

## **An Australian Teacher's Indonesia Story July 2011**

This experience exceeded all my expectations. The people were so friendly and welcoming and every day there were many "Wow!" experiences.

Our group of 10 paid a total of \$5 Aus to have Tini the orangutan meet us outside her enclosure in Surabaya Zoo. She wanted to hold our hands and she loved hugging the men. It's amazing how far she can reach, as we found out. Her hands went into bags or discovered food on the ground.

First hand experience is so powerful. Back home it's day 3 of my Year 3 students inquiring into Indonesia. Sustainability, Asian perspectives, integrated Maths, English, SOSE, Science and ICLT came together quickly. As one of the students said yesterday, "This is fun!"

Thinking about travel? Go to Indonesia.

