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April 2022 Newsletter

latest news and updates

Dear Susan

Welcome to our April update and the great news that children have returned to face-to-face learning in the schools of the Talomo District. We all wish our colleagues and friends in Talomo the best for a smooth and no doubt challenging transition.

The articles featured in this issue focus on the support of the Finstro Foundation for four of our flagship program; the Chairman's Reception held to celebrate 10 years of AFFLIP and to acknowledge our partners; and an exciting reading instruction program for parents instigated by our Talomo Literacy Technical Working Group.

We were unable to conduct our Annual Fundraiser in February due to issues associated with COVID 19. The new date for the event is Friday November 4th to be held at the National Wine Centre, and we sincerely hope that you can join us.

Thanks to our Communications Coordinator, Liz Wilson for the

THANKS TO OUR COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR LIZ WILSON FOR THE production and distribution of this newsletter and to all those who contributed to it. Board members continue to be very busy within their portfolios in close liaison with their counterparts in the Philippines.

Alastair Douglas
AFFLIP Chair

[AFFLIP Annual Report link](#)

FINSTRO: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Brad Prout CEO Finstro approached AFFLIP early in July 2021 about forming a partnership to support our programs targeting the 21,000 children enrolled in the fifteen schools of the Talomo District of Davao City in the southern Philippines.

Brad and AFFLIP Chair Alastair Douglas, finalised a package of initiatives to be funded by the generous donation of the FINSTRO Foundation, following consultation with AFFLIP Board members and program coordinators, and the FINSTRO leadership team. We are thrilled to report on the difference this support is making to the schools and children supported by AFFLIP. Our partnership means:

Scholarships

40 scholars for 3 years - \$12,000. All AFFLIP schools have FINSTRO scholars

Health and Nutrition

Gardening implements and supplies to support school's food garden and pupil feeding program - \$2,500, First Aid and health supplies for each school - \$2,000

Aqua Culture and Live stock Model



Proceeds from aquaculture will help to sustain the purchasing of school gardening supplies



Egg distribution from livestock rearing to support school feeding programs at Catalunan Pequeno and A. Mabini Elementary School

Schools Learning Network

Upgrading Talomo schools IT connectivity systems - \$2,200



INSTALLATION OF ROUTER TALOMO SCHOOLS

SLN PROJECT 2021-2022

This SLN project profoundly made a difference in the lives of each SLN coordinators. The connectivity provided and assisted coordinators in making their online reports more swiftly. They can monitor and reached out to their students through messenger. Through the router installation coordinators were able to connect to the internet whenever they are working onsite. They don't need to go to visit the office to connect for Wi-Fi but they can access the internet right in the comfort of their classrooms.





Learning in the Outdoor Environment

Outdoor learning projects - basic playground structures made from local materials, other outdoor learning resources. Parents provide the labour where structure assemblage is required - \$6,300





Republic of the Philippines
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Region XI
Division of Davao City
Talomo District A
SAN LORENZO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Davao City



October 14, 2021

The Finstro Foundation
Australian Foundation for Fostering Learning in the Philippines (AFFLIP)

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of San Lorenzo Elementary School Talomo A District Davao City Philippines, I Dorothy A. Tompong the school AFFLIP coordinator would like to express my warm thank you for the sum of money your organization lend to us. Your financial support had made our OLEP area more attractive and safer.

This great endeavour of yours made us more inspired to teach our children to become more participative when this pandemic is over and face to face learning will be possible. Once again, we thank you for your generous donation, it has been a pleasure working with you in shaping our little children's future.

Sincerely yours,
DOROTHY A. TOMPONG
OLEP Coordinator

FINSTROs approach to AFFLIP could not have come at a better time given the significant challenges associated with COVID 19 for the Philippines, its people and AFFLIP's learning programs. Times have not been easy in the past two years for our colleagues in Talomo. Schools have only very recently returned to face-to-face teaching for the first time since March 2020.

We thank Brad Prout and FINSTRO for their very significant contribution and support to AFFLIPs ongoing partnership with our Talomo colleagues and their school communities.

Chairman's Reception a Great Success

The inaugural Chairman's Reception function was held on Friday 25th April. Our generous partners were invited to join our Board members at Kodo Roof Garden (Adelaide CBD) to thank and recognise them for their wonderful contributions to AFFLIP. This also offered the opportunity to provide deeper insights into the value of their support and how this is changing the lives of underprivileged students in the Philippines.

Hosted by AFFLIP Chairman Alastair Douglas, with introductions from Tim Jackson, and additional addresses by the Hon Greg Crafter and Jamie Sach (Global Ambassador for Penfolds), it was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all. Special mention to Tim Ryan who, along with his wife Di, facilitated a fantastic event. We look forward to hosting this again into the future.





