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One morning a lady came to school with a tiny baby asking if we could help, as the baby had been left by his mother, and she had been taking care of him for the last 3 months. However, the lady herself is very poor and couldn't afford to buy any more milk powder. She had come from a nearby fishing village and lives in an extremely poor area in a shack.

This lady has three children of her own, and her husband is a fisherman so they are extremely poor, but she wants to adopt the baby as there is no-one else to look after him.

Now we are supporting the baby with milk powder and some clothes.

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## TRASH FOR FOOD

We continue to run our Trash for Food project, which enables a group of people who have no jobs to collect the rubbish for 4 days, and after that they are given a sack of rice, which will last a family of 4 for 1 month. There are always people who are willing to do this as they cannot find any other work. We use re-usable sacks which last for a few months, and the teams usually pick up approximately 60 sacks per day.



## TRASH HEROES



Each week without fail around 80 to 90 students collect trash in different areas. We only ask our older students to volunteer but some younger ones really want to join so we let them. We teach about the environment and this way they CLEAN, EDUCATE and make a CHANGE.

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## TEACHER ADRIAN



Teacher Adrian came for 2 weeks holiday with his wife Lynn, and each day he did volunteer teaching 3 classes a day. He taught English to 3 different levels and taught many interesting subjects, and for the advanced class, one of the subjects he

taught them was how to put together a CV, and how to conduct themselves in an interview. We are all very grateful for his teaching on so many topics and each class learned so much.



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## TEACHING BRUSHING TEETH



Wai Wai from Solar Workshop came to the school and taught the students in each class how to brush their teeth properly, and then handed out toothbrushes to them all. She has

been doing this once a year for many years and we are very grateful to her and Julia & Axel for funding this.



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## Goal and Achievement



My name is Aung Naing Thu and I learnt English at the Vera Thomson English School for many years. Now I have a chance to work at the Vera Thomson English School as an English trainee teacher.

An achievement is something which we have succeeded in doing, especially after a lot of effort. People love achievement and want it once in their life. We can't get it easily so that people are trying to get it. We must have passion and real strong desire to get achievement.

I also really want to achieve in life. I'm not lucky to be able to achieve everything I want to achieve. I never get achievement in life and I wish I got achievement. It does take a lot of determination and effort to have achievement and it is well-worth to face with the trouble to have it. Winning or achieving is not really everything but it is the doing that really makes life worth living. I have seen very tough days in life. There were some moments when I was so low and miserable. I didn't know how to cope. There are people who become doctors, pilots, singers, and many others. But, is this the benchmark of achievement? For me, whatever I get in life, I accept it as an achievement. I really want to motivate people to understand that life is different for everyone and we have to know how to turn our challenges into opportunities. It's never too late to achieve something in life. We should continue trying.

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Everyone has a goal and ambition. People who don't have dreams and ambition are like sailing a boat in the ocean without paddles. I also have a big dream. My biggest dream is to become an English teacher. Teaching or learning English gives me happiness and pleasure. I also feel satisfied when I teach or learn English. I really want to support my parents and I have to fulfill my wish. To become an English teacher is my career passion. There are many reasons why I want to become an English teacher. English is learnt as a second language in almost every country and is regarded as the international language. English is widely used all over the world. So, everyone is learning to speak English. I also enjoy learning English. In many countries, they teach and encourage youngsters to acquire English as a second language. Now, I'm working as an English trainee teacher at Vera Thomson English School. I have to watch different classes every day, and the main points are that I have to learn how the teachers teach and how they draw the student's attention to be interested in the lessons, and how they control the classes. Now, I have learnt some of the teaching strategies and methods of teaching and, I'm getting not only experience but also teaching methods. I will do my very best, and I am determined to be a good teacher.

**WE BELIEVE THAT EACH STUDENT IS THE CREATOR  
OF THEIR OWN FUTURE GIVEN THE RIGHT  
EDUCATION.  
THANKS TO YOU FOR HELPING US ACHIEVE THIS.**