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SUCCESSFUL TO SIGNIFICANT

Our Adventist schools should not only aim to be successful, but should go a level higher and be significant.

When an Adventist school consistently achieved its aim, as far as Adventist education is concerned, that Adventist school can be labelled a successful Adventist school. Thus a successful Adventist school promotes the following:

1. A Clean school (Physical)
2. A Friendly school(Social)
3. A school of academic excellence(Mental)
4. A Praying school(Spiritual)

Successful Adventist schools approach the services they offer holistically. Such Adventist schools value the stakeholders support and contributions in their success. They aim to achieve short term goals that are easily measured daily or monthly (A Clean and Friendly school) and annually (A Praying school and a school of Academic Excellence)

But we should not be satisfied with just being a Successful school. Our Adventist schools should also aim for a level higher and that is to be significant. "Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is a need of a broader scope, a higher aim. True education means more than the pursuit of a certain course of study...It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental and the spiritual powers". Education, p13.

The purpose and potential of our Adventist schools should be to engage young people in holistic growth. Our schools must choose and maintain excellence. Products of our Adventist schools must be second to none. Our vibrancy and that of our Adventist school products must impact not only our church community but the community at large as well. When the community recognize that there is something different and unique about our Adventist school, when church members accept that paying for Adventist education is not an expense but a smart investment, when evangelism and spiritual development thrive in your Adventist school, you not only have a successful Adventist school, but also a significant one.

Vinaka

Josua Qalobula
Principal for Navesau Adventist College



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NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT PROMOTING HEALTHY LIVING IN TONGA.

An underwater volcano erupted in the island nation of Tonga in January triggered a major tsunami and generated volcanic ashes across the country. Basic needs such as water, food and air were significantly affected including main agricultural sectors such as crops, livestock and fisheries. Since the volcanic eruption, more than eighty percent of the population are prone to unhealthy food supplies that are lacking the necessary nutrients for children to perform as active learners. Longburn Adventist College and the Adventist community at Palmerston North in New Zealand collectively put together relief donations of healthy food supplies for Beulah Adventist College in Tonga.



Beulah Adventist College Cook Siatame Katoa restocking the kitchen store room with healthy food donated by Longburn Adventist College and Adventist church members in Palmerston North, New Zealand.

The natural disaster relief effort was led by Juliana Paul who is a teacher at Longburn Adventist College, school prefects and local church member Derrylea Hardy. According to Dr Tracie Mafile'o, the response from the local Adventist community to this timely relief initiative was overwhelming that within less than a week more than NZD\$5,000 worth of healthy food was donated to the Adventist boarding school in Tonga. "... response from the local Adventist community to this timely relief initiative was overwhelming..." Adventist education in Tonga is thankful to friends and church members in Palmerston North for their valuable effort in promoting Adventist ethos in our schools during these challenging times. - **Dr Elisapesi Manson**

RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE



Fiji Mission President Pr Nasoni Lutunaliwa presenting the award to Peniasi Dakua

The retired Education Director, Health Director and teacher, Mr Peniasi Dakua received his Medallion of Merit on the 6th March from TPUM Education Director Mrs Mele Vaihola on behalf of the South Pacific Division. Mr Dakua is from Vatubalavu in Navosa and it was fitting for him to receive his award in the presence of relatives and people close to him. "Peniasi has truly not so much retired as retreated. He has made a significant contribution to both Adventist Education and Adventist lifestyle in Fiji. The Education Department of the South Pacific Division salutes Peniasi Dakua for his life-long ministry to Adventist Education." David McClintock

AS YOU TEACH...Don't become weary in doing good, for at the proper time you will reap a harvest.

GALATIANS 6:9

OUR EYES ARE UPON YOU LORD

The educational journey for Navesau Adventist High School in the 2021 academic year is undoubtedly another testimony of God's faithfulness.

The closure of schools in Fiji for more than six months because of Covid-19, before Years 12 and 13 returned for face to face classes on November 1st created a huge challenge to teachers in trying to prepare the students for their External exams. Even the giving out of worksheets and the online classes when schools were closed proved to be an exercise in futility.



