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I was first inspired to join the Home-School Partnerships Programme (HSPP) in 2014 when I started working at Montagu-Drive Primary School. Although I never had any kids of my own at the time I was curious about the programme. My Colleague, friend and Co-ordinator at the time (Vernique Whitten) encouraged me to join the programme and explore what it was all about. At the end of the 8 sessions I was in awe of how good this could be, not only for myself when I do decide to have children but what a great benefit it could be for the community and parents at our school. I then went on to helping out the following year with the facilitation of HSPP. Although I never had any training documentation, the school principal and facilitators gave me the opportunity to be involved with the programme. In 2016 I was then expecting my first child and he was feeding in as much literacy and numeracy from my womb while sessions were going on! Eventually I went forth to get my certificates and I have successfully been with the programme for 4 years.

As a parent and an educator, literacy and numeracy has always been important in my life. HSPP has always been a great platform to learn new ideas from other people and who wouldn't like to be apart from a community that looks at literacy and numeracy as an important aspect of child development. Every year I am very inspired and motivated by new ideas and materials that are shared amongst parents, caregivers and Wordworks. Most of all, I am motivated by knowledge that I can use in the classroom and as a parent. That is priceless. I am also motivated by the fact that Wordworks has been equipping us as facilitators well, and that they have been supportive all the time. We really don't feel alone in the whole process of promoting literacy and numeracy to our community.

Firstly I have learned that child development is not easy but not impossible. Secondly I have learned that as a teacher we definitely are life-long learners and that we have to be open to the idea that we don't know everything. Thirdly, I have learned that the world is our classroom, something so simple is so profound in the stages of our development. Lastly, I have also learned that no child develops at the same pace and that whatever we fear as parents and teachers are very common amongst others, especially when we think things are only happening to us individually. We need to learn to EXPRESS and COMMUNICATE, ALWAYS!!!