

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT DCC DUMP SCHOOL IN 2016?

The DCC school has been running in the home of Bophals' father-in-law since 2010. It's a supplementary school which supports children through the inadequate Cambodia public education system. But DCC is way more than a school. Bophal brings many other wonderful services/opportunities to his community such as mobile health clinics and education sessions such as the domestic violence program and parent information evenings.

2016 started with 70 students and no sponsors. 2016 ended with 81 students and 32 sponsors (primarily kind Wagga and ex Wagga residents). The student population is a little transient with a few children moving across to an NGO and some moving away from the city back to their home province with family.



The DCC was able to operate in 2016 because of a one-off donation from South Wagga Apex which covered utilities and small teacher stipends. A grant from Wollundry Rotary provided for a year of internet plus 15 laptops.

The difference that our sponsors and the support of Wagga services clubs make to this school is extraordinary. The HELP Cambodia committee extends a HUGE THANK YOU to the students' sponsors.

Specifically your sponsorship funds were used for the first set of uniforms ever, new English ABC books for the kindergarten, a data projector, Traditional Khmer dance costumes, an excursion to coastal Sihanoukville (first of its kind) and fresh water. In some specific cases funds were targeted for individual medical costs and public school entry fee (where family's inability to pay would have resulted in the student having to discontinue school).



Travis and Reathray.



Maria, Wayne and Fima

Some sponsors were lucky enough to travel to Cambodia in 2016 to meet their sponsor child. Here are a couple of happy meetings:->

The HELP Cambodia team travelled to Phnom Penh in November taking lots and lots of donations from the Wagga community. The team also spent

time with Bophal making plans to achieve a sustainable future for the DCC school. We are committed to promoting the sponsorship program to meet the operational costs of the school moving forward and we are working with Bophal to find the best solution for moving the school out of his family home into premises that work for all involved.



Thank you sponsors. Be assured your donations are transforming lives.