



# NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOMING OUR NEW PRESIDENT

The AAS AGM was held the 24th October and we would like to extend a big welcome to our new President Deb McEwan.

Deb has been in AAS since 2003 and used to be the Coordinator for Oberthur Primary School. She is a real Baliphile and will bring lots of cultural and location knowledge to AAS. Deb has been helping Sherryn manage the sponsorship administration and her husband Ian, also a supporter, has written a computer program for keeping track of sponsorship details. We look forward to working with Deb to further grow the great work AdoptASchool has achieved over the last few years.



The AAS Committee at the AGM. Deb is second from the right.

Special thanks go to our outgoing President Kerry Steele for all her hard work in her year as President.

## WHO WANTS A FREE FLIGHT TO SUMBA ISLAND?

National Curriculum is taught in the community school on Sumba Island, which is to the South of Flores. The committee are interested in hosting teachers who would like to assist the staff by providing workshops to demonstrate innovative ways to teach English from Kindergarten to Junior High School, through interactive activities such as music, art, dance, drama or an integrated programme. Air fare from Denpasar to Sumba Island and accommodation would be provided. If interested please contact Sherryn Reid on 9355.5505 or by email: [sherrynreid@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrynreid@hotmail.com)

## CELEBRATION OF 70 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

A reception and ceremony was held at the Indonesian Consulate to celebrate the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Indonesia. AdoptASchool Association Inc was represented by The President, M/s Kerry Steele and the Sponsorship Coordinator, Sherryn Reid.

Guests were entertained by a choir and traditional Indonesian dancing. It was very colourful. There were speeches by the Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia, Mr Ade Padmo Sarwono, Dr Mike Nahan representing the WA Government and a representative of the Opposition, followed by the cutting of the cake and dinner. It was a most enjoyable ceremonial and social occasion.



## GAYUS' STUDY VISIT

Milner International College of English in East Perth provided a scholarship for one of the AAS English teachers in Bali to enable him to increase his understanding and knowledge of the English language. Gayus Pridudua is the English teacher at SDN24 Pemecutan, Denpasar, coordinator of the sister school programme with Endeavour Primary School at Port Kennedy and a coordinator for the educational sponsorship programme in Denpasar area.

Gayus arrived in Perth on 9th October, 2015 and will attend Milner for five weeks and then spend most of his last week at Endeavour Primary School. Gayus is a family man and he and his wife Edel, have two children, a five year old boy Joshua and a 1 year old delightful little daughter.



At home in Bali with his family.



Top: arriving in Perth, Bottom: sight seeing in Kings Park

## IN THE NEWS...

Riverside Primary School Education Support Centre were featured in the Mandurah Mail on the 25th June. The article covered the visit of Balinese principal Ketut Supartika, his wife Suartini and AAS Bali Vice President Wayan Tur Adnyana. It was a great experience for all parties to connect with their sister schools.

Mandurah Mail 25th June 2015

**SCHOOLS**

### Sister school pays visit

**Brianna Johnson**

RIVERSIDE Primary School Education Support Centre students got a visit from the principal of their sister school in Bali on Tuesday.

It was part of the AdoptASchool (AAS) program, which aims to encourage friendship and cultural understanding between Western Australian and Balinese communities.

Balinese principal Ketut Supartika and his wife Suartini were accompanied by AAS Bali vice president Wayan Tui Adnyana and AAS sponsorship coordinator Sherryn Reid.

"I have seen the motivation of the teachers, students and assistants at this school," Mr Supartika said.

**School visit:** Riverside Primary School Education Support Centre students met with members of their Balinese sister school as part of the AdoptASchool program this week.

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## FIRST VISIT TO NEW SISTER SCHOOL

by Sue Abdullah, Yokine Primary



During the July school holidays, Ibu Heather Dexter, who was holidaying in Bali, visited our new Sister School, Sekolah Dasar Negeri Dua, Buwit, together with her friend and his children. She was greeted by the smiling faces of many students, who had come back into school for this occasion, even though it was actually their holidays as well!

