

Children extend their physical capacity at Aituturino Pre-School

The development of pre-school education is a recent phenomenon in Timor. Why? Partly because other levels of schooling are still under development and partly because there is not a need for child care (families look after children within their ranks). But in the last half decade, government had realised that children achieve better outcomes if children start school ready to learn. Pre-schools are the answer!

The Blue Mountains has supported early education in a range of ways (salaries for teachers and built a centre in Liquica, resources and equipment, supported training for teachers). In Aituturino, the Blue Mountains responded to a request to fund a playground. A terraced wall led to planting of vegetables for a school garden, an area was smoothed and planted with grass for ball sports and playground equipment installed.



Playground equipment installed



Preschool children on steps to playground - planted school garden at rear. Teacher, mana Mena in centre