



NEWSLETTER

KidsView 2008

The annual tour of Australia was a great success!



St Vincent de Paul's Primary School, Strathmore

As reported in the Bahay Tuluyan newsletter KidsView 2008 was a great success. It was wonderful to experience the reactions of the students as they listened to Mary, Pasencia and Catherine's stories. The students became aware of the difficulties faced by children living in poverty. Their usual response was "This is not fair" 'How can we help?' 'What can we do?' 'Can we make a difference?'

The philosophy of Bahay Tuluyan is based on the belief in children's ability to help themselves and to help others so it is encouraging to know that Australian students are accepting



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the challenge and becoming involved.

We have had some wonderful responses

There has been a Bike Ride, Walkathon, Build a home of our own Project, a Pyjama day, a movie night and of course lots of schools selling bracelets and bags. One school has written to local businesses to ask them to "Buy a Brick".

There is now almost \$50,000 in the bank as the funds build for a Home for Bahay Tuluyan. Most of this has come from Kids' View 2008 so we really CAN and ARE making a difference.

Thank you to everyone who supported KidsView 2008. The

organisers, the volunteers who helped at the conferences, the schools and teachers who have supported the students, the schools who gave us the use of their facilities and of course the many wonderful adults who have supported the activities and made very generous donations. We have acknowledged the business donations on our website.

There are too many people to name and while we are only a small organisation the wonderful support we receive is changing lives and giving children a chance. Thank you all so much.

Key KidsView 2008 Figures:
Donations: \$12,264.85
Fundraising/events: \$23,096.45
Total raised \$35,361.30



Upcoming Events

Cocktail Party - to race into the Spring Carnival

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Essendon and Kangan Batman TAFE

Date: Friday 29 August 2008

Venue: Building C and D (fashion buildings)
Kangan Batman TAFE Richmond campus.
85 Cremorne St Richmond
Parking available off Cremorne St

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: \$35 per head

Book your tickets online at

www.kangan.edu.au/bahaytuluyan

or contact Ana Calabrese on 9094 3428

or acalabrese@kangan.edu.au



Fashions, millinery and jewelry displayed.
Chance to buy something for the Spring Carnival. Lots of bargains available in the auction and silent auction, a raffle, good food and great company. Please come along and enjoy the evening.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 14th September at 2pm at 16 Benjamin St, Parkville. All are welcome. It is easy to be a member of BTPA — \$5 to join and \$1 per year. The AGM will be followed at 3pm by a planning meeting for the following year including KidsView 2009. If you can't attend the day but have some suggestions to help our planning please forward them to Alice Jalland at al_jal@hotmail.com.

Golf Day

The 2nd annual Golf day will be held in November. Last year was a wonderful day with lots of fun and friendship. Please mark this in your diary and start putting a team together. For more information contact Nick Nicou. Details are also on our website.

Make A Difference 08

Time to explore the world, find adventure and be challenged.

A once in a lifetime Rotary sponsored trip to the Philippines for young people.

The Rotary Club of Essendon are organizing a trip to the Philippines for young people aged 18-25 years. It will be held from 27th November to 10th December. Participants will work with Bahay Tuluyan. They will have the opportunity to spend time at each of the centres.

This information is on our website and applications close on August 31st.

Anyone interested can email Shirley Kukk : shirleykukk@optusnet.com.au or telephone: 0412 399 643

New Secretary!

It is with regret that Phoebe Hardefeldt has resigned as secretary of Bahay Tuluyan Philippines Australia [BTPA]. It is also exciting because Phoebe is going to work with Bahay Tuluyan in the Philippines for a year. We thank her for her commitment to BTPA, for her professionalism, her enthusiasm and hard work. We wish her luck in her work with BT

and the children. We know she has a lot to offer and will do well.

Alice Jalland will be our new secretary. Thank you Alice for accepting this role. We wish you luck and know you will do a good job.



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Goods for Sale.

Bracelets, Bags, Cards and Nativity Sets

Don't forget all the wonderful things we have for sale. If you have somewhere to sell our goods please contact Clare Scerri on 93372124. We have a limited number of wooden hand-carved nativity sets for sale at \$45. Last year these were very popular and sold quickly so get in early!!

Volunteering Opportunity

Applications are open for a Volunteering for International Development from Australia (VIDA) position at Bahay Tuluyan. The successful applicant will be based at BT's Victoria and San Antonio centres from February 2009 to August 2010, in the role of Independent Living Skills Program Coordinator.

Applications close on 31 August 2008. For a copy of the assignment description, please contact Belinda Parker on baparker@unimelb.edu.au. For information about VIDA, see www.vidavolunteers.com.au.



2007/08 Financial Year Summary

Income

Donations: \$40,395.79
Fundraising: \$48,445.35
Total Income: \$89,065.17

Expenditure

Money sent to Bahay Tuluyan: \$87,234.66
Other expenses: \$3,907.75
Total Expenses: \$91,142.41

Percentage of income sent to beneficiary (BT): 98%



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