

A group of five children are gathered around a dark wooden table. One boy is standing and leaning over the table, while four others are seated. They are engaged in a chess game on a red and black checkered board. Several chess pieces are on the board, and a small white tray holds more pieces. In the foreground, a girl is coloring a drawing of a girl in a green dress. Other drawings and coloring sheets are scattered on the table. The background shows a balcony railing and a building.

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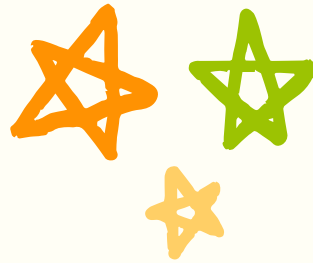


Let's Get Talking

In 2019, Australian volunteer Beth Muirhead, spent 6 months with us here in Cambodia. Beth is a school principal in South Australia and her focus was on developing a program to encourage our Entry Level English graduates to raise their confidence in English conversation. In 2021, our two senior English teachers, Sophat and Samnang spent 6 months preparing the program and their first intake of 20 students commenced in April this year. The program includes the students taking excursions where they must only speak in English and they were recently treated to lunch at a genuine Italian restaurant operated by Pippo, a 78 year old Italian man who migrated to Cambodia in the late 1990's. The program will be run each new quarter and we are encouraging all of our upper-level students to attend before going on with their international curriculum Future School English and Mathematics programs.



Star Student



Each quarter we will be featuring one of our most dedicated students to give them recognition for their hard work. Read below about our first star student, Naro!

Name: Naro

Age: 15

Grade: 9

Ambition: Engineer

Family Information:

Naro is the oldest child of three siblings in a family living in a remote village. He is a friendly, bright and confident boy. In his free time, he likes to play his guitar. His father is a motorbike taxi driver, and his mother is a factory worker. Although Naro's parents work very hard, they still have difficulty providing the three children with opportunities to attend education. Naro and his family are very pleased to have support from AllKids.

Education Progress:

Naro commenced Year 9 in a local public school in January 2022. At the AllKids Learning Centre, he is doing very well with his studies in our Future School program. He has recently completed mathematics: Year 1 out of 10 and Discovering English: Level 6/8 and is currently studying AllKids "Let's Get Talking" program.

AllKids Learning Centre - Progress;

Entry Level English:

Completed Level 6 of 6

AllKids Khmer Literacy:

Completed to year 6 standard

Senior English:

Future School Program

Discovering English: Completed 6 of 8

Mathematics: Completed level 1 of 10

English Literacy: Next

Let's Get Talking: Currently studying

Careers Program: Completed

Budget & Lending Course: Completed

Sport: Football



Celebrating AllKids' Staff Superstars!



AllKids recently received a three-year extension of our Memorandum of Understanding with the Cambodian Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation. Thanks to AllKids Finance and Administration Manager Phanna and our General Manager Sophal for their incredible patience and determination to make this happen.



Prek Trabaek Update

In early June, the AllKids maintenance team commenced excavation and site preparation on our new centre at Prek Trabaek. Our lease on our current centre in that village expires in mid-2023 so our target is to have the new facility completed well before then. The centre will provide 75 primary school students with a full curriculum, 17 secondary/high school students with IT and English programs and a kindergarten program for the many pre-school kids in the area. The project is being funded by the Rotary Australian World Community Service and is a special project of the Rotary 9510 District and sponsored by the Rotary Club of St Peter's in Adelaide.



Art Award

Sihanoukville International Airport invited AllKids to choose 10 students between 12-15 years of age to participate in an art competition where they were asked to draw pictures concerning the environment. The objective of the competition was to raise student awareness on environmental issues. Three students were chosen as winners and received bicycles as prizes.



Khmer New Year

Cambodia's (Khmer) New Year is one of the major traditional festivals celebrated in Cambodia with 'water blessings' and people taking to the streets to spray each other with hoses – it is heaps of fun! AllKids held celebrations at all four AllKids Centres for hundreds of children to take part in this special occasion.

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*Photo shows: A new bus stop for the JayChkai AllKids school bus,
built by our maintenance team with help from local parents!*



Curriculum Expansion & More Students Than Ever!

The demand for Allkids services continues to grow. The total number of Cambodian children seeking support with their education rose dramatically in June this year and has continued to increase since.

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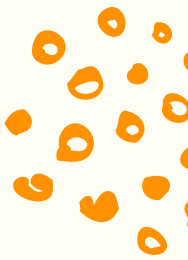
currently attending AllKids four centres

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic there were long periods where public-schools were closed and although AllKids held small family classes in the villages, it was clear that many children were slipping backwards in their educational progress. When we were able to reopen our centres, we assessed all students to ascertain what impact the 2 years of school closures had had, and we found marked deficiencies in the children's maths and Khmer literacy skills. Earlier this year, we introduced maths and Khmer literacy programs in line with the government curriculum whilst still maintaining our English and IT programs. **We now have over 200 young children for whom we need to find sponsors.**

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Additional Classroom at the Kbal Hong Centre



We opened the small K'bal Hong centre in 2015 to provide day care for some very vulnerable children in the area. The K'Bal Hong Centre is seeing large increases in children both in day care (51 kids in January and 67 today) and the Learning Centre (200 students in January now has 256) students attending daily. We also have a kindergarten program every afternoon with 35 pre-schoolers attending. We plan to introduce IT classes for the primary school aged kids as soon as we can raise funds to purchase 10 computers. (1 computer and accessories AU\$600

In June, it was easy to see that the classrooms were overflowing so we purchased a 6m x 4m portable building and installed it in the front of the Kbal Hong centre. We saved costs by building the roof/veranda over the classroom and the desks ourselves. If you would like to contribute towards this project please contact Paul (paul@allkids.org.au).





