

Welcome to our April Newsletter!



April has been another fun-filled and interesting month at St Jude's! A few technical difficulties proved challenging for our Administration and IT Departments — but that doesn't stop our students from continuing to apply themselves and work hard. From Physics lessons to marathon training St Jude's students have been very busy and continue to challenge themselves everyday.

St Jude's is looking to the future as we announce the St Jude's Appeal for 2011. Check out our website (www.schoolofstjude.co.tz) for more details on how you can help our students continue to develop their skills in sports and science.

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

St Jude's Appeal 2011

Our school is growing and developing at a rate of knots and we need the facilities to provide the quality education we promise and we your **SUPPORT NOW**!

Current students desperately need more resources and room to work, play and live we also hope to continue our in-take numbers of over 150 students at the beginning of 2012.

We've identified the areas where students need the most assistance and through this appeal we hope we will be able to provide ample opportunities for them to be able to achieve their personal best.



Plans for a level playing field...

ESL Volunteer Teacher, Laura Commins had a vision after attending inter-school sports last year. Laura recalls that day in October 2010...

"Inter-school athletics competitions are few and far between for our students. We needn't have worried though! St Jude's students took places in nearly every event they entered. One student in Form 1 (Denis David), who had never high-jumped in his life, won the open division. After he had won the event, the officials just kept raising the bar to see how far he could go. They only stopped when he managed to jump higher than his own height, still without knocking off the bar.

Apart from the wonderful display of raw talent that we saw, what was also brought home to me very forcibly was that, while other students and officials treated our kids with respect and growing admiration as the day proceeded, our kids seemed like fish out of water."

"Giving our kids a wonderful education is the beginning, but we also have to make sure we prepare them socially to take their places outside school. It occurred to me that athletics will provide such an avenue for our students to socialise 'on a level playing field', as it were."

Laura took her proposal to The Board to create facilities where students will develop skills where they "can be confident sports-wise and socially too."



We need your SUPPORT NOW!

Please help us to purchase Land for a Sports Field

AU\$ 100 per plot (5m²)

Purchase $5m^2$ of land for sports (total area = $8,300m^2$). Physically active students perform better academically and we need your help to purchase land for a sports field. The new sports field will sit on the boundary of our Moshono School Campuses.



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Sports Field Facilities

Active kids are happy kids! Our students love to compete and interact with other schools around the region. Help them acquire team building skills and physical proficiency through participation in soccer, volleyball, netball, basketball and athletics.

Your donation will help us develop the bare field to a sports field only dreamed of until now.

850 Packages available at AU \$300 each





Sports Field Fencing

The new sports field at Moshono School Campus needs boundary fencing to keep the students' sport equipment in and the cows and goats out!



Sports Field Grey Water System & Tanks



We dream of our students enjoying their nation's favourite sport – soccer – on a grassy field, not a dirt bowl. The best way we can do this without placing too much pressure on our limited water supply is to install water tanks and a grey water system so water from other tasks can be reused on our new sports field.

Marathon Training...Keep Running!

Michael Tluway (professional marathon runner) grew up in the town of Karatu, Tanzania. Since turning professional 10 years ago he has travelled to Germany, US, Brazil, Spain, Japan and many more countries for marathon competitions. Michael visited some of our students in Standard 6 and began training at our Moivaro Boarding Campus. All interested Standard 6 students will have the opportunity to train twice a week and develop their skills and fitness levels.





Michael encouraged our students to train hard, have confidence in themselves and persevere with the training to get the most out of it. When meeting with Standard 6 girls he encouraged them to work hard in order to succeed—he said he would one day hope to see a St Jude's graduate become a professional runner and have the trophies to go with it!

Physics...what does that do?

Secondary Physics teacher, Mr Mcharo, lead our Form 3 students in class to identify different physics equipment. Groups had to move around the classroom and collect and identify physics apparatus, documenting what the piece was named, what is was made of and it's use/application. From measuring cylinders to Vernier calipers, each group discussed and tested the use of each piece and shared their findings with the whole class.

Secondary students are working hard in their physics, biology and chemistry classes, challenging themselves from week to week. Now we have our Science Labs, our next goal is to fit them out with the appropriate furnishings and equipment—imagine what else can be achieved with the necessary equipment and fittings!



Secondary Science Equipment

80 Packages available at AU \$150 each

Help us to fire up the Bunsen burners by equipping our Secondary Science Lab with the necessary (and fun!) equipment such as beakers, test tubes, science chemicals, microscopes, models and posters to ensure academic excellence.

Secondary Science Lab

22 Packages available at AU \$3,000 each

Our secondary students are keen to maximize their experiences in the new Science Lab, so we need your help to properly and safely complete the fit-out with the necessary preparation room, benches, sinks, gas taps, projector and fumes cabinet.

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Secondary Furniture Improvement



Each St Jude's student has their own chair and comfortable workspace. Sadly this is not the norm at the local government schools! As our students progress into secondary classes, we need to provide them with appropriately sized desks and chairs to accommodate their growth!

Volunteer Housing



12 Packages available at AU \$25,000 each

International Volunteers share their valuable expertise supporting our local educators and administrators, often for two years or longer. In recognition of their commitment away from the comforts of home and family, help us to provide our Volunteers with clean, safe accommodation during their much appreciated stay at St Jude's.

Spotlight on Mr Kawaka



If you are wondering who drew the St Jude's Appeal 2011 art works featured in this newsletter, you need to look no further than our fantastic art teacher, Mr Kawaka. Originally from Mosoma, Tanzania, Mr Kawaka has been teaching at St Jude's since 2007 and during this time he has inspired many of our students to use their creative talents.

Mr Kawaka on the importance of art in Tanzania: Historically, art (theatre and visual) was used for educating youth in society. After the education system was introduced in East Africa, families were convinced that art was a hopeless subject and was not appreciated by most of the local community. However, art is actually one of the private sectors employing most of the talented and disadvantaged local youth in the

streets-they can sell their work to tourists, which helps them to provide for their families.

Why is art important to the students at St Jude's? For the students at St Jude's, art is important to help them become ambassadors who will help our local communities to encourage talented children to develop their skills and have the chance to express their emotions through art.





I enjoy the environment at St Jude's – working with helpful, friendly and kind people who are always offering smiles, jokes and lots of fun. This includes everyone from students, teachers, drivers, cooks, fundis (tradepersons), askaris (guards) and admin staff; our little happy village.

How do you see art at St Jude's developing over the next few years? I do hope that over the next few years the art curriculum will develop to become one of the more productive subjects that will identify students' talents and skills, which will lead them to share with the community through art exhibitions and competitions.



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The School of St Jude needs your **SUPPORT NOW** to boost our students' physical and academic wellbeing, so they can all reach their full potential!

Give your money a thorough workout by donating to The School of St Jude where it will be guaranteed to work harder than it has ever worked before. We invite you to donate now to the development of the new sports field or a number of other exciting projects planned by St Jude's for our students' ongoing health and education.



Check out our website for all the information on how you can help: www.schoolofstjude.co.tz

Appeal Packages for 2011	Package Amount
Sports Field Land (5m ² per plot)	AU \$100 (1,430 packages available)
Secondary Science Equipment	AU \$150 (80 packages available)
Sports Field Facilities	AU \$300 (850 packages available)
Sports Field Fencing	AU \$500 (60 packages available)
Sports Field Grey Water System & Tanks	AU \$1,000 (90 packages available)
Secondary Science Lab	AU \$3,000 (22 packages available)
Secondary Furniture Improvement	AU \$5,250 (2 packages available)
Volunteer Housing	AU \$25,000 (12 packages available)

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