



June 2023 Newsletter

latest news and updates

The last few months have been very busy for AFFLIP board members and supporters. The chairman's reception to thank our sponsors and a visit to the Philippines to continue professional learning programs for teachers and see firsthand the work of our ongoing projects have both been highly successful. The visit by board members to Talomo District also further highlighted the outstanding impact of our scholarships program. If you are interested in learning more about sponsoring a student, check out the report in this newsletter.

Chairman's Reception 2023

The 2023 Chairman's reception was held on Friday 21st April 2023 at the Fullarton Park Community Centre. It was a fabulous opportunity for sponsors and board members to socialise and hear from our Chairman Ali Douglas and Patron Professor Allan Reid. We would like to acknowledge the work of board member Tim Ryan and his team for their fabulous organisation of this event.



Scholarships

Scholarships are an important part of the work that AFFLIP does to support some of the most disadvantaged students in Talomo District stay in school. We currently have 270 pupils on the scholarship program for the school year 2022-23. The grade 6 scholars will move on to high school in July and a new group will join the program in grade 4 next school year. We hope to increase the number of scholars to 300 for the school year 2023-24. There have now been 528 children who have benefited from a three-year scholarship since the program started in 2013.

Scholarships Coordinator, Loch Mitchell, is currently in Davao City as part of the AFFLIP delegation who are visiting to monitor and evaluate several of the AFFLIP Flagship programs. He reports:

“We have been blown away by the welcome we have received in every school. There is huge support for our commitment to the Scholarship program, where we provide educational grants to well performing pupils in primary school who are deemed at risk of leaving school due to their very poor family circumstances.

In every school, we met with all the scholarship holders and many of their parents, as well as the hard working and dedicated teachers and coordinators who support our scholars. It has been heart-warming to hear from the scholars themselves and their parents. Their gratitude for our support is genuinely expressed through personally delivered testimonials. The depth of feeling coming from most parents is typified by the following parent testimonial regarding a former scholarship holder we heard this week.

This is an extract from this parent’s statement:

‘Let me tell you a short story from way back at school year 2014. As all of you know it is one of the parent’s responsibilities to give their children a bright future. Actually, as a solo parent this wasn’t easy for me to raise my children alone. I did my best to do everything I could to provide everything for my children’s needs. But I’m not capable of providing everything just because of my financial status. I don’t have a stable job. My wage doesn’t sustain us and there are sometimes that I feel so desperate, but as a mother I am determined to stay strong and steady for the sake of my kids. I never lose my hope.

Until one day, we got a huge surprise when my daughter was in Grade 3 level. Her teacher told me that she is one of the selected students to get a scholarship sponsored by the Australian Foundation. My heart burst out of joy, the gladness the heavy load that I carried became light, everything got well and smooth for me as a solo parent. These supports literally helped us a lot. During those three years, the companionship and friendships that developed can lead to a bright future. And from this very moment that I've been waiting for, just to say something that inspired us the most. This foundation taught us how to give – to give some rare opportunity to those who need help.'

The scholarship recipient in question is now in tertiary studying in Davao City.

The impact of these scholarships is profound. The funds provide for basic needs such as uniforms, shoes, books, and other school items as well as fees for other activities run through the schools. \$100 AUD will support a child for a full year of schooling, and we encourage our sponsors to support each child through Grades 4, 5 and 6 to help launch them into secondary school. If you are interested in joining our sponsorship group, we warmly welcome potential new sponsors to check all details regarding the scholarship program on our website [AFFLIP Scholarships](#)

Loch Mitchell
Scholarship Coordinator

Talomo District Visit April_May 2023

AFFLIP board members, Pat Maloney, Loch Mitchell, Max Greenwood and Jeanette Emery were warmly welcomed by school leaders and teachers on their recent visit to Talomo A & B Districts of the Division of Davao City. It was an opportunity to see and hear firsthand the progress of our flagship programs. The roll out of the Guide Reading program continued with teachers and leaders.



AFFLIP VISIT MAY 2023
TALOMO A & B DISTRICTS
WRAP UP REPORT



Pictures taken from DepEd Davao City Facebook, AFFLIP Wrap up Report meeting May 4th, 2023.

SAVE THE DATE: 2024 AFFLIP Dinner and Fundraiser

Please mark 23rd February 2024 at the National Wine Centre in your diary. More information to come.



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