Prek Trabaek Update

In September 2021, we opened a small learning centre in a leased premise in the remote village of Prek Trabaek. In June 2022, we began construction of our own purpose-built centre. The development is a project of Rotary Australia World Community Service and the Rotary Clubs of the 9510 District. The development is proceeding well and we look forward to a grand opening in January 2023.



Here is some of our progress so far:

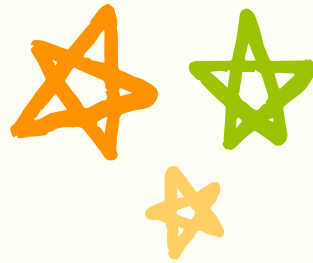
- Steel and roof structure complete
- Site drainage system complete
- Brickwork and timber shutter windows complete
- Bathroom tiling is well underway.
- Water supply system including 5000L tank and stand complete
- In slab plumbing installed.
- Stone veranda floor and staircase completed



In the current small learning centre, student numbers have increased from 57 in January to 75 in August, taught by 5 local teachers.



Star Student



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NAME: KIMHOUY **AGE: 13** **GRADE: 8** **AMBITION: NURSE**

Family Information:

Kimhouy is the youngest of three children. Her mother sells fish at the local market and her father is a motorbike-taxi driver. The parents are poor but place a high value on their children's education. The family are very appreciative for the opportunities provided by AllKids.

Education Progress:

Currently Kimhouy is in grade eight at public school while, at the AllKids Learning Centre, she is progressing through AllKids programs very well and is currently focused on our IT based Future School International English and Mathematics curriculum.

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Senior English:

Discovering English: Completed 5 of 8

English Literacy: Completed level 1 of 10

Mathematics: Completed level 2 of 10

Let's Get Talking: Currently studying

Budget & Lending Course: Completed

Climate Change Course: Completed

Internet Safety: Completed

Hobbies: Art



July - September 2022

International Literacy Day

To celebrate International Literacy Day students took part in a reading and speaking competition where the teachers committee gave scores on:

Voice (2 Marks); Intonation (2 marks);
Pronunciation (2 marks); Time (2 marks)

Well done to all who took part –
amazing job by everyone!



World Teachers Day

To celebrate World Teachers Day, students drew pictures to give to their teachers, and teachers spoke about what being a teacher means to them

Happy Pchum Ben Holiday!

Pchum Ben is an important Buddhist festival in the Khmer calendar. On this day, Cambodians visit the pagoda to give food and offerings to ancestors as a sign of respect and appreciation. Wishing all of our Cambodian staff and students happy holidays.



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Thursday 08th September 2022

Unit 3: Numbers

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- Fourteen : 14
- Fifteen : 15
- Sixteen : 16

- Twenty : 20
- Thirty : 30
- Forty : 40
- Fifty : 50
- Sixty : 60

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Photo shows: Students in AllKids Street Parade on their way to the Christmas Concert!



Walk for a Kinder World

AllKids walked with a purpose – to spread kindness!

As part of Fly High Billie foundation's "Walk for a Kinder World", **60 AllKids students** and **15 teachers** took part in a village clean-up together with the new Commune Chief as part of our act of kindness and compassion. Teacher Sophat held an environmental session for children before all students and staff spent the morning removing trash from the environment.

What will your act of kindness be?



Water Festival & Food Drops

For five days in November 2022, AllKids centres were closed to allow everyone to celebrate one of the biggest events of the year – Bon Om Touk, known as the Cambodian Water Festival. It has been celebrated since as early as the 13th century and marks the end of Cambodia's rainy season. This annual festival happens on the full moon of the Buddhist month of Kadeuk, the full moon is considered to bring good luck that can lead to an abundant harvest.

At AllKids, families are colour coded either Green, Yellow or Red based on their level of vulnerability. While our day care and learning centres were closed last week for students and staff to enjoy the Water Festival, we delivered food supplies, including rice, fresh vegetables, eggs, and bread, to **20 Red families** to ensure the children still received the vital nutrition which is provided for them when in AllKids care.



Careers Program

Allkids Careers Program was held over the course of 5 days in December 2022. It gave **55 senior students** the chance to learn about local employment opportunities once they'd graduated from high school and the AllKids learning centre. Speakers from Sihanoukville Airport, Six Senses private island resort, US company Fine-Flooring, and child rights organisation M'lop Tapang all participated in the program to inspire students about different career paths. All children received certificates of participation and Sihanoukville Airport very kindly provided a small gift for each student's of books and pens.

