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Greetings Sponsors, Sister Schools and Members,

Hi everyone,

One step forward with Covid and now with this new Omicron variant it looks like two steps back. Just when Thailand has opened to tourism and Bali was hoping to follow, restrictions are now being put into place once again to hopefully protect the local populations. This week the whole of Bali was declared a 'green zone' with little transmission, 10 days under 10 new cases and some days one and two but yesterday it was back to 19 new cases and no deaths. Currently there are 168 active cases in Bali. This is a huge improvement on a couple of months ago. The Indonesian Government is constantly assessing when the borders will be opened for tourists from other countries and what measures will be required. Omicron has put the cat amongst the pigeons it seems.

The prevention protocols are still in place for locals, wearing of masks, social distancing - all the things that have been mandatory for months. People are still required to comply to prevent another surge of infections. At the Mengwi bus terminal and station this week, Police were seen handing out free masks and meals to passengers who were vaccinated on the spot.

Yuni has continued distributing rice and extra food where necessary in Denpasar.



Oka, also, has continued food distribution and the Rice 4 Rubbish programme. Requests for food assistance grows daily.



The rubbish bins that were provided to schools and villages are being well utilized and the management of the collected rubbish is being attended to.

In Kaba Kaba, the blue team has a programme whereby local villages are informed the date and time the truck will collect their recyclables and the team arrives and distributes the rice in exchange.

Dharma Ambesa and his team of men have continued the massive job clearing the paddock in Pandek Gede. The area where they have already cleared, has been planted with corn and they will be planting other vegetables in the near future.



Schools have commenced student attendance, on roster, three times a week and hope to be fully operational early in 2022. A vaccination programme for young children is underway.

Most of you will know that Vic and I look after small dogs for friends and instead of them paying 'kennel fees', make a donation to AAS. This came about quite by accident, some years ago, when Douglas, a neighbor asked if we knew a good dog kennel as he had to go away to work for a couple of weeks. We offered to look after Brutus but didn't require being paid. Douglas insisted, so he made a donation to AAS. That dog was Brutus, a gorgeous, happy, Bulldog who forever loved to stop for pats and cuddles when out on his daily walk with his Dad and we were outside when he passed by. Unfortunately Brutus developed cancer in his mouth and up until quite recently was still happy and active. Then he went downhill and the decision was made, not to let him suffer. Last Friday night as it happened, there was an "Adele" concert on the park opposite our house, put on for the November Festival in Belmont by our local City Council, at the conclusion of which were fireworks. Brutus and Doug were passing on their walk when the fireworks commenced. Brutus turned, sat and watched all the fireworks, following them going up in the air. It was a special moment. Unfortunately Brutus crossed the Rainbow Bridge on Wednesday. We will forever remember Brutus and miss having him to stay. Thank you, Doug and Leanne, for entrusting us, to look after Brutus. We have some very happy memories of your much loved and well cared for boy.



Again, thank you to all of our sponsors and people who have donated to the food programmes. The coordinators never communicate with me without asking their thanks to be conveyed. We hope to continue for as long as it necessary, but are hoping that tourism will be possible in the near future and things in Bali will start to return to the new normal.

Kind regards,

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