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The 17th of August celebrations of **Indonesian Independence Day** were a fun time for all. The SCH kids joined nationwide festivities. They constructed and put up red and white decorations and had a morning of games and competitions.

Six of the SCH boys have trained for months – up at 4.00am for an early morning run in preparation for a **Bali-wide boxing championship**. This took place in the first week of September, and our boys were representing their local district. They did very well, and five of them came home with a bronze medal! On a couple of occasions we were able to drive a bunch of the children up to the competition to support them. This was much appreciated by competitors and spectators alike, an event not to be forgotten! We are very proud of all of them.

The 20th September marked the first **anniversary of Pak Wayan's and Dommingus Lewu's deaths**, (a former leader in the Children's Home, and a teenager from the Home). A large group of both family and friends went down to the cemetery to pray and remember.

Last month SCH held an inservice on **First Aid**. Much thanks to Pak Putu and Ibu Atik who presented this to the kids.

Our **SCH dancers** have been choreographing and performing some great contemporary items and had the opportunity last month to participate in a rap dance workshop in Denpasar put on by a touring group from the Gold Coast .



A handful of older SCH boys who have an interest and aptitude for mechanics recently had a wonderful opportunity to learn how to make a **hydraulic ram water pump**. They spent a couple of days with Rus Alit at the Bali Appropriate Technology Institute. This is invaluable training for them as many of them come from areas where water is not yet readily available on tap. In this way they may be able to help their communities when they finish school and go home.



The **local Balinese Hindu holiday of Galungan** is approaching and the children will have two weeks off school from the beginning of October. Some of the children will go home to relatives during this period. A few will be going on a Bible leadership camp for a few days.

The **new dormitory building** is progressing well, though slightly more slowly than we would have hoped. The roof is now on, and we are expecting to be able to move into it by the end of this month.



Five year old SCH **supporter Jamieson** Trevatt had a drastic hairstyle change at the end of September to raise funds for the Home. He gave away his trademark curls and dreadlocks after they were shaved off. Thanks to those who supported him in his endeavour.

Thank you so much to Jenni Keith and her bunch from the Lutheran church, Woongoolba, who raised over \$400 for a **water filter** to ease the drinking water issue at the Home. This will make such a difference.

A huge thanks to Jeremy our generous **website** master and promoter of this Children's Home in Australia.

Thanks also to Ibu Didid, Nicholas Gracie, Pastor Bud and Donna Palmberg and other members of the Legian English speaking church in Bali who recently donated precious time, money and ideas towards **raising awareness** regarding SCH's needs here in Bali.

Thank you Pastor Barry and the leadership team at **English Worship Service**, Sanur, for your kind donation and support.



We are all the more convinced in the aftermath of the **second Bali bombings** that we need to empower our young adults at SCH with smart small business opportunities independent of tourism. As many of our donations come from travelers passing through, and with petrol prices suddenly doubled, which has forced food and utility prices up, SCH will be feeling the pinch. Thank you to all our regular supporters for the funding you send. We are enormously grateful.

Warmest regards,

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for SCH Steering Committee.