

Jan 2025 Newsletter

latest news and updates

Welcome to 2025

Hello Everyone, Manigong Bagong Taon

We hope the year has started well for you all.

This January's update is full of pictures and stories that were shared via social media at the end of last year. In case you didn't see them the first time around and to remind us of the great work our schools are doing here is a selection of stories to help set the scene for 2025.

In addition, we are starting a new section in our newsletter where we acknowledge and highlight our sponsors and supporters. We start with two who in their own ways are making a serious and significant contribution to our ability to work with Talomo District Schools. Check out Gerard McCabe Jewellers who have just become our first ever Principal Dinner Sponsors and Oreon Partners below.

Finally, we held a successful Annual General Meeting on 5th December last year. If you would like to access the annual report hit the button below

[2023-24 Annual Report](#)

Reflecting on the Learnings from 2024



Bravo **Bago ES** on completing your Reading Gazebo. Having spaces that children and teachers can use beyond their own classroom supports learning for all.

Davao City Special School

provided professional learning for staff in GRUBB to refine and develop guided reading instruction. Here's what they said on their Facebook page: "We extend our heartfelt gratitude to AFFLIP for their continuous support to our school and district, enabling us to provide these opportunities for our learners and for the opportunity to visit your country."



Dr. Jovito Francisco ES shared the development of their outdoor learning space. They shared with us that the new basketball rings were "more than just equipment; it represents an opportunity for our students to grow, collaborate, and chase their dreams on the court. Your support will inspire countless young athletes, fostering teamwork, discipline, and a love for the game. Thank you for investing in our school and our future—it means the world to us! Thank you so much AFFLIP!"

Adelaide Reading Delegation 2024

Who could forget the reading delegation in Oct/Nov 2024. The work that Board members Max Greenwood and Jeanette Emery put into organising this visit went above and beyond. The delegates were true professionals and worked hard to ensure that no opportunity to learn and improve was wasted. We look forward to seeing the results of this trip in Talomo District schools.





Digital Learning at **San Lorenzo ES** has moved along. They reported that "this initiative has empowered our Grade 6 learners with essential ICT skills, enhancing their readiness for the digital age. Big thanks to the Australian Foundation for Fostering Learning in the Philippines (AFFLIP) for providing the resources that made this program possible!

Generoso ES explores Roll and Read.

AFFLIP Reading delegate Jennifer Sepe launched the "Roll and Read" initiative, designed to make reading an engaging and enjoyable activity for learners. She also shared invaluable best practices observed during her visit to Australia, ensuring that our educators and students benefit from global insights



In 2024 election at **Doña Soledad Dolor Elementary School**, involving students from grades 2 to 5, moved from manual to electronic voting, thanks to 30 laptops donated by AFFLIP. Ginalyn G. Sinoy, Learner Government Commissioner on Election and Appointment, praised the transition, saying, "The election is easier unlike before when we are having manual Election. With the help of our AFFLIP Digital Literacy Coordinator Mr. Jessie Jem Gardose and the technology, it is faster to identify the winner."

2025 AFFLIP Dinner and Fundraiser - exciting update





AFFLIP's Board is delighted to welcome as our first-ever Principal Dinner Sponsors our partners Jessica McCabe and Justin McCabe, Managing Directors of Gerard McCabe Jewellers.



For information contact event coordinator, Loch Mitchell,
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Recognizing our generous supporters and sponsors

To have such generous sponsors of our programs and our fundraising efforts fills us with gratitude. We look forward to working with the McCabe family into the future.



Find out more about the McCabe family here



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How can I sponsor an AFFLIP Scholar?



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. In the 2024_25 school year we have 354 scholarship holders in years 4 to 6. This is up from 300 pupils on the scholarship program in the 2023-24 school year. Maintaining scholarships numbers into the future is an important focus on the Boards work. If you would like to learn more about supporting the scholarship program, follow the link below

Loch Mitchell
Scholarship Coordinator

[Learn More about Scholarships](#)

Interested in supporting AFFLIP's work?

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