As Six Senses reopened after the Covid-19 hibernation at the end of 2022, 5 AllKids graduates were given employment at this fantastic international resort.



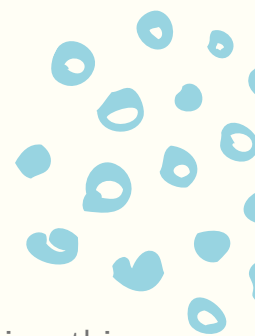
AllKids Christmas Concert!

In December, AllKids held its annual Christmas Concert where over 300 students, between 5 and 16 years old performed. The festivities commenced with a street parade from AllKids Learning Centre, through Smach Deng village, to the Sunrise Theatre. After singing the Cambodian National Anthem, the concert opened with a welcome ceremony and the young dance troupe from Smach Deng Day Care House performed the Coconut Dance, wearing traditional "Changkibin" (a type of trouser). The dance originated around 1960 from Romeas Haek District in Svay Rieng Province. Jingle bells, TUM TEAV – a traditional Khmer story, singing, and dancing were also performed. **Please enjoy the video below where you can watch the street parade and concert performances!**

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE CONCERT VIDEO](#)



Improving the Dump Kids Access to Education



AllKids believe that all children should have access to education. Following this mission, General Manager – Sophal, and Outreach Manager – Chantha, met with **35 parents at the new landfill**, where these families live amongst the garbage and scavenge for recyclables to sell. The team spoke about the importance of school and encouraged them to send their children to access education. AllKids provide daily round-trip busses to public schools and our learning & day care centres, and for younger children we provide essential nutrition, hygiene, and medical care to help these vulnerable kids live a better life. As a result of the meeting, a further 8 school-aged children were enrolled at Chamkapich public school. AllKids outreach team will continue to work closely with the families to ensure they have everything they need to enable their children to receive education.



ChildSafe Teacher Training

All **39 staff members** at AllKids recently had a refresher workshop on ChildSafe policies. ChildSafe is a global movement empowering people to protect children. Children from vulnerable families are at greater risk of joining the many thousands of children living or working on the streets and at risk of violence, sexual abuse, trafficking, dangerous child labour and exploitation, and have heightened exposure to drug use, unsafe sexual activities and gang crime. As AllKids work with many disadvantaged families, it's important our staff are equipped with the knowledge to help parents and children to make informed decisions about their futures. We are proud to be a part of the ChildSafe alliance!

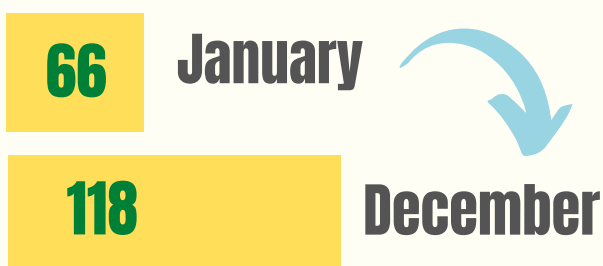


Things to Celebrate

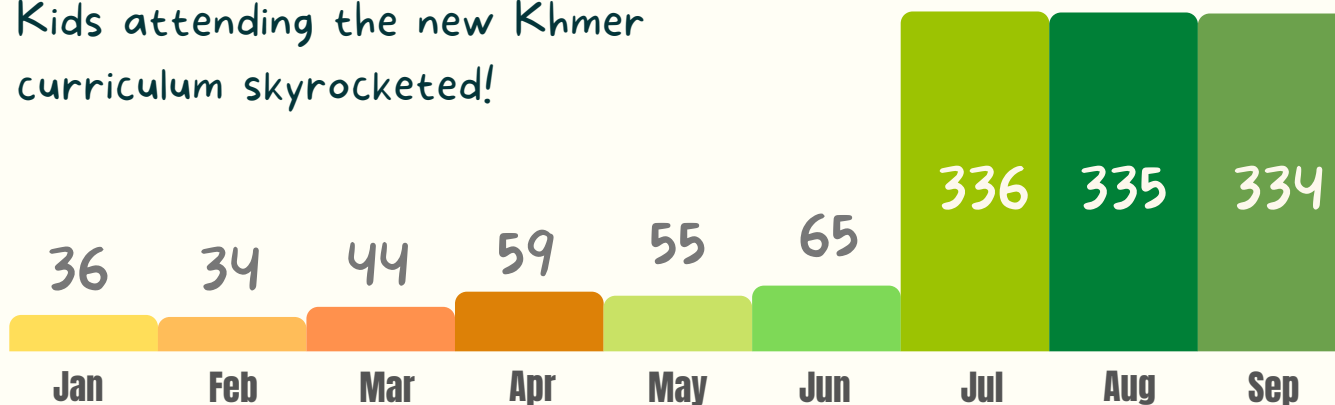
Almost 1400 students attending AllKids Learning & Day Care Centres!



The number of vulnerable kids in AllKids pre-school program almost doubled in 2022.



Kids attending the new Khmer curriculum skyrocketed!



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