



KEP GARDENS NEWSLETTER

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Hallo Everyone,

A week's holiday to give the teachers a break between Khmer New Year and Pchum Ben but also a time for me to catch up. In fact, I am so caught up that I am on track for the next newsletter. Amazing!

AUPP-LIGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Before Covid, Kep Gardens used to have frequent contact with students from AUPP-Liger Leadership Academy. Imagine our surprise and happiness when a class of students visited recently, taking two morning classes for leadership activities. The teacher-in-charge had visited Kep Gardens as a student herself over six years ago. Let's hope that now contact has been renewed, we see more of the Liger students visiting for various activities.



OLD VOLUNTEERS' VIDEO

I was going through old videos, looking for something I needed, and I came across this volunteer perspective of Kep Gardens from 7 years ago. Many of the older students plus some who have left, will recognize their young selves. I thought you may like to watch it.

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HOSPITAL CHECK-UPS

We took all of the new students at Kep Gardens in 2025 for a health check to Sonja Kill Memorial Hospital. Many thanks to Andy and Ming for donating the cost of the transport and medicine. We greatly appreciate your support of Kep Gardens. We take toys to occupy the students while waiting their turn to see the doctor, works well.

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Congratulations to our Head Teacher, Ngov Kimhean, who has successfully completed her Master of Education. Graduation ceremony will be held in 2026. Bursting with pride, remembering a young girl from the village starting at Kep Gardens and through hard work progressing to Head Teacher with a Masters Degree. What a success story. How proud we are of her achievements. Congratulations.



DONATIONS OF BOOKS

Thank you very much to Kep Children for their donation of books to our library. They found themselves with many books doubled up and decided to share them with schools throughout Kep. Thank you for including Kep Gardens in your distribution. Our students are grateful for new titles to read.



Thank you very much to Khan Dalin for donating school books to help the students with their studies at Khmer school. They are available in the library for students to borrow. Dalin has been at Kep Gardens for many years but has now left. All the best for her future.



INTER-SCHOOL DEBATES

Kep Gardens is very proud of the eight students who represented Kep Gardens at the inter-school debates recently. Twice a year, Kep Gardens, Buddhist Library Cambodia Project and Chumkri Language School come together for 3 debates and 6 presentations. Wonderful public speaking experience for them all. English is the only language used and this adds another challenge for them. All 3 schools should be congratulated on a job well done. Thank you to Bella and Kelly, volunteers who helped Kep Gardens' team prepare. Special thanks to Bella who took on the job of Kep Gardens' judge.

Using this space to thank very much, donors who financially support Kep Gardens. See the page below for the name of the new organization to send donations if you require a tax deductible receipt.



STUDENT OF THE TERM

Kep Gardens is closed for one week to give the teachers a chance to have a well deserved break, have a rest to come back refreshed for another term of excellent teaching that we value at Kep Gardens. An important part of our end-of-term celebrations is Student of the Term. Student of the Term is not necessarily the student who receives the highest marks, but is a reflection of a student who tries hard, does their best and participates in classroom activities. Congratulations to the Term 2 winners.



From the youngest in Kindergarten to the oldest in Class 8.

KEP GARDENS' GOT TALENT

Last day of term 2, saw our inaugural Kep Gardens' Got Talent. We hold 3 sessions; the morning, the afternoon and the evening classes. Playgroup, who don't participate, opened the morning session all together with a song. We still

have a few things to iron out but basically each class picks the top 3 contestants. The top 3 from each class perform on the day, and one is chosen as number 1. Then all the number 1's in that session compete and we end up with a winner. We have 3 winners, one for each session. The students can do anything they want. We had singers, dancers, drawings, readers, science experiments, craft items, and even a girl who designed and made the clothes that she wore, all competing against each other. Another young girl wrote a story, illustrated the book and read it to the audience. Thank you to all the students who participated in the first class contest, right through to the end. Your participation makes for a successful school event. Thank you very much to Bella who had the difficult job of judging such diverse items. Well done, Bella, glad it was you and not me.



Afternoon session winner, Nhor Vuthy, built a truck.



Morning session winner, Chansomalya, was a singer.

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Evening session winner, Tounseireyroath, played a melodica.



This was the outfit that Sonita, designed and made herself.