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Talofa lava David,

This project has been very inspirational for our tamariki. The Leabank Young Authors have gained more confidence in their abilities to be good writers. They looked forward to their writing sessions with you, and their school attendance also improved.

I have seen the way these young writers conduct themselves as role models. They display a sense of pride around our younger students who look up to them and want to be good writers too.

I spoke to one of our writers, Zephyr, about how he felt on the day of the launch. He felt disappointed his mum couldn't make it, but when he got home and gave his mum the book, she was so proud of him praising him for the effort and commitment shown.

After the book launch, I had several students ask when the next project would start. They have all been inspired by the end product 'Hood Heros' Leabank School' book and want to be part of a sequel.

Thank you, David, for what you do for our community and our Pasifika and Maori tamariki. You allow them to be that 10-year-old writer who can inspire others. Malō le soifua.

Fa'afetai tele lava

Vienna Parker
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