



# THE BEACON



## From Ms. Thelma's Desk

Greetings!

As promised in my last edition of Beacon, I am taking this present edition to explain the "2013 DIKNAS International Status". "It is a status known as Permen 17 and the transition date is by July 2013 at the latest."

This change was announced to the school staff and faculty in January 2011, and the previous management issued a letter to parents on February 9th, 2011 informing parents that SLK is preparing itself for this change. Sekolah Lentera Kasih is now moving towards fulfilling the changes set by DIKNAS. Although this process takes time, I have already announced in last month's Beacon, that the school will definitely meet the deadline given. Many schools in Indonesia are affected by this new legislation, and the specific legislation is Peraturan Pemerintah Republik Indonesia Nomor 17 tahun 2010.

The criteria of "Sekolah Satuan Pendidikan Bersama" is very clear. Some features of the changes are:

*International Curriculum:* The school must use an international

curriculum recognized by DIKNAS. SLK is a Cambridge International Centre and is adhering to the curricula offered. We offer Primary Checkpoint (grade 6), Secondary Checkpoint (grade 8), International General Certificate of Education (IGCSE grade 10) and Advanced Level Certificate (grade 12).

Presently, SLK is offering this curriculum and members of the faculty, in turn, are being given professional development by either online or workshops mainly in Jakarta.

*National Curriculum:* This is mandatory for Indonesian citizens. SLK is adhering fully to the national curricula. All Indonesian citizens must follow this program and sit the UASBN at the end of grade 6, and UAN at the end of grades 9 & 12.

*Student body:* This can be local or expatriate students.

*Members of Faculty:* This must consist of more Indonesian teachers than expatriate teachers. The ratio set is 3:1. SLK is preparing itself to fulfil this requirement for school year 2012/2013.

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## From Ms. Nerisa's Desk

Dear Parents,

Greetings! The month of November was truly eventful. Our school had guests from various sectors. In relation to the participation of the Philippine president to the ASEAN Summit, we were privileged enough to have as our guests the Philippine Presidential Broadcast Staff. They took footage of our school and interviewed me, of which I am truly honored. If you would like to see the interview, you can log on to [www.rtv.com](http://www.rtv.com) Indonesia Advancer: Interview with Nerissa Garrido.

As mentioned in the previous edition of the Beacon, Lollypop preschool and SLK will undergo accreditation under the Association of National Plus Schools in Indonesia (ANPS). As an initial step, the members of the ANPS Executive Board, Ms. Elena & Mr. Albert, came to conduct school visitation on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November at Lollypop and SLK and asked questions regarding the school program and policies. The visit has a positive outcome and it was suggested that Lollypop Preschool, Bali will host the 1<sup>st</sup> ANPS Preschool conference, which will be held sometime in February. This simply shows that our school is progressing and that we are happy to note that we are on the right track. To quote Ms. Elena, "You have a well-established preschool. Whatever you are doing right now, keep it up."

Few more weeks and our children will be off for their Christmas Holiday. Before we go for that much-needed break, we would like to remind you of some important dates. We will have our Christmas Program and Party on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. On this day, the children will have a simple performance at the back terrace to be highlighted by a visit from Santa Claus.

The Christmas Charity Concert featuring the Lollypop Faculty and Staff will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December at 6.30 in the evening. This is one

evening that you don't want to miss! You will be seeing the teachers and staff like you have never seen them before. Some parents have also volunteered to help us in this event. Special thanks to all the parents who have extended their help to us and to all those who have expressed their desire to support us in this noble cause. This event is for charity and proceeds will go to the Palasari orphanage and also to the poor children in the village of Jatih Luwi.

Progress Report Cards will be distributed on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December via school office. You can come any time during office hours on this day to collect your child's progress report card. There will be no Parent Teacher conference on this day. Should you wish to have one, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher a week beforehand after school hours.

Last day of school for the students will be on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> of December. Christmas holiday for teachers and staff will commence on the 17<sup>th</sup> and classes will resume on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January.

May the spirit of the Yuletide Season be with you and your family always. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Ms. Ner



## From Mr Mark's Desk

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we can reflect on a successful year thus far. We can be proud of students' academic achievements, and recognize the hard work from our teachers, staff and students. Thank you for all your effort!

