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## A little about us...

We are a junior school of 331 students from ages five to eleven and we are based in sunny New South Wales.

Since 1999 we have pioneered an exciting and unique language learning programme in partnership with schools across Indonesia, called Bali Buddies. The programme promotes authentic communication between students from our school and our sister schools in Bali. Our students write letters, create drawings, artworks, crafts and cards. We also interact via video calls through simple conversation, song and dance.

## Why we entered...

We decided to create a video in a bid to win the Promethean Grant because we really wanted to update our technology. Our interactive whiteboards are now a bit old, the screen is not very bright and they don't allow us to be as collaborative with our own devices as we wish.

We wanted the opportunity to use an engaging, exciting and motivating tool and the ActivPanel seemed perfect for our school, particularly as with a mobile stand we can move it around classrooms for all students to use, or they can all access it in our library where everyone has timetabled lessons.

But importantly, having access to the ActivPanel will be particularly beneficial for our Bali Buddies programme as it will mean that a large group of students can video call Bali and we can communicate and interact clearly with our friends overseas, in real time.

As part of our Christian ethos, a lot of our learning is centred around making our children global learning citizens in the 21st century and leaders of the next generation. We want to give our students the opportunity to experience the wonders of the world and explore beyond our immediate community, so although we live in quite a rural area, we are digitally connected with the rest of the world. The ActivPanel will be a great enabler for developing these interests.

## What winning means to us...

We are over the moon to have won an ActivPanel in our school, this is a real investment in the development of the minds that will shape the nation! Not only will it enhance learning opportunities, but because of

the interaction and spontaneity it encourages, our teachers will get great feedback on students' learning and understanding.

Our individual devices will link in with the ActivPanel, meaning that we will be able to take our technology to a completely new level.

This is so exciting for the future of our Bali Buddies programme as it will enable us to communicate in real time with our sister schools and will help us to research and understand the world around us, across all subjects.



## Our killer three tips...

- Get everyone on board - from staff to all pupils, it takes the whole school community to create a grant winning entry
- Collaborate - let everyone input and share their ideas
- Ownership of the project - by getting everyone involved, we all benefit from the opportunities to use it



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The ActivPanel will be a great enabler for developing these interests and for supporting our Bali Buddies programme, which is a unique language learning programme in partnership with schools across Indonesia. It will allow us to communicate and interact clearly with our friends overseas, in real time, which is so exciting!

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