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Newsletter July 2020

A big thankyou to all of our sponsors and donors for your ongoing support in these challenging times. It is greatly appreciated!

A reminder that if you want to make your sponsorship payment and/or a donation, the June 30 deadline is rapidly approaching! All donations are tax deductible.

Lockdown in Nepal.

Restrictions are gradually being lifted in Nepal after 3 months of total lockdown. Night time curfews remain. Migrant workers are returning en masse, causing many issues with the spread of COVID19. The number of identified cases is rapidly growing and with limited and unreliable testing, crowded housing and extreme poverty, the situation is dire for many people.

This week our intrepid FESSHIP team was finally able to visit the office and the bank for the first time since the end of March!

Our manager, Deekshak, has been in weekly contact with all of the students and the team is planning to assist them in every way possible once their needs become clearer, and as lockdown conditions are lifted.

FESSHIP Scholarship Program News.

The students are still in their villages waiting for resumption of their studies, currently scheduled for mid July. Our team is not confident that this will occur. All are well, and some have managed to continue their studies on line.

Recently the team visited our student Sushant, who has been living at SAB hostel, and provided him with supplies and a food parcel. Sushant recently learned that the secondary education examinations, (SEE) have been cancelled and his SAB school marks will be his final grade. These results are very important and will determine whether he is able to complete years 11 and 12 when schools reopen. Sushant plans to return to his village in this interim period. Other students completing Year 12 and higher studies are still waiting for the government decision about exams and the resumption of their studies. This will not be an easy year for our team, our scholars or our many Nepali friends.



Partnership Agreement 2020-2022

Due to the uncertainty around the students' ability to resume or progress their studies, and their return dates to Kathmandu, we have made some changes in our new partnership agreement with our Canopy team.

Traditionally we have had a one year agreement, July 1 – June 30, following our financial year dates.

To provide more flexibility in planning, we are committing to a 2 year partnership agreement.

Our goal is to enable the team scope to more easily adapt the program to provide the support required for a likely staggered return to studies for the students.



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Fundraising

Budgeting for a 2 year period brings it's own challenges for our small group. Fundraising will be difficult over the next few months for any service organisation. Our traditional film nights and Gala Dinner are not yet under consideration! Our commitment to our students is very strong, but we need your help!

FONAI On Line Scholarship Raffle

We proudly announce our first ever On Line Scholarship Fundraising Raffle! Flyer is attached to newsletter!

Our generous supporters have donated some beautiful prizes and we thank them very much.



Markets



You can find us at the Urrbrae Farm Markets on Saturday July 4, if re-opening conditions go as planned!

Thanks to our talented and generous supporters we have beautiful home made marmalade jam and a variety of relishes for sale. We also have limited supplies of dried fruit slices for your favourite lockdown cocktails!

Prices range from \$5- \$10 for these goods.

Nepali Artefacts.

We also have a range of pashminas, tablecloths and assorted felt goods purchased by Malcolm during his recent visit to Nepal for sale for those requiring gifts!



Please contact Denise on 0414358106 if you want to purchase any of these wonderful goods, or visit our Urrbrae Farmer's Market stall.

All funds raised from our events will support our students to resume and complete their studies.

Mark your Diary

AGM

We have pencilled in Wednesday Aug 19 2020 for a possible face to face meeting, lockdown restrictions permitting. The venue: 'Taste of Himalayas,' Brighton Rd. Brighton Time 7 pm. Details will follow as lockdown procedures are updated.



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FONAI Scholarship Raffle

\$5.00 per ticket

1st Prize - Weber Baby Q – Rawsons Electrical

2nd Prize - 1 doz. Mixed Wines - Belperio Clarke Lawyers

3rd, 4th & 5th Prize – Gourmet Basket – Woolmore’s Fine Foods

6th Prize – Book Bundle – South Seas Books & Trading

7th Prize – 1 Indoor Plant with Pot – Jo Bouchier

Once your booking has been received your ticket numbers (plus a copy of your raffle ticket, if requested) will be emailed to you.

Drawn 11am Saturday 29th August 2020

Winners will be notified

Tickets available – <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVZT>