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Community Support Association

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Community Support Association (CSA) 2014 - Another successful year



Hello to all our **CSA** family, friends & supporters....*Welcome to our last newsletter of 2014.*

The last few months have once again been a busy time at **Chansor Commune School** & within the **CSA projects**. With the **completion of the school building**, a couple of generous sponsors stepped forward, and we were able to proceed building the verandah on the side of the school room. *Thanks to Willie & Mary Buchmann and Linda Seiler.* The verandah is now completed, and certainly compliments the entire school building, offering additional protection from the elements, as well as giving extra learning space.

As we once again go into a new school year, the **CSA team** would like to congratulate **Mr Hean** (our volunteer English teacher) on his completion of his second year of University Level English (studied in Siem Reap each Saturday & Sunday). *The CSA team* would also like to thank **Steve & Sue Chapman (Hillston, Australia)** for once again sponsoring Hean for his studies for the next 12 months.

Chansor Commune School welcomed many visitors over the last few months. **Karen Willshaw & Ali VanNoort (Australia)** and **Linda Seiler (Switzerland)**. These ladies joined in many of the activities happening in and around the school in the weeks they were with us. *Thank you ladies for all your help and enthusiasm with the students.* The children loved the activities you did with them.

As the year quickly draws to a close we can reflect back on 2014 as the year that saw our school a reality, made possible through generous sponsorships and with so much hard work by so many. Thank you one and all. We hope we can welcome more of our sponsors & supporters in 2015 to **Chansor Commune School**. *Love & best wishes from the CSA Team.*

<>Eco Tour/Cambodian Adventure Tour <>
<><>Oct/Nov 2015 & Jan 2016 <><>

COME JOIN US ON A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY TO BEAUTIFUL CAMBODIA.

Register your interest with **Ali – email - alivannoort@hotmail.com or Karen - email - karen@karenwillshaw.com** An exciting itinerary is being put together for a 10/12 night adventure. Included will be temple visits/eco adventuring/village visit.

Now Completed - Our new verandah/learning area...

The new verandah is now finished.. Thanks to **Willie & Mary Buchmann** and **Linda Seiler** for their generous contributions to see the verandah completed. With money raised from the sales of our harem pants and scarves we hope to have the concrete floor done in 2015, which will make the verandah a multi purpose area for students & used also for educational presentations for the villagers.



14 bikes delivered -through our "Sponsor a bike for a student program"



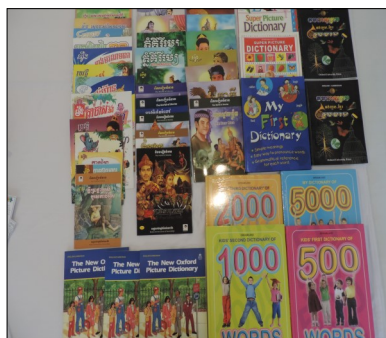
Our latest bike delivery to Chansor Commune School, saw 14 lucky students receive their very own bike. A huge thank you is extended to:-

- ◆ **Griffith East Primary School (money raised through a bike a thon organized by Lisa Turner),**
- ◆ **Stan & Val Moore**
- ◆ **Mike & Liza**
- ◆ **Kire & Audrey**

The children & their family gathered for the presentation of their bike. These bikes enable students to access school more easily and can be used by other family members for transport.



Book Donations for the CSA Library Room



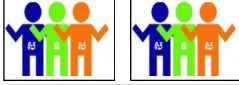
Our library room is now stocked with lots of new wonderful books.



***Karen Willshaw** brought from Australia a beautiful collection of Australian books. ***Lisa Turner** (Griffith) & ***Kerry Kelly** (Griffith) also donated Khmer/English readers, dictionaries, flash cards, clock faces and reference books.

Thank you to all you lovely ladies!!

Meet some of our Sponsored families.... AND then a special time when Sponsors meet their family.



*Left are some of the Sam Seat family members, sponsored by **Julie Potter** (Hillston, Australia) and **Below** is the father of the Hout Thon Family sponsored by **Jenny Rathmell** (Hillston, Australia)*



*Meeting your sponsor family for the first time is very exciting indeed. (for the sponsor & the family) In October **Linda Seiler** (Switzerland) met her family Seit Hak. **Karen Willshaw** (Cocos Keeling Islands) met her family Mok Trap & **Ali VanNoort** met up again with the Touche Family.*



More special Thank you's.... The Cocos Keeling Islands Visitor Centre, generously donated 80 carry bags to the students at Chansor Commune School (Thanks also to Karen Willshaw for being able to carry over the bags in her luggage). With other sponsorships from Dolly & Merv (Hillston), Val B (Hillston) & Judy (Griffith) we were able to purchase a colorful mug, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap & hand towel. The bags & goodies were then given out to each of the students. It was a joy to see the smiles on all those beautiful faces!!



***Rathany** doing a demonstration on the use of a toothbrush & discussing the importance of personal hygiene.*





Christmas is just around the corner... why not consider a gift that keeps on giving the whole year through.....



GIFT IDEAS

- *A water pump well*
- * Bicycle for a student*
 - * Water filter*
 - * Farming Tools*
- * School Items for students*
- * Child/Family Sponsorships*
- * Chickens/Ducks/Pig*

*****Want to give a unique gift to someone special but just don't know what?? - here at CSA we have some ideas...***

Community Support Association would like to offer all of our friends & supporters the opportunity to give a gift that keeps on giving. A gift that would be supporting and assisting families, helping whole communities move towards positive & sustainable change....

Contact Rathany or Ali if you would like to give a Community Support Association Xmas Gift.

*****A gift certificate is issued for every gift/donation to put under the tree*****



Merry Christmas



The Community Support Association Team

Rathany, Bophay (+ Nyda too!!) & Ali

Would like to take this opportunity to wish one & all a wonderful Christmas. As we celebrate the festive season may we all reflect on the year past with love in our hearts and optimism for the future.

May the peace & joy of Christmas be with you all throughout 2015.



The sales of our harem/happy pants & scarves continues to go from strength to strength. Thanks to all who have visited this year to Siem Reap and offered to bring home stock items for us. *****even just 5 pairs equates to \$\$\$ for CSA ***step by step***** The profits from the next round of sales will go towards the concreting of the floor of the new verandah/multi purpose area ... *projected completion - May 2015*

HUGE thanks to our sale rep's:-

- ** Cocos Keeling Island Visitor Centre****
- ** Karen Willshaw**
(of Karen Willshaw Photography - Cocos)
- **Kire Johnson (Brisbane)**
- **Ali Van Noort (Hillston)****

We welcome Jess Ryan to the CSA Family—(at Murrumbidgee Hearing)

Jess has offered to have a display of scarves for sale at her business in Griffith - from 2015 pop in to take a look at our display.

Additional thank you's & acknowledgments -

- ***Deb & Graeme (Griffith) *** Glen & Kris (Griffith) *** Trowella Gardens (Griffith)*****
 - ** Julie G (Hillston) ***Jan (Goolgowi) *** Shoebox Ladies (Hillston) *** Dot (Hillston) ***Susie (Griffith)****
- Thank you to all who have supported CSA in even the smallest way throughout 2014....**
"If we are facing in the right direction all it takes is one small step at a time" (Buddhist proverb)

The CSA newsletter is a great platform to extend thanks to all who support the Community Support Association (CSA) project. It also helps keep everyone up to date on what is happening with our students at Chansor Commune School & news around the village area. (never think that even the smallest contribution couldn't make a difference, because it can!!)

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