



# The School of St Jude

FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

## Welcome to our July Newsletter!

July has been another mammoth month at St Jude's: students and teachers working hard as usual, lots of Extra Curricular Activities, St Jude's Secondary students' Cultural Day and loads of visitors. Please enjoy another photo-packed edition of the St Jude's Newsletter.

Our Student and Boarding Room Sponsorship package currently is most in need of your support. Read on for more information and visit our website ([www.schoolofstjude.co.tz](http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz)) to start your sponsorship today!

**Thank you for passing this newsletter on to family and friends.**

## Gemma returns refreshed from her leave

Everyone, It's great to be rejoining the amazing team here on the ground at St Jude's feeling more relaxed and refreshed, ready for the next ten years!

I have really enjoyed spending more time with my family during my long service leave these last six months. Richard, Nathaniel, Jakob and Isabella have had to share me with the school for the last 10 years of development so these months of my being a wife and mum have been very special for all of us. Having time to cook family meals, exploring the beautiful countryside and just watching my kids grow has been such a treat.

My heartfelt thanks to the academic and administration leaders who worked so hard to ensure that the school continued to provide our students with high quality education and a safe and happy environment. Every staff member cooperated to ensure his or her team's output was of the high standard we require. Great work, team!

Now, with your support, we will all be working hard to ensure 2011 continues to be another successful year for all at St Jude's.



### Newsletter Highlights

- Student & Boarding Room Sponsorship
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- St Jude's Cultural Day
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- St Jude's July Tour
- Our Special Visitors
- St Jude's Mt Kili Challenge 2011
- Volunteer Opportunities



# Help us reach our goal of 269 NEW SPONSORSHIPS

Our most needed is  
Sponsorship Package 1: Student + Boarding Room  
267 PACKAGES AVAILABLE!!

In 2011 St Jude's is providing a quality education to approximately 1500 children, with boarding provided for 1000 of these students. In January 2012 St Jude's will welcome 150 new students into their first year of primary school. As wonderful and life changing as this is it also creates an urgent need to provide additional resources. Additional boarding accommodation is also required for our students moving from grade 3 into grade 4 on their education journey as they will become St Jude's weekly boarders.





## Sponsorship Package 1: Student & Boarding Room



By sponsoring a St Jude's Student and Boarding Room Package, you are the key to ensuring that our children break free from a life entrenched in a cycle of poverty. Your sponsorship provides these academically bright and extremely poor students with pens, pencils, textbooks, school uniforms, computer lessons, library books and science labs: resources to help them acquire the skills and knowledge they need to imagine a very different future for their families, communities and country. Your sponsorship will also provide these students with nourishing meals, access to clean water, warm and safe beds, light to study in the evening, supervision by helpful and caring boarding staff, and so much more...

Please help us reach our goal of  
ZERO Student + Boarding Room Sponsorships  
[www.schoolofstjude.co.tz](http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz)

# St Jude's Blanket Drive 2011



In January 2012 St Jude's will welcome 150 new students into their first year of primary school. As wonderful and life changing as this is, as our student population continues to expand so does our need to provide additional resources in our boarding accommodation as our grade 3 students move into grade 4 and become weekly boarders.

We now desperately need more warm blankets!

**If you live in the **Brisbane** area  
can you please help us fill  
a shipping container?**

We need as many  
**good quality, thick, double sized, woolen blankets**  
as possible to send over to St Jude's to help keep our boarding  
students warm and snug during the cooler months.

To find your closest drop off location in the Brisbane area  
please contact:



Lloyd Flemming  
Email: [lff@uq.net.au](mailto:lff@uq.net.au)  
Phone: (07) 3344 3020  
Mobile: 0407 719 335  
Closing Date for drop off is  
Wednesday 30th November 2011



## ASANTE SANA!



## Cultural Day

St Jude's secondary students explored Tanzanian traditional and contemporary cultures in spectacular fashion at the recent St Jude's Secondary students' Cultural Day at the Usa River Campus. The secondary students were on fire as they entertained fellow students, teachers, volunteers and visitors with music, song, dance, fashion, colour, food, comedy and drama – an absolute feast for all the senses!! This was their day and with the support of their teachers our students certainly delivered a memorable event.





