

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF
INTEREST**

Board meetings

are held every 2 months at

Hawthorn Language Centre Auburn road, at 6.30pm

the following dates are 2013

August 14th

AGM October 16th (please note date change)

and November 27th

Workshop dates

2014

Battambang 8 -15th January

**Facts and Figures from KAMPONG CHAM
PROGRAMME FOR 2013**

The third TAB Programme was run in Kampong Cham from Monday 1 to Friday 5 April, 2013. there were 7 workshops, 14 presenters including assistants plus 2 Khmer presenters.

There were 14 translators who were again selected by Mr Saen Sim, the director of the RTTC. They were an outstanding group of young men and women mostly students from the RTTC.

We had 117 participants (of these 40 Regional Teacher Training College students)

The workshops were as follows:-

1. Leadership and Administration for Principals 2. Train the Trainer 3. "Peace of Mind"-Better student results through improved teaching strategies 4. Secondary School Mathematics 5. Early Years Literacy 6. Junior Science Yr 7-10 Chemistry and Physics 7. Junior Science – Health and the Human Body.

The team teaching was a highlight of the workshops. This was another successful programme.

Post Script

It is with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death as the result of heart failure of one of our brightest translators in Kampong Cham, Chum Measa. He worked with Jennifer and Victoria and demonstrated not only an outstanding grasp of English but also an intelligent and inquiring mind mixed with a great sense of humour. He will be fondly remembered, by this group of TAB presenters and our sympathy goes to his family, friends and colleagues at the

Notes on the workshops and some inside information!!

Our presenters, who are all volunteers, are asked to consider fundraising about \$1000 per workshop which has been our budget. Next year we are suggesting \$1200 as costs rise. We provide the following morning tea each day, a pencil case with pen and some pencils, ruler, exercise book and some other useful items for the classroom. For example in the ESL workshops an English dictionary is provided too. Most workshops have particular requirements for their participants.

In this brief edition I draw your attention to the gift cards and the

Trivia Night .

A special thank you to the Xavier community.

My TAB experience and Reflections on Kampong Thom Workshops

I remember the first time I heard about TAB and the workshops in Cambodia was through my colleague now Sue. I never thought I would one day participate in the program myself. I was interested because I have always liked to help others. I was well supported by my workplace which contributes not only to our professional development, but also to that of our Cambodian colleagues. I was so excited at the opportunity given and started to plan the workshop and prepare the material. At first, I was a bit anxious but I received an email with arrangements for Phnom Penh and where to catch the bus to Kampong Thom.

On our journey to KT, I did not want to miss anything on the way, the views and a glance at life in Cambodia. The more you see, the more you understand the reason education is so important. I felt some relief to think the value of the role of TAB. We arrived in KT just on time for the initial meeting with the rest of the participants who had travelled from Siem Reap and the eager local interpreters. It all started with Susie's welcome. She had everything organised and ready to start.

On Monday at 7:15 am, we started meeting outside our 'no star hotel'. The tuk tuks were waiting and the caravan to the teacher's college took off. At the Teacher's College, everybody was waiting for us. You could see in their faces how happy they were to be part of the program. After the sessions, we gathered for the official opening ceremony. We were warmly welcomed by Madam Phally and other authorities.

Every day after the workshops, there were activities such as meetings, visits to schools, boat trips, drinks and dinners. It was non-stop! Of all these activities, the one that will be in my memory for a long time was our visits to Narit's school, which is located around 18 km north of KT. He worked miracles even though he just had an old blackboard and chalk. However, after our first visit, the school (just one dilapidated classroom) was transformed by TAB participants with materials and furniture bought with the money raised previous to the delivery and some last minute donations. (Photo page 1.)

The program was an enriching professional and personal experience and left me/us with the satisfaction of having contributed to a great cause.

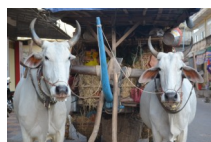
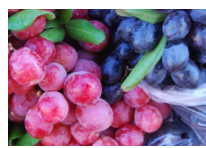
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Trivia Night of fun and laughter

'Mothers for Others'

Raising funds for the following
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Arrupe Centre – Battambang, run by Jesuit Mission
(assisting victims of land mines)

Teachers Across Borders Australia Inc
(Australian teachers training teachers in Cambodia)

Saturday 31 August 2013

7.00pm for a 7.30 pm start

At Xavier College Kostka Hall

Manresa Hall, 47 South Rd, Brighton
(Enter via New Street entrance)

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