teachers and administrators help Samoa's bright students reach their potential. We eventually want to reach every student in our Educational system with this SchoolNet, so no student will lack the opportunities afforded by other students. SchoolNet can also encourage the development of communities of practice and orient participants towards collaboration and co-operation. The Schoolnet programme can provide best practices, appropriate standards and strong, visible direction for ICT implementation. SchoolNet will help the development in many areas:

- **Technology Services**
SchoolNet will provide technology equipment, connectivity and also many opportunities to learn for all stakeholders.
- **Fostering communities**
SchoolNet will open doors to the community to utilize the technology for research and other resourceful activities that will benefit themselves.
- **Professional Development**
SchoolNet will provide teachers with the technological resources and learning materials to enhance their teaching methods and techniques and as a result improve the delivery of subject contents.
- **Curriculum development**
SchoolNet will help develop ICT curriculum to assist teachers and administrators to adapt to the inclusion of ICT into the educational process.

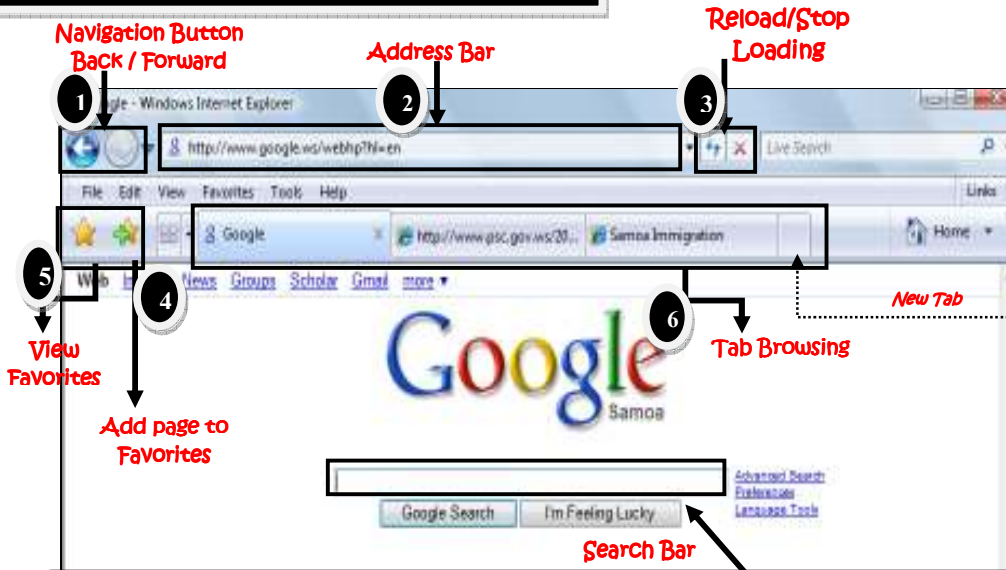
NOTE: If you have any questions, comments or issues you wish for the ICT Unit to clarify more on or discuss in our Newsletter, we invite you to write in to our Helpdesk or call in and leave a topic. Feedback will be greatly appreciated.

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IT STAFF

Hint of the Month

HELP FOR FIRST TIME USERS of INTERNET



- (1) Navigation buttons allow you to go back and forth in a website .
- (2) Where you enter the address of the website you want to open.(e.g.- www.google.com , www.yahoo.com)
- (3) If a page takes time loading, you can Stop loading the page or you can restart the loading process by clicking Reload.
- (4) Save your favorite websites by Adding it to your favorites. Saves you time from having to type in the address everytime you need to use it.
- (5) View which pages you saved by using View Favorites.
- (6) Instead of opening up a new window for every page you visit, you can click on "New Tab" to open up a new window.

Using the Internet for RESEARCH.

Almost any kind of information is found on the Internet and **Search Engines** are a quick way of finding information . Examples of Search Engines include *Google, Yahoo/Search, AskJeeves etc..*

(2) Once the search page opens up(if you typed in google then you should get a window like the one above) type the topic you want to research in the Search Bar and then Press Enter.

(3) A list of related topics will be listed so from there you can choose which topic perfectly provides answers for you.

STEPS

(1) First you enter the address of the website in the address bar.(e.g. www.google.com)

HOTMAIL



CREATING an EMAIL ACCOUNT!!

If you don't have an email account, Yahoo! and Hotmail have Free web-based email account services available.

Using Hotmail.

- Type www.hotmail.com in address bar then Press Enter. (A window similar to the one on the left will open)
- Click on **Sign Up** and follow the instructions that follow.

Using Yahoo!

- Type www.yahoo.com in address bar then Press Enter. (A window similar to the one below will open)
- Click on **Sign Up**, fill up the form and enjoy sending and receiving email through Yahoo!

SEND and RECEIVE EMAIL

Everytime you sign in to Yahoo! or Hotmail to check your emails you need to use the **Sign In** button. This will prompt you to enter the username and password you entered when you first created your account. Once you are in then you can check your

Inbox: This folder stores all your new incoming emails.

Create /New: Where you create new emails.