Cutting the thanksgiving cake

On the 26th of March the last Sabbath of the 2021 academic year, Navesau was blessed to conduct a Thanksgiving service for the achievements of our Year 13 students but even more significant was to see five young souls following Jesus into the waters of baptism. Mrs Mele Vaihola as chief guest, delivered a powerful message, again on the theme "Our Eyes Are Upon You Lord", a fitting climax to Navesau Adventist School's amazing educational journey for the year.

Like king Jehoshaphat, we did not know what to do, but we claimed as our theme going forward "Our Eyes Are Upon You Lord". We took ownership of this theme and brought it to life in all aspects of our service delivery in the school. Our prayer times were strengthened, Our ten days of prayer, Week of prayer and Voice of Youth were observed with purpose as we collectively fixed our eyes upon Jesus.

Today, I give God the honor and the glory for what we have achieved academically. After the release of the Fiji Year 13 External Exam results, we came to learn that we did not only performed very well, we topped all the high schools in the Ra district. God made Navesau the head and not the tail in the Ra district.



SCHOOL LEADERS DAY OUT

More than 100 school leaders participated on a 1 day PD day out. While some of our schools are going through lockdowns and adapting to the new norm we had some challenges with participants accessing to their school internet. We had some great presenters and timely topics that inspired and encouraged our school leaders in such challenging time.

According to Josua Qalobula principal for Navesau Adventist College states, "it was very helpful and thought provoking. Enjoyed the sessions very much and am looking forward to the next one. I am going to use the ideas learnt in my administrative role and share them while developing future leaders."

Trans Pacific Union
School Leaders
PD Day Out
 March 3rd, 2022

Zoom Meeting ID: 932 9165 8038
 Passcode: 734705



Sven Ostring
The Power of Collaboration



Lisa Beardsley Hai
"What next? Adventist educ after Covic"



Gloria Teulilo
Making Peace with dis



Mere Vaihola
I will go to my school family



Malcolm Coulson
Growing in faith - a planned approach



BETIKAMA CASSAVA PROJECT



It is now more than 2 months since schools in Solomon Islands closed due to the community transmission of corona virus in the country. Government authorities are now working on a cabinet paper to reopen schools. This paper consists of preconditions and check list to meet before schools will reopen. The impact of covid-19 and the continuing delay of school has greatly affected Betikama's cash flow. Being a boarding school, a large portion of the school budget comes from school fee payment.

No school means no money for the ongoing operation of the school. This has forced the College to temporarily lay off half of its ancillary staff. With very low cash flow it is difficult to maintain things especially in a boarding school. However, God is still blessing our school during this pandemic. Despite this challenge Betikama Cassava Project and the College farm were able to provide a little bit of financial support during the closure of schools. The income from the gardens has enable the college to maintain the campus and also meet wages of the remaining workers. We praise God especially for the right timing of the BAC Casava project. Every day during the week we sell cassava on the street of Honiara and Betikama Cassava is now popular in town. - [Mr Partinson Bekala](#)

LAUTOKA SDA PRIMARY SCHOOL BAPTISM

On the 26th of March, 2022 Lautoka SDA Primary School end the academic year with a baptism celebration of 15 souls. This is a result from a two weeks of Bible study by Pr Lui Koro and Pr Thomas Albert. This will be the highest record for baptism for the school since 2014. We praise the Lord for His leading. The high light for the baptism is Ratu Peniasi Qoro, the Methodist student now becomes the first and the only Adventist in his family. He hails from Sabeto village in Nadi where he travels to school daily. His father is a senior preacher for the Methodist church and the spokesperson (Tuirara Levu - in the vosa vaka-Viti) for the District Leader of the Sabeto District of the Methodist church.



