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A word from the AAS President - Sheila Hay

Welcome to the September edition of our newsletter. Firstly, I would like to introduce and welcome Monika Simpson who is now editor of our newsletter. A big thank you to Jessica Trahar for her efforts in publishing our previous newsletters. Your input and assistance has been much appreciated Jessica. On a sadder note Susan Cromb (our foundation member) has had to resign through health issues. We are very sorry to hear this and wish her well in the next step of treatment. On behalf of all the association I wish both Derek and Susan all the best for the future and to thank them for the time and effort they have put into our association in the past. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Susan.

Deb McEwan, past President, has volunteered to take over the membership officer position. Thank you very much Deb. You will all hear from Deb in due course.

We have had to make some changes to the role of the committee in the Sister School programme. This information will be sent to the schools in the near future.

Schools coordinators and members, don't forget The Annual General Meeting will be held on October 20th 2018 at 228a Kooyong Rd, Kewdale from 4pm to 6pm with bring a plate and share supper to follow at 6pm. Please notify your attendance to 9355.5505 at least one week prior to the meeting. All welcome.

August 2018 - Balinese Educators Visit

In August 2018, Balinese Principal, Wayan Tur Adnyana lead a group of 13 educators on a very successful visit to Perth. Whilst there, they visited some iconic tourist destinations eg Pinnacles, Caversham Wildlife Park, Fremantle and Kings Park as well as visiting 3 schools. Belmont City College, Anne Hamersley Primary School and Aveley Primary School, all hosted the group and enjoyed the dancing exhibitions and the making of Balinese offerings (canang).

These school visits are beneficial to both Balinese and WA teachers and students as cultural information is exchanged and hands-on experience gained in a classroom. As Wayan put it so succinctly, "They have opened their minds now". A

big thank you to Kim Bebbington (BCC), Danella Brown and Rod Simeons (Anne Hamersley Primary School) and Bee Yuen Yang (Aveley Primary School).



Balinese Educators Study Tour August 2018



Teacher Danella Brown and student with her offering at Anne Hamersley PS (left) - Belmont City College students (right)



Group at Aveley PS with teacher Bee Yuen Yang



Belmont City College

11 years old initiative at Iona Presentation College

Georgie Wyatt from Year 5A successfully raised \$150.00 for SD 4 Banyuasri (Banyuasri Primary School No. 4), the school's Bali Sister School through the AdoptASchool organisation.

Georgie celebrated her eleventh birthday on 30 June by holding a party for her friends. In lieu of a birthday present, she requested that all friends attending donate an amount of \$5.00 towards SD 4 Banyuasri.

Georgie raised a total of \$150.00 by the end of her initiative, with some of her friends donating more than the amount requested for. These proceeds will be used to upgrade physical classrooms and learning areas at SD 4 Banyuasri and will be put towards an after-school homework club to assist students who require support to complete their homework. A little goes a long way to support our sister school's learning goals and initiatives.

AdoptASchool acknowledges Georgie's great efforts and have presented her with a certificate of acknowledgement.

Thank you very much Georgie! (Terima Kasih banyak Georgie!)



Georgie Wyatt with her certificate of acknowledgement from AAS

The Beverley Sheavils Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Through AdoptASchool, the 2018 Beverley Sheavils Memorial Nursing Scholarship has been awarded to Ketut Adi Guna Tirta, a student at STIKES Bali Nursing Academy, for the current school year commencing September 2018.

Ketut Adi, a very competent student, has completed four years of study towards his nursing degree and in recent years has been orphaned. This scholarship will assist him with school fees and a living allowance and enable him to complete his fifth and final year which includes two hospital placements.

Congratulations Ketut Adi. We look forward to seeing you at graduation.

Congratulations Desak Rukmini

Congratulations are extended to Desak Rukmini, an SMP (Junior High School) English teacher in Kuta who was the recipient of a Milner International College of English Scholarship for TESOL (Teaching English to speakers of other languages) to which she attended here in Perth for five weeks, through AAS, in February/March 2018. Below is the note we received from Desak in June.

"It has been three months since I left Australia. I was back to my routine since that time. I really enjoyed my times in Australia. It was all because AAS Australia. Joining Milner College gave me lots of knowledge. I feel that I'm more confident in dealing with students and other works. The course gives me lots of benefits.

I wrote this email to inform you about a competition I joined, an English teacher Olympiad for regency level. Twenty English teachers of Junior high school joined the competition. We were selected based on the score of teacher competence test. The competition was held for four days, from May 14th to May 17th 2018. On the last day, the winners were announced. I was on the third place. I was so happy though on the third place. Then it was two days ago I got my trophy and certificate. Big thanks to Mr Warren Milner and Milner International College of English in Perth and to AdoptASchool Association."



Desak 3rd place trophy winner (left) - 2nd, 1st and 3rd winners (right)

Bali Visit: Kaye and John McGeever from Adelaide, SA to Meet Their Sponsored Student Kadek Ariani.

During June and July this year Kaye and John McGeever had the pleasure of spending six weeks in Bali, dividing their time between firstly Ubud and then Sanur. Don't ask which place is the best as there is no answer. Hard to choose between the green lush rice fields and the sea.

Earlier in the year Sherryn had asked us to sponsor Kadek Ariani, a 15 years old girl attending the SMPN school in South Kuta. Kadek had been sponsored by our good friends Terry and Joy Trainor in Adelaide. Unfortunately, they both passed away during the last 18 months. We were very happy to sponsor Kadek and continue Joy and Terry's legacy. The timing of our trip meant we would be able to meet her and her family.



