



# The School of St Jude

FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

## Welcome to our June Newsletter!

June has brought us lots of excitement and we hope you enjoy reading about all the different activities our Students, Staff and Visitors have been up to. Our boarding houses are a very important part of a Student's life at St Jude's and you can read more about their life on campus in this newsletter. We also take a look at how St Jude's fared in the recent Cross Country event... we're sure you will be proud (as we all are here) at how well they competed.

Remember St Jude's Appeal 2011 is still running... check out our website ([www.schoolofstjude.co.tz](http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz)) for information on what packages are available and how you can help our Students reach their full potential.

**We encourage you to pass this newsletter onto family and friends!**

## St Jude's Appeal 2011...closing on 22<sup>nd</sup> July



**Purchase 5m<sup>2</sup> of land for sports at AUD\$100 per plot (total area = 8,300m<sup>2</sup>)**

**We need to raise \$116,000 to purchase 1160 more plots of land!**

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 Campus.



### Newsletter Highlights

- St Jude's Appeal 2011—Sports Field Land
- St Jude's Boarding Houses
- Cross Country Competition
- Our Special Visitors
- First Aid Training
- Volunteer Opportunities

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## We love boarding at St Jude's!

At our **Moivaro Boarding** Campus, more than 530 Grade 4 to 6 Students attend weekly boarding from Sunday afternoon to Friday afternoon. A thirty minutes drive away, stands our Usa River Secondary school. **Usa River Boarding** Campus is the home away from home for more than 450 Form 1 to 3 Students this year. Our Secondary Students board for six weeks at a time and return home during term breaks.



"Boarding is good because we get enough time to study, when I'm at home I get pressured to do other things all the time. We all get on together and it's just like having sisters," **Queen, Form 2**



"The boarding staff help me a lot. I ask them not just about studies but about life and they give me good advice," **Amani, Form 2.**



## Boarding Room Sponsorship is most needed

Before 2008, St Jude's had no boarding facilities and all our Students travelled to and from school everyday on foot, or on one of our buses. In 2008 boarding houses were opened for Grades 4 and up. It has been a huge success as Students don't have to wake up before dawn to walk to the bus stop and we have seen a tremendous improvement in nutrition levels, concentration span and academic performance.

To help cover the costs of food, building maintenance, electricity, boarding staff, water and basic medical needs of boarders, we have introduced **Boarding Room Sponsorship**. This is currently our most needed sponsorship, and each year there is more demand for it. We need to build more boarding facilities as our Students move up in school levels.

**By being a boarding room sponsor your financial assistance will help to....**



**provide clean water for your boarders**



**provide food for your boarders**



**provide adult mentoring and supervision for your boarders**



**provide electricity for your boarders**



## Time to study...time to play!



"In boarding we live as a family," **Jenifa, Class 5.**



"Boarding is good because there's time to study and we learn to wash clothes," **Latifa, Class 5.**



"We share with our friends and share ideas in the class. We play football, skipping and tennis and lots of other activities," **Bruno, Class 6.**





## Working together at boarding!



"I enjoy being at boarding, not just for the good food and good timetable but for the whole experience," **Jumanne Form 2.**



"We cooperate, do things together and the teacher helps us with homework. We are living in peace and have all our basic needs," **Florian, Class 6.**



Boarding is very systematic, so no delays. A student can plan what to study with no interference," **Alex, Form 3.**



## First Aid Training

As we all know, first aid is very important. 15 St Jude's Staff members attended training with Dr Amol Kulkarni, from BACKCOUNTRY RESCUE INSTITUTE and were presented with their Basic First Aid Certificate. Congratulations to everyone who participated!





## Cross Country

During June, twenty-four of our St Jude's Students, from across each of our campuses competed against other schools in Arusha. St Jude's had six Students compete in each of the age groups with each Student completing the course, thus gaining points for the final tally. St Jude's was placed first overall with place getters in each age group. A big congratulations to everyone who competed!





## Cross Country





## Our Special Visitors

Have we ever mentioned we love visitors?! A group from yLead: Australian Youth Development Association, visited during June and had a jam-packed itinerary at St Jude's. It is always a pleasure having such committed and wonderful groups visit St Jude's.



The Benson-Cassard family visited St Jude's along with the home of their sponsored Student. Zachary and Gabrielle fundraised at their school in Brisbane, Australia and brought over some amazing donations for our Students. Thank you for all your hard work and for continued support!!



## Volunteer Opportunities

St Jude's is committed to supporting the community and provides employment to over 340 Tanzanians creating a widespread ripple effect. However, for specialized positions, where we are not able to employ a Tanzanian, we rely on volunteers from abroad.

### To be a successful St Jude's volunteer, you will:

- Be flexible, open-minded, tolerant and appreciate the complexities of working in a rapidly growing charity in a developing country
- Have a passion for our mission and a strong desire to make a positive difference performing a variety of tasks; from the mundane to the fun and interesting!
- Work well independently and as part of a team of Tanzanian staff and international volunteers
- Have good emotional and physical health and the energy and drive to take on new challenges

### Recruitment Coordinator

The Human Resources Team is responsible for recruiting local and overseas personnel and administering all HR functions spread across three campuses. This is a new and exciting role suitable for an experienced HR person with specific experience in recruitment.



### Donor Relations Team Assistant

The Donor Relations Team is responsible for allocating both monetary donations as well as goods/gift donations to the current needs at the School. Together with the Donor Relations Team Coordinator, you will work to make sure every donor is valued and knows exactly where their donation has gone.

## Current Volunteer Opportunities



**Maintenance Manager, Fleet Manager, Purchasing Team, Recruitment Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, Donor Relations Team, Marketing Strategy Manager, Sponsorship Team, ESL Teachers, Secondary Teacher Mentors, Primary Teacher Mentors**



For further details and information about our other volunteer positions, please visit our website ([www.schoolofstjude.co.tz](http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz)) or contact St Jude's at [schoolofstjude@habari.co.tz](mailto:schoolofstjude@habari.co.tz)

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