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October 2023

## What's Coming Up

### Club Meeting's

Oct 11th & 25<sup>th</sup> at the RSL

## Afternoon at the Movies



On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September a very pleasant afternoon was spent at St Mary's Theatrette to see 'Walk the Line', the story of Johnny Cash. After the movie a sumptuous afternoon tea was served leaving no one hungry. It was a good fundraiser for the club with more than 2/3 of the thirty-two who attended being guests. Well done to those who provided the food and sold tickets to their friends.

### *Changeover Meeting*

The club Changeover Dinner will take place at the usual venue (RSL) on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October (6.30 for 7 pm). Please let Spencer know about your attendance on 0408 522 510



## Akum Classroom Project – Cameroon, Africa

After several weeks delay due to the flurry of work associated with the convention discussion was finally held at the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September concerning the presentation given by Joseph & Evelyn from the Port Phillip club about the Akum Classroom Reconstruction Project at the Emmanuel Sisters Orphanage in Cameroon, West Africa.

Cameroon has been subject to armed conflict which has resulted in a significant increase in the number of orphaned children and the destruction of many schools. The Emmanuel Sisters Orphanage has repurposed its building to provide classrooms. Problems funding suitable levels of services were subject to the presentation by Joseph & Evelyn. The Kiwanis Club of Bamenda with support from the Kiwanis Club of Port Phillip is working with the Presbyterian School Akun to re-construct four classrooms. These classrooms, in conjunction with other activities including constructing toilets, will enable the resumption of teaching at the school.

A motion to provide \$500 in support of the project was passed. The funds will be transferred to the Kiwanis Club of Port Phillip who will transfer it with other similar donations to the approved account at the Union Bank of Cameroon Plc.



# Nelson Park School Kiwanis Encouragement Award 2023

This week in Careers we celebrate our School Captain, Eh-Ta, and our very special partnership with the KIWANIS Club of Geelong.

Our partnership with the KIWANIS started a long time ago and we are very grateful for the support, not only in our school, but schools in the Geelong area where the KIWANIS Club provide encouragement awards to young adults commencing their career journey.

We thank the KIWANIS Club for making the **Encouragement Award** available to young adults in the Geelong area. We are very honoured to have this association. This year, Eh-Ta was chosen to be the recipient of the KIWANIS award.

Eh-Ta Klay arrived into Australia with his family as refugees from Thailand. Since coming to Nelson Park School, we have seen Eh-Ta grow into a great young man, with qualities of honesty, respect and an exemplary hard work ethic.

Eh-Ta last year completed a Cert II in Horticulture and feedback from the trainer was that any employer would be very lucky to have him on their team. Eh-Ta also completed work experience at Jeff's Auto Detailers earlier in 2023, with the employer asking Eh-Ta to be released to alleviate a workplace absence.

He is highly respected by our school community. In 2023, Eh-Ta has represented our school as the School Captain at various ceremonies and events, including the ANZAC Day memorial.

The award from the KIWANIS Club has been used to purchase Eh-Ta a basic tool kit to assist him with his career pathway. His ideal role is to find work as a landscaper, and we are working with Eh-Ta to realise this ambition.

To the KIWANIS Club, thank you again on behalf of the Nelson Park School community.

Pictured is Eh-Ta, with KIWANIS Club member, Phil Knight and the tools purchased with the award.

***John Demopoulos***  
***Career Development Support Officer***  
***Nelson Park School***



## Club membership fees

Discussion was held at the last meeting on membership fees for the next club year starting 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Fees have been static for a number of years. On the motion of Treasurer Graeme Munro it was agreed and passed that the dues for all members will be \$50.00.

Graeme will accept payment anytime!

## ***Sew and So***

The Sew and So group have been very active making a variety of items for patients at St John of God Hospital. A request for nice bags for cancer patients to carry the very unattractive bits and pieces of medical paraphernalia was quickly met. The fabric for these bags has been donated from a shop closure. A friend of the Sew & So group, Vera Lloyd has made 47 bags already. Also stretchy fabric to make 24 soft hats for patients who are suffering hair loss has been purchased. Margaret has cut them all out to the pattern ready to sew together.