



Hi Everyone,

I was hoping to get this out to everyone before Christmas but didn't quite make it. I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas with family and friends.

October saw the start of a new school year with 300 students and a new class exclusively for students who are struggling. Kimhean has taken on extra classes and another ex-student has joined the ranks as Playgroup teacher. Soyin begins her Early Childhood Training in Phnom Penh in January. Long Han is still with us, teaching on Fridays.



Janine



Long Han



Kimhean



Soyin

Volunteers

We can't thank them enough for their time and contribution to our students' learning. Not all volunteers just work with the students: Milena and Robine not only joined our Reading and Conversation Programme but also judged our art competition and Class 5 Book Reviews while Robine also spent time in the classroom; Patrick loves football so spent time out in the field playing football with various classes before class as well as conversing with the older students; Helen trained our staff in the basics of Jolly Phonics working with Long Han on grammar; John spent his time reading one-on-one with younger students and conversing with the older ones as did Tanya. Volunteers are welcome to bring their individual skills to add to the mix of variety and experience offered to the students.



John



Helen



Milena



Robine



Patrick



Tanya

Parent Workshops

This term we held a workshop entitled "How to Help Your Child at School". An amazing 64 parents attended, encouraging us to hold regular workshops each term on various topics of interest to the community. Already have a few more planned for the rest of the school year.



Marine Conservation

Every week Marine Conservation visits, talking to each class about various marine life. So far we have covered coral and fish. Coming from a country that boasts of the Great Barrier Reef, I was very ignorant but learnt so much.



A combination of videos, pictures, questions followed by art work and the students love it, looking forward to their visits.

Outside Presentations

In early December, Class 6 went to a guest house in Kep, Villa Kep, and gave a presentation, both oral and dancing, to a group of visiting tourists. Thank you to Yuha and Marco for giving the students this opportunity and to Kimsy for training the dancing girls. Another opportunity is coming up on New Year's Eve for a similar presentation.



Career Students

This year, thanks to sponsorship by Ian Stephens from New Zealand, we are able to prepare another 3 students for Year 12 followed by the hope of passing entrance exams into the University of their choice. The boys are aiming for a degree in IT. Thank you very much Ian for helping to make this possible. Thank you also to IT specialists, Andy and Ming for time they spent with the students during the holiday period in August.

Art Competitions

We hadn't had an art competition for a couple of years so decided to hold one this year. Many students from all classes participated.



Pitak

Phanhya

Tithaka

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Road Rules

The Department of Transport gave an excellent presentation to our high school students and donated helmets as prizes for a quiz conducted at the end of the session. A couple of very confronting videos! Hopefully this presentation will help save some young lives and prevent an avoidable death like that of our student last year.

Adding some links to videos of Playgroup, Kindergarten and Class 1 which were posted on Facebook.

<https://youtu.be/bZ7GEvLDmQ>

<https://youtu.be/N3TcGW9ybKc>

<https://www.facebook.com/kepgardens/videos/2922945534384764/>

To celebrate the end of Term 1 we had a games day and a bite to eat on the last day of term. The older classes watched a couple of movies.



It doesn't look like we did much during Term 1 but before we knew it Christmas was on us and time for holidays.

Thank you to the people who responded to GivingWay's request for Giving Tuesday. We greatly appreciate your donations to help us carry on the work at Kep Gardens.

All the best for 2020.

Cheers,
Janine and Andrew



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