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"Bringing a brighter future to Nepal's children in need"



Newsletter July-September 2022

Kalikadevi Community Managed School Program

Dear Kinderfonds,

We are glad to share our **third quarterly newsletter of 2022**, featuring news of the students and their activities in the **Kalikadevi Community Managed School Program**. Please enjoy the key highlights and progress for this quarter!



Key highlights of this quarter:

- SCAI funded teacher update
- First-term exams held
- 2 Day Career Counselling for graduates
- COVID19 vaccination program
- Awareness programs and celebrations
 - International Literacy Day
 - Library Day
 - Teej Women's Festival
- Firefighting training

SCAI teacher update

Mr Purshottam Rimal, SCAI-funded teacher for Kalika is teaching 6 periods per day: Account and Social Studies to classes 9 and 10, Occupation, Business and Technology

Education (OBTE) and Moral Science to class 8 and Math to class 7.

A total of **60 students** are directly benefiting from his teaching across classes 7-10. Other key subjects have now been transitioned over to government funded teachers in line with the agreed phase out plan.



Above: Mr Purshottam Rimal teaching in one of his classes

The First Term Exam held

The first term exams were held at Kalika from 14 Sept to 23 Sept 2022 for Nursery to Class 10. Results coming soon!



Above: Young students during 1st term exams

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2 Day Career Counselling

Two days of career counselling was held for Secondary School graduate students. The orientation highlighted different post-SEE courses and faculties and their scope, and the available scholarship opportunities. The youth were also encouraged to discuss and think about career options.



Above and below: Some of the Secondary School graduates with their aims for the future



COVID 19 vaccination program

The second COVID-19 vaccination program was held at Kalika School on 14th August 2022. Altogether **59 students of age 6 to 12 were given the Pfizer vaccine** by the Nepal Government.



Above: COVID 19 vaccination program

Awareness Programs and celebrations

Orientation for Child Club members

The orientation program for the child club members was held on 22nd August 2022. Counsellor Mrs Niruta Shrestha from SO Nepal oriented child club members about the proceedings and procedure of conducting child club programs/meetings, preparing meeting minutes and formulating annual child club activities etc.



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Above: Orientation for child club members

International Literacy Day

International literacy day was celebrated at Kalika School on 8th Sept 2022 where officials from the local Rural Municipality (RM) also attended the program. Children performed dance and RM officials committed to supporting schools in promoting literacy across Shivapuri.



Above: Glimpses of literacy day at Kalika

Library Day

Library day was marked at Kalika on 31st August 2022 with an essay, dictation, and alphabet writing competition.

Monitoring visits to Education Scholarship students

To help prevent economically poor children from the Kalika School community from dropping out of school, being married early, or being sent away to work, SCAI sponsors those most at risk. This enables them to have equal access to a quality education, whilst staying with their families and in their own community. This year 6 children remain in the program (several have already graduated).



Above: Education Scholarship students sponsored by SCAI

Teej Festival Program

Teej festival is the biggest Hindu festival of Nepalese women, which is celebrated all over Nepal. The festival is mainly dedicated to Goddess Parvati, who was the wife of Lord Shiva. During the festival in Nepal, married women fast for the long and healthy life of their husbands as well as pray for prosperity. Unmarried girls fast in the hope of getting good husbands in the future. Both married and unmarried women and girls celebrate Teej with love and dedication and joy.

The Teej program was held in Kalika on 29th August 2022 with various cultural programs. Students from different classes performed

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traditional dances and songs during the program.



Above: Sushila and Josanna receiving prizes after their dance performance during Teej Festival

Fire safety training

Fire safety, evacuation and firefighting orientation was held at Kalika on 6th August 2022. Teachers and senior students practiced using the fire extinguisher and controlling fire outbreaks. There was also a demonstration on how to ensure the safety and care of children during any fire outbreak.



Above: Firefighting orientation

Rural Municipality Project Advisory Committee (RMPAC)

The RMPAC meeting, which is held periodically with government representatives and key stakeholders, was held on 26th August 2022, to build coordination and sharing with RM officials of the respective project areas and receive any suggestions for improvement.



Above: RMPAC meeting Shivapuri RM

THANK YOU for your continued support of **Kalikadevi Community Managed School**. Your support has made a tremendous difference to the lives of the senior students, enabling them to complete their schooling with a quality education, rather than having to go far from their homes.

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