2016 GIVING REPORT
Our world needs green leaders who take on the challenge and the joy of building a humane and sustainable world. Education is the key.

John and Cynthia Hardy built Green School as a new paradigm for learning. As a place where children feel joyful going to school. A place where children learn in a beautiful natural environment, develop a love for nature, and a love for learning. Where children are in awe of life’s possibilities and have the opportunity to be the changemakers the world needs.

From the time that the first bamboo pole was driven into the rich volcanic earth of Bali, the School has maintained an absolute commitment to supporting local children and their families to be the change they want to see in Indonesia.

Indonesia is home to some of the biggest environmental challenges facing the world today. As a developing country, these challenges are complex. But the young people of this beautiful archipelago are motivated and optimistic. When you combine motivation with opportunity, magic can happen.

Green School supports a total of 361 Indonesian children to access an international school standard of education and to learn for sustainability. Along with the rest of the School community, from all corners of the globe, we are working together, to make a difference locally in Bali, in Indonesia and in the world today.

"I have visited many different places and many schools but Green School is the most unique and impressive school I have ever visited."

-Ban Ki Moon, United Nations Secretary-General
MESSAGE from the CHAIR

Kate Druhan
CHAIR, Green School Board of Management

Dear Green School friends and alumni families,

The Green School Giving Report is an expression of our gratitude to you, our generous donors. It tells the story of the difference you are making to the lives of Indonesian children and through them the impact this new generation of changemakers is having in our world today.

All gifts, large and small, play an unquestionable role in giving Indonesian children access to an international standard of education and to support a new generation of green leaders within local families, communities, Bali, Indonesia and the world. I am in the privileged position of witnessing the daily growth of our Scholar children as they learn, play, connect and grow in the holistic Green School environment. We could not feel prouder of their achievements. We hope you share with us a feeling of joy and pride as each of our scholars continue to thrive and play their part in Making Our World Sustainable.

I appreciate each of you, as members of the extended Green School family, for making our learning and sustainability projects possible. As a not-for-profit entity, it is through your support that we can provide once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for Indonesian children and to continue to move forward with youth-led sustainability initiatives to meet the challenges and opportunities of the world today and into the future.

OUR MISSION

A community of learners, making our world sustainable.

We educate for sustainability, through community-integrated, entrepreneurial learning, in a wall-less, natural environment. Our holistic, student-guided approach inspires and empowers us to be green leaders. This is ‘The Green School Way’.

OUR LEADERSHIP

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Over the past eight years, Green School has become renowned as an inspiring model of learning. Championing progressive education and learning for sustainability, Green School is a showcase with impacts far beyond the boundaries of our beautiful campus. From the time the bamboo gates opened eight years ago with 80 students, to a current total of 760 students all learning for sustainability, we are growing, connecting and making a difference in the world.

At its foundation, Green School honors, respects and learns from our Balinese students, their families, our neighbours in the villages surrounding Green School and friends throughout Indonesia. In joining hands together, we have connected globally with millions of people young and old, across the world. Through projects and programs on campus, student TED talks, student participation in the UN Climate Change Conference and the welcoming of over 10,000 visitors to our campus each year.

Green School stands as a unique example of a School and a community that is at the vanguard of progressive education and more sustainable ways of living. From our bamboo buildings to our school bus fleet which runs on used cooking oil, from our programs which support students to incubate ideas and innovate solutions to our university level environmental science courses, Green School is unique.

As a not-for-profit entity, we continue to move forward on our mission to work in partnership with friends and supporters from around the world, to Make Our World Sustainable.
Kul Kul Connection builds relationships between the School, local families and the residents of surrounding villages. This multifaceted program is driven by the needs and views of the participants themselves. Starting with a small group of neighbourhood children in 2012, the program has grown with an enthusiasm and momentum that exceeded all expectations. Over the past year, 330 local children enrolled and participated in the Kul Kul Connection after school program.

Based on the preferences of the children themselves, English language learning has always been at the centre of the program. Over the past year the program has expanded to include performing arts, village and island-wide sustainability projects, sports and environmental activism. The children successfully worked together to manage the responsible disposal of over 3 tons of trash from their villages. Trash that would have otherwise ended up in rivers, burn piles and the ocean. They are influencing other young people, their families and communities to reduce, sort and responsibly dispose of household trash.