Not only this but some training teachers travelled a three hour journey just to meet the Aussie visitors! Ibu Heather and her friends were welcomed with marigold flower garlands and delicious local fruits and cakes to eat and she gave the school some stationery items and hand delivered our letters written in English by Year 6 class, Room 11 which were gratefully received. We are delighted to receive back from the school 24 beautifully hand-written letters from their own Year 6 students...all in excellent Bahasa Indonesian which are no doubt going to give our students plenty of busy hours work translating and enjoying reading!

Yokine PS I is hoping to be able to renovate its toilet facilities with the aid of our donations which we raised on the Red and White Day held on 20th July when we wore Red and White for a gold coin donation and we celebrate Indonesian Independence Day.



*Ibu Heather and her friend from Yokine Independent School visited SD 2 Buwit. She brought some stationery and letters from year 6 students there. They wrote them in English. The students here also wrote letters for them in Bahasa. All of the school members were very happy for the visit.*

*Wayan Sekarini, Kaba Kaba Area Coordinator*



Ni Kadek Dian Saraswati, 'Grattan Scholarship' recipient as a result of 'Beardathon'

## BEARDATHON UPDATE

by Eric Grattan

One year later and it's smiles all round for Dian's family! This photo shows exactly the reason why I did the Beardathon. The difference between last year and this year, after the money was raised for Dian's sponsorship was fantastic to witness! Such a small thing has brought great happiness to this family and a bright future for this young woman!

Another recipient of 'Beardathon' was Agung Ngurah Bagus Putra Antara who needed financial assistance to complete his last two years of study at Udayana University in Bali. Eric provided funds for the 'Lyn Yeomans Scholarship'. Lyn is Eric's Mum. Agung will graduate in June 2016.



Lyn and Gary Yeomans with Agung Ngurah Bagus Putra Antara the recipient of the "Lyn Yeomans Scholarship" which will allow him to complete his last two years of study at Udayana



Students in their sarongs

## BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL - CHARITABLE COLLECTION DAY 2015 FOR SD4 BANYUASRI

On Tuesday 9 June 2015, the staff and students of Beaconsfield Primary School came together to celebrate our second SD4 Banyuasri Charitable Collection Day and Indonesian Assembly. The theme for this year was 'Sarong Dress Up Day'. The students from our Rottneest campus made a special trip to the mainland to participate in this event. We collected a total of \$698.60 in gold coins and funds from the special canteen menu for our friends at SD4 Banyuasri in Singaraja, our sister school. The special lunch menu prepared by our amazing canteen manager and parent helpers consisted of Nasi Goreng or Mee Goreng in a box set and the sales from these sets contributed \$150 to our total.

Murdoch University Indonesian Student Association (MUISA) members, led by Ibu Tio Novita joined us this year to perform Waltzing Matilda on the angklung and acoustic guitar. It was amazing to hear the angklung played live and to an iconic Australian song too! Everyone who was dressed in a sarong took part in a parade walk around the undercover area to display their chosen sarongs. Our parent community participated in the festivities too. It was fantastic to see so many colours and designs of sarongs in the parade! Everyone who participated had a unique item to display and the students, teachers and parents enjoyed walking around to the beat of Indonesian cultural songs. We ended the festivities with a feast of Indonesian jajan and kue for morning tea.

We look forward to another successful charitable collection day for SD4 Banyuasri in 2016.

Christiana Bain

(Indonesian Language Specialist Teacher - Beaconsfield Primary School)

## ALLENDALE PRIMARY VISIT

Kate Cassin

Teacher, Allendale Primary School



Kate & Ashlee with SD1 Kaba Kaba teachers

On 8 July Ashlee and I visited Allendale's Bali sister school SD1 Kaba-Kaba with donated books and stationery. We were immediately welcomed into the school and given a beautiful flower lei made by the principal. The children and staff gave up their precious holiday time to demonstrate the whole school dance lead by the physical education teacher. We were then directed into the library for refreshments and morning tea while 4 girls performed a traditional Balinese dance and 2 boys played music. We toured the school and inside the classrooms where many children were getting extra tutoring from university students. We were shown the fabulous flushing toilet and the statue funded by Allendale Primary School. We concluded the morning with a traditional Balinese lunch in the library.

