

**Australian High Commissioner to Mauritius & Ambassador to
Madagascar Visits CLC-Anosibe 17th October 2008**



Above: Greeting Cathy Johnstone – Australian Ambassador to Madagascar on arrival at CLC-Anosibe
Below: Cultural Display for Ambassador by CLC-Anosibe Grade 2 Class with all CLC children



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Above: Presentation of CLC's Appreciation Certificates

Below: Presentation of Malagasy traditional cultural arts gift to Ambassador Cathy Johnstone



Above: Discussing 3 language curriculum development with CLC Development Officer (Centre)

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Below: Opening Plaque including acknowledgement of Australian Ambassador to Madagascar

Below: Farewells from Malagasy CLC Working Committee (Left to Right: Tovo [CLC's Construction Coordinator]; Ben [CLC's Senior Teacher Supervisor], Cathy Johnstone [Australian Ambassador to Madagascar], Vola [CLC's Programs Development Officer] & Ps Robertine [CLC's Director of Program Management])





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PORT LOUIS

24 October 2008

Ps Laurent Rambeloson
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Dear Ps Rambeloson

I am writing about my wonderful visit to CLC Anosibe last Friday (17 October). I was so pleased to have the opportunity to finally see the excellent work being done at the Anosibe Community and Learning Centre and I was most impressed with the dedication and professionalism of you and your staff. I also enjoyed the musical presentation by the children; please thank them for their wonderful performance.

Thank you to you and your staff, including Ps Robertine, Vola, Benjamin and Tovo, who organised the ceremony and gave me the tour of the CLC's facilities. I would also like to thank you and Ps Robertine and Vola in particular for the wonderful gifts which I received. I am honoured by the beauty and story behind each of the gifts and will always treasure the gorgeous lamba, the pallisandre woodcut and the delightful figurines depicting different Malagasy couples.

It was rewarding to see how the funds from the Embassy's Direct Aid Program have been put to such good use. I wish you the very best for your plans to expand the Anosibe centre for the benefit of the children and the community around Anosibe.

I enclose a couple of copies of the Australian Government publication *Australia In Brief* for your library. This little book is full of information about Australia which I hope will be of use to both the teachers and the students.

Thank you once again for taking so much time from your busy school schedule to organise my visit at such short notice and for sharing Malagasy culture and history with me in such a beautiful way.

Yours sincerely

Cathy Johnstone