

Annual Report

Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre

April 2014 - March 2015



April

In preparation for the Holy week the teachers and students spent a day of recollection and prayer on 16th April. School was closed from Thursday the 17th to 21st for the Holy week. On Good Friday the students acted out the live way of the cross and helped all to relive the experience of Jesus, to give up His life for love of us. Many people who were present participated in the service with tears in their eyes and in a very prayerful mood.

On Easter Sunday there was a special invitation for the children for a high tea and a film show at Siloam. On Monday the 21st the children had the special tea party as part of the Easter celebration.



We had some sisters and staff from Alphonsa school, Bongaigaon who came to spend the day with us to learn how to work with HI children. On 24 to 25th the students took part in the state level sports competition organised by the Bharat Olympics. The FSHC students won a lot of medals.

The new initiatives that are taken place from this April are introducing a 15 days orientation programme for the parents, teachers, volunteers and school students. The programme is scheduled to be held from 1st to 15th and 16th to 30th of every month. The maximum intake of each batch will be 20 trainees. The target for the year is about orienting 400 persons to Indian Sign Language.

Appointing one Indian Sign language teacher and a special educator to work in the inclusive school to has made lot of difference in the schools. Especially the atmosphere at St. Mary's school Nongrah has been very encouraging. The whole school has taken new initiatives to announce in the villages that from 2015 the admissions are open for more children with disabilities in the school. The mainstream teachers and the students are eagerly learning basic in ISL.

May

The workers day was observed with great joy and gratitude to God for the gift of our dedicated working boys and girls at FSHC. On the 1st to 10th May the students for FC-SEDE and B.Ed – SEDE came for their teaching practice.

Appointment of Emmanuel Hmar as the project officer has helped us a lot. At present he is working on a web site for FSHC.

On the 3rd May the BSW students along with some of their friends organised some special programme for the FSHC students. It was a sort of exchange programme for the group, learning from each other.

From the 13 to 17 May Sr. Rose Paite the General Councillor for the Social Apostolate came for the canonical visitation for the centre. She met the sisters, staff and students and spent time in each department going through the documents, accounts, reports etc.



June

The FSHC class X result was 100% with one 1st divisions, 2 second divisions and three third divisions. We congratulate the teachers and students for the hard work they put in. Among the six, Uniky Malai who got 1st division joined for the science stream in a mainstream school, and the two with second division joined for economics in the mainstream schools, the three with 3rd division came back to FSHC for their art stream for Class XI.

The class XII result was very good. Students who had been with FSHC from beginning have passed their examination, but the students who came after their NIOS from other states could not clear the exams. Among the three who completed the class XII, two joined at FSHC for their B.A Sociology Major, while the other one is trying for BCA in Chennai.

The academic session for class XI (arts) began on the 2nd June 2014. Sr.Maya Pohshna the Principal of the school introduced to the students about the institution and their teachers who will guide them in the their studies. They are 5 (five) in total.

ACCADEMIC SESSION



The class XI began their classes on the following day on various subjects like Political science, Education, English etc. The computer teachers initiating them into the practical areas of the subject. The students are indeed eager and interested in learning.



The craft classes began for the kids on the 2nd of June 2014.



A team of four physio therapists from the Dublin University College arrived on the 13th June. We had conducted camps in various villages mainly to identify and provide aids and appliances as well as to teach the parents and family members exercises to carry out in their homes. They also trained two of the deaf girls from Ferrando to do the exercises to work as the asst. Physiotherapist at the centre and the home based programmes.



On the 27th of June 2014 Miss Moray one of the Physio therapist co-coordinator from Ireland conducted a seminar for the teachers on Prevention of Disability. She along with Sara explained on causes and prevention of Disability.



When the staff had their Seminars on the 27th June 2014 the other 3 volunteers from Ireland taught various exercise to the students. Prior to the actual exercise one of the volunteer Sara explained to the students the importance of doing the exercise on daily basis. She said all sorts of disease can be prevented if regular exercise is done. After the Seminars was over all the teachers joined the students exercise.



These cases are followed up the two physio therapists of FSHC and the assistant Physios. They visit the homes and evaluate the progress and teach the parents new exercises.

The children had their 10 days summer vacations

July

On July 21st ,2014 a General Ear Checking was done for classes Nursery to Class - V





The school organized the creative week on 22nd to 25th July. The students accordingly prepared themselves for the event. Items like Drama, dance, Skits, story writing, etc. Were done. The students have excellently performed in all the events. The indoor games were also organized simultaneously.



