

Malapoa wins series of school ICT debates

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OCTOBER WAS A BUSY TIME for students who are preparing for examinations, but confident Fiona Alfred, Ramon Wilson and Tarika Naviti did not allow exams to prevent them from winning the last round of debates, ranking Malapoa College as the champion of the series of school ICT debates.

Naviti is a Year 13 student, while Wilson and Alfred are in Year 12. Malapoa English teacher Juliet Vuti said she was very pleased with their success because although teachers had to interrupt their students while revising, for example Naviti had to be taken out of the classroom while doing his internal assessment, it had all been worthwhile.

The series of debates was part of the Telecommunications and Radio Communications

Regulator (TRR) program to promote awareness and educate consumers about ICT in education.

The three rounds of debates and presentations ran between July and September of this year and included students from Lycee LAB, Malapoa College, Monmarte College and the Tebakor Secondary School.

Tebakor took the lead in the first round, but Malapoa gained first place after the second round and maintained its position into the final round of debates.

Students are one of the biggest telecommunications consumers. The series has allowed students not only to use ICT devices, but provided them with the frameworks and the time to seriously think, talk about and identify the negative and positive effects of



using ICT.

Upon the TRR's invitation, the Malapoa debaters, accompanied by their trainers and both the principal and deputy principal, went to the company's office to receive their prize: an inter-

active whiteboard for use in the classroom.

Malapoa College acknowledged the work of TRR for organizing the program. It was useful and relevant since a lot of expository questions in examination

papers fall in line with ICT, said Mrs. Vuti.

TRR too thanked the school administrations and teachers, and especially the debaters for their participation which made the event a great success.