



Sunshine News

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From the Director...

Even though the work at Sunshine always makes me busy, it is a blessing. My tiredness runs away when I look back at our achievements as well as forward to Sunshine's future, especially the future of the children and their families. Many good things have happened in recent months: the excellent school results mentioned below, the increase in beneficiaries to 137 children, or 452 people including their family members, and the start of the new Saturday School Program* which caters to the spiritual needs of the children, in partnership with local churches. In the future, we will also help the SC community set up their own Savings & Credit Association and support their small businesses.



Thank you everyone for all your support and involvement with Sunshine!

Nop Channy, Project Director

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School is Out! Vacation Activities are In!



About 12 preschoolers will start Year 1 in October, well up on literacy and numeracy skills, thanks to dedicated staff.

Another Cambodian school year ended in July and we are thrilled with the children's results with 98% passing their exams progressing to the next year. It is also encouraging to note that the number of poorly performing students decreased and the those achieving excellent marks increased, thanks to the hard work of our teachers and volunteers.



Games are always very popular, but have been reduced from 2 hours to 1, as the neighbours find us a bit too noisy!

Sunshine Gift Cards

Packs of 8 blank cards are now available for sale at \$12 (+ postage and packaging). These are ideal for either personal use or as a gift. Huge thanks to Chelsea and Fiona for the beautiful images! Please contact Jill on (02) 9144 7333 or newsletter@sunshinecentrecambodia.org if you would like to purchase.



100% of profits go to the SC.

More Volunteers Needed!

Sunshine always welcomes volunteers who have ESL or other teaching experience and can stay for a minimum of 3 months, hopefully more! For more information, email bonnie@sunshinecentrecambodia.org

Water Filters

When 2 large water filters were installed at SC, staff realised that many SC children's families did not have water filters at home, so 69 family-size water filters were bought and presented to all SC children's families. They were encouraged to contribute \$3 (out of \$11). One mum says, *"It is easier, faster, and more economical to have this water filter."*



I don't need to spend a long time to boil water that uses more wood or charcoal. Now I have enough clean water for my family."

Savings Schemes

Developing good savings habits is a crucial step in breaking the poverty cycle. 35 kids from year 1 to high school save from their pocket money, currently averaging \$1.75 each. They save for bikes (50% subsidised by SC), shoes, clothes and special events. Sometimes they even give money to their parents to buy rice.

Parents are encouraged to save too and now 2 families have joined formal microfinance schemes.

"We are saving money to buy a Tuk-tuk which I can drive in my free time to earn more money." - SC father



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Computer Program

Classes in Word, Excel and Khmer typing are taught to years 3-6. Secondary and High School students have finished all basic computer literacy, including Photoshop and Multi Media.

"It wasn't easy at the beginning as the children had no experience with technology. I hope they work hard and review the lessons because computer knowledge will help them in the future."

Volunteer teacher



"I am happy because I can type many words now. When I finish my studies, it will be easier to find a good job."

Grade 7 Student

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