A group of these students travelled to Kalimantan, Indonesia, to join with other young activists, building a movement against the burning of peatland in some of Indonesia’s rapidly depleting and most precious old-growth forest. These students were funded to join with children from around the world at the GIN - Global Issues Network forum in Kalimantan. Please take a look at the Kul Kul team who represented at the forum here.
Our generous donors have helped us to build our Local Scholar Program to now support 31 Indonesian children. The Program has been running since 2008 and current students in the Program range in age from 4 to 18 years old. Consistent with the School’s philosophy on holistic education, our Scholars are provided not only academic tuition support, but also financial support for extracurricular activities, camps and social and emotional support.

We understand the need to provide specialised support for our Scholars to ensure they are able to continue their cultural and religious connections while attending Green School. During the course of the past year, we have established a specialised counseling support service for the Indonesian students and their families as well as enhanced tutoring to support their Indonesian national exam obligations.

In June 2016, we were proud and privileged to witness another Local Scholar Student step onto the stage at the graduation ceremony to receive her Green School diploma. Indah Ayu, joined the four other previous Local Scholar Graduates who are all actively engaged in the world. These remarkable young people have entered their university of choice, two studying abroad on scholarships, two studying within Indonesia and one pursuing permaculture and his passion for art. You can see Indah’s incredibly brave and bold capstone presentation titled Wonder Girl, on being a young Balinese woman [HERE]. This year, we will see another two Scholar Students graduate in the class of 2016/17.

“You can only tell how much it can impact your life if you have been there as a local student....” - Indah Ayu

graduating class of 2015/16
The Green School story has been one of perseverance, passion, collaboration and friendship. Each and every donor and supporter of Green School has played a role in the story.

Green School is thriving. Now in our eighth year, we have learned a lot and have much to reflect on. We have reviewed and reaffirmed our commitment to learning for sustainability. Our Local Scholar Program has been combined with our Kul Kul Connection program and we are adding mini-scholarships to the mix in the year to come. This means more opportunities for more local children to have an enriching Green School experience. We build and curate these programs with humility, respect and care, always seeking and responding to the voice of our local families to ensure we are meeting their needs.

On a community-wide level, we have many ambitious, student-led sustainability projects underway. These are tangible and measurable ways of demonstrating the impact children can make in the world today - while they are still at school!

With more and more children from within Indonesia and around the world coming to Green School, these projects are growing in size, ambition level and impact. Read on to see a snapshot of our impact across Sustainability, Community, Education and Youth Enterprise.
MAKING A DIFFERENCE in 2016

750 children learning for sustainability at Green School, Bali

Indonesian Scholar Students enrolled - 31

330 children in the Kul Kul Connection after school program

Local students represented at the 2016 GIN Conference - 10

22 students representing the voice of youth at the 2016 UN Climate Change Conference of Parties

Local Scholar graduates studying or working around the world - 5

3.5 tons of CO2 emissions saved each month via the student-led, BioBus service powered by used cooking oil

From bees to biofuel, student sustainability projects launched - 16

950 kilograms of trash responsibly managed through the KemBali community recycling centre per month

Tons of trash collected with Bye Bye Plastic Bags/ Bali’s biggest beach clean-up - 40
Our Local Scholarship and Kul Kul Connection Programs have always relied on the generous support of friends of Green School. As a not-for-profit entity, our only source of revenue is tuition fees and donations and as a young School we are yet to establish our own alumni program. So we want to thank you and honor you for giving life to these programs.

In planning for the expansion of these programs and student-led sustainability initiatives, we recognise the ongoing need for generous and committed support. We want to reconnect and reinvigorate our relationships with all gift-givers to better understand and respond to the interests and passions of you and all members of our world-wide extended Green School family. We will be showing you more love and gratitude in the year ahead in honor of the support and loyalty you have shown to Green School.
Follow your passion and discover the many ways you can support Green School projects and programs.

In-Kind Gifts - In support of progressive education, in-kind or cash gifts can be designated to support a specific department or to where we need it most within the school. Here are a few examples: science equipment, laboratory equipment, musical instruments, student software products and licences, particularly for design. Please write us to development@greenschool.org

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Corporate Partnerships - Partner with us to transform education, solve environmental problems, and create a new generation of creative, Green Leaders in Indonesia and globally. For more information, please email us at: development@greenschool.org

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“I think all the students here at Green School are incredibly lucky, because there is this great atmosphere of learning about the things you care about.” - Dr Jane Goodall