

2022

Vaka Pasifiki Education Webinar Series



Session 1: 7th July | Session 2: 8th July
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“Shared learnings from the Leaders and Education Authority Project (LEAP), Pacific Literacy and School Leadership Project (PLSLP) and the Tonga Education Support Activity (TESA)”

WEBINAR PROGRAMME

BACKGROUND

The Vaka Pasifiki Education Webinar Series on the ‘Shared learnings from the Leaders and Education Authority Project (LEAP), Pacific Literacy and School Leadership Project (PLSLP) and the Tonga Education Support Activity (TESA)’ is an activity under the Policy Area 4 – Teaching Profession of the Pacific Regional Education Framework (PacREF). The University of the South Pacific (USP) is one of the implementing agencies and the Institute of Education (IOE) is implementing this activity. There were 7 Pacific countries requesting for this activity including Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu. However, the Institute of Education is inviting the Ministries/Departments of Education and all with a passion for education in the region to register and join this webinar series.

THE WEBINAR SERIES

The shared learnings in this webinar series will be focused on three recent school literacy and leadership projects implemented in Cook Islands, Solomon Islands and Tonga between 2014 and 2021, funded by the New Zealand Aid Programme. The projects were the Pacific Literacy and School Leadership Programme (PLSLP), the Leadership and Education Authorities Programme (LEAP), and the Tonga Education Support Activity (TESA). The projects were implemented in partnership with the respective Ministries of Education, by a consortium comprising the Institute of Education of the University of the South Pacific (IoE-USP) and The University of Auckland (UoA), and, in the case of Solomon Islands, the Fellowship of Faithful Mentors (FFM).

OBJECTIVES

This webinar series aims to bring together those involved in the projects to share the mix of conditions and components that contributed to the success and learnings for future activities. Previous evaluative reporting from each of the projects demonstrated notable successes in advancing learning outcomes.

The event will focus on key implications emerging from the project findings including the continued need to:

- cultivate locally-based relational leadership, expertise and engagement;
- foster collective learning and legacy creation for sustainability;
- invest in culturally, contextually and linguistically appropriate methodologies and resources;
- explore ‘home-grown’ and contextually appropriate models for professional development in each Pacific country context;
- and to consider the findings of this research for initiatives under the Pacific Regional Education Framework (PacREF).

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

The webinar series will contribute to strengthening the school literacy and leadership in the region, as the panelists and Pacific educators will benefit from the shared learnings brought forward and the possibilities in advancing learning outcomes. The public audience will benefit from receiving a trans-disciplinary knowledge from panelists, through the sharing of successes and lessons learnt, thus significantly strengthening the awareness on school literacy and leadership progress in the Cook Islands, Solomon Islands and Tonga which may benefit other Pacific countries.

The webinar series will also contribute to the overall output in the PacREF policy area of Teacher Profession where ‘school leadership domains are applied to evidence base strategically focused Professional Development and Learning (PDL) to improve learning outcomes for students.

SESSION ONE – THURSDAY, 7TH JULY 2022

Topic Literacy Study: People and Context – the unresolved challenges

Time 12pm Brisbane, Papua New Guinea
1pm Solomon Islands, Federated States of Micronesia
2pm Fiji, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Tuvalu
3pm Tonga, Samoa

Registration https://usp-fj.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_t7PT6_J2QLSqsqkbtI0sg

Speakers Associate Professor Kabini Sanga, *Victoria University of Wellington*
Associate Professor Rebecca Jesson, *The University of Auckland*
Dr Seu'ula Johansson Fua, *The University of the South Pacific*

Moderator Rebecca Spratt, *Independent Researcher*

Session Programme

Opening Prayer – Dr Mo'ale 'Otonuku, *The University of the South Pacific*
Welcome & Introduction of Speakers – Rebecca Spratt
Talanoa – Associate Prof. Kabini Sanga, Associate Prof. Rebecca Jesson, Dr Seu'ula Johansson Fua
Questions & Answers – Rebecca Spratt

SESSION TWO – FRIDAY, 8TH JULY 2022

Topic Weaving a literacy mat across the Pacific: Shared learnings from Cook Islands, Solomon Islands and Tonga

Time 12pm Brisbane, Papua New Guinea
1pm Solomon Islands, Federated States of Micronesia
2pm Fiji, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Tuvalu
3pm Tonga, Samoa

Registration https://usp-fj.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4MuVNNtCQUWyfPAb0SO-vg

Speakers 'Ana Heti Veikune, *The University of the South Pacific*
Roselyn Maneipuri, *Solomon Islands National University*
Dr Jacinta Oldehaver, *The University of Auckland*

Moderator Rebecca Spratt, *Independent Researcher*

Session Programme

Opening Prayer – Dr Teukava Finau, *The University of the South Pacific*
Welcome & Introduction of Speakers – Rebecca Spratt
Talanoa – 'Ana Heti Veikune, Roselyn Maneipuri, Dr Jacinta Oldehaver
Questions & Answers – Rebecca Spratt

SESSION THREE – THURSDAY, 14TH JULY 2022

Topic Reflecting on the LEAP Learnings: What? So what? Now what?

Time 12.30pm Brisbane, Papua New Guinea
1.30pm Solomon Islands, Federated States of Micronesia
2.30pm Fiji, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Tuvalu
3.30pm Tonga, Samoa

Registration https://usp-fj.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9r3DHv1iTrq9aNXYG_oP7A

Speakers Dr Irene Paulsen, *Researcher & Mentor – Fellowship of Faithful Mentors (FFM)*
Stanley Houma, *Researcher & Mentor – Fellowship of Faithful Mentors (FFM)*

Moderator Rebecca Spratt, *Independent Researcher*

Session Programme

Opening Prayer – ‘Ana Heti Veikune, *The University of the South Pacific*
Welcome & Introduction of Speakers – Rebecca Spratt
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Questions & Answers – Rebecca Spratt

SESSION FOUR – FRIDAY, 15TH JULY 2022

Topic **Mālie and Māfana in the development of Literacy and Numeracy resources**

Time 12pm Brisbane, Papua New Guinea
1pm Solomon Islands, Federated States of Micronesia
2pm Fiji, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Tuvalu
3pm Tonga, Samoa

Registration https://usp-fj.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aEIZl_nQTY-wNQA7ECSbxw

Speakers Rt. Hon. Dr. ‘Ana Maui Taufē‘ulungaki, *Christ’s University in Pacific*
Dr Pip Arnold, *Karekare Education*
Dr Teukava Finau, *The University of the South Pacific*

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Details on the findings from the Pacific Literacy and School Leadership Programme (PLSLP), the Leadership and Education Authorities Programme (LEAP) and the Tonga Education Support Activity (TESA) can be found in the [Literacy Research: People and Context report](#).



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