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## Chumkriel Language School

Newsletter April – June

Wow, what an exciting few months! So many new developments here at Chumkriel. Keep your eyes and ears open for some more news over the coming months...



### Letter from the Director:

Thank you for reading our latest edition of the Chumkriel Language School (CLS) newsletter. As always, your interest makes our work possible. Thank you for working so hard for our children.

Much has happened since our last newsletter. We now have a new outdoor learning centre which the students and teachers enjoy using. The school pond that was enlarged is now brimming with water. It will service the needs of both the community and school for many months. We are always busy here at CLS. The children love to learn in the safe and supportive environment where they come first. The staff enjoys coming to work because every day is exciting as they share the joy of learning with the students.

Your support is vital to our success. It is the key to our students unlocking the gift of education that will continually improve their life.

I thank you for your kindness and wish you good luck in everything you do.

### Highlights

**Agriculture:** Mr. Ernest visited from Australia and helped Sony plan for the out door learning area.

**Salt Fields:** The playground and sports field were built thanks to John & Lyn Quilty, and students from UWCSEA.

**Volunteers:** We have been lucky enough to have an abundance of volunteers these past 3 months: from teaching staff, to tech support, to help in the garden.



Unity, Mutual Respect, Pride, Awareness, Quality, and Integrity

## The Salt Fields

The Salt Fields Project is flourishing. We have completed the new playground and football field with help from John & Lyn Quilty, and UWCSEA students in Singapore. We also provided a box of clothes and soap to each family from UWCSEA. We also put some soap at the salt Field for cleaning their hand and improving hygiene knowledge.



## Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen had a quiet month in April due to Khmer New Year and the school being closed, but is back up and running, and as popular as ever! The children love getting fresh vegetables in their lunch right from the CLS garden.

## Outdoor Learning Centre

This quarter we were privileged enough to receive the funds from Gayle & Simon Hall, and friends, to build the outdoor learning area. This will enable us to free up the classrooms and provides an enjoyable outdoor learning space for the students. From playing games during the lunch break, to reading outside under the shade — it has already proven very popular. We are very grateful.



## Evening School

Student assessment in reading and sight vocabulary commenced in June and will be completed in mid-July. This year's assessment program follows on from a similar program conducted last year in July and August. We are all looking forward to the results so we can see how far our students have progressed. Volunteers Paul & Lorraine Asprey, from Darwin in Australia, conduct the assessment program.



## Agriculture

Thanks to our first week of rain, the garden is looking greener than ever! Mr. Ernest, one of our donors, came to volunteer for a month in the garden with Sony. He helped replace new roof leaves in the soup kitchen, the compost bin, and helped develop the planning for the new outdoor learning centre. We extended the old pond to save water during high season for CLS garden and communities. We are also currently experimenting growing vegetables in tyre beds (see photo) to show the community that if they don't have a big garden they can do also.



## Library

In April we had a reading event where some of our students demonstrated their reading skills. There were 88 students, 6 teachers and volunteers present. They all well very happy to read and it was a great event. Over the past two months we have had 3 volunteers from BeMore helping in the library. Esther and Birgit came in May for 4 weeks to assist students in reading and with their English. Peggy was here for 3 weeks also helping with reading (see photo). We also received a donation of 289 books from Woodleigh School.



## Health & Hygiene

For hygiene at state school, we had schedule for students to wash their hand. Students learn about the water carries the germ from faeces to other people. There were 11 students get some present for their hard working, clean, good behaviour, and good as students in the class.



## Volunteers

Last month we said goodbye to volunteers John & Lyn Quilty who have been with us for 4 months this year. John also celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday during his time here. We are very grateful for all the work they do and look forward to seeing them next year!

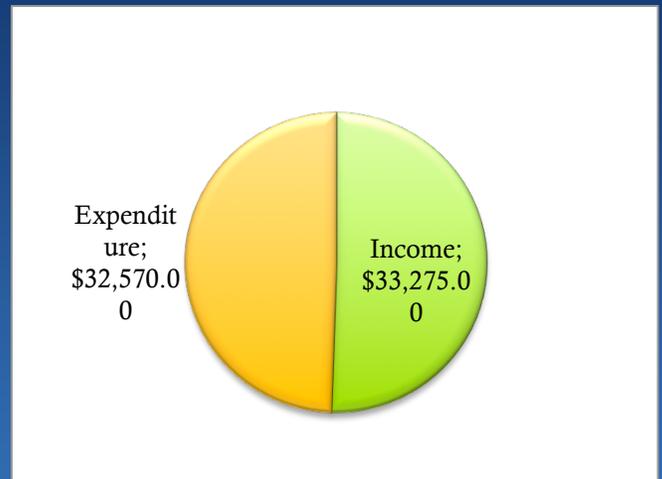
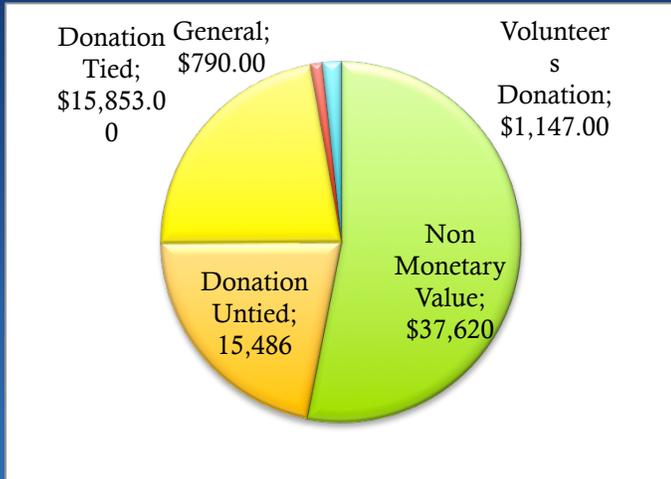


## Computer Class

Computer classes are growing at a steady rate. Chettra made posters that relate to IT to put on the wall in the computer classroom. We had a volunteer, Mark, from Australia who came to help us update the software and find educational games for the tablets as we are implementing a tablet class. From May to June, we saw an increase in students monthly test results.



# Donations



## Interested in Donating?

CLS does not have long-term, sustainable funding sources for the operation of our organisation or our programs. Our aims include the development of self-funding initiatives, but currently our organisation would not be able to operate without the generosity of donors and fundraisers. We encourage people to support us by donating into one of our programs. In this way CLS can target your money for projects that need further development and funding.

## Brighter Connections

Brighter Connections was established in 2015 as an Australian-based fundraising resource for CLS. It exists solely to support the Chumkriel community and all of their projects. For more information about Brighter Connections and how you can get involved please see their website below:

<http://dbhome5.wix.com/cls1>