

June 2006 SCH Newsletter

- This month we bid farewell to our very helpful volunteer Tim. He will be missed by staff and kids alike. His leaving coincided with the end of the school year and posting of exam results. A fun afternoon of games was held and then we had a special dinner and entertained ourselves with karaoke in the evening.



- All the SALAM children have finished exams and only the primary schoolers are still awaiting their results. So far all have passed very well. Three of our kids deserve to be congratulated for attaining great results academically this last school year: Wayan Oky Tesen, Wangi, and Ardani all made first and second rankings in their grades.

- With less restrictions on TV watching now that exams are over, the SALAM boys have been avidly following the World Cup Soccer during these past few weeks
- A new activities schedule has been instigated in which the children pursue their hobbies and interests between 3 and 5 pm weekdays. It has been easier to have asset time in which volunteer teachers can come. A few generous locals have taught craft sessions, massage and music. If there is not a set activity the girls really enjoy choreographing dance routines and the boys play competitive football.



(Pic: Yuni and the girls sewing)

- Blacksmithing classes also commenced during the activities hours – Pak Matthew has been teaching a handful of the older boys how to forge steel. We are now negotiating with a local blacksmith to have him come in weekly to continue.
- Thank you Jane from Australia for spending two days teaching some of our girls how to make beaded jewelry.
- The virgin coconut oil programme assessments show after 4 months that many of our children are not as susceptible to falling sick as they used to be. There have been fewer upper respiratory tract infections at the Children's Home. A couple of the younger kids who had been suffering from recurring bouts of tonsillitis have been free from this. One of the major benefits of coconut oil is its boosting of the immune system.
- We have just received two electric guitars. The kids have had these on their wish list for years. Thank you!!
- We now have 34 of our 50 units costs covered by regular commitments.

Up and Coming:

- Jonathan and Mary Ford will be commencing as the English Liason and Operations managers onsite at SALAM in late August. They speak both Indonesian and English fluently and have had valuable experience at the Streetkids orphanage in Kuta.
- Our rabbits are pregnant and Pak Putu and the boys will be building another hutch as we have been promised two more breeding pairs.
- The Aquaponics Project is on hold in the interim as the Trevatt family is going back to Australia for a few months in late July.
- We have said goodbye to our graduating students Ernayanti and Stefanus. Both of these young people have already got jobs! We will be accepting four new children for the new school year which starts in July.