Welcome to Settlers

BINUS International School

Toward the end of Term 1 Settlers Primary School had the pleasure of welcoming and hosting a visit from a prestigious international school all the way from Jakarta, the capital city of Indonesia. Our councilors organized a warm welcome followed by an informative tour of our school and its facilities for our Indonesian guests. BINUS students were each allocated a ‘buddy’ from Settlers to provide a friendly face and a helping hand to guide them through their experience of a day at an Australian state school. Our Settlers’ ‘buddy’ students did a wonderful job of helping each BINUS student to integrate into their class for half a day. In the afternoon the students and their buddies regrouped to participate in collaborative Art and PE activities.

Bahasa Indonesia

Bahasa Indonesia is the national language of our largest northern neighbor, Indonesia. It is an easy language to learn as it is based on ‘Trading Malay’, the historical ‘lingua franca’ of our region. It uses the same alphabet and number system as English.
Languages are Fun!

Learning a second language is a fun and rewarding experience. At the beginning stages of our language-learning program all students are on a level playing field and some students surprise themselves at finding a new thing they are good at.

Why Languages?

Learning languages broadens students’ horizons in relation to the personal, social, cultural and employment opportunities that an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world presents. Despite being a world language, fluency in English only is no longer sufficient. A multilingual capability is the norm in most parts of the world.

Pak Kayan visits from Bali.

Earlier in the semester we were lucky enough to host a visit from Mr Kayan Budi Santosa who is the English language teacher at our sister school in Bali. ‘Pak’ Kayan taught numerous Indonesian classes during the week and generously shared with our students about Balinese language and culture. He told stories, showed photos and taught Indonesian children’s songs and games. Pak Kayan also taught the difficult art (for this teacher at least!) of Balinese weaving and convinced one or two brave souls to try on some
Balinese outfits. One highlight was the delivery of pen-pal letters complete with photos of the students and inspiring artworks done by the Balinese children themselves. Pak Kayan added a splash of colour to our school himself in his traditional costume!

**Our Balinese Sister School**

Settlers Primary School has an ongoing and highly dynamic relationship with SD 4 Pecatu, a state primary school in Bali, Indonesia. Established through the Adopt-A-School network this relationship provides our students with opportunities to use the language they have learned in real world applications. These range from the regular exchange of pen-pal letters through to visits by teachers, parents and students. Students communicate directly with their Indonesian peers and gain valuable insight into another place and culture.

**Recent Visits to SD4 Pecatu**

On top of our recent visit from Pak Kayan we have had some Settlers’ people visit our sister school whilst they were in Bali during the recent holidays. The Taylor Family and Ms Janet Albin both got to experience just what our sister school is like, first hand. A big “terima kasih” to all of them for delivering donations and letters as well as representing our school abroad.

“**The limits of my language are the limits of my world.**
–Ludwig Wittgenstein

**Some handy Phrases**

Selamat siang - G’day    Selamat pagi - Good morning

Apa kabar? - How are you?    Bagus! - Great!