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INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRESIDENT – Sheila Hay

My interest in Bali started after the 2002 Bombings; at that time I was a Teacher at Belmont P S. We became sister schools with a school in Bali and exchanged visits, letters and raised money for bookshelves, phone lines and Internet. It was also around this time that I started sponsoring my first sponsor child who was 9 years old at that time. She has now finished school and is working full time and supporting her family after her Dad passed away suddenly. At present I am sponsoring two children who unfortunately lost their mother last year. I visited their home in February and was able to help the whole family. I have been a member of AAS since its inception helping in as many ways as I can. During the last two years I have had Teachers who won scholarships to Milner College staying with me. Made Mesy is here at present and will be with me until she visits Avely School. I am interested in all aspects of our charity and look forward to a productive year ahead.

A WORD FROM THE AAS BALI PRESIDENT– Eka Widana

AAS Bali Committee meeting

Adopt A School Bali is going to do the annual meeting on Sunday, 29th October 2017. The meeting is going to be attended by Vic and Sherryn Reid, Myself, (President of AAS Bali), Wayan Tur Adnyana (Vice President), Ketut Yuni (Secretary), Sri Agustini (Treasurer) and the many other coordinators on the Island. The meeting is to discuss reports of the fund distribution to the students and some issues that might occur during the progress. We are really proud to have great coordinators. They follow the regulation of AAS Bali-WA and they are really accountable. The committee are voluntary and they are very committed members. The minute meeting is going to be directly reported by Sherryn to the AAS Committee and Members.

AAS Bali also has a newsletter about what happened to the process of distributing sponsorship funds to students throughout Bali. We thank Vicky Pratama as the editor of our newsletter. He has done such great work. We hope that the newsletter can provide better motivation to all committees and coordinators in performing

their volunteer duties under AAS Bali. It brings us such happiness to be able to carry out social roles for the students in need. We hope this sponsorship initiative runs for many more years.

As a teacher at SMA N 1 Kuta and president of AAS Bali, I have a commitment to participate in sponsorship activities from AAS WA by taking students to conduct a study tour to Perth. This activity has been done more than 5 times. I look forward to bringing students back to their sister school, Belmont City College during harmony week in March 2018. Students also visit other places like Kings Park, Caversham, Mandurah, Fremantle, and participated in a City tour. This tour aims to improve their English skills and provide new insights for students to be more independent in the future.

REPORTS FROM - Sherryn Reid

Catching up with some of the coordinators in Bali October 2017

Always welcoming, our hardworking Secretary Yuni invited us to dinner at her house where we met with Gayus, his wife Edel and children Joshua and little Sherryn. It was a very happy night where we celebrated all of our recent birthdays. Vicky our Bali newsletter editor joined us briefly.



Yuni, Edel, Gayus, Vicky, Little Sherryn and Joshua

Made Sudarmawan, Indra with Kiki, Made and Alit

A visit to Kaba Kaba is always delightful and we were firstly welcomed by Alit Widia, his lovely wife Made, son Indra and Made Sudarmawan one of the AAS family of graduates who is now a teacher. We were accompanied by the AAS Secretary in Bali, Ketut Yuni. After discussing 'business' we were treated to a most delicious lunch of chicken sate, rice cakes, fruit and cake. We missed seeing Alit and Made's old dog that recently passed away but met the new family member, 6 month old Kiki.

Then it was on to see Wayan Sekarini who you will remember was in Perth twelve months ago attending Milner International College of English, undertaking the TESOL course. Nine months after returning from Perth she and her husband and six

year old son were lucky enough to welcome a daughter, little Ayu into their family. We had a lovely catch up and shared afternoon tea.



With Wayan Sekarini and family



Therezia , Vic, Dharma and Sherryn in Pandek Gede

We called to Pandek Gede to see Dharma Ambesa and were welcomed with more food, this time Soto Ayam dan nasi putih and a lovely pumpkin cake. Great to catch up and sort out issues that have arisen .

Lucky our paths have crossed and we were able to have a brief lunch with two of our sponsors, Madeleine from NSW and Sue from Adelaide, who are here to attend the Writers Festival in Ubud before journeying on for a holiday in Lovina.

On Wednesday we attended a scheduled meeting at the senior high school SMAN1 Kuta to discuss a proposed study tour for students to Perth in March 2018 during Harmony Week where they will attend Belmont City College and participate with students there as well as attend various tourist type activities throughout the city. We also caught up with Andy Bracey from the Global Village Foundation in Lovina to get the latest information on the volcano refugees in his area. He said that the Government refugee camps, although catered to for food and reasonable shelter, are very over crowded and families are now making small refugee enclaves in disused buildings and the forest. Further assistance is required for these families and his foundation is providing them with essential items.

Some of the students who graduated this last school year have been in touch. Beni graduated from Bapapar Tourism College and is a day worker at Happy Villas, which is the step prior to permanent work. Solahudin's news after graduating from T1 Global is that he is employed in administration at SMA Muhammadiyah . We have yet to catch up with the others.

Visit to the Banjar at Klungkung.

