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March 2012 Newsletter

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

Hi everyone, it's Kim here. While I was dashing around the east coast of Aus celebrating our 10th Anniversary with so many of our generous and loyal supporters, as always, amazing things were going on back at school.

In this newsletter we are proud to bring you the highlights of March. I know you will enjoy reading about the hugely successful Smith Secondary Students' Science Fair, the phenomenal exam results of some of our Form 2 students and many more stories that pay tribute and are testament to the hard work, professionalism and dedication of ALL the academic and non-academic staff members at the school who work to ensure that our 1,537 students receive a high quality education in an inspiring environment.



And it's not always easy! With unreliable electricity, water and internet access, progress is interrupted and patience is tried! But the perseverance and fortitude of our staff is unwavering—I'm proud and grateful to be working with all of them.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our Aussie supporters who generously gave of their hospitality, energy, time and financial support to ensure the success of this year's many and varied St Jude's events in Australia. I was very proud to represent Gemma and everyone here at the school and bring to so many of you the latest news and updates of our last 10 years. And it was thanks to Sarah, our Australian Coordinator, that it all went so smoothly! I had a wonderful time catching up with you all (but don't tell the mob here at St Jude's—they think I was working hard!)

Thank you, again, and best wishes, *Kim*

Newsletter Highlights

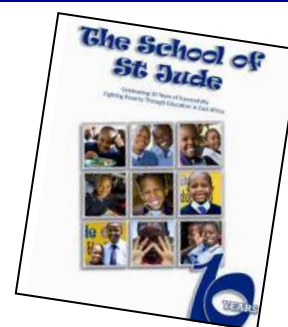
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10th Year Anniversary Book

The School of St Jude's 10th Anniversary Book is **ON SALE NOW!**

It has taken the amazing efforts of so many people to achieve so much in just 10 years. This book is a celebration of the beautiful people, the challenging times, the very touching times and the celebratory times—all of which have contributed to St Jude's success.

Jump online to buy your copy today!



10 Days for 10 Years Celebration Tour

Join in the celebrations at St Jude's in Arusha Tanzania!

Join our 10 days for 10 years celebration tour during October 2012!

Journey to the world's most diverse and richly cultured continent for ten days – one day for every year St Jude's has been Fighting Poverty Through Education. Get to know the students and experience day to day life at the school; participate in extra curricular activities with primary and secondary students; visit a student's home; sample traditional Tanzanian food; explore the local area; meet our amazing staff; go on a two day safari and heaps more!



Don't miss out — email visitor@schoolofstjude.co.tz for more details.

10th Anniversary 2012 Appeal

**423 Student and Boarding Sponsorship Packages are still available!
AUD \$120 per month.**

Appeal Packages for 2012

Package Amount

80 Buckets of Fresh Vegetables

AU \$100 (878 packages remaining)

Table + Four Chairs

AU \$150 (53 packages remaining)

Bed and Bedding for a Student

AU \$300 (180 packages remaining)

One Staff Computer

AU \$500 (24 packages remaining)

A Seat on the New St Jude's Simba Bus!

AU \$1,000 (34 packages remaining)

Secondary Science Equipment

AU \$5,000 (4 packages remaining)

A Secondary Netball Court

AU \$5,000 **SOLD OUT**

A Biogas Waste Water Project

AU \$5,000 (9 packages remaining)

Two Class Sets of Textbooks

AU \$10,000 (2 packages remaining)

Secondary Science Labs Fit-Out

AU \$10,000 (3 packages remaining)

The All-Purpose St Jude's 'Ute'

AU \$25,000 **SOLD OUT**

A Secondary Soccer Field

AU \$35,000 **SOLD OUT**

The New St Jude's Tembo Bus

AU \$50,000 (1 package remaining)

A Secondary Classroom

AU \$50,000 (5 packages remaining)

Roads, Paving, Draining, Walls and More!

AU \$150,000 (1 package remaining)

Secondary Science Block

AU \$250,000 (1 package remaining)

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St Jude's 2012 Aussie Promo Tour

During March, **Kim Saville** (Deputy Director) and **Sarah Henry** (Australian Coordinator), zigzagged across Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Canberra and Victoria to spread the word about The School of St Jude's amazing achievements in just 10 years!

The dynamic duo presented at over 70 events—conferences, assemblies, gatherings and masses organised by Schools, Rotary Clubs, Zonta Clubs, Soroptimist International Clubs, Legal Societies, Churches, Travel Operators, Businesses and many, many, many wonderful St Jude's supporters.





Top half of page: Thank you to Rotary and Zonta Clubs for their continued support over the years.

