

# AllKids Newsletter

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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:

<u>Future School Program</u>
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.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact:

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