Let's Talk Indonesian: Developing our Indonesian speaking and writing skills!

Our names are Jack Jablonski and Maddy Renton. We are Year 12 students of Indonesian at Le Frevre High School. In the July school holidays, we attended the School of Languages *Let's Talk Indonesian* holiday program. The *Let's Talk* program was super engaging. It helped us to get out of our comfort zone and be able to speak to students from other schools and see the differences in how we learnt our language. Participating in this program was an insightful and a hugely enjoyable experience that realigned our language brains, sufficiently preparing us for another successful semester of Indonesian.

One of the sessions involved writing a children's book/poem. Drawing inspiration from the resources provided by our presenters, including *Oh the Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss and some photographs of Indonesia, we wrote the following rhyming children's story about travelling to temples and making friends in Bahasa Indonesia. Writing this poem for this task was a lot of fun and a great challenge to come up with something solely from an image. Having it rhyme was also a challenge, but we think it reads really well!

| | TRANSLATION |
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| Hari ini adalah harimu | Today is your day |
| Kamu pergi ke tempat baru | You will go to new places |
| Ayo temanku, di semua sepatu | Let's go my friends, in all of your shoes |
| Kita akan mengunjungi mimpi kamu. | We will visit your dreams. |
| Pertama ke candi kamu kungjungi | First to the temple you will visit |
| Dan dengan monyet kamu temui. | And with the monkey you will meet. |
| Apakah kamu tahu nama monyet ini? | Do you know the monkey's name? |
| Monyet, yang temanmu, bernama Ani. | The monkey, who is your friend, is named Ani. |
| Wonyet, yang temaninu, bernama Am. | The monkey, who is your mend, is named Am. |
| Di candi monyet dan kamu bermain | In the temple the monkey and you play |
| tapi lihat seekor binatang lain, | but see another animal, |
| namun temanmu dia tak mau jadi | however, a friend she doesn't want to become |
| karena dia menakutkan mata hari. | because she's scared of the sun. |
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| Jadi Ani dan kamu bertemu | So Ani and you meet |
| binatang lain di bawah pohon unggu | the other animal beneath a purple tree |
| Jadi sekarang, (dan ini bagus) | so now, (and this is great) |
| binatang menjadi teman khusus! | the animal becomes a special friend! |
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