The last Beacon we let parents know of some changes to our school as required by the government. The former school director also informed parents of changes earlier this year. Unfortunately, there has been some confusion with parents resulting from discussion about staffing and administrative issues with people who are not in administration in the school. Please, if there are any questions or issues with administration, please check with myself, Ibu Ellyca, or Ibu Thelma. Please do not ask teachers about staffing or other administrative issues, as we have not yet determined staffing for 2012/2013.

The reality of staffing for 2012/2013 is that we will continue to have expatriate teachers. We may lose some expatriate teachers in preparation for our International school status from DIKNAS, which requires a set ratio of Expatriate to Indonesian teachers. All schools that are qualified for the international standard from DIKNAS will have to comply with these requirements by 2013 whether the school or parents agree or not. It is law. SLK is

ready and preparing for the changes. Please, if you have questions or concerns, I am available to talk with you.

In regards to pick up cards, if you need a second card, please see the office. We are endeavoring to make our school even safer.

We now have a regular replacement teacher Ms. Shella. Shella was able to cover Ms Katie's classes due to her absence from a bad motorcycle accident. Mr Pierre is covering Ms Wina's classes during her maternity leave. Congratulations to Wina to her baby boy!

As Christmas draws near, I wish all parents, students, teachers, and staff a happy Christmas! For non Christians, I wish all happy holidays! As many people from around the world celebrate the birth of the savior, Jesus Christ, I feel most privileged to be in Asia during this time. We can feel proud that Mary and Joseph were Asian, Jesus was born and raised in Asia, and lived His entire life in Asia and Africa. Even the church started in Asia. Yet the good news is for the whole world, not just Asia! For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

God bless and we look forward to seeing you again on January 17,

Mark

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## Christmas Appeal

As the festive season descends upon us it is always a traditional time of giving and a reminder of peace and goodwill. This year's SLK Christmas appeal will benefit children from local Orphanages. Students are asked to fill a shoe box with gifts of their choice, clothing, stationery items, candy and things that will bring joy to a child's Christmas. The deadline for this will be Tuesday 13 December.

The box should be wrapped and labeled with girl or boy and the age that the gift would be appropriate for. Boxes should be handed in at Reception. We will up-date you shortly with the Orphanages that will benefit from the generosity of the SLK school community. Also, we will collect items of clothing and toys which you can place in the large boxes in the reception area. Each class will also collect dry foods and there will be a prize for the class who collects the most food items. Once again, we thank you for your support.

## ANPS Executive Board Members Visit



On November 17, 2011, two executive board members of the Association of National Plus Schools in Indonesia visited SLK and Lollypop Preschool. They came to see the schools and asked about the ongoing programs. The visit was conducted as SLK and Lollypop Preschool are undergoing accreditation in order to be a recognized ANPS Member. In order to be one, the school has to ensure that it has a set of clear policies and these policies have been developed and fully implemented.

Ms. Thelma, the Lollypop & SLK School Director together with Ms. Nerissa gave the visitors a tour of the Lollypop school campus and Mr Mark the SLK campus.

Students from Preparatory Cranberry welcomed and entertained the visitors with a dance, which made the day more meaningful. It was a worthy visit and the guests were satisfied with what they have seen.

Mr Mark showed the visitors around the SLK campus and informed them of our school's progress as well as discussed our policies.

On November 17-19, Ibu Thelma, Mr Mark, and Ms Dawn participated at the ANPS conference at the Bali Hyatt hotel. The theme was Change, Lead, Succeed. SLK Grade 4 opened the conference with their Italian song Vanita di Vanita led by Mr Steve.

## Lollypop Preschool on the Limelight



In relation to the ASEAN Summit, the Philippine Presidential Broadcast Team featured Lollypop Preschool during their visit to Bali on November 14, 2011. Mr. Jun E. Lubid, the Chief, of the News and Program Writers Section of the Presidential Broadcast Staff-RTVM, Philippines came and together with his crew, they took footage of the school and interviewed Ms. Ner.

In the evening of that same day, some Lollypop teachers were invited for a dinner together with the Philippine Ambassador to ASEAN. It was a lovely dinner held at Marriot Hotel in Nusa Dua.



