



# The School of St Jude

FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

## Welcome to our March Newsletter!

*Greetings from St Jude's*

March was yet another exciting month here at school as we enjoyed special events, educational excursions and lots of visitors who shared part of our busy lives.

Our group from the Business Chicks community in Australia joined the Upper Primary students for reading classes and our international board members were welcomed with an entertainment-packed assembly.

Our Standard 1 students took an excursion out into the local area to discover and study different plants, while students from Form 3 put their hand (or whole body!) to a session of Yoga with one of our volunteers, an enjoyable and beneficial experience for all involved.

**Hope you enjoyed March as much as everyone at St Jude's!**

### International Women's Day

Along with millions around the world, we celebrated the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future on March 8th, International Women's Day.

St Jude's is a harmonious place where women and men work side-by-side to achieve great things. It is a place where women with an international mindset create superior learning opportunities and show the next generation of Tanzanian women that anything is possible if you work hard and aim high.



*"Everything is possible; what men can do women can do"* Sheila, Secondary Student, Form 1



*"Educate a woman and you educate the whole society"* Husna Mdoe, Head of Student Welfare, Lower and Upper Primary campuses

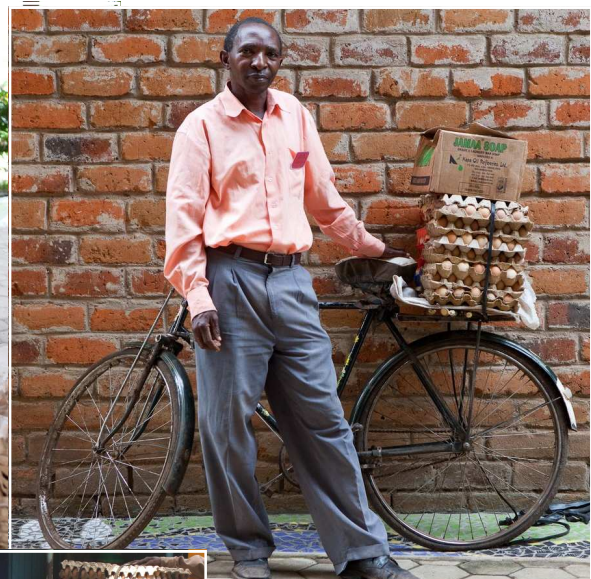
### Newsletter Highlights

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- ESL Experts and Teacher Mentors Needed!
- Out and About with Primary Students
- An introduction to Yoga
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# St Jude's helping the community

*Meet Mzee Augustin who supplies fresh eggs weekly for our students.*



On the sixth month of doing business with St Jude's, Mzee Augustin was able to build another chicken shed and purchase another 200 hens.

St Jude's has been purchasing 17 trays of eggs each week since July 2010.



*"Before St Jude's", explains Mzee Augustin, "I rode my bicycle around the small village shops, but it's hard work and the money isn't so good."*





## Help! We need ESL Experts...

Our teachers are fortunate to benefit from Laura's (Sydney, Australia) 35+ years of English as a Second Language (ESL) teaching and linguistic expertise.

Of her experience at St Jude's, Laura says, *"The most rewarding aspect is the dedication of the teachers to work so conscientiously at improving their English. The most challenging is finding more staff to assist with ESL. The teachers are super keen to learn and we need to have a few more ESL specialists. There is an urgent need for more ESL training particular at our Secondary School."*



Why is ESL so important to St Jude's? *"St Jude's educates its children through English medium, so students start learning English as soon as they start school. Our teachers are fluent in English but most have not had the opportunity to learn from native speakers. Therefore the role of the ESL teacher is to work with the teachers to improve their proficiency."*

## ...and Teacher Mentors!

Jane Hall (Suffolk, UK) joined the St Jude's team in January this year as a Teacher Mentor and was recently promoted to Secondary School Curriculum Coordinator.

What made you decide to come to St Jude's? *"I have always wanted to work in East Africa and always in a setting which involved helping local teachers to provide a quality education for the poorest children. Education unlocks so many doors and the St Jude's project just looked like the perfect setting for me to do what I had been hoping to do."*

Jane talks about her favourite parts of living and volunteering at St Jude's: *"Working with a team of like minded people who are all wanting to achieve an amazing goal and, of course, the smiley faces of the students. And who could resist the view of Mt Meru outside my door which I wake up to every morning."*



## Standard 3 Multiplication...BINGO!

Standard 3 students reviewed their unit on multiplication and division with a fun but educational game of "Multiplication Bingo." Angela Duquette (Lower Primary Teacher Mentor) and Anna Shayo (Standard 3 Teacher) lead the students in, for most of them, their first game of bingo!