August

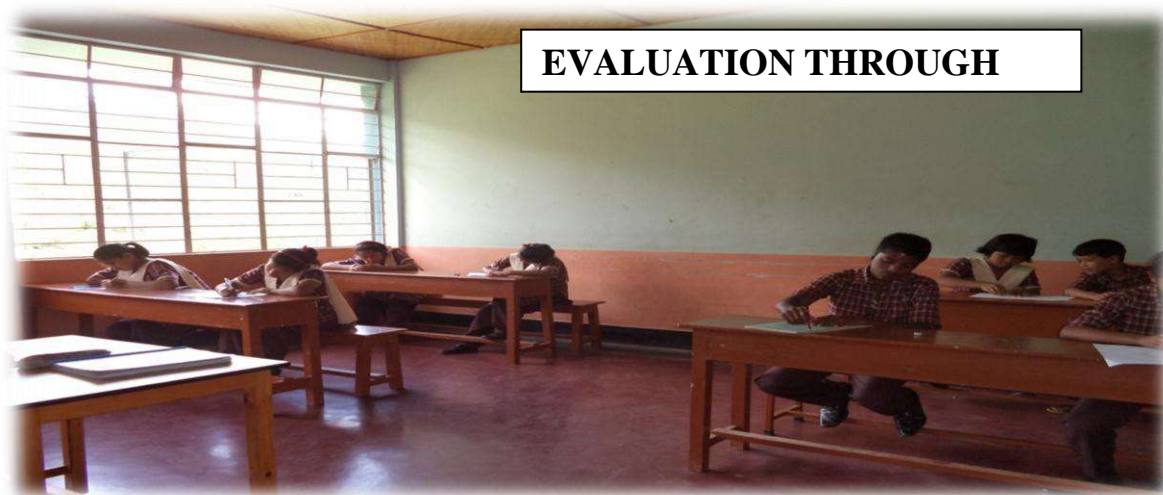
The following are the various co-curricular activities of the school which are being done once in a week. As a result on the 14 of August 2014 a competition on was conducted on Murrah making, Knitting and craft. The students took keen interest as who will win the prize. Gandhi group among boys stood 1st and Jhansi group 2nd.



On the occasion of 15th August, Independence Day was celebrated at the school. The students perform the march-past by group wise and flag-hoisting by Sr. Merly Tom, Director FSHC and she delivered the speech.



The general evaluation of the students is being conducted from time to time to check their progress. Therefore the main exams are being conducted 3 times a year. Once again the hectic time begins for them as they began their 2nd term examination on the 18th to 22nd August, 2014. Every one into the book.



The FSHC students performed a national integration dance on the occasion of the Onam celebration on 29th August, 2014 organised by the Kalakairaly on Sunday at Anton Hall, Laitumkhrah, in Shillong.

September

On September 05, 2014, the long awaited day the teacher's day has been celebrated with much joy and happiness. The teacher were surprised to see the creativity of the students when they saw the verities of items like, dances, dramas, action songs etc. were performed excellently.



The Golden Jubilee of Sr. Beno Mary was celebrated in a very solemn way on 06th September 2014.



The 57th International day of the deaf was celebrated on the 27th September with the theme "Celebrating Human Diversity". We had Sri. K.K. Paul the Governor of Meghalaya was the chief Guest of the occasion. The Asst. Commissioner for Disabilities Smt. Bridget was the Guest of honour. A good number of teachers and students from various schools and a few

government officials from the department of education and social welfare department were present for the function.

The students of FSHC expressed their talents through performance of dances songs and drama. Everyone who present for the occasion admired and appreciated the children and the staff of the school for excelling in all that they do.



In his speech, Shri. K.K.Paul, the Governor of Meghalaya appreciated the teachers for their dedicated service and the children for their excellent performance. He exhorted the students to continue to give their best in all their endeavours, be it study, play or work. He promised he would take initiative to talk to the government departments for support to the special schools of Meghalaya, and especially for the future endeavours of this institution for the higher education of the persons with disability.

October

1st October being the Name feast of Sr. Merly name feast, we had a special thanks giving mass in the evening at 6.30pm. It was followed by a well arranged family meal with our friends, neighboring communities and the children. A short cultural programme was organized by the children to show their gratitude to Sr. Merly for all what she has been to our Institution and to each of us in the Ferrando Family.



The school began the Puja holidays; it will re-open on the 5th October. Only the students who celebrate the Puja went home holidays, while the others prepared for their forth coming final examinations.

On the 18th of October six of our students from Ferrando participated in the painting and drawing competition organized by the office of the Divisional Forest Office Khasi Hills Wildlife Division ; Shillong, Meghalaya. The programme began at 10 a.m. to 11a.m. Lady Hydari Park, Shillong.

Sisters Merly Tom, Maya Pohshna and Rosalia left for Pastoral Centre to be part of the Provincial Chapter which will be held from 18 to 27 of October 2014.

24/10/2014 The students of class XII (two) of them and Class X (six) who had passed out in 2014 were awarded by the Raid Laban Sports Club social and cultural Organisation held at U Soso Tam Hall at 11 a.m.