# Nursery Field Trip to Bali Orchid Garden

By  
Ms. MAHA & Ms. SHARON

The Field Trip to Bali Orchid Garden was indeed an amazing experience for Nursery. Early in the morning of November 18, we were all excited, as we got ready for our trip. Everyone was excited as we hopped into our bus. The students sang and chanted in the bus as they enjoyed the wonderful sceneries along the way. Although it took about two hours for us to get there, we arrived safely at the site.

We immediately lined up and roll called the students to make sure that no one was left behind. Snacks were served immediately to give us the energy we needed for the tour. As we entered the garden, hundreds of orchids greeted us as we walked on the tracks.

During the tour, the Nursery students were able to see the parts of the Orchid, as they learned about in class about the plants. They really enjoyed when they had to identify which part of the plants is it. They even got the chance to smell the chocolate scented orchid. The Nursery had lots of fun of taking picture with the orchids too. It was definitely a great day for everyone. After the very informative tour was finished, we said goodbye to the orchids and we went back to school with happy faces 😊



# Kindergarten Students Visit Bali Orchid Garden

By Ms. Jen & Ms. Colette

On November 25, the Kindergarten children went to Bali orchid garden. This is to support the theme of the month "Plants". It was a more than 3 hour-trip full of fun and excitement. The children saw different kinds of orchids from around the world, tiny orchids, colorful orchids and they even have spider orchids. The garden also has other plants such as butterfly leaves, bat flower and mini pineapple.

The field trip was indeed beneficial to the Kg children. We are looking forward to more field trips in the coming months.



## Batur Natural Hot Spring

On Thursday, November 3, 2011, grades 6 & 7 took an excursion up to Kintamani. From the moment we arrived, slowly driving down to Lake Batur, there was something mystical in the air.

We arrived in a large parking lot at the bottom right on the lake. The entire itinerary had been organized by Batur Natural Hot Spring, and the next 5 hours were like clockwork moving from one part of Batur to another. We first walked about 1.5 km through farmland which lined the lake. I had always thought for some reason that land by a volcano would not be a good place to grow crops just imagining that broken down lava would probably not be the best place in the world for seedlings to sprout out through. But I was proven wrong once again, as we all had all just recently studied in social studies, the fact is, many people risk their lives to live beside volcanoes—as we witness at Merapi—simply for this exact reason. Land surrounding a volcano is some of the most fertile land around, and judging from the huge, healthy looking cabbages, potatoes, ubi, tomatoes, carrots, spring onions, cabbage, corn, we passed by at the base of Kintamani, this fact was apparent.

We soon arrived at our first stop, a lovely little restaurant off the water where we rested and hydrated ourselves for the next portion of our journey, which was to be a treat. Next we walked across the road and headed up towards the mountain. We followed a nice, windy little dirt road through mounds of lava with an occasional small garden here and there. I noticed the kids spontaneously breaking up into little groups as we walked laughing, and telling stories to each other. This was turning out to be a nice afternoon. We finally turned the corner where the volcano bared itself right straight in our path. Everything in front of us was black, rocky lava which rolled on for

about a kilometre all the way to the foot of the mountain.

“This area that we’re standing in used to be a village”, our guide suddenly informed me. I glanced around and there were no noticeable signs whatsoever of life, never mind remains of buildings. “In 1925 when Batur erupted, the people moved up there”, he stood pointing to the very steep cliffs above overlooking the crater. No one died. Kintamani is not a large eruption and the lava came out slowly.

We finished our hour or so hike, and drove over to the hot spring (finally!), where they had a really nice buffet waiting for us. And boy, were we hungry! Fish right from the lake, chicken, vegetables, drinks, nice tablecloths, silverware, and right on the waterfront. Everything so fresh it had obviously been from the surrounding lake and gardens. And all you can eat!

With our bellies full, it was time for the treat of the day—natural hot spring time! Five pools of varying temperatures from warm to pretty toasty.

By 3:00 we were all in the cars being transported up to the top of the cliffs where the bus was waiting for us all to return to SLK. It was a really nice day. A beautiful day - just a great, simple, fun good time.

Mr. Jon!



