

January 2019 newsletter

Salt field school gets a makeover



The tiny two-classroom school in the salt fields of rural Kampot, established to help the most disadvantaged children of the area receive an education, has received a makeover!

The walls have been painted sky blue and the shutters canary yellow. The covered outdoor area has been extended, and new benches, a wash station and water tank installed. But one of the most exciting things is two new wall fans! When temperatures and humidity soar in the baking hot fields, the heat in the mud floor classrooms can make it difficult for students to concentrate.



12 year-old Nakry says the painting is very nice and she likes to have a clean place to sit and read books or meet her friends. “And I love the fans. When it’s hot it makes it lovely and cool and easier for me to study,” she says. Nakry is in grade 5 and has been attending CLS since preschool. She loves to read, and especially likes reading English books and learning new words.

New year, new, students



11 year-old Vichet is excited to be starting school so he can read books in the library, play soccer and practise English. His friend Chanpor likes watering the plants in the school garden.

Like children all over the world, the young students at CLS look forward to school to see their friends, play in the playground and learn new things. They also recognise from a very young age that education is important so they can get a good job. For many, they are the first in their families to go to school and they offer hope of a better future.

CLS welcomed 610 students for the new school year, including 50 new students. The 110 day students are learning Khmer, English, Maths and Computing as well as life skills such as gardening, hygiene and health. An astonishing 500 students attend evening classes in English.

CLS has 27 passionate Cambodian teachers dedicated to teaching children across day and evening classes at Chumkriel, nearby Angprey and the tiny school in the salt fields. Their salaries are a major cost to CLS and essential for the school to keep running. We love receiving your donations to help us keep up this important work to help the children of Chumkriel with a brighter future.

Computers help me think faster



“My brain has to think faster when I learn computers,” says 15 year-old Sreyka. “I like computer lessons because you need to know computers to get a good job in an office.” Sreyka has been coming to CLS for six years and is a bright girl who would like to be an interpreter or teacher or accountant.

Her 14 year-old classmate Chanthearith wants to work in IT. “I enjoy getting new knowledge about computers,” he says. “Today I am learning how to create formulas in Excel.” Luckily he also likes maths!

Teacher Chettra says computer lessons are a favourite class for many of the students who are eager to learn new skills. CLS currently has 18 computers to provide lessons to 226 students per week. Students often need to share a computer for a lesson and take it in turns to complete an exercise. Many of the computers are getting old and will soon need to be replaced – an expensive venture that relies on the donations of generous supporters like you.



Take a short walk with us around Chumkriel Language School and our local community.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Chumkriel Supporters has been set up to support Chumkriel Language School with fundraising and marketing. Donations made from within Australia are tax deductible. 100% of all money donated goes to support Chumkriel Language School and its programs.

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<http://www.chumkrielsupporters.com/>

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