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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



Despite several hours of heavy rain towards the end of Saturday's annual Fun Fair at Taman Rama School everyone enjoyed themselves. Well done and thank you to teachers, staff and students on a successful pink 'Fun, Love & Joy' themed day of activities. And for the preparation of some highly crafted, considered and entertaining games and stalls. Also a big thank you to our sponsors and participating stall holders. Special thanks to Ms. Angie and Ms. Rovi for ticket sales and to Mr. Suman as Games Coordinator.

Notable games this year were Class 7Ds 'Feed the Teacher' which involved throwing ping pong balls through the mouth openings on large painted pictures of Ms. Angie, Mr. Ramesh and Mr. Jerry and Class 8Ds 'Casino' and 'Wheel of Fortune'.

There were long queues at the ever popular Ghost Maze, this year taking an Indonesian theme with Pocong and Kuntilanak ghosts. Mr. Antony's stage decoration and Ms. Kiky's make up, music and costumes made the 'haunted house' very effective. From the thirty five students supporting the Ghost Maze, Emily Bowtell and Putu Raka Macintya from Grade 10 deserve special mention for helping with preparations.

The student bands taking to the stage also pulled in the crowds as did the basketball court which was converted to a large food court offering all types of cuisine!



Taman Rama collects for Merapi victims

It started with a feeling of sadness while watching the TV news, and hearing, almost everywhere, people talking and discussing the volcanic eruption in Java. I had the sudden idea to organise a charity collection to help the victims of the Mount Merapi eruption.

In class during Geography, I discussed this idea with my favourite teacher Mr. Ramesh. He thought it was an excellent idea and said it would be very helpful for the victims of Mount Merapi eruption. So we took my idea to our Cambridge Director, Mr. James Bird, and after we explained about the donation organization, he smiled and approved.

We announced during Morning Assembly and started collecting money the next day. I was surprised that on the first day we raised a large sum of money! We continued collecting each day that week as did the other sections of our school and our sister school in Jimbaran. After a week of collections we took the money to the Bali Post so they could give it to the victims, by giving them materials, food, shelter and medicine.

My hope is that the victims of Mount Merapi volcanic eruption can survive and improve their situation, Amen.

By: Jennifer Ayu Septianni Jones (8c)

events

- 10/1 School Reopens
- 25/1 Class Photographs
- 26/1 Class Photographs
- 27/1 Class Photographs
- 4/2 Deadline Entry for Cambridge Exams

- 15/2 Maulud Nabi (Holiday)
- 16/2 Cambridge Talent time

Important information on international examinations

We have started the registration process for the April / May / June Cambridge international examinations. Entry forms were issued on Report Card day. The closing date for the registration is Friday 4th February 2011.

Payment must be made in full between Monday 7th and Friday 11th February 2011 to the Yayasan Office.

(In addition - all school fees should be paid to date)



During October and November there were an unusually high number of students suffering from Flu. Symptoms ranged from runny noses, high fever to deep chesty coughs. In all cases we advise parents not to send their children to school if they are ill as this is certain to spread sickness. Parents have informed us that Dengue Fever is now prevalent all year round in Bali and its symptoms can be similar to severe Flu. If your child is sick please seek a professional medical diagnosis.

Cambridge Outings

Taman Rama School has a 'fun' school outing in the first semester and an educational field trip in the second semester. After an intense week of school examinations Cambridge teachers arranged fun school outings for the students. Grade 12 went on an overnight 'camping' trip. This year the Grade 7's went bowling, Grade 8 asked to go to the cinema and the Grade 9s spent a day at 'Treetops' Bedugal. The teachers supervising these trips said the students enjoyed themselves and they were well-select-ed activities. Here is Maria Audi's summary of the Grade 12 outing:

"Go with smiles and come back with smiles." That was the sole advice given to us before our departure for our three days - two nights trip. Located on the eastern part of Bali, our journey to Tirta Gangga took four hours by bus. This includes a stop halfway to acquire our cooking ingredients for the next three days and a visit to Desa Bali Aga, a small village belonging to the original inhabitants of Bali. These people have hardly changed their traditions, continuing to preserve the authenticity of their double ikat weaving method. Being open for tourists, each household offers a view of housewives weaving and selling painted eggs and Balinese calendars on lontar leaves.