On 29th & 30th October Sr.Maya Pohshna & Emmanuel the office staff had attended the workshop on state Visionary for secondary Education organized by SSA in collaboration with the RMSA at Polo Towers, Polo Bazar-Shillong. The said programme started at 9a.m. The felt need of the time that all children are educated under one Umbrella no matter rich or poor, able or disabled. Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre joined the WALK-A-THON organized by CBM, “CBM INCLUDE VIDYA CAMPAIN” on 30th October 2014. The programme began at 10 a.m. from DWAR JINGKYRMEN to BETHANY SOCIETY.



November

Month of November keeps the students and staff busy with revisions and preparations for final examinations. On 13th November the teachers anticipated the children's Day, they prepared a grand tea for all the students.

14/11/2014 "The UCC we care" under the leadership of Miss Barbi had invited students to UCC for the children's day celebrations. They organized various games such as football, badminton and dances. At about 1.30 the students & staff from UCC gathered together to facilitate the FSHC students with dance & songs and they donated a sum of Rs.10, 000 (Ten thousand). They served the children a sumptuous lunch. And spend the rest of the day playing games.

The students began their final examination on the 17 of November 2015 and concluded on the 28th.

December

On the 3rd December FSHC celebrated the World Disable day. Sr. Rose Paite, the General Councilor for Social Apostolate along with Mr. Raju, the owner of the Shillong Cafe and

Monsoon Hotel came as the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour for the programme. They very much appreciated the programme and the performance of the children.



2015 January

From the 9th to 12th January FSHC organized the winter camp for children below 10 years. Over 200 children from the neighboring villages participated this three day programme. General Health, personal Hygiene, moral and human values were the topic covered.

19/01/2015 Class X and XII students came back after a short holiday to prepare themselves for the annual examination.

February

The hostel students began to come back from home holidays on the 4th of February, and the School reopened on the 9th. On the 11th we had a thanksgiving mass together with all the staff and students of the school and asked God's blessings upon all of us as we began the new scholastic year.

As the scholastic year began FSHC campus began with the regular activities, such as regular classes, therapy sessions, camps, awareness programmes and vocational training. We look forward a more fruitful year 2015.

23/2/2015 Sisters of the Holy Cross Congregation along with their staff from Guwahati Chansari had come for an exposure programme. Sr. Maya Pohshna the headmistress of the school took them around and explain in brief about the various activities being done here. They visited the school, Audiology Unit, Earmould lab, Physio & Eye unit.

Six of our students took part in the national workshop on art and painting. They joined some of the leading artists and the students of various schools and colleges for this workshop and gained a lot of knowledge on how to make use art for promoting peace and harmony in the society.

March

On 13/03/2015 Nurses from Woodland Hospital had come for a community visit at 10.45 a.m. There were 36 of them. At first Sr. Maya Pohshna the headmistress had given a short introduction about the centre and the activities being carried out here. Then the nurses were divided into 5 groups and had interaction with the children in their respective classes.

20/03/2015 As a part of Inclusive Education, Inter School Talent Show competition was organised. We had invited 5 schools of which 3 schools had responded e.i UCC L.P. School Umbir, Khrum Diegniei Higher Secondary School -Umbir & St. Stephen School-Umbir.





Extra-Curricular activities:
Indoor Games



School screening





Village camp





Awareness programme



FC-SEDE exams



Class room activities:



Audiology Unit



Individual and Group Speech therapy Sessions





Physio therapy Unit



Home based programme



Orthotic Unit



Early Intervention





Sign Language classes



Inclusive education





Pre-vocational skills



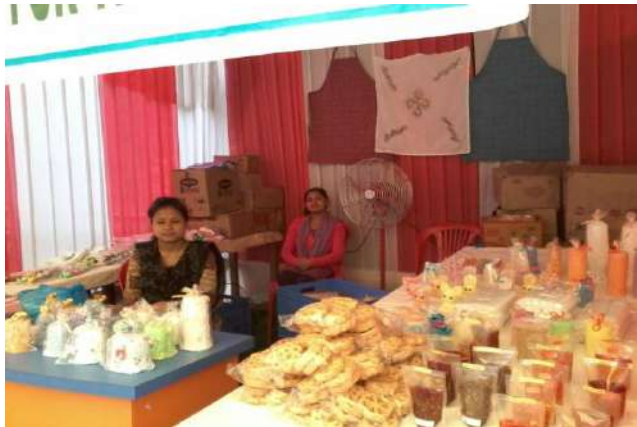
Vocational training cum production Centre







Exhibition & sale of product from vocational training centre



Farm and sustainable livelihood programme





Farmers Training



Sports, Outings & cultural exchange programmes







CRE Training



Holy week & Easter celebration



School Bus