Angela (Ontario, Canada) is a primary teacher with additional qualifications in ESL and children with special needs tutoring. Before St Jude's, Angela taught in Cambodia, South Korea and Hong Kong.

Why St Jude's? *"I chose to volunteer at St Jude's because I believe in a student-centred approach to learning. I enjoy working with the teachers here, as they are open to trying new teaching methods and I enjoy collaborating with the whole team."*

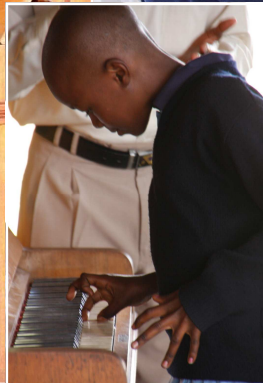




## Sing us a song....

### Upper Primary has a piano!

With our Upper Primary students having choir lessons each week, a piano is the perfect accompaniment to learning new songs that connect with their current unit of study.



Music teacher, Thomas Kessy team-teaches the choir classes each week for Standard 4, 5 and 6.

Students are learning different choir techniques each week working on harmonising and singing as part of an ensemble.

## An Agricultural Adventure!

Students from Standard 1 ventured out on an excursion to discover different plants around the local area. Led by teacher Magreth Shayo, students identified and named plants in English and Swahili as they walked.

They discovered plants with thorns and prickles and even some that were poisonous to eat. Samples were collected and taken back to the classroom for further study—not the poisonous ones, though!





## An Introduction To Yoga

Our volunteer, Carmel, spent some time with Form 3 students at our Secondary campus, introducing them to yoga. Although students had never attempted yoga before, everyone involved had a great time, were enthusiastic and very willing to learn about how the body works in many different ways. A highlight for all were the head stands along with three minutes of relaxation to conclude the session, focusing on breathing and stillness.





## Our Special Visitors

St Jude's welcomed 26 women from the Business Chicks community in Australia. In two groups they spent some time discovering St Jude's and helping out with jobs around the campuses.

They also participated in D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) - a favourite part of every students day - spending time with our Upper Primary students in the classroom. All involved had a great time, giving students an opportunity to practice and proudly show off their reading and comprehension skills.



A **GIGANTIC** thanks to the **Andreou** and **Westgard** families from Vancouver who donated 10 HUGE bags packed with sports equipment!



From basketball at primary to baseball at secondary...everyone at St Jude's says a huge thank you for the time you spent with us. Young Nois also enjoyed finally meeting his sponsors and beating them at a game of cards at his family's home.





## March brought us more special visitors...



Board Members Mark & John (Australia) and Cindy (America), Tashi a St Jude's benefactor (Australia) and our architect Leon (America) helped Upper Primary students celebrate their first term spent in the new classroom buildings at our Upper Moshono campus.

We welcomed our special visitors with an assembly packed with entertainment and presentations by St Jude's staff and students.



Tashi also took a trip with some volunteers to the Monduli market and a traditional Maasai Boma where one of our askari (security guards) lives with his family.



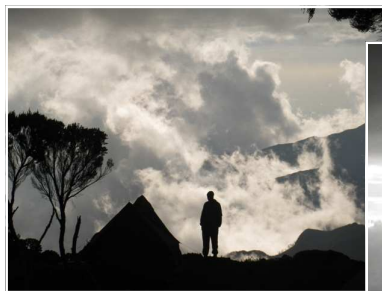


## Mt Kilimanjaro Challenge 2011



**Climb on with The School of St Jude's Mt Kilimanjaro Challenge 2011. Passionate people move mountains (or climb them), so if you're feeling passionate and energetic this year then check out the unique itinerary and details of the challenge.**

The School of St Jude's Mt Kilimanjaro Challenge is now in its second year. Last year's event was a huge success. In 2011 we anticipate - with your enthusiasm and support - that the event will attract a greater number of climbers who will raise even more money to buy the students a much needed new bus.



Around 25,000 people per year attempt to summit the top of Africa and it's easy to understand why – it's not just for the challenge junkies, it's also about seeing something magnificent. Kilimanjaro contains an example of virtually every ecosystem on earth – glaciers, snowfields, deserts, alpine moorland, savannah, and tropical jungles.



*"I raised money by sending emails to all our friends and all my husband's business contacts. I kept everybody updated with my training progress and did a couple of newsletters. We also hosted a French dinner with 25 people at \$150 per couple and I have managed to get some of the food for free and some at a very good price. Our friends and contacts were very supportive."*

Stephanie Wood, Fundraiser for Mt Kilimanjaro surprised even herself and ended up raising over AU\$15,000 for St Jude's.