



Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents,

I've been so encouraged to hear how many students (and parents!) are trying out their Indonesian at home. The infant years are a perfect age for a child to start learning a second language – they just “soak it up” and mimic so naturally. I love teaching such enthusiastic and willing learners!

We're continuing our theme “**kenalkan**” (let me introduce). So far we've learnt how to say “**nama saya**” (my name is) and “**umur saya**” (my age is). We've started learning the numbers to 10. We practise basic greetings every lesson - “**selamat pagi/siang**” (good morning/middle of the day) and “**apa kabar?**” (how are you?). The children are beginning to respond quickly to some basic classroom instructions: “**duduklah**” (please sit), “**berdirilah**” (please stand), “**angkat tangan**” (hands up), “**dengarkanlah**” (please listen).

This week we'll begin learning some phrases related to family and home. I'd love to use some family photos from the children in the lessons. Would you mind having a look for a photo of your family to send along, or a digital photo that you could either e-mail to me ([sonya.ambrose@scc.tas.edu.au](mailto:sonya.ambrose@scc.tas.edu.au)) or pass on via a usb stick?

A few parents have asked for some help with pronunciation. Here is a website that we use quite frequently at school with some fun activities for the children to practise their Indonesian: [www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/languagesonline](http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/languagesonline)

Also, don't forget that Scott is offering a few introductory parent classes for interested parents. He's a very good teacher, and not very scary!

**New vocab for this week:**

**Ini keluarga saya** This is my family.  
**Ini rumah saya** This is my house.

**New songs:**

**Di mana thumbkin** Where is Thumbkin  
**Bapak Abraham** Father Abraham

Yesus memberkati,

Sonya Ambrose