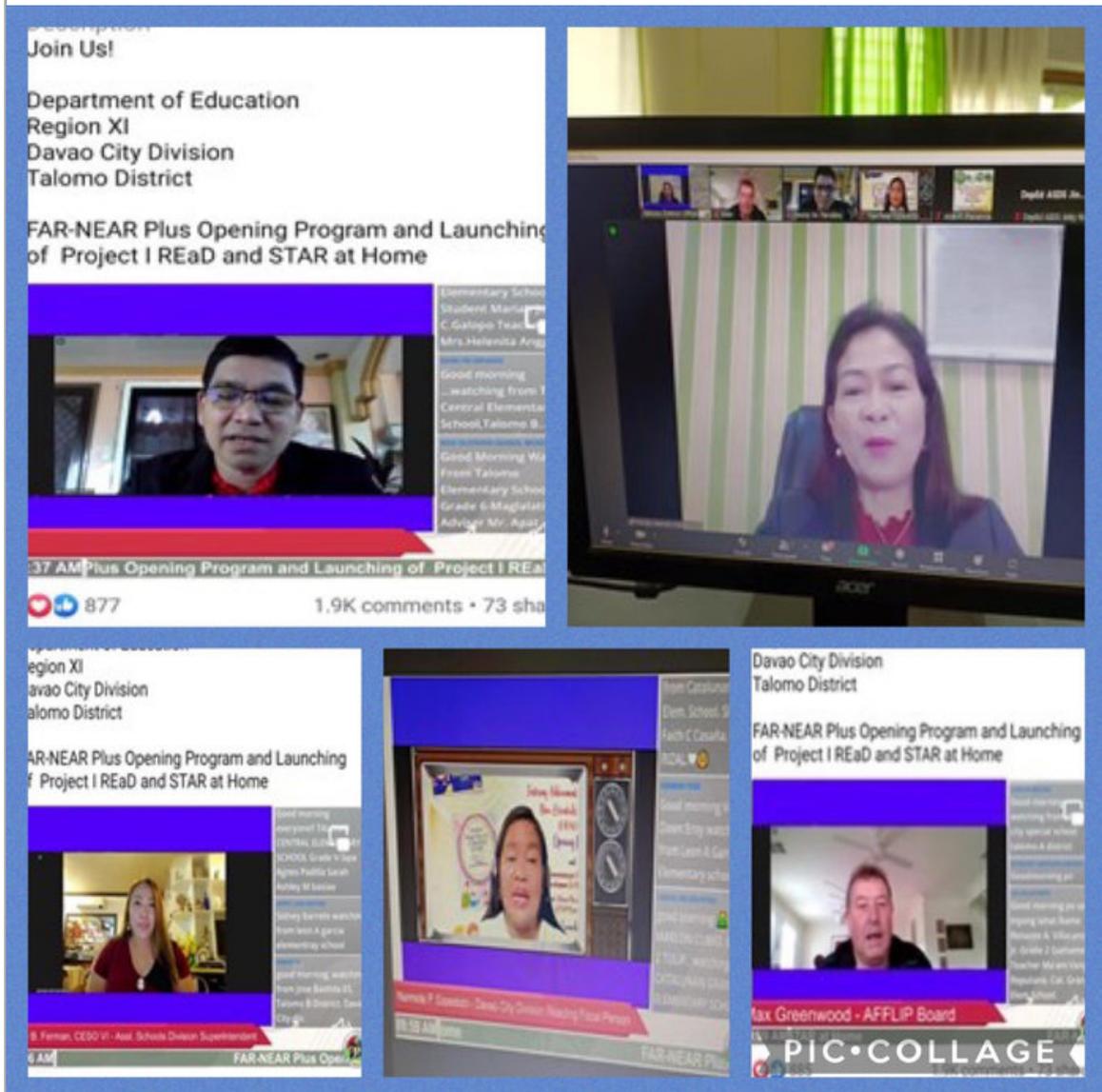
I REaD at Home Initiative

Thank you to Cherryl B. Tagra, Talomo A District Reading Coordinator for telling us of the recent innovations introduced to support student learning while schools were closed in the Talomo District. The Fostering Achievement in Reading Using the Nine Essentials About Reading (FAR NEAR), is a program developed by the AFFLIP Literacy committee in collaboration with the Talomo District Technical Working Group in Literacy. The FAR NEAR PLUS Project I REaD at Home (Innovations for Reading Engagement and Development at Home) is a short course for parents to be equipped with necessary skills in teaching reading in the comfort of their homes. The program is delivered using the local television station. It continues the development and sustainability of the literacy initiatives of the Australian Foundation for Fostering Learning in the Philippines (AFFLIP) in a community sense.

The Project I REaD at Home is anchored with the Regional Reading initiative which is under the umbrella program of the DepEd Philippines National Office's project "Bawat Bata Bumabasa Program"(3Bs) and Brigada Pagbasa which focuses its attention in providing opportunity for all students to improve their skills in reading with the help of parents and other stakeholders.

The program is grateful to Superintendent Reynaldo M. Guillena, CESO V of the Davao City Schools Division for his support and approval of the 4-day training/workshop for parents. Our gratitude

also to Assistant Schools Division Superintendent Jinky B. Firman, Division Reading Focal Person Narmela Espedido, AFFLIP Board member Max Greenwood, Public Schools District Supervisors Marilyn L. Marcelo and Deony Ferolino, and Reading Consultants Jayson E. Barnes and Aida P. Placencia for gracing the successful opening program and launching of FAR NEAR PLUS Project I REaD at Home of Talomo A and STAR at Home of Talomo B.



AFFLIP Ten Year Celebration

AFFLIP is ten years old in 2022!

Join Us On

Friday, 4th November 2022 at The National Wine
Centre



The AFFLIP 10 Year Anniversary Dinner will be held at The National Wine Centre, corner of Hackney Road and North Terrace Adelaide. Its unique surroundings, nestled in the heart of the Botanic Gardens make it the perfect location for such a celebration. We sincerely hope that you can join us to mark this significant milestone for AFFLIP.



Interested in supporting AFFLIP's work?

We would love to hear from you.



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