

# Beacon Media Literacy Training May 2017

A team of three Australian teachers partnered with Fijian trainers to conduct seminars as follows:

## May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>: “Train the trainer”

This seminar was designed for teachers with a vision to see the Beacon Media literacy program expand. In order to assist more schools and more classes within existing schools, we need more trainers.

## May 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>: “Training of Literacy Assistants”

Participating schools selected suitable assistants for training. Assistants are required to have achieved a minimum of a Year 12 in their own education. The trained assistants will work one-on-one with children who are having problems in learning to read.



## Aspects of the training were as follows:

1. Power point presentations on basic literacy skills such as phonics, sight words, reading fluency, listening, speaking and writing.
2. Practical application of phonics
3. Practical experience in conducting a Running Records test
4. Demonstration of how to conduct a one-on-one session with a child
5. Familiarization with the Beacon Media Literacy kit, which includes a wide range of phonics and leveled reading resources
6. Move to Learn activities to assist children with coordination and left-right brain function
7. Practice in reading aloud through puppet scripts
8. Learning how to make and play literacy games
9. A final test, requiring a 60% pass mark
10. Practical experience in schools (over 2 mornings), conducting one-on-one tests to establish student reading levels, and then working with students on basic literacy skills.
11. Final get-together and presentation of certificates



Beacon Media provided four laptop computers to assist trainers / literacy assistants in their work.

Participants trained as Literacy Assistants, (May 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) will be placed in the following schools: Jasper Williams Primary School; Lautoka Delana Primary School; Drauniivi Primary School; Naseyani Primary School; Rabulu Sanatan School; Tavua Primary School and Vatukaloko Primary School.



