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N E W S L E T T E R

Monthly updates from the

Cambridge International Fellowship Centre at Taman Rama School

Breaking the Fast Together

Throughout the holy month of Ramadan, Muslims refrain from eating and drinking from sunset until dawn. It is also a time when Muslims ask forgiveness for past sins, pray for guidance and help in refraining from everyday evils, and try to purify themselves through self-restraint and good deeds.

'Buka Puasa' is an evening when the Muslim community of Taman Rama School joins together to break the day's fast. Students recite from the Holy Quran and perform Muslim songs. As night approaches Muslims take their first food of the day they then pray together and listen to sermons before concluding the evening with the Tarawih prayers.

This year's guest speaker was Mr. Lukman from the department of Education. Prayers were led by Ustadz Riza whose sermon never fails to capture the attention of our students



02/10 - Charity donation to school in Kintamani
06/10 - UN Day - 'Bulletin Board' Art competition
07 -08/10 IGCSE Art Examinations
16/10 - Education Fair / Mid-term report card giving
21/10 - Taman Rama School celebrates UN Day
22 -23/10 IGCSE Art Examinations
26 - 27 CIPP Excursions

Careers Advice

This semester we have started a career counseling service for our Grade 11 and 12 AS / A Level students. Each morning Ms. Julie Suwitra will meet with one student to discuss; academic progress and possible paths to university.

Ms. Julie is a teacher with sixteen years experience. Her daughter Lily, a graduate of the Tama Rama A Level Programme, recently enrolled at Melbourne's RMIT so she has firsthand experience in the process of applying to universities. The students' response to their new guidance

counselor has been extremely positive and the feedback given by Ms. Julie has been incredibly helpful to students.

After a morning session with a student Ms. Julie and Mr. James, Director of Cambridge programme, review examination results and discuss the student's choice of university course. They then evaluate the student's choice of subjects and give advice on how to begin the application process.



UN Millennium Development Goals in the
Cambridge Fellowship Centre
Virtues Programme

The UN Millennium Development goals represent a vision to change the world. The goals are clear and ambitious targets which aim to smash the levels of grinding hunger and poverty in the developing world by the year 2015. World leaders have pledged to halve the proportion of people suffering from hunger, ensure that all children can complete primary education, eliminate gender disparity, reduce under-five and infant mortality rates by two thirds, and halve the proportion of people without access to improved water sources by 2015. As a nation with many development challenges, Indonesia has embraced the UN Millennium Goals and although there is much work still to do, has made significant progress towards improving the level of education and child mortality rates.

In the Cambridge Fellowship Centre, we feel that raising awareness of these goals with students and the school community should form an integral part of our ongoing Virtues Programme. Each month, along with the targeted virtue, one of the Millennium Development Goals is focussed on in Morning Assembly and in classroom situations. In our United Nations Day celebrations on 21 October 2010, we have chosen to highlight the UN Millennium Development Goals as a key initiative and ongoing mission of the United Nations organisation in the 21st century.

Introducing Taman Rama's new Sports Teacher Mathew Taylor

Our new sports teacher Mathew Taylor is a welcome addition to the CIPP and Cambridge teaching Staff. As well as bringing a wealth of experience to our sports program Mathew's energy and extensive knowledge ensure that all students have an opportunity to participate in a variety of sports in a safe and supportive environment.

Sports that students are now able to join include Rugby League, Rugby Union, Volley Ball, Swimming and a variety of Athletic sports such as shot-put, discus and javelin. Judo and karate are also being introduced into the sports program and girls are being encouraged to participate in sports they may once have been hesitant to try. Students from CIPP and Cambridge are also able to participate in sporting tournaments between other

schools as part of Bali Schools Sports Association.

Originally from Derby in the UK, Mathew has a Grad. Diploma in Sports Development, he also has had extensive teaching experience. Mathew has worked in the UK and also Korea and Jakarta in many different fields of sport including coaching, sports analysis, teaching and sports development.

As well as being responsible for the sports program for grades 1 through to 12 Mathew also teaches PE for the IGCSE certificate. This subject comprises 60% practical and 40% written work. It encompasses a wide range of sports education including practical skills in four categories of sport which are games, athletics, combative and competitive. "Teaching this subject brings challenges

to students learning, including breaking down preconceived ideas about sport." Mathew said. "Having this subject is an important addition to the curriculum available to students at this level." "It is not just about playing sport, there are many careers available to students who not only have an interest in playing sport but also want to study further in this field," he added. Psychology, Physiotherapy and Sports Promotion are just some that come to mind."



Scenes from Taman Rama School's Saraswati Ceremony



Education Fair / Mid-Term Reports

On Saturday 16th October the Taman Rama School will host its third Education Fair.

Students, parents and members of the public are invited to come along to the Badminton Hall between 8.00am and 1.00pm to meet and talk with university representatives and education agents.

There are a number of well-known universities and agents attending this year's event so this really is an ideal opportunity for students to gain important information about prospective university courses and routes into tertiary education.

The Education Fair coincides with Taman Rama's mid-term school report card giving. Our parents can meet with homeroom and subject teachers and check the progress of their children so far this academic year then attend the fair, where refreshments will be served.

We look forward to seeing you!



A regular visitor to Taman Rama School

Dr. Kazuyo Suzuki

I am a psychologist from Japan specializing in Cross-Cultural Psychology, Developmental Social Psychology and Psychopathology. At present I teach at a university, near Tokyo and generally come to Bali twice a year.

I started a longitudinal fieldwork project in Bali in 1991. The purpose of my research is to clarify cultural identity formation, as well as the culture & language acquisition of "inter-cultural children" - children born of parents with different nationalities and race. They are always living in more than two cultural situations and have a high possibility of lives which cross borders. I am particularly interested in Japanese-Indonesian children.

In 2004, I came to Taman Rama School for the first time, in order to follow up some children who had transferred to the school. From then on, I visited the school continuously. Those children have now left the school, but I follow new Japanese-Indonesian students, in order to confirm my theories about cultural identity formation and inheritance of culture and language. I also want to find out what psychological and educational support is necessary for the future of "intercultural children".

I would like to thank the Taman Rama School, especially Mr. James Bird, Director Cambridge Fellowship Centre for his cooperation.



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