

Speech by Selefo Sabone at Lorwana Prize giving ceremony on 1st November 2019.

Good Morning Ladies and Gentlement.

Let me start by recognising Kgosi ya Digawana Rre Kehitlhilwe Kgwakgwe, and Magosi amangwe present, The Vice Chairperson of Village Development Committee, Rre Nelson Leepile, The Headmaster for Lorwana Primary School, Ms Mareledi Thipe and your Teachers, the Headmaster of Gathwane Primary School, Representatives from other Schools, Parents, Retention Range team, lastly and most importantly, the Students of Lorwana Primary School, I greet you all ka PULA.

It is particularly pleasing that we meet today as the country celebrates the inauguration of a new president. I must take this opportunity to congratulate the President for winning the elections and also to appreciate the contribution of the Opposition parties in our current political landscape. One has to look at the unpeaceful nature with which other countries manage their elections to appreciate the high level of brotherliness with which we conduct our differences. May these values be passed on to generations to come.

Today's theme is "Hard Work and Commitment: Good Recipe for Success"

The work of the political parties in this past elections highlights the significance of this theme 'Hard work and commitment: Good recipe for success'. It is the hard work of all political parties that have earned them votes.

Master of ceremonies, at this juncture I wish to turn my attention to students, who are the main reason why we are here today.

The question that I want every student to have an answer is 'Why you have been sent to school?'

Your parents have sent you to school for 2 reasons

- 1- they love you
- 2 – they want you to live well when you are grown up

I know you also love your parents. The reason why you love your parents is that they love you. Not only that, they buy food so that you can all eat at home, they buy you clothes and school uniform. Truly speaking you don't know how you will live if your parents or whoever is caring for you was not there.

And that's the reason why they have sent you to school so that you can provide for yourself when they are not there or when you are grown up.

How does the school help?

It helps you to learn some skills that will help you live your life well tomorrow.

Why are your parents preparing you for when you are grown up. Because as you grow up, your parents are also growing up and they will stop working after some years and they will no longer afford to buy the food, the clothes and all that they are currently providing at home.

Another reason is that when you are grown, you will need things that grown-up people have. You will need to have cell phones to communicate with your friends or people that you like. You may need a house for yourself, or want a car so that you can easily check your friends or take your Mummy and Daddy to church, or weddings. Your parents cannot afford to do all these things for you because they are expensive, so you have to work and buy them for yourself.

I know you love your parents and when they can no longer work and can't buy themselves food. You would want to buy them food and other things. Will it be not nice if you can provide for your parents when you are big?

Today's theme is Hard work and commitment: A good recipe for success.

When I started I told you that your parents sent you to school for two reasons. That is 1. They love you and 2. They want you to live well when you are grown up.

But what is the importance of education:-

It moulds you so that you can live well when you are grown up.

How does education do this:-

By teaching you the skills that you will use when you are grown up. The skills that will help you earn money that you can then use to buy everything you need and to take care of those that you love.

What kind of skills are these:

Reading - you may have all head news being read from the radio or television, or just recently you were witnessing your parents listening to election results on radio or television. The person who was reading those results is paid for reading that news. So if you learn to read well you can get a job to read the news on TV or radio. So the next time the teacher tells you to learn to read. Know that s/he is preparing you for a future job. You can read in Setswana, English or any language, all of these can land you a job

I know all of you also do mathematics, If you study well you may end working in a shop because you can give change well. Or working in a bank because you can count big money. Or even opening your shop because you will be able to calculate and know who to buy stock items that people can come and buy.

At your homes, you may have seen people come to do some work and get paid for that. It may be door fitting. That person will have to understand the measurements so that they fit the door well, and Mathematics helps with that. I am giving this as an example but all the jobs that you can do, you need education so that you can do them well and be paid.

School Work

Some of you may be struggling to get good marks. If you are struggling to get good marks, I want to share with you the secret of how you can change this.

The 1st thing that you must have is a DESIRE to do well, A desire to be number 1 in class, or a desire to get 100%. Once you have this desire then, you will be 1 step closer to getting them good marks. Those who are getting good marks are driven by this desire.

But that desire will not help you if you don't have another attribute, and this one is FAITH. You must believe that you can get those marks. Just because the girl or boy who is always answering questions is taller or shorter than you does not mean that it cannot be you. You can be as good as that girl or boy. And there is no reason not to have faith or believe that you can do it because you are taught in the same environment as the other student who is doing well. The main difference between you and them is that they believe that the stuff being taught is easy and they can understand it and you believe that it is hard and you cannot understand it easily.

"Hard Work and Commitment: Good Recipe for Success"

Again having faith only will not get you good marks, now you need to work hard or study. It is not enough to listen only in class and hope to get everything correct during the test. You have to look at the notes again after school to make sure you understand everything, if you still don't understand, ask your sister, brother, ask your mother, ask a friend in school or ask the teacher. They will help you and your marks will start to improve. This you have to do over and over again.

Ga gona kgomo ya boroko 'No sweat, no sweet'.

Share a personal story:-

Donation of School Computer

Thank you

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