

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



HAPPY NEW YEAR



2022 was a big year for us. We both turned 70, we had been married for 50 years and Kep Gardens had been established for 15 years. We intended to have a big open house party to celebrate all these milestones but time just slipped away and here we are, almost 2023 and nothing done. Maybe 2023, better late than never!

Kindergarten Activities

The Kindergarten children made their own garden recycling plastic water bottles.



Kindergarten Graduation

The Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony was held on Tuesday, 29th November. What an exciting day for 7 of our Kindergarten students! Now that they have passed the Government requirements they are able to move on to Class 1 at primary school. They will still be part of Kep Gardens as they move up to Reception to begin English classes. Congratulations to you all.

Seeing photos of Kep Gardens reminds me of learning English 12 years ago, a place that provided extra language knowledge, friendship and fun.

Sokly Khen



English Competition

Mr Kheng Yeon, the Governor of Kep City, announced the results of the English competition conducted by the Education Department. All 7 Kep Gardens' entrants were placed in the top 9 students. Congratulations, a job well done by you all. We are very happy and proud of your achievements.



Wildlife Alliance – Kouprey Express

Wildlife Alliance, through their mobile educational unit, Kouprey Express, spent 3 days with us involving different groups of students, parents and a study tour.

We start with the younger students. The presenter had an excellent rapport with the students and they went away with lots of information presented in a fun way with games combined with photos on the screen. Lots of fun, lots of learning. Way to go!



Workshops were held with the older students.



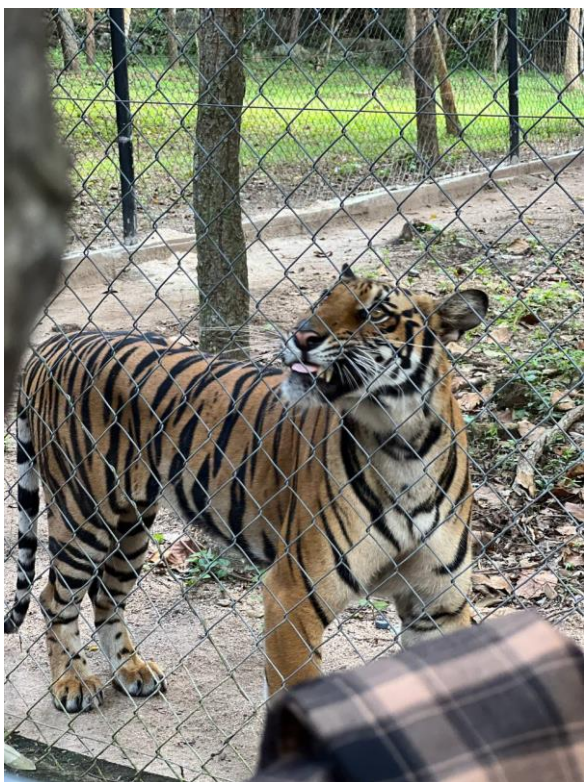
Helping one person might not change the whole world, but it could change the world for one person.

Asim Raja

Two parent workshops were held.



The final section of the Wildlife Alliance Kouprey Express visit was the very popular study tour to Phnom Tamao. Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Centre is a government-owned facility set over 6,000 acres of regenerating forest. Wildlife Alliance animal husbandry specialists and veterinarians care for over 1,400 animals across more than 100 species.



Recycled Plastic Competition

The students' competition for Term 3 was recycled plastic art. Thank you to Savvy and Brian from Kep Coffee for judging the primary school entries and to Bettina and Stephan for judging the high/secondary school entries. We understand it was very hard at times to choose the best three. We hold this competition every year as it is a fun way to remind the students of how harmful plastic is to the environment.



Teachers open the door but you must enter by yourself.
Chinese Proverb

Sports Day

Kep Gardens held 3 Sports Days to ensure that the whole school contributed to the overall winning team. Playgroup and Kindergarten competed on Friday morning, the 3 Reception classes on Friday afternoon and the older students from Classes 1-9 competed on Sunday. The younger students played 8 games while Classes 1-9 competed in 13 games. At the end of Friday, the Yellow team was in the lead and the Green team was third. Sunday changed all that with the Green team the overall winner. The most important outcome was that everyone had lots of fun, all age groups worked together for their teams and it was conducted in a healthy spirit of competitiveness. A great occasion for the school community. The day time activities were followed up by movies on Sunday night.



We are not in the same boat. We are in the same storm. Some have yachts, some canoes, and some are drowning. Just be kind and help whoever you can.

Volunteers

We had our first volunteers for almost 3 years in October. Suzanne and Florence from New Zealand did a great job and their contribution was extremely valued. It was lovely to have visitors again at Kep Gardens after such a long time.



There is much more I could add to this newsletter but I am aware that people are very busy over the Christmas period and don't want to spend too much time reading pages and pages.

I will end off the school year by acknowledging the teaching staff at Kep Gardens. Thank you for your professionalism and dedication to your students and the school. You are what makes Kep Gardens a special place for the students that they will always remember. I cannot leave out Pov and Mr Huch who also care greatly for the students' welfare.

I mustn't forget the very generous people who support Kep Gardens during the year. Without your donations that come in various forms, we would not still be running after 15 years of commitment to the community. Thank you very much.

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