## Grade 5 Sosro

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, 2011, Grade Ruby 5 went on a fieldtrip to the Sosro Tehbotol factory. This is what some of the students wrote about their visit:

When we arrived at the SOSRO Factory at Gianyar, they showed us a two hour presentation. First they showed us the history of tea. The first story was about Shen Nung, the founder of tea.

### Shen Nung

Tea was discovered by an emperor in China named Shen Nung. A tea plant leaf fell into his boiled water. Shen Nung thought the aroma was pleasing and he tried to drink it. Shen Nung thought it could refresh the body. Since then Shen Nung drank tea frequently. Now tea is popular all over China and all over the world.



We also watched a little cartoon. It was about the factory and how the tea is made. The character that was explaining everything was named Daun. In English that means leaf. This is a picture of Daun. By Teo and Ventola

After we were shown the presentation and the cartoon we were able to go in the Sosro factory. We

knew that the product was very clean and healthy. The bottles went inside a machine which was called the decanter. It brings the bottles inside hot water, the water was 100 degrees Celsius hot. After that, the machine put the tea in the clean bottles and put the lids on tightly. The factory can produce 35,000 bottles in 1 hour, in 1 crate there are 24 bottles. By Oshana, Leona and Fayola

After we went to the inside of the factory we went outside and went to where they store all the tea. The women showed us a bottle of the waste of the tea that was separated from the dirt and germs. They also showed us that they also use small fish to know if it's clean or not, if they die it's not clean and if they are still alive it's clean, if the water is dirty they will use it to clean and wash the cars.

After that we all went back and ate our lunch, after we finished our lunch we all went back to the bus and went back home. We all enjoyed our field trip to the Sosro factory, and hope to go back there someday. By Sheila




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## SLK Carols by Candlelight

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm, we invite the SLK community to gather together for an evening of Carol singing led by the SLK choir. We will have a mini-bazaar too and food stalls to add to the festive spirit. Parents, friends and students will sing a selection of old time classics and contemporary songs that we can all sing along to. So, mark that date on your calendar and come along with your best singing voices and let us all enjoy an evening of pre-Christmas festive fun.

## From Ms. Thelma's Desk continued

*Teachers qualifications:* All teachers in Primary and Secondary schools must have a degree in Education, either Bachelor's, Master's or PhD. In Primary school, 10% of the faculty must have a Master's degree in Education. In lower Secondary school, 20% of the faculty must have a Master's degree in Education. In Upper Secondary School, 30% of the member of faculty must have a Master's degree in Education/PhD. SLK is now looking into this requirement too.

*Technology:* IT must be taught in school and utilized across the curriculum.

I hope that this information will clear all doubts and misunderstandings; as well as given everyone an idea of the school's timeline for preparation.

Further updates concern the Primary Checkpoint and Secondary Checkpoint. A letter will shortly be distributed to grade 6 and grade 8 parents on these assessments.

A letter regarding School Year 2012/2013 fees will also be issued before the end of this Semester.

As Semester I is coming to an end shortly and the Christmas holidays are just around the corner, allow me to wish all families, staff and faculty a serene and peaceful Christmas and all the best for 2012!

God bless,

Thelma



Grade 4 students performing at ANPS Conference



## Curriculum Corner

### Test Week

Test week is upon us once again. It is crucial that students prepare for the tests in order to achieve the results they deserve. It is important that students maintain good study habits. There are several effective ways to do this including making a study schedule and following it and creating a study space with ample lighting. If students need help in areas they are unsure, see the subject teacher for additional help. Students should use past homework assignments, class notes and other materials given to help. You can help by noting test dates and scheduling appointments on other days. Praise your child for work done well. Ensure that all test preparation materials are available. A good night's sleep is vital and breakfast before school. On the day, make sure your child arrives to school on time. Do not send your child to school if he or she is ill. During tests students should pay attention to all instructions given. It is important that questions are read and thought about carefully as vital marks are often lost when questions are answered incorrectly. Afterwards, students must remember to check answers. Above all, students should keep a positive attitude. Some students may experience test anxiety. If your child displays anxiety feelings should be shared with teachers. Teachers are there to help. Tests are a great opportunity to show what a student knows. Talk to your child and help your child to receive the best results possible. Above all, remember the test is only one way of measuring academic performance and is awarded 20% of the overall grade on the report card.