Thank you to Alit, the staff members and students for giving up their precious time, welcoming us into the school and making our trip so memorable.



Students perform the traditional dance.





Unpacking the books

## AVELEY DONATES TO SD4 KABA KABA LIBRARY

By Nancy Freestone

On the 17th of July, we visited SD4 in Kaba Kaba.

We weren't aware that the school was closed, but when we got there Alit told us that they had opened the school just for us.

Wow, what a welcome and how nice of them.

I believe there was one class present, (year 6) and they sang a song to us in English, this was so nice.

The school principal was there with other staff. We were made very welcome.

After talking for a little while and looking through some photo albums, we wrote a note in the visitors book and we then proceeded to have a look at the English Centre.

As we entered the Centre we noticed there was one cabinet with a glass door and it had a handful of English books in them. Some of the year 6 boys were told to get our two suitcases and bring it over.

We then showed them that we had brought 40kg's/ two suitcases full with English books. Ranging from learning A-Z to Harry Potter books.

Some of my friends here in Aveley were so kind to donate books to the school. We managed to fill two suitcases, so the cabinet had now three shelves full with books.

They were of course very, very happy with this. This was our 2nd visit to Kaba Kaba and we look forward to our next visit.



Students at SD4 Kaba Kaba

## WELCOME TO THE WORLD

We extend a warm welcome to the newest and yet to be named member of the AdoptASchool extended family. She is a daughter for Made Jati and her husband Ketut and little sister for Dony.



Jati has been with AAS for many years and is a champion of our cause....very diligent, reliable and excellent in her record keeping. She was teaching English and computing at the school in her home village of Pegadungan until her marriage about 7 years ago and is now living in Denpasar. She continues to coordinate for SD2 Pegadungan as well as oversee alot of sponsorship for students who have moved onto Junior HS in Singaraja.

## VALE NI Ketut Rangi

On 19th October, 2015 Ni Ketut Rangi, the wonderful mother of Wayan Tur Adnyana passed away after a short bout of ill health. She will be remembered for her infectious chuckle and welcoming hospitality. Condolences to all of Ni Ketut's family and friends.

# THE HOMEWORK CLUB

by Oka Darmaja, SDN2 Kutuh Coordinator.

This program is sponsored by AdoptASchool and dedicated to young students of SDN 2 Kutuh who need more guidance in reading, writing and counting. The older students assist the younger students to study and are supervised by their class teacher...they look so fun, happy and enthusiastic.

Many great thanks to AdoptASchool, Mrs. Sherryn Reid as sponsorship coordinator and everybody who supports this program morally and materially.

This pilot programme is for the 2015-16 school year. It was initiated by the school Principal due to many parents of the children in this area being illiterate and therefore unable to assist their children with homework. Further funding will be determined by the progress of the children at the end of year testing.



## SPECIAL VISIT FOR NEW SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

by Alit Wida, Kaba Kaba Coordinator

Kerrie Edwards and group visited SMP Negeri 4 Kediri. Wednesday, 23 September 2015 becomes an Historical Day for SMP Negeri 4 Kediri and Vincentia High School. A relationship between the two schools began.

Kerrie said that Indonesian program has grown at Vincentia H.S and we hope the relationship will help develop intercultural understanding and improve Indonesian language skills.





## TECHNOLOGY DONATION BRINGS SISTER SCHOOLS CLOSER

Nowra Public School have donated a laptop and a data projector to link to a computer/laptop to their sister school SD2 Munggu. This will be used to access the internet, for Skype sessions and general class use. It will also be used to do exchange Indonesian lesson via Skype on a Friday.

