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Objective: To provide extra tuition for 17 Grade 4 students at Dudley Senanayake Primary School to prepare for the 2025 Scholarship Exam.

Location: Dudley Senanayake Primary School, Isadeen Town, Matara

Program Outline:

- **Frequency:** 4 hours per week (2 days, 2 hours each)
- **Total Hours/Month:** 16 hours
- **Cost/Month:** LKR 20,000
- **Total Cost (12 Months):** LKR 240,000

Background: We received a request from Mr. D. S. R. Jayasekera, Assistant Principal at Dudley Senanayake Primary School, seeking financial support for extra classes for 17 students preparing for the 2025 Government Scholarship Exam. These students come from low-income families in the 'Hamuge Watte' area, where most parents work as daily wage laborers, unable to afford additional tuition for their children. They have been marginalized by society, mainly due to their poverty. Mr. Jayasekera is making a concerted effort to show that we care for these families by extending a helping hand to reintegrate them into society.

The proposed plan involves a teacher (Ms T P Manomi) conducting sessions for 4 hours per week, spread over 2 days, with 2 hours per session.

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to create an opportunity for these underprivileged students to sit for the Government Scholarship exam, which serves as a crucial stepping stone for their educational future. By providing them with the necessary resources and support, we aim to level the playing field and ensure they have a fair chance to compete with their peers. The ultimate goal is to help them secure placements in reputable schools, where they can receive a higher quality education and access better opportunities for personal and academic growth. This project not only addresses their immediate educational needs but also paves the way for long-term improvement in their living conditions by breaking the cycle of poverty through education.

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Recent Update: Classes commenced on 3 September 2024, with a briefing event held at the school. The students' parents attended the event, where a high-achieving student with close connections to CandleAid, having received a scholarship, delivered an inspiring speech. This student is Dewnii Shamindi Karunasingha from Kamburupitiya (E-3838) studying at Sujatha Vidyalaya, Matara. She shared her success story with the students, highlighting her outstanding achievement of 9 A's at the O/L exam. She is now preparing for her A/L exams.

Please find below the basic information of the students, along with photographs taken during the briefing, where the parents were also present.

	Name of Student	Age	Number of Siblings	Father's Name/Occupation	Total Monthly Income of Family
01.	H L Anidu Indusara	09	02	H L Suranga, Municipal Labourer (casual)	LKR 20,000.00
02.	K A J Sewhas	09	01	K A Dimuthu Tharanga, Telecom (casual)	LKR 28,000.00
03.	W A Tehansa	09	04	W A Nilantha, Mason	LKR 24,000.00
04.	K A Koshitha Yehan	09	03	K A Sanjeewa, Mason	LKR 20,000.00
05.	S M W R Sidangana	09	06	S M W Sirimarathna, Painting	LKR 20,000.00
06.	A Thewjan Rathnayaka	09	02	Daminda Ratnayake, Businessman	
07.	W K Sarasi Anangha	09	02	W K Nuwan, Labourer	LKR 20,000.00
08.	S Nehansa de Silva	09	04	Ravindra Dimuthu Kumara de Silva, Army	LKR 50,000.00
09.	Oshadi Lakshani Hewage	09	03	H Ajith Kumarasiri, Retired Army Officer (disabled)	LKR 40,000.00
10.	W A Jethuli Thimansa	09	01	W A Thilakasiri, Labourer at a Sawmill	LKR 20,000.00
11.	Y Maleesha Nethsarani	09	03	Y Mahesh Priyantha, Municipal Labourer	LKR 30,000.00
12.	S M Puja Devindi	09	03	P A Samantha, Navy	LKR 40,000.00
13.	H K Amasha Nurangi	09	05	H K Chandana, Painting	LKR 12,000.00
14.	H W Maleesha Kavindi	09	03	H W Ratnayake, Labourer	LKR 18,000.00
15.	K L A Warsha Dahamya Manuja	09	04	K L A Chamith, Welder	LKR 24,000.00
16.	Sasandi Sehansa	09	-		
17.	H M Hirusha Malaka	09	01	W S M Senadhira (Grandfather)	--

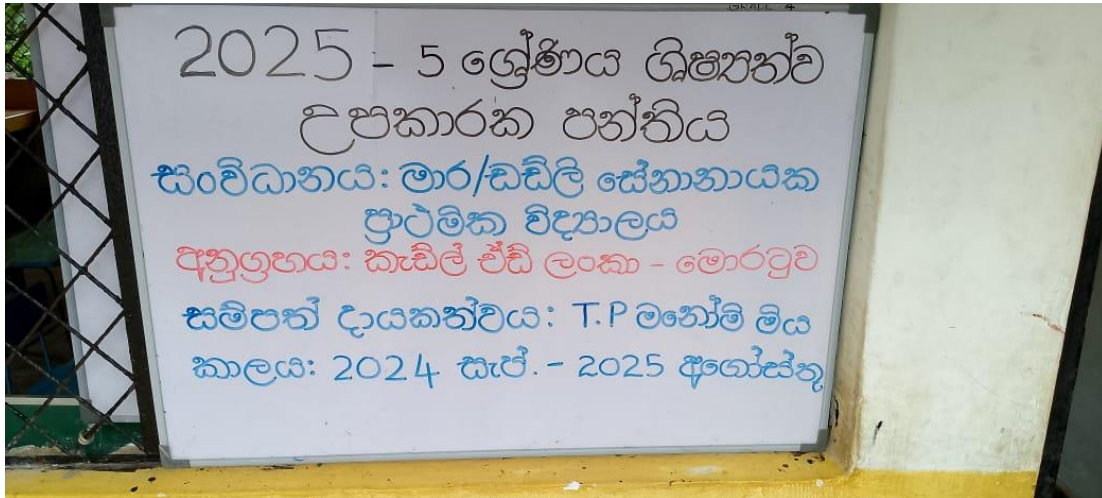
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The Teacher, Ms T P Manori with the students



The Principal addressing the Gathering

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Mr Jayasekera, the Assistant Principal addressing the Gathering



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Students' Parents at the Briefing Event



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Dewni handing over a book written by her to the School