Upon our arrival at the Pura Prima Guesthouse, the cooking group began their task, while others unpacked and explored the surrounding area. Most of the rooms have balconies, providing an incredible view over the terraced rice fields. Lunch served and devoured, we proceeded to the Water Palace, a sacred collection of ponds with crystal clear water and huge freshwater fishes. Dinner was served by the next group, consisting of a collection of Italian cuisine, and followed by the "Fun Night". This is



some sort of Talent Time, where each student should do something and we ended up with lots of short stories, jokes, music and magic tricks. Exhausted for the day, most of us collapsed into bed quite early.

The second morning started with a climb to a Hindu Temple in Tenganan, named Pura Lempuyang. It was a long way up, made up of over 1000 staircases, but fortunately due to the upcoming Galungan celebration we got to see the beautiful ornamented offerings. Just like any other temples in Bali, monkeys were abundant all over the place. Then it's lunch time! Mr. Suman presented "purée", clearly an Indian chow. The day ended with a campfire, complete with its scary stories and campfire songs.

On our last day, we went to Amed, a seaside resort on the east coast of Bali, and saw the typical jukung/fishing boats. Some of us went swimming in the sea, while others enjoyed some drinks while relaxing on the pristine white sand. Before going back to school, we had lunch at Raja's Hamburger Restaurant in Candidasa.

As we are all graduating next year, this is our last school



camping and it proved to be such an enjoyable trip. However, the most crucial thing of all is the solidarity that has developed between us to accept and respect the flaws of those around us (e.g. a meal went wrong, but nobody complained). So, all the praise for Mr. Henk, who has kindly organized the whole event, and the accompanying teachers who went through all the ups and downs with us. Smile!

Larry Blair, Surfer interviewed by I. Gusti Ayu Valleri Foster

At the age of fifty, Larry Blair - winner of The Pipeline Masters two years in a row in Hawaii - still has passion in his heart when it comes to talking about surfing.

When asked why he began surfing, all Larry Blair could say was 'I had a passion for it, and I loved the water.' The two time Pipeline Masters winner began surfing at the age of six in the small city of Maroubra in New South Wales, Australia. Before surfing professionally, however, Blair was studying to become a chef.

Larry Blair entered his first amateur competition at the age of eleven, inspired by professional surfers such as Jerry Lopez, who he thought was great to watch and a good tube rider. At the age of nineteen Blair had already gone professional. His first major surf contest (and proudest surfing moment) was the Coca Cola 2SM Surf About, where he unexpectedly won first place, with his mother and close friends watching in the audience. He is mostly remembered, however, for winning The Pipeline Masters in Hawaii for the first time in 1978. During this year Blair was approached by Australia's McCoy Surfboards and Japan's Hotline Wetsuits and until this day is still sponsored. The following year Blair

had, for the second time, won the Pipeline Masters. Hawaiians, shocked, swore not to let it happen for the third time in a row.

'Surfing was the highlight of my life' Blair shares, 'it takes you to different places and you meet many different people.' Competitions have taken him to many different areas in the world such as: Japan, Hawaii, Europe and Mexico. It also allowed him to travel on a regular basis and left him with great, unforgettable memories.

Surfing has, however, remained important in his life. One of the main changes he has seen in surfing is that more people now a days 'arief'- meaning that surfers surf across waves, jump into the air onto another wave and continue on surfing. There are now also many different types of surfboards, waxes, attire and styles of surfing. Blair's personal choice of surfboard is McCoy Surfboards and more specifically three fin, rounded pin tail boards- which compliment his goofy footer style of surfing (when your right foot is forward on the board).

Blair also talks about some of the fears he had when surfing. This would include sharks and big waves as well as sharp coral- common amongst all surfers. He believes that these fears (mainly sharks) are really composed of 'thoughts and imaginations' and shouldn't stop anyone from surfing or

wanting to surf.

Blair is now currently living in Bali. He came here as he was attracted by the fact that 'there are always good waves' and the unique and interesting culture. Bali is his favourite place in the world to surf (specifically Echo Beach, Canggu); one of the reasons to why he has now been living here for four years. Other reasons include the friendly people, easy lifestyle and that Bali is where he met his wife.

Blair stayed professional for only a short three years before retiring. This was because he felt that he needed to focus on his previous career as a chef. His love for surfing, however, has not decreased over time; nothing calls to him like surfing does and you can still see Blair surfing the waves on the beaches of Canggu. His advice for any upcoming surfer would be to 'stay away from drugs e and alcohol.' There is no doubt in his mind that he was 'made to be in water' and the passion he has is enough evidence to prove this.

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Homework assignment set in the Journalism class.



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