Along with the projector the school sent some photographs of Nowra Public School celebrating Harmony Day when they had a fundraiser for SD2 Munggu and all the students came dressed in clothes that made them think of Bali.

Nowra Public School have put all the beautiful drawings and paper weaving done by the students at SD2 Munggu on display at our school. The other photographs show the Year 2 students in my class with some very simple paper weaving they did themselves.

Steve (who has grandchildren at Nowra Public School) kindly delivered the donations to the school while on a recent holiday to Bali. The family also brought some wonderful donations of their own including another laptop computer, pencils and balls and some shade cloth for near the canteen.

## SISTER SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to the following schools who have undertaken some great fundraising to help their sister schools.

- Enthusiastic fundraising and donations at Harmony Primary in Atwell saw the arrival of 50 recorders at the Bali school and also stationery and school uniforms. Funds are also going to a playgroup and the sister school has expressed a wish for four square games etc so bats, balls on the agenda. The school newsletter alerts parents to the possibility of taking items to Bali.
- Alinjarra Primary held a lapathon that will help with the canteen at their sister school.
- Mt Hawthorn Primary raised approx. \$700 to refurbish the sick bay at their sister school.



## BAPUK MCLAREN TEACHES THE CLASS

by Gayus Edel

Mr. Jack is an old teacher from Australia. He is a good teacher and he has good motivation and high spirit. He visited our school on June 5th, 2015 for the second times. During his visit at our school he came into the classroom and taught the students. He taught the fifth year class. The students were very happy and enjoyed his teaching. He was teaching vocabulary using gestures and many others way of his teaching.

*Jack and Maureen McLaren are long time members and sponsors from Tasmania. They visited SDN 24 Pemecutan in June this year.*



# Visits To Nyambu Area

by Wayan Sekarin

On Monday, 31st August 2015 there was a Visit from South Bunbury School, sister school of SD N 1 Nyambu. Ibu Michelle and her friend visited SD 1 Nyambu. She brought a lot of things like sport equipment, stationery, her students letters and bracelets. There were some activities we did together like singing, dancing, and playing games outdoors.

On Saturday, 5th September, there was a visit from Morley Primary School, Sister school of SD N 2 Nyambu. Ibu Suzanne and her family came to SD N 2 Nyambu. The students performed some activities like dance, play game and singing. We felt very happy.



Students performing at SDN1 Nyambu.

## APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT TO AAS GOES TO:

**Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia**, Past Consul General **Syarief Syamsuri** and staff for their continued support.

**Metropolitan Omnibus Company, Bob Pearce**. For bus hire rates phone 0418 337 302.

**Milner's International College of English**, Warren Milner provides scholarships to Bali teachers.

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## HOW CAN I JOIN?

Membership details are as follows:

Corporate Membership - \$100 minimum per annum.

Private Membership - \$10 first year. (Includes certificate.)

- \$10 annual renewal.

School Membership - \$30 per annum. (Includes certificate.)

All members receive AAS newsletters.

## COMMITTEE

President - Deb McEwan

Vice-President - Sheila Hay

Minutes Secretary - MaryJo Harris

Membership Officer – Susan Cromb

Newsletter – Cathy Hopper

Sponsorship Co-ordinator – Sherryn Reid, Sponsorship Assistant - Deb McEwan

Web Administrators – Lis Turner

Treasurer - Shane Scott

Wiki Co-ordinator – Andrew Rowe

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## USEFUL WEBSITES

[www.adoptaschool.org.au](http://www.adoptaschool.org.au) - our official website with current information.

[www.facebook.com/balihearts](https://www.facebook.com/balihearts) - Bali Hearts have been raising funds for their projects for more than 10 years and are still working in the Singaraja area in the North of Bali.

[www.acara.edu.au/](http://www.acara.edu.au/) - Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for a national curriculum from K - Yr 12. Information about teaching and assessment of Indonesian language in schools.