Late Joy and Terry Trainor in 2012 at SD2 Kutuh (left) – Ni Kadek Ariani 9 years old at SD Kutuh in 2012 (right)

After a few days in Sanur we set out to meet Kadek. We thought “Now she lives in South Kuta that will be easy, not far from Sanur surely”. Talk about “strangers in a strange land” and after how many trips to Bali!! Little did we realise that South Kuta would take in the sights of the GWK Cultural Park, Uluwatu, and almost Nusa Dua. We thought South Kuta would be a little south of Denpasar, not on the southern tip of Bali. Obviously we have still a lot to learn about this wonderful island.

Kadek lives with her Mum and Dad, younger brother and Grandmother. A very close and lovely family, and with Kaye being fluent in Bahasa it was easy to talk and get to know them.

They live near other relatives in the village so we met some of them as well as they either passed by or called in to meet Kadek's visitors. We spent a few hours chatting with them before leaving and promising to keep in touch, with Facebook and Messenger it is easy to say hello now that we are home.

Kadek, like most young people, loves her mobile phone. She is keen to improve her English too. She also enjoys playing badminton and she hopes to become a chef/cook after leaving school. We are sure she has a bright future ahead of her.

Apart from meeting Kadek what was the best part of our stay on Bali? Galungan. We were lucky to be there during the Galungan holiday. The penjor lining the streets, the ceremonies, the street parades and everyone dressing up in their best ceremonial clothes made this a special time to be in Bali.



Kaye and John McGeever in Bali 2018 (left) - Ni Kadek Ariani 15 years old, 2018 (right)



Kaye and Kadek family, Bali 2018

Bali Visit: Helen Taylor to Meet Her Sponsored Student Made Adi Pratama

Helen last visited to her sponsored young man's home was in 2017. Made Adi Pratama lives with his family in the village of Kaba Kaba.

It is always a privilege to visit and see the progress he has made with his schoolwork and to see how much he has grown as well. His family are always very welcoming and eager to show me the garden. Chickens and of course their pigs, which they prize.

I am fortunate as I am usually accompanied by my sister Lyn Yeomans who sponsors several students, so I get to meet other families and am welcomed into their homes too.



Helen and Made (left) – Helen and Made with his family (Right)

Lyn and I spoke about AdoptASchool at a local Probus meeting earlier in the year, leading to one of our local ladies sponsoring a young girl in Jimbaran. This is in addition to many of our friends sponsoring children. If they can't get over to Bali they usually give us parcels to pass on to their boys or girls.

Of course a visit to Kaba Kaba isn't complete without the continuing hospitality of Alit and his family. His team does wonderful work in the community.

It is always a truly rewarding experience to visit.

Helping Wheelchairs for Kids

Many thanks to all our members and sponsors who have been busy this winter knitting and crocheting blankets and toys which have been donated to Wheelchairs for Kids, one of each to be included in the box containing the new wheelchair for a very needy, disabled child in another country. Blankets and toys are constantly required for inclusion in the boxes.

If you are not familiar with this group, please check out their website or Facebook page. They have donated many hundreds of brand new wheelchairs for disabled kids living all over the world and also in Bali, many of the recipients being AAS sponsored children. It has been life changing, giving them mobility and in many cases enabling the recipient to attend school for the first time in their life. Thank you Global Village Foundation for assembling and fitting the chairs to each child's specific requirements.



Don Kidson of WFK's in the blanket store and a new wheelchair (left) - A happy Komang Epi with her new wheelchair (right)

Helping Hand for the Lombok Earthquake Victims

Lyn Yeomans and husband Gary, very active AAS members and sponsors, who assisted volcano refugees in Bali in February, are once again in Indonesia donating their time and gathering donations to help earthquake victims by cooking food with Bernard Chew and associates over this last weekend (September 2018). Bernard of Mama Chews 360 Rooftop Restaurant in Bali organized this weekend and I understand there are more to follow.



"It's been a privilege to come and help cook for the people of Lombok, day two underway. Yesterday the team of volunteers prepared well over 3000 hot food parcels which was distributed to the people in the area's affected by the earthquake, whom were delightful and very grateful." Lyn Yeomans (15/09/2018)



Lyn and Gary preparing the food

Well done, Lyn, Gary and the Bernard Chew team.

Message from Andy Bracey at Global Village Foundation in North Bali (Yayasan Kampung Sedunia)

Acknowledgement from Global Village to our sponsors and AAS for clothing and goods assistance and financial relief for the refugee centres in the North of Bali after the Mount Agung eruption.

"Happy Birthday Sherryn, I hope you are having a wonderful 70th birthday, I want to take this opportunity to say publicly Thank you so much again for all the support you have given to the Global Village Foundation over the past year, your help with getting wheelchairs here, and especially the magnificent support you gave us during the Volcano Evacuation crisis early this year. We were able to do so much more, and help so many more people thanks to you, and your amazing team and sponsors at AdoptASchool. Have a wonderful evening with your friends and family. Best wishes for a healthy, happy, & exciting year ahead." From us all at the Global Village."

Our Supporters

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- Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Perth, WA - Mrs. Dewi Gustina Tobing and staff for their continued support.
- Past Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia in Perth, WA - Mr. E.D. Syarief Syamsuri
- Milner's International College of English, Warren Milner provides scholarships to Bali teachers.
- Metropolitan Omnibus Company, Bob Pearce.
For bus hire rates phone 0418 337 302.
- Michael and Jo Keil of Michael Kiel Real Estate, Rivervale for their support.

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)

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