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In this edition of our newsletter, we celebrate more than just the delivery of solar lights, we highlight the people and partnerships helping us reach the “last mile.” From 12-hour treks through river crossings in Indonesia to inspiring STEM programs in Australian schools supporting our mission, these stories remind us that energy poverty is a challenge we can solve together.

Things to look forward to in this edition:

- Our Power, Our Planet - Earth Day Campaign 2026
- JuniorBuddy lights to East Sumba - Indonesia
- SolarBuddy is the official impact partner for Solar&Storage Live Australia 2026
- SolarBuddy LIVE at AIME 2026
- Abbotsleigh School for Girls & Knox Grammar School Power Up with SolarBuddy

Happy reading!



Our Power, Our Planet - Earth Day Campaign 2026

This Earth Day, SolarBuddy is inviting organisations and schools to take part in our **Our Power, Our Planet campaign** and turn sustainability commitments into meaningful action. Earth Day is a worldwide event observed each year on April 22 that encourages people to take action to protect the environment and promote sustainability. It was first celebrated in 1970 and has since grown into a global movement. Earth Day highlights the

importance of safeguarding our planet's ecosystems and addressing the urgent challenges of climate change.

SolarBuddy is a natural partner for Earth Day. **Our solar lights deliver clean, renewable energy to communities that need it most, helping reduce carbon emissions over their lifetime while being produced using recycled materials.** This Earth Day, join us in creating real impact - together we can help people and the planet thrive.



Corporates can engage employees through a hands-on SolarBuddy LIVE light build, launch a team-based fundraising campaign that rallies departments and leverages company matching, and use our storytelling toolkit to share the impact of their contribution.

[**Register your corporate team**](#)



Don't just teach empathy, teach action. Our STEM program provides 40+ hours of pre-mapped lessons, turning your students into global problem solvers. Young people learn about renewable energy and sustainability while building solar lights that will be sent to children living without reliable electricity. Schools can also fundraise towards a goal which adds an extra layer of learning, helping students connect their efforts directly to real-world impact while building empathy, teamwork and purpose.

[Register your school](#)



JuniorBuddy Lights to East Sumba - Indonesia

"It took us a full day to travel 30 km."

Distribution isn't just a delivery; it's a mission. In collaboration with **Rotary International**, **Fair Future Foundation**, and **Kawan Baik Indonesia**, we delivered **2,224 lights** to **28 schools** in one of the world's most isolated regions.

"We walked for nearly 12 hours, crossing rivers and crawling through thick mud... to reach a single school with 40 children. Sumba is one of the poorest regions in the country. The journey was arduous, but every step was worthwhile." - Alexandre Wettstein - CEO, Founder, President, Fair Future Foundation.

A big thank you to our dedicated and passionate partners for ensuring SolarBuddy devices made it safely to remote communities living without electricity.

Distribution Updates

Across February,

- 5298 solar solutions on the way to Papua New Guinea
- 574 solar solutions on the way to Liberia
- 1000 solar solutions on the way to Vanuatu
- 600 solar solutions on the way to Fiji

TOTAL: 7400 JuniorBuddies and 72 StudentBuddies

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The poster features a group of diverse children in school uniforms, smiling and holding up small solar panels. The background is a wooden structure, possibly a classroom or community center. The text is in bold, yellow and black fonts, with a small Solar Buddy logo in the top right corner of the image area.

SolarBuddy is the official impact partner for Solar & Storage Live Australia

SolarBuddy is proud to be the official Social Impact Partner for [Solar & Storage Live Australia 2026](#), taking place at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre on **18–19 March**. As leaders from across the energy sector gather to discuss the future of renewable power and storage, SolarBuddy will be highlighting the importance of ensuring the global energy transition includes the more than 600 million people still living in extreme energy poverty. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about this challenge, build a solar solution, and explore how their organisations can help accelerate progress toward a future where everyone has access to clean, reliable energy.



SolarBuddy LIVE at AIME 2026

SolarBuddy LIVE kicked off the year in Melbourne at the [Asia Pacific Incentives and Meetings Event](#) (AIME) and loved sharing how they transform traditional corporate networking into a tangible global mission, showing that a simple team-building activity can quite literally turn the lights on for a child living in energy poverty. With thanks to our partners **Pinnacle Team Events** and **Beyond The Boardroom** for helping bring these conversations to life.



Abbotsleigh School for Girls & Knox Grammar School Power Up with SolarBuddy

Students from **Abbotsleigh School for Girls** and **Knox Grammar School** once again came together to take part in the SolarBuddy STEM program, continuing a wonderful three-year tradition of collaboration and impact.

Through a series of fundraising activities, the school communities raised enough to purchase **125 JuniorBuddy lights**, which were assembled by 48 Year 1 girls from Abbotsleigh and 81 Year 1 boys from Knox in a hands-on STEM experience. The activity helped students learn about renewable energy while contributing to a meaningful global outcome, with each light helping a child living without reliable electricity study safely after dark.

I'm endlessly inspired by the incredible support from our community. Together, we're not just lighting the way for children around the world—we're empowering them to dream, learn, and build brighter futures.

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