

Newsletter - Autumn April 2023

Chairperson's Report

Sad news

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Malcolm and Antoinette's eldest and much loved daughter Louise. We are also sorry to hear that our treasurer Sue's husband Reg continues to battle ill health. Our thoughts are with both families and we send our love to them.

Good news.

Our founding member Margaret Congram is leading a small group of Rotarians from her Lindisfarne club to Nepal in early May. The group will stay at Cocina Mitho Chha (CMC), a small bed and breakfast hotel which operates a hospitality school where several of our students have completed barista training and cooking diplomas. CMC is an NGO which provides training opportunities for disadvantaged youth and a highlight of a stay there is being catered for and served by these amazing young people. CMC is an oasis in the heart of busy Kathmandu and a beautiful and welcoming place to stay. Margaret and her group will also be hosted by Canopy Nepal at their offices and be able to meet the FESSHIP team and the nursing student, Sajina, whom they have sponsored for the past 3 years. They will be able to see first hand the Katha Bunaan skills building program they funded through FONAI earlier this year and discuss with them other projects for future collaboration. Margaret will visit the Child Development Society and the SEEP program and attend Rotary meetings with members of the Rotary Club of Dilibazaar.

Margaret also plans to visit our old friend Prem Oli and spend some time at the Shad Berry International where he is now involved. Prem recently sent us the following information. *Shad Berry International School is a small school in a remote area of Kathmandu, in Dahachok around 4 km west of the monkey temple. It currently has students from Nursery to Grade Six and plans future expansions. The remote location and the lack of resources have been challenges and Prem is taking all the resources he had at Bulbul kindergarten including the library books and science equipment from Unley High School. At present he is assisting in the construction of a new library and playground. Interviews with families for the new school year are underway and Prem and his family plan to move to the area in the next six months.*

We are looking forward to Margaret's reports of her trip. Both Malcolm and I are making tentative plans to visit Nepal later this year.

Lynne!





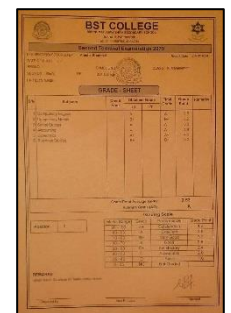
FESSHIP - Scholarship Program Update

Our students have completed final semester exams as the 2023 school year winds down. All are doing well and receiving great support from our team members who are diligently preparing them for success. The regular visits and contact with each student ensures that any extra needs are identified and addressed early, removing barriers that impact their study.

Sajina and Shoban, our two nursing students, recently sat their final year board examinations. They are now completing a month long hospital internship and we expect their final results to be released by the board in May or June.

Another student, Aaisma, excelled at her school sports day gaining first place in Futsal and Tug of War events and second place in basketball. Aaisma is currently studying Medical Lab technology at the Nepalese Army Institute of Health sciences. It is very exciting to see these young girls happily participating and excelling in sports while studying!

Other students whose results have been released include Krishna who is in Year 11 studying Management at the People's College and placed third in her class of 43 in her examinations. Krishna was also successful in receiving a partial scholarship for her studies after performing well in entrance examinations. Anisha, also studying Year 11 and majoring in management at BST College, placed third in her class receiving very high marks in all of her subjects. We congratulate these amazing young women and look forward to more results and news soon.



Fundraising.

We were pleased to join the Urrbrae Farm Market on April 1 and enjoyed a productive morning almost completely selling out of last Nepali items. The marmalade jam and chutney and craft items made for us by Jan and Hilary continue to be popular too.

We are very grateful for this continued support and to everyone who has renewed their sponsorships also.

We could not continue to support our students without you!
Thankyou!