You would be aware that the Mt Agung Volcano has displaced many families, approximately 120,000 people. Ida Bagus Mantra, one of our coordinators, contacted AAS asking if there could be assistance for the children and families that are currently housed in the Banjar in his village. Our appeal brought in over \$1500 within a few days and within 24 hours of first contact, Yuni our AAS Bali Secretary had purchased school supplies to enable the children to attend the local schools.

Blankets, pillows, toys and sports equipment were also requested and Vic and I flew to Bali with toys and blankets which we delivered today. Lyn Yeomans, a sponsor from Victoria accompanied us and we were able to purchase extra equipment in Klungkung as well as fund simple mattresses for the elderly refugees. Bags have been ordered to enable the children to keep their school and personal effects and together. We spent a very happy couple of hours distributing toy cars and soft toys, assessing the requested needs, interacting with the elderly residents of the hall (Banjar) and the families.



Ida Bagus Mantra, Sherryn, Eka Widna (AAS Bali President, Gaye and Vic with donations from Perth



Gus and Gaye will monitor the needs of this group and order extra bedding and essentials with funds donated by AAS members and supporters. Thank you all. It is hard to convey how so little goes so far for the families who have found themselves in such dire circumstances.



The 'kitchen' at the Banjar where they cook for 250+ people daily



Gus with the plastic water filtration system for drinking water



Toy distribution



Waiting for their turn to choose a toy



Fun and laughter with one of the elderly residents

It could be a long time before these people are able to go to their villages, if ever. Already due to the constant earthquakes on the side of the mountain, many of the houses have been destroyed. In the middle of the night, these families were ordered to evacuate, were collected on trucks and told they could only take only one small bag with them.

Later their cattle were moved by the Government on trucks and many are agisted on Ida Bagus Mantra's property. The residents of the Banjar have been organised into groups, for cleaning, cooking, storing food, arranging entertainment and whatever is necessary to get through each day. Two toilet and shower rooms have been built. Masks will be distributed if and when it is necessary. Today the mountain was quiet with only the occasional puff of smoke rising from the crater.



Some of the agisted cows



The sleeping, rumbling mount Agung today from Gus' kitchen window

Let's all hope that this issue will resolve sooner rather than later. It is a terrible existence for these families who have nothing else.

Tomorrow will be the AGM of AAS Bali where we will all have the opportunity to discuss matters, interact, share a meal and generally catch up with each other.

Sherryn Reid, Sponsorship Coordinator, AAS Perth.

AAS Bali AGM Sunday 29th October, 2017 by Sherryn Reid

The AAS Bali committee was well represented at the AGM which was held at the home of Wayan Tur and Julie Adnyana in Panjer. Gede Eka Widana welcomed everyone and the coordinators gave their reports. All seems to be going well with sister schools, sponsorship funds disbursement and the general duties of each coordinator.

Eka welcomed a new Bali committee member, Desmaini Sari Dewi Wijendra (Dewi) who will join with Gayus, learn the ropes and assist him with his AAS workload.

The procedure for sponsorship funds disbursement that was ratified by the Education Dept appears to be working well and sponsorship funds have been paid until the end of the school year in June 2018.

Volcano appeal funds were allocated to assist children who have been enrolled in school where Gayus works and Alit Widia's village of Kaba Kaba.

The committee was acquainted with the main points from the AAS Perth AGM minutes and advised of the changes in the committee. They extended their congratulations.

After the meeting there was time for everyone to enjoy a meal together and a tad of socializing. Thank you Julie, for the lovely meal, it was enjoyed by all. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2018.



DWIS VISIT TO PERTH

HAPPY DAY WHEN VISITED PERTH, WEST AUSTRALIA
by: Made Dwi Surya Darmi Jayanti (SD Negeri 2 Pegadungan,
Buleleng – Bali)

I would like to say Thank you to Dalkeith Primary School for giving me the opportunity to visit their school, also Thank you to Mrs. Sue Elliot, Mr. Peter and Mrs. Susan for welcoming me into



their home. I arrived at Perth's airport at 22nd August 2017 and I left on the 19th September 2017. There were a lot of experiences that I enjoyed when I visited Perth. First, I visited Dalkeith Primary School and watched the teacher's methods in English. Every teacher has different method and style based on students' condition. The teachers in Dalkeith Primary School were very friendly and gave me a lot of advice and techniques especially in teaching and learning methods.

It was very interesting to be able to see an "assembly day" that showed students' creativity (non academic). Besides observing about teacher's method, I also introduced my school in Pegadungan (TK Widya Kumara Graha and SD Negeri 2 Pegadungan) and shared some photos related with my students' activity and some support things from Dalkeith Primary School. I also taught students one Balinese dance (wirayuda dance) and how to make "canang".

I visited many interesting places such as Kings Park, Yunderup, Peel Zoo, Art Gallery to Aboriginal Art,

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Fremantle Prison, Yanchep national park, Caversham, Market, AQWA's Shipwreck Coast, etc. I think every place was very interesting. I touched a kangaroo and koala and I looked at wombat, sheep, etc.

