



**Above: As with any school anywhere in the world, the children at Mkak Primary School deserve to have an enriching and nurturing environment in which to learn and play. On our TO DO list is providing more shade - via trees - throughout the school grounds, plus seating under the trees.**

**Below: School Projects Director, Sally Cordner, makes friends with one of the young Mkak pupils.**

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Earlier this year, the Humanitus Foundation was contacted by the New Zealand Lions Club (Wanaka). Their President, Ann Saunders, advised us that the young Lions members (Leos) were planning to raise funds for a water-related program to benefit children in a lesser-developed nation. Fortunately, this fitted in very well with some plans we have for the provision of clean drinking water and health-care at Mkak Primary School.

We are still awaiting news on the final amount raised, but have been advised it could be in the vicinity of NZD3000. With these funds from the Leo members we plan on re-boring an existing well, constructing a proper tank tower, purchasing a pump and piping, plus building a platform around the well for ease of access and safety. The water will be piped over the road to the school to enable the students to easily access a constant supply of clean and safe drinking water, while still keeping the main access point open to local villagers.

This particular well was dug a few years ago [see photo below], and the water is very pure and safe for drinking - unlike the well at the school. It is located over the road from the school, and people come from miles around to collect this water for cooking and drinking. It has become a very popular meeting point and is bringing the communities from other local villages together.

Originally the NZ children had a target of approx. NZD2000; however, with the opportunity to apply for a grant through the Lloyd Morgan Trust - enabling them to top up the funds they raised - this amount will now be approx. NZD3000, enabling us to use the extra funds for much-needed health-care provision at Mkak.

Congratulations, and an enormous thank you, to the Wanaka Leos, from Humanitus and Mkak Primary School.

Humanitus Foundation Director,



Jeffrey Richards

***Best wishes to all our  
supporters for a happy and  
healthy Festive Season - and  
we look forward to further  
involvement with you in 2017!***



# MKAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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As I set out to take yet another 'fork in the road' of my life, I look forward to the opportunity to get to know the people of 'The Kingdom' on a much deeper and more intimate level than that experienced in March/April this year when our little band of three ventured into the environs of Mkak, Siem Reap and Phnom Penh...

My next venture comprises taking on a hands-on role in Cambodia, assisting the Humanitus Foundation on the ground with anything that comes up...! Initially, that will mean concentrating on the little Mkak Primary School outside of Siem Reap [where I will be based]. As those who received our last Newsletter will know, we have a TO DO list for Mkak...and I am ready and willing - along with the cooperation and leadership of the founder of Mkak, Piseth Luon - to go full-steam ahead to get those goals accomplished...



The TO DO list for Mkak includes: finalising work on the as-yet incomplete classrooms - see photo above (sanding, painting, and fitting windows); removing an old classroom which is affected by termite damage; fixing or replacing the old flagpole, and providing a new Cambodian flag; organising for a wonderful landscape of shade trees [including 'remembrance' trees] throughout the school grounds - and creating seating around the trees; plus, ultimately, organising for a new, sturdy and permanent playground for the children [taking as an example the area at the Denzil Sprague Pichey Rangsey School].

Separately, I will hope to experience many and varied other ventures throughout Cambodia - including opportunities to get my hands dirty building homes for the underprivileged; teaching English to primary and secondary students; getting involved in animal rescue; anything that will give me a broader and more complete understanding of this country and its citizens. Hopefully, you - our supporters - will join with me, as I intend to create a blog which will highlight those adventures... I look forward to sharing it all with you, and to being able to identify other areas where your support and monetary assistance might be utilised.

**Julie Cordner**  
**Media Coordinator**







On Friday, October 14, Humanitus representatives, Jeffrey Richards and Sally Cordner, attended an afternoon assembly at Caulfield Grammar School, Malvern Campus. It was an assembly completely run by the students, and many aspects of school life were covered - including certificates of merit and house points - which brought cheering and great excitement.

During the Social Services component, Humanitus was presented with a cheque in excess of \$8000, which had been raised for the students of Pichey Rangsey School. Jeff accepted the cheque and heartily thanked the whole school community - in particular Social Services leaders Olivia and Xavier and their committee - as well as Ms Fiorella Soci, for all they had done to raise such a substantial amount of money, which will go towards ensuring the continuation of the health program for the PR school.

Humanitus is deeply grateful for this extraordinary alliance with Caulfield Grammar, Malvern Campus, and looks forward with great enthusiasm in continuing to make meaningful bonds.

**Sally Cordner**  
School Projects Director

## FUNDRAISER NEWS

It was so unfortunate that our November fundraiser had to be postponed due to site-specific amendments, BUT, it is our pleasure to announce that the NEXT Humanitus Fundraiser will be held on March 24, 2017.

An invitation will be sent out to all our supporters in the New Year with details, as soon as specifics have been determined...so, put a question mark in your diaries so that you know there is likely to be a Humanitus event on that date...

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