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*CLCR: "Creating Opportunity through Education in Nepal"*

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## Welcome

Nameste everyone!

Well what an exciting year it has been for CLCR. We have continued to support over 400 students in their education. CLCR Australia ran 2 large fundraising events with many of you coming along to these fun evenings. Overall these events raised over \$8,200 which is contributing to our Library project as well as our core activities at Heartland.

As you read through this issue, you will find there are a couple of ways you can directly support our current initiatives, and the continued work that CLCR is involved in at Heartland Academy.



***Would you like to get involved with CLCR?*** There are many ways you can! Small NGOs like CLCR are heavily reliant on the assistance and generosity of people who want to make a difference, or just want to be involved with something bigger than themselves. You can [volunteer](#) here in Australia or at [HCA](#), our school in Nepal; or if you're short of time, you can become a [member](#) and receive invitations to all events and AGMs as well as quarterly newsletters and updates. You can [sponsor](#) a student, support the [Family Assistance Programme](#), [Adopt-a-Project](#), or join the [Circle of Child Sponsors](#). Come on, join us! You'll be surprised how good you feel helping children to change their future.

# The Centre for Learning and Children's Rights (CLCR)

## Trivia Night Fundraiser

Our Annual Trivia night was held on Friday 12th September at the Crows Nest community centre. We had over 80 friends of CLCR attend this event and raised over \$4,500 on the night. A wonderful achievement!

One highlight of the evening was the delicious food prepared by Mustang Nepalese restaurant. There was also a very successful silent auction hosting a wide range of items to bid for. Funds raised on the night will continue to contribute to our focus project of the year which is to build a new library at Heartland Academy.

## Lane Cove Rotary Fair

CLCR attended the Lane Cove rotary fair again this year. We were kindly supported by the Lane Cove rotary club to hold a stall. Our Nepalese gifts were on sale and our committee members available to speak with local community members about our organisation and its activities.

## Heartland Academy Update

Heartland has had a busy year with many events for students, parents and teachers being held. There is also a buzz of excitement amongst the students, particularly those liaising with the Ravenswood girls through Skype, about the plans for the library. CLCR is also keen to make this plan into a reality in 2015.

Some of Heartland's achievements and ongoing initiatives in 2014:

- supported 10 teachers to upgrade their skills and training through funding a comprehensive training program through a well respected organisation in Nepal.
- Children participate in Democratic Thursdays throughout the year
- Many incursions and excursions planned and completed for students across each year (First Aid training day photo to right)
- Community engagement fostered, with students arranging a 'clean-up' of one of the river banks nearby.
- After a gap in teaching staff, there is a new school counsellor who is now on board and supporting the students of the school.
- Significantly increased our scholarship numbers of young women at Heartland
- Continued to build and develop the facilities of our tertiary sector via our partnership with the LBW Trust and the Sydney Thunder (Big bash cricket team)



Heartland's Stationary shop has been running along well over the last few months. There are still some processes to iron out, but this has been a wonderful opportunity for the staff. A focus for next year will be marketing in the local community to increase business to the store.

We received wonderful news that our Heartland Academy principal Karen Goyala was awarded with recognition of quality service by the Department of Education in Nepal. (See photo to right)

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## Giving this Festive Season

### Heartland Library Project



We need to fill our library with books and resources!

CLCR CEO, Pat Price, is travelling to Heartland Academy in January 2015. He will be stocking the current library with local books and resources. Now is a great time to get that something extra for a friend or family member.

**A book donation for the new library is only \$5!** Books purchased in Nepal by Pat will have a donation slip from each donor in the front cover.

If you would like to donate books for the new library fit out, please email Pat Price at [ceo@forchildrights.com](mailto:ceo@forchildrights.com)

### Ravenswood and Macquarie University's PACE program

Ravenswood's community engagement program - Speaking to the Heart has provided the students in Heartland Academy with a wonderful opportunity to connect with the young girls, who have been striving to develop resources and supports to enhance English speaking and writing skills of our students. They have been fortunate to partner with Macquarie University's PACE program, which will continue to engage and support our teachers and students at Heartland Academy remotely.



### Complimentary Thank You Card

If you wish to donate to CLCR on behalf of a friend this year we have included a printable thank you card as the last page of this newsletter. It's a reminder of the difference your donation will make to the children of Heartland, and a token of our appreciation for your generosity. Remember all donations (over \$2) to CLCR are TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

With Kind Regards,

Pat Price

Email: [ceo@forchildrights.com](mailto:ceo@forchildrights.com)

Founder and CEO of CLCR, Australia  
HCA Project Director, Nepal

#### How to donate with direct deposit:

Account Name: "The Centre for Learning and Children's Rights".

BSB: 062 192

Acc: 1023 3220

Please include your name in subject, and who donation is on behalf of



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