Our TBS team visited DNC to meet with both the director and house manager. It was great to see how the building repairs have progressed since January. Following our meeting, TBS will continue our commitment to fund their vegetable bill as this is vital for the children’s health. The vegetables cost around 20,000/- per month, for which we will start fundraising shortly. Further to this, we will continue inviting the children from DNC to visit through the year. We are also looking at other potential support that we can offer DNC. More on this soon!

Mary Ward

Staff from a range of roles at TBS, visited Mary Ward in Lubhu to meet the teachers and students. As a first visit there was an overwhelming feel of how much the sisters and teachers cared about the welfare of the students. All external funding goes straight to educational resources, uniforms and provisions for the students. The school is extremely well organised and run by the headteacher, Sister Lilian who has a passion for student welfare, academic and moral education. Some of the poorest young people attend the school and they once relied on the school for their one substantial meal of the day. However, funding for this has run out. We would like to help reinstate the midday meals programme and this is where the new partnership hopes to make the biggest impact.
Gram Sudhar

Gram Sudhar is a happy school in the Gorkarna region, with 233 students ranging from Nursery age to lower Secondary. It is reached by traversing muddy trails that do get washed away in the monsoon rains, so TBS has worked to build walls and flood defences which have kept several buildings from subsiding downhill. The Principal, teachers and management of the school are passionate about growing and improving the school so they have sought investment for new buildings, with a good library and computer room for the students. The young students were happy and keen to learn, in an environment they are cared for and a school that hopes to become a full Secondary school for the local community.

DSA

"The Disabled Services Association (DSA) in Bungamati is a residential centre for children and young people who are blind, deaf, or otherwise disabled. The centre was founded in 1997 and currently supports over fifty students, most of whom attend the local government school nearby. Students from 3 to 23 years of age come from all over Nepal to attend the centre which teaches sign language, braille and life-skills to help prepare students for independent living in adulthood."
**Hope Rising Children's Home**

Hope Rising Children Home is a non-governmental and non-profit organisation that looks after orphaned and disadvantaged children. At the moment, it accommodates 25 children from various location in Nepal. They come from various locations in Nepal and are looked after by dedicated members of staff. The ambiance is very homey and friendly, however, there are some basic things that need to be improved to make the childrens' lives better. Over this academic year we will be fundraising money to paint the kitchen and the bedrooms. We will also collect some books for the small ‘Book Corner’ in one of the bedrooms as the children are very keen on reading. Hope you can help us!

**Tika Vidyashram School**

The initial TBS community visit to Tika Vidyashram on Friday 11th August was a very interesting and useful trip in order to begin planning how the students from TBS and Tika Vidyashram might collaborate during the 2017-18 academic year. Top priorities according to the Tika Vidyashram students are soap for their toilets, a better environment (including cutting the grass, setting up a library, improving the drainage in the playground), and a space for football (boys!) or dance (girls!). The Year 9 Tika students, who have been visiting TBS regularly to use our Library and ICT facilities, were very keen that we continue to work together and we identified plenty for us all to work on. We look forward to fruitful collaboration over the course of this year!
Guheswori Higher Secondary School is next to Sinamangal in the Bāgmatī Zone. A small school, its students are very keen to do well in their studies. Unfortunately, the school site was badly damaged in the 2015 Earthquake and is in dire need of funds to rebuild. They very much need a recreation area and resources to help their learning journey. We hope we will be able to collaborate innovatively during 2017-18!