Ratu Peniasi Qoro and Pr Tamai Tukana

It took more than 1 week for Ratu Peniasi's father to give consent for his baptism. When interviewed Ratu Peniasihe wants all his family members to know the truth. He wants to become an Adventist church pastor and the lessons learnt in the Bible classes and the truth about the Sabbath changed his life. - Inoke Valetini



KAUMA CHALLENGES WITH ENROLMENT



New Classroom Building yet to complete

The Kiribati Government now offer free education to secondary school students both to Government and Church schools, which started in 2021, thus Kauma Adventist High School in Kiribati located in the island of Abemama intake for 2022, like last year's, has drastically increased to about 500. Such an increase has a number of impacts on the infrastructure of the school in terms of:

1. Dormitory space for boys and girls.

-The boys' dormitory can only accommodate a maximum of about 170

-The girls' dormitory can accommodate a maximum of about a 100

2. The more students we have, the more teachers we need and more staff homes as well.

3. More classrooms for classes

For your information, the school has, on its own initiative, with financial help from Mr Ron Clarke, and probably other donors from South Australian Conference, built a four-classroom block with toilets for students and staff to reduce going back to the dormitory during classes. However, all the materials are on site (at Kauma) but we need builders who could continue the work before and during classes in 2022.

In addition, materials for desks are there also, except for cutting to sizes and assembling them. It is also worth noting with gratitude to the Abemama Member of Parliament and Minister of the MISE, Honourable Willie Tokataake, for a contribution of 150 chairs for the new classrooms. We thank him sincerely.

Having said the above, the immediate needs we would desperately request for are:

- a) Permanent Dormitory for boys (we might even start with a secured local building)
- b) Permanent Dormitory for girls (we might even start with a secured local building also)
- c) 3 permanent staff homes (local buildings can be costly, but may have no alternative at this time))
- d) A call for an expatriate teacher, preferably a couple who are both teachers, one a science major and the other an Arts teacher, Geography and History. The principal Mr Tekemau are grateful to the church members too for their support and contribution toward helping can completing the classrooms. Mr Tekemau is requesting any form of assistance toward the need is greatly appreciate, please could remember Kauma in your prayers- [Tekemau Ribabaiti](#)

ROBERT INGERSOLL

"We rise by lifting others."

ADVENTIST EDUCATION DAY COMING UP



Don't Miss Out

I WILL GO TO MY SCHOOL FAMILY

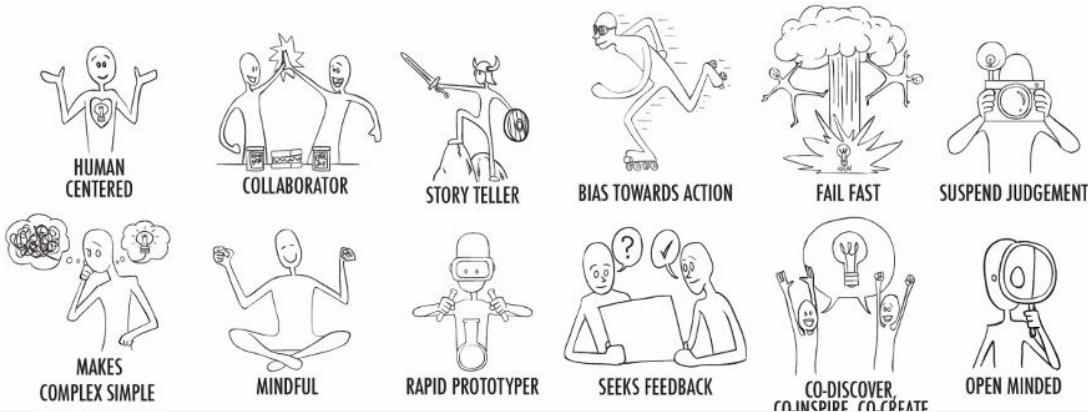
PRAYER REQUESTS

Schools Lockdown challenges
 Solomon island teachers vaccination issues
 Kiribati increase enrolment impacts on infrastructure
 Adventist Education Day 8th April
 TPUM Education Advisory 12th-14th April



MINDSETS AND ATTITUDES!

(QUALITIES OF DESIGN THINKERS - TIM BROWN)



FINALLY

"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers."

RALPH NADER

We would love to hear from you, your stories and challenges could be a means of blessings and encouragement to others. So, please share!

For your stories please forward it to:

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or

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Associate Education Director