

## Ensure that the Good News is in cyberspace

- Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb, Rector, Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson

37 students, teachers and animators spent an enjoyable weekend from 12 to 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 understanding and dwelling on the Media, the digital possibilities and its relevance to our lives.



This first Media Education Seminar for schools was held from 12 to 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 at Don Bosco House of Prayer, Kola Ridge, Honiara. The Seminar opened with a reflection on the World Communications Day message of the Holy Father entitled:

**New Media – at the service of the Word.** ‘The Word of God must find a place in our digital word’, highlighted Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb. He encouraged all to ensure that the Good News has its space in cyberspace.

The seminar highlighted the audio media and gave the participants an opportunity to record short audio clips on education, equality, election, environment and empowerment. Relaxation exercises, body language, expression and communicating thoughts and feelings made the students aware that they are constantly communicating powerful messages and that non-verbal communication is important.

The field visit to SIBC was much appreciated. The students had the opportunity to talk to the presenters and current affairs personnel and visit the production and broadcasting studios. A few students were lucky to have their voices recorded, edited and broadcast.

Elmarie Pareezer, AVI Volunteer, Joe Vidiki, Radio Producer, Catholic Communications, Gwen Toki, John Toki and Emilie Daiohu – animators at the seminar were delighted with the response of the students. The five participating schools were: St. Joseph’s secondary school, Tenaru; St. Nicholas Secondary School, Honiara, Don Bosco technical Institute, Henderson; St. John’s Secondary School, Rove and Bishop Epalle Catholic School, Rove.



‘I have learnt that we need to maintain a quality of interaction in communications’ – Samuel Motui, St. Nicholas School, Honiara  
‘Each person is able to communicate with the outside world’, - Ringamoto Moses, St. John’s School, Rove.  
‘Getting to know students from others schools was a nice experience’, - Hilda Annie, Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson.  
‘The visit to SIBC gave us the occasion to see how things work at the broadcasting studio’ – Tynniel Tongi, Bishop Epalle School, Rove