Next we visited the Fremantle Prison, it's an old prison in Perth with unique style and near sea with amazing story, After that in Kings Park, and there are a lot of flora and one large park there. The fresh air was so relaxing. Then when I went AQWA's, I felt like I was the under the sea because I saw a lot of sea animals like shark, starfish, jellyfish, etc.



Last, I visited SD Negeri 2 Pegadungan. I felt very blessed because I found my photo in “The West Australian” newspaper on Monday, September 18, 2017. The article talked about how Dalkeith School helps it's sister school like SDN 2 Pegadungan – Singaraja, Bali.

I would like to say thank you very much to Dalkeith Primary School because they gave me a big opportunity and big experiences. I would also like to say a big thanks to Mr. Sue Elliot and Mr. David, Mrs. Susan and Mr. Derek, Mr. Peter and

Mrs. *Sheryl* and the others sponsors that facilitated me when I stayed in Perth and give me big experiences too. Once again thank you very much.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day by Gary Yeomans



Such a wonderful day, we were given VIP treatment from the moment we arrived.



We couldn't believe the amount of effort that had gone into its creation. 34 provinces were represented on stage, by singing and dancing, reflecting the cultures of each region and while some were recreated by individuals or groups from those areas, many were not, this quite cleverly obliged the children to research the areas that they were representing, thus broadening the knowledge and understanding of the diverse cultures through the school and

contributing greatly to the real meaning of the word harmony.

The real treasure of the school and of Indonesia in general are its children, and I never tire of watching their efforts, their gentle good grace, their affection for each other during a very long day of queuing and performing. Their enduring patience stands in contrast to our own culture, and how much we could learn about tolerance from the people of Bali.

RED AND WHITE DAY AND INDONESIAN ASSEMBLY 2017

Coolbellup Community School came together to celebrate '*Hari Merah Puti'h* – Red and White Day on Wednesday, 18 October 2017. Red and white are the colours on the flag of the Republic of Indonesia.

Our Indonesian assembly started with a traditional Indonesian dance from the West Sumatran community of Sumatra Island, a song titled '*Tari Dindin Badindin*' performed by students in Year 5 and Year 6. This song embodies elements of body percussion while being a seated dance, common in cultural groups of West Sumatra.

It was amazing to see so many students dressed in red and white to raise funds for our Bali sister school – SD2 Liligundi. The junior students dressed in white while the senior students were dressed in red. After assembly, all students who dressed up in the colours of the Indonesian flag were invited to the oval for a group photo. Students lined up as the Indonesian flag and an aerial photo was taken. This photo will be sent to our friends in SD2 Liligundi.

At recess, the student leaders ran a treat stall to raise further funds for our sister school. They sold fruit kebabs with red strawberries and white marshmallows as well as red creaming sodas with vanilla ice cream on top. The student leaders chose to sell these treats to coincide with our red and white theme for the day.

We have successfully raised \$502.30 for SD2 Liligundi. '*Terima Kasih*' (thank you) to parents, students, staff and community members for assisting and participating in our '*Hari Merah Putih*' and for your generous donations.



GRADUATION – WRITTEN BY Agung Sumanadi – AAS BALI CO ORDINATOR



This is a happy moment for two foster children from adopt a school, Made Gede Beni Dwi Anggara Putra and Putu Alex Ariawan . Both students graduated from Tourism school (BAPPEPAR) in Nusa Dua.

They are both very grateful to the sponsor, AAS - Western Australia, Ms. Sherryn Reid, Ms. Susan Cromb and everyone else involved. Because of AAS these young men will now have the education and life skills

to find work.

As the coordinator of AAS North Badung I would like to personally thank Ms. Sherryn Reid, Ms. Susan, John and Robin Darroch and Melanie Chiswell. For helping these 2 orphans fulfill their dreams. This is a very happy moment for all involved.



BALI VOLCANO GUNUNG AGUNG (MT AGUNG)

As you are aware many people have had to be evacuated from their homes on the slopes of Mt Agung where they live. The authorities are saying the eruption is imminent and these people and their livestock and animal have had to flee. Many of the animals are being agisted on properties in Klungkung. The families are living in temporary accommodation, many of which are in a hall in Klungkung where a toilet and shower block had to be erected on the weekend. The authorities have given permission for the children to attend local schools, without the compulsory uniforms at this stage, due to the natural disaster. What the children do need are their essential resources such as exercise books, pens, pencils, rulers and erasers. AdoptASchool has been asked by our local Klungkung coordinator if AAS can assist with funds for our Denpasar committee members to purchase resources in Bali to enable these children to participate in school.

Any donations, no matter what amount, can be paid to the AAS bank account at the ANZ Bank. BSB 016-286 A/c 4958-51244. Please email - sherrynreid@hotmail.com or text 043.199.5357, Sherryn Reid with deposit information and an email address to enable a receipt to be sent.

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HOW CAN I JOIN?

Membership details are as follows:

Corporate Membership - \$100 minimum per annum.

Private Membership - \$10 first year. - \$10 annual renewal.

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

All members receive AAS newsletters.

COMMITTEE

President - Sheila Hay

Vice- President - Kerry Steele

Minutes Secretary - Danella Brown

Membership Officer – Susan Crompton

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

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