

1220 Somosomo District School Learning Report 2014-2015

Dear Sir

Greetings to you in the name of our Heavenly Father, below are some of the learning highlights reports in Somosomo District School regarding the progress, challenges and opportunity using the much needed learning resources donated by you and your group from Queensland University.

First of all we want to ask you to forgive us the staff in Somosomo District School because we cannot send the learning report feed back to you sir but that does not mean we are not utilising the learning resources donated by you and your group, but we are making full use of these resources to make sure that maximum teachings and learning are taking place in school at all times.

Here are some learning highlights and report from our school:

September 2014

The teachers and students using the library books have managed to improve on their presentation skills like story re-telling by the students, where students are so eager in retelling their stories in class in English language. This is something that is very hard for the students to do, especially the presentation part and using English to present is a challenge, but through constant practice and reading of books with learning of new vocabulary students are able to engage themselves through reading and retelling of their story books.

October 2014

The Teachers of Somosomo District School spent a Friday night with the rest of the teachers from other schools here in Taveuni at Bucalevu Secondary School with the present of Education Officer from The ministry of education to share with other teachers the learning progress from their own schools. The teachers managed to share their learning experience especially with the boost of resources that the students in our school are using that are donated by Queensland University.



November 2014

Affect of learning on the community and the lives of the parents.

The parents and the community as a whole managed to prepare a whole school party where the parents are so thankful for the achievement by their children especially in witnessing their children learning computers lessons and presenting using laptops in class. These according to the stake holders and the parents they have never witnessed before in Somosomo District School.

Parents now have a new view toward their children learning in Somosomo District School due to this new approach to learning especially using the donated materials from you sir to boost the children learning. Parents visit the school every now and then to just see their kids learning in school especially presenting about what they read in the library during assembly time or during class morning talk. They also marvel at the children who are now becoming to be at ease learning and using laptops during computer lessons.



January 2015

We started the New Year with high hopes of learning and teachings especially with the major boost for the teacher are the use of the library resources and the computer we have with other learning aids.

The students are encourage to read a lot using the library books and to make records of all the new vocabulary they come across while reading and to write it in their vocabulary books and to find their meaning, usage so that they can know when to use these new vocabulary and are encourage to use it in class when they present. Each class have their own library and computer class to visit the library and the class teacher to issue library books also for the learning and practice of computer activity where students learn the basic computer operation and usage especially starting up and shutting down properly of the laptops for year 4 and 5.



February 2015

This month is full of activities being carried out from each class especially where some of the students who never been able to read English before have now been able to read and the teachers are happy about it, these particular students read and presents during assembly time to encourage other students in year 4-8 that they can also achieve reading. These were made possible through the literacy

programme the teachers in this school have set up every morning from 8-9am where teacher are targeting English reading to their assign groups to find reading and learning activities using the library books as the resources to tackle English reading especially to those students who find reading to be a challenge while the rest of the students who are good at reading and speaking in English are given more literacy reading and learning activities.



Overall Report

Sir many of the activities carried out are in pictures and video where the students have learned how to take proper pictures during assembly or any in class activities where students present. The students have also learned how to operate computers and connect it to the data projectors and make presentation with the guide of the teachers.

Students English level have improve tremendously, this can be witnessed when students carried out video interview and presentation to the class or to the school as a whole. Another point is that our year 8 students of last year are the top students in high school now (Bucalevu Secondary School) and they excel in their learning and we can't help but point out that using the library books and laptops have paid dividend to their learning.

The parents have come forward full of praise for their children's literacy level they say that have improved at home and they have full

praise for the literacy programme that the teachers are carrying out in school using the library books as the main tools in teaching and learning of English.

This could have not been possible as if you and your groups did not donate to our school.

Sir we have set up an in class report template that will be filled in by each class teachers during their library lesson and computer lesson every day and once a month is done all I have to do is scan them and e-mail it to you rather than having the burden all in one teacher to compile all the learning reports for all the class level update and e-mail it over.

Sir Ratu Epeneri have witness it himself the learning activities and programme that the teachers carried out in school every day for the betterment of learning for the students of Somosomo District school.

Challenges

Sir some of the learning challenges that we encounter in School are the following:

1. There are not many library books suitable for year 1, 2, 3 and 4 levels
2. The number of laptops that we have now in school is not enough for a class as the number for each grade is well above 35 students.

Attachment

Within this report we do attach some video and pictures of learning activities been carried out in Somosomo District School so far. Sir as stated earlier we are so thankful for all that you and your group have donated to the school, the teachers here are still relishing the dreams of teaching and preparing lesson activities using these donated resources to maximum learning to take place in each class level._

We are all looking forward for a favourable response from you and we do hope that what we have done in school so far is on the right track of making donated things wisely.

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Mr Mosese Tuimatai