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LIBRARY FOR ALL DONATES DIGITAL EDUCATION TABLETS AND BOOKS TO YARO VILLAGE KINDERGARTEN ON MALOLO ISLAND

Australian return guests of Fijian-owned Malolo Island Resort, the Belzer family through their affiliation with the charity Library For All, have made a donation to the Kindergarten in the village of Yaro with 20 digital education tablets and 160 books.

Officially known as the *Navatalesau Brigid Kindergarten*, the school has 12 students from 4 to 6 years old, and is a partnership between Fiji's Ministry of Education, Yaro Village, Ahura Resorts and owners the Whitton family.

Yaro Village are the traditional resource owners on which Malolo Island Resort and sister property, Likuliku Lagoon Resort are located. The Whitton family, who own and operate them under the brand Ahura Resorts, have had a long relationship with the village and local Kindy.

Ahura Resorts also supports village infrastructure improvements and education scholarships, and over the years, has helped supply the village with water, power, and currently financially supports the Kindergarten.

Library For All (LFA) currently works in 13 countries – including several Pacific Island countries, but this is their first foray into Fiji. LFA believes knowledge should be accessible to all equally, so they created inclusive digital-first libraries with stories that allow children to read in languages they understand and feature characters they can relate to. Their work goes beyond traditional publishing methods, improving the lives of communities they work with.

On these digital tablets is an App called *Elevate* that helps children aged 4-9 years learn English and Maths plus there are hundreds of books written for children in the Pacific region.

Daniel Belzer, who is Head of Business Development for Library For All said, "It was a privilege to see so many happy faces at the Kindy excited to learn in new ways. Learning to read is the first step towards achieving your dreams. My family and I are so pleased to be able to make a small contribution to the Malolo Island Resort family that we love."

Kindy teacher Ms Shivangni Shankar said, "I appreciate this amazing support which is very helpful for everyday learning. These tablets will be a great source of learning experience for the kids here in the Kindergarten. Thank you Library For All for such a wonderful donation which is certainly, not just a first for us here on Malolo Island, but for Fiji".

Resort owners Tony and Brigid Whitton also said, "We are extremely grateful to Library For All for giving these young minds such an opportunity for accelerated learning in our local village. Our heartfelt thanks go to Daniel Belzer and his family for this very generous donation and for being a loyal part of our Malolo Island Resort family."

For mor information on Library for All or to Donate, go to their website. <u>https://libraryforall.org/</u>

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