## Cultural Day



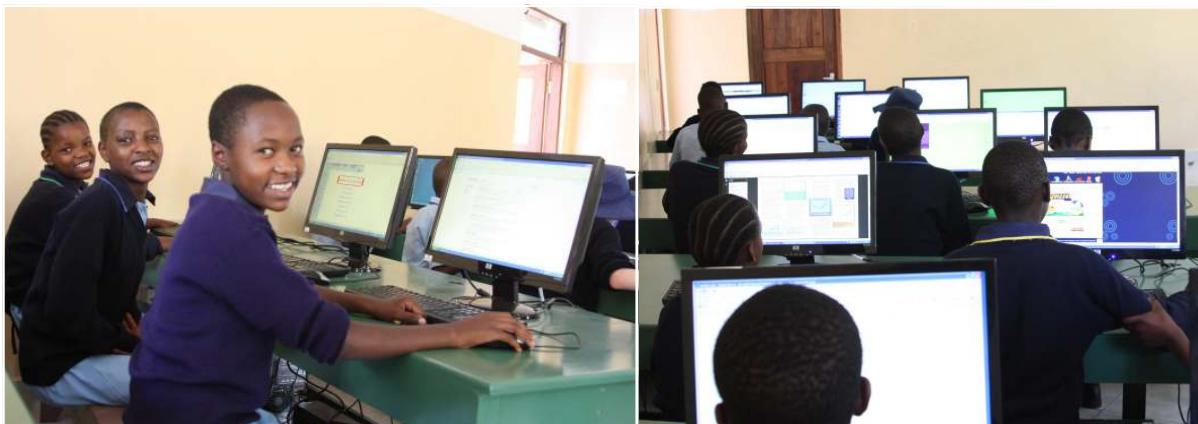


## ***e-Waste...St Jude's doing their bit!***

The fast growing use of computers and related technologies and rapid turn-over due to obsolescence is creating a growing e-waste stream not only in the west but also in developing countries like Tanzania. The challenge of safe disposal of this e-waste is of even greater concern in the developing world because most of these countries, including Tanzania, lack the capacity for handling and recycling the hazardous materials contained in e-waste. This leads to the disposal of both e-waste and standard waste together in dumpsites, resulting in further pollution of the environment and creating significant health risks for nearby communities and beyond.



The School of St Jude recognises that we have a role to play in developing green practices and in line with this we have recently partnered with a local organization in the disposal of our e-waste. Our obsolete IT equipment has been removed from St Jude's by ACTT-Affordable Computers and Technology for Tanzania. They refurbish computers for low income individuals, reclaim components and materials for reselling and appropriately dispose of the waste. These refurbished computers will now be made available to St Jude's staff at a discount price.





## St Jude's July Tour

Our ever popular Cultural Tours did not disappoint in July. Excited and enthusiastic, our twelve tour members signed up for a three week adventure with St Jude's. Starting in Nairobi, cross country to St Jude's, on to a Safari and finishing up in Zanzibar! We thank each of you for joining us, letting us show off our tremendous school and for your continued support! *Karibu Tena!* ('You're welcome again' in Swahili)





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## Special Visitors

St Jude's has been blessed (as usual) with some wonderful visitors this month. A grand total of 339 visitors passed through the gates to check out what is going on at St Jude's....we think that is some kind of record! Thank you to everyone who visited and for your continued support.





## More Visitors

We also had visits from two school groups. Both Eltham High School (Australia) and Dominican College (Ireland) visited St Jude's after also raising funds for our students before leaving on their trip. A very big *Asante Sana* ('Thank You Very Much' in Swahili) for your support and visit!





## 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 our 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 our students a much needed new bus.



For more information and details on how to get involved visit [www.schoolofstjude.co.tz](http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz) or email [info@schoolofstjude.co.tz](mailto:info@schoolofstjude.co.tz)

## St Jude's Annual Update

Australian tax receipts for the year ended 30 June 2011 have been emailed out now. Over the past financial year we have continued with the development of St Jude's to ensure that we can provide the facilities we need, to be able to give the quality education that we promise, to all our students. This would never happen without your generous support! The past 12 months have been action packed and we have put together some information and images about our achievements over this time. Please click on the following link to see how your fantastic contributions are helping us all to make a difference: [St Jude's Annual Update!](#)





## WE NEED YOU NOW!!

### General Administration 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 specialised positions, where we are not able to employ a Tanzanian, we rely on volunteers from abroad. We have a range of general administration and specialist positions available. As a volunteer you have the opportunity of using your skills and experience in an environment where they contribute to the fundamental change that is taking place in the lives of almost 1500 academically bright and desperately poor students. If you are looking to recharge your soul, have some time out or feel like giving back, please have a look at our list of vacancies. We know you will love joining the St Jude's family of volunteers.

#### 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 and rewarding challenges.



#### Current volunteer positions include:

Marketing Strategy Manager, Maintenance Manager, Fleet Manager, HR and Recruitment, many Administration positions, Secondary Teacher Mentors, Primary Teacher Mentors, ESL Teachers and various short term positions.

### Come join the St Jude's volunteer family!



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

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