



The Association for Education and Wellbeing (AEW)

Newsletter - December 2023

Our first Project - Habaraththawala Vidyalaya

Thanks to your generosity, these children have new classrooms and an auditorium!



A dual-purpose building for an auditorium and four classrooms was constructed and handed over in April 2023. A total of LKR 4.1 million has been raised by staging the drama “Portuguese Ceylon 1594: Parangi Satana” in 2018 & 2019 and Afterglow dinner dance in 2020 & 2023 and transferred towards this project.

AEW partnership: AEW is also pleased to announce a partnership with the Rotary Club of Greensborough, which has resulted in a Club and Rotary District Grant totalling \$4,000. Steel grilles, classroom partitions, white boards, basic furniture and equipment for a basic science laboratory were provided.

Scholarships

Education requires more than buildings: we have therefore launched a scheme of Ongoing Scholarships to assist children to continue their studies.

This year, the school has nominated three children from each grade (In total 30 students) who have both shown promise and whose families are known to be in economic need.

- \$200 per year (just \$4 per week) will ensure that these children have the essential items required to continue their education.
- Individuals or groups are invited to sponsor one or more children with a commitment of \$200 for at least a year.
- Each sponsor will be linked to a child, who will provide an update on their progress 2-3 times per year, directly to the sponsor.
- AEW will ensure that your sponsorship funds are transferred to the children’s savings account, on a monthly basis. A sum of around LKR 3,000 per month is currently proposed.
- Continuation of the scholarship will depend on the recipient child continuing to perform at an adequate level to be assessed by a panel of teachers and the sponsor with AEW.

Our second project – Ganesha Vidyalam, Rozella, Hatton



The school has 289 students (138 boys and 151 girls) from the Rozella Tea Plantation and 16 teachers. Their parents are mainly daily labourers on the tea plantation. The school has modest buildings but lacks many basic facilities such as a working water supply. The children themselves are badly in need of support for books, clothing and other basics.

A package of assistance has been agreed, including: chairs, tables, white boards, repairs to the water supply to be financed by available funds (Approx. \$7,000) and school uniforms, shoes, stationery sets, school bags and computer equipment to be provided through subsequent rounds of fundraising.

The annual AEW fundraising event – Afterglow 2024 is scheduled for 16 March 2024

All proceeds generated from this event, along with your generous donations, will be directed towards supporting the children at Ganesha Vidyalam in Rozella. Please reserve the date and organise a table (or two) with your friends! This year, we plan to include the usual dinner dance as well as some cultural performances.



Clothes donation

A program to donate used clothing, including warm clothing, to the children of Ganesha Vidyalam has been launched and we hope to collect your contributions at and around this event.

Please visit our website: aew.org.au for full details of our projects and events, and how to contribute to our work.

As always, we thank you for your generous contributions and look forward to your continued support and participation. Your kind Donations are always welcome anytime.

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