



Newsletter

April - June 2012

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Easter Celebrations!

We celebrated Easter this year with the children from our Star Kids program. Many children from the local community joined us for hilarious games, an Easter egg hunt and egg painting competition. We topped it all off with a great Easter story told by Steven and Nicole Crocker and gifts for all the children including chocolate flown all the way from Australia! Thanks to everyone for making it such an amazing morning!

ORU Music Team

We had a visit from a group of talented musicians from the ORU University in America. They brought with them ideas, tips, skills and an abundance of enthusiasm to teach our kids guitar, drums, bass guitar, keyboard and singing! The children had a great time growing their musical abilities in a variety of areas. Thanks ORU team for volunteering your time and spreading a love for musical expression!

Soul Surfer

Soul Surfer included the children each Sunday in a 13-week environment awareness program. The program teaches the children how to care for their environment and also how to make craft using recycled materials. After the lesson, our children also got to learn to surf, what a great way to enjoy their only day off school. Thanks Soul Surfer.

Intercontinental Resort Staff

The Food & Beverage Dept of Intercontinental Resort visited our children with some games, ice creams, sandwiches and decorated cupcakes. They also donated tableware equipment and brought along Spongebob Squarepants to entertain the children. It was a very lovely afternoon, thanks chefs and staff.



Soul Surfer, and...

...Edo popping up!



Spongebob and the kids!

School News

All of our children have been working hard all year to prepare for their final exams and the transition into a new school grade. Congratulations to Olin for her graduation into Junior high school! Olin also competed in an English competition as part of her school program and did very well, making us all proud! Also congratulations are in order for Riska, Olan and Juven for their graduation into Senior high school! Everyone is excited and looking forward to a new season of learning and developing academically as well as new friendships in a new school environment.

School holidays are coming, they start on 15 June and last until 15 July. All of our children have completed their current grade very well and are all starting a new grade on 15th July, and yes we are all very proud of them. Intan (Yr7) and Debi (Yr4) have achieved the best report in each of their classes and we are so happy for them. Congrats girls!!

New Programs & Volunteers

As the completion of our new building draws closer and 60 beds are waiting, we are in the early stages of development of our Street Kids Program and Women and Children's Refuge project. We have an amazing Australian couple, Steve and Nicole Crocker who are coming on board to offer their skills, hearts and time to run these projects.

Staff News

With great joy and in great sadness we say goodbye to Puri who has served us at Balilife faithfully and whole heartily for many years. Our Joy comes from the exciting news that Puri celebrated her wedding day this May! We wish you all the happiness and love for your next stage in life and although we will miss you we will never forget the amazing meals you have shared with us and the warm friendship you have given us and all the children during your time here.

Street Kids Mini Van

Through the fun run charity event in March 2012, CHCCS Coffs Harbour has purchased a second hand Mini Van to run our Mobile Street Kids Program to provide food and medical supplies (First Aid Kit) for unfortunate children on the street. We are so thankful for the generosity of the school.



Our Senior High Schoolers



Olin



Puri (centre)



Our new mini-van

Building Progress

Phase 3 is going really well! Kitchen lay out has been finalised and the roof has been measured and will be installed as soon as it is delivered. We are hoping our Australian Builder / Project Manager Dallas Brown can come over to oversee the installation. A huge thank you Glenn and Angela Leet from integrity homes in Australia for the donation of a great collar bond roof for phases 1, 2 and 3. Thanks to you guys, we believe that we will never have the ongoing job of fixing water leaks such as we have had in the past.

Sustain Project

Opa Rob is BACK!!! He will be taking on lead of the establishment of our Sustain Project. We have built the pigpen for up to 60pigs and the food scrap recycling system work area. We are still progressing with building the chicken pen which will be filled with up to 800 chickens, half for their meat and half for the eggs. Hope Valley Team is also coming to get their hands dirty by helping build the chicken pen.

Needs

As a growing and developing home we have many needs that we are looking to provide for and meet, as well as the continuation of our current intake of supplies. We get asked often from our sponsors and friends what specific ways they can help so we have decided to update you all here on what areas could do with some assistance.

Please keep an eye on our website and facebook page for these updates!



Phase 3 front



Phase 3 back



Roof



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