Bottom half of page: (clockwise from left): Mass with Fr Tony Doherty at Rose Bay Parish; Celebrating International Women's Day in Bendigo with Lucy and Margot Spalding; Hal and Gillian maintain our Facebook page; Another generous cheque from the Dr June Canavan Foundation; Inspirational Paralympics champion, Kurt Fearnley.



The School of St Jude is blessed to have so many caring young fans.

Kim and Sarah received warm welcomes from the students of various Aussie schools.



Catching up with past volunteers and visitors to St Jude's...



Our New Zebra Bus

The newest addition to our fleet of 21 buses looks AMAZING! We've named it "*Pundamilia*" which is Swahili for "zebra". This bus was purchased thanks to funds raised by the 3Peaks3Weeks climbing group in 2012. Below, our secondary art teacher Mr Dickson and his students apply their artistic flair...



Our Young Nutritionists

Science has more meaning when it is a 'hands on' experience! Our eager Standard 2 students classify foods into food groups to help them understand what makes a balanced diet.

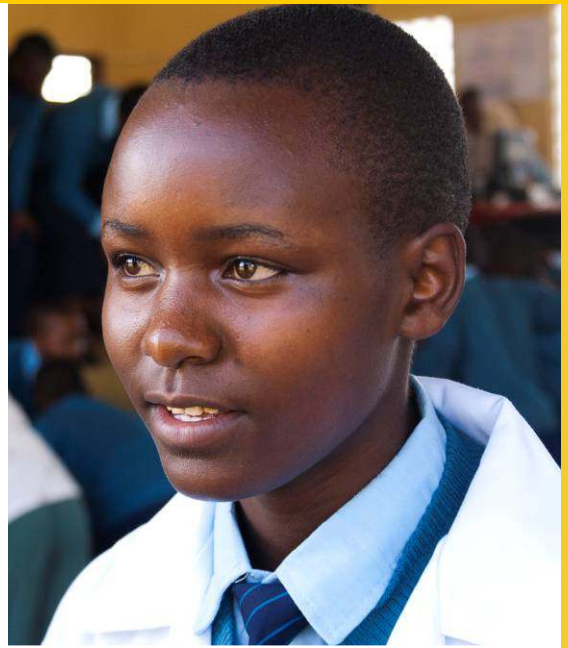


Smith Secondary Students' Science Fair

We are so proud of the creative and enquiring minds of our Form 1 to 4 students. The hard work and enthusiasm which they gave to their projects certainly exceeded our expectations at the Smith Secondary Students' Science Fair presented in March!

First prize was awarded to Liston in Form 2 for building a mobile phone from scratch!!! Learn more about Liston on Page 9.

Highly Commended awards were also granted for: website design, sensor and sound detection projects, electricity generation through a windmill and generators, constructing a working microscope model, recycling paper, soap making, and many, many more amazing projects prepared and presented by our Secondary students.



"To raise new questions and possibilities and to regard old problems from a new angle, requires creative imagination and marks real advances in science."
(Albert Einstein)





Blood pressure checks were offered by an aspiring physician!



St Jude's homemade and natural beauty products include Avocado Face Masks to keep wrinkles at bay and luxurious avocado and coconut oil to keep your skin silky smooth and hair shiny!



For clean drinking water—all you need is gravel, sand, charcoal, and a piece of microfibre cloth to filter.

Then, boil the water to kill any micro-organisms.



Robert (far right) in Form 2 explains the concepts of his model houses—one uses charcoal and wood for cooking which deplete natural resources and emit greenhouse gases which negatively effect our ozone. Also, when families put the residue in the soil, the surrounding land becomes infertile.

The other house uses solar energy which not only eliminates greenhouse gases, but also allows the surrounding land to be cultivable.

Robert realises his community is too poor to buy solar panels, but he believes, thanks to his education from St Jude's, he will eventually be able to establish an organisation that will educate the community and find funding to promote and distribute solar energy alternatives.

Meet Liston in Form 2



Are there any Telecommunication Companies out there scouting for talent? Well, Liston is YOUR MAN!

Liston, our boy genius, won first prize in the recent science fair for building a mobile phone from scratch.

During the Easter holidays we visited his home and he was busy tinkering with his next project—to build a radio from scratch!

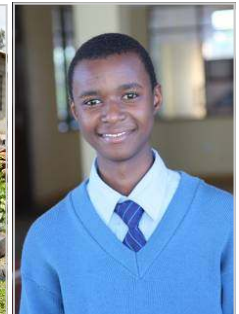
We are hoping that eventually he will become the CEO of the local electricity board so with a bit of luck the community may have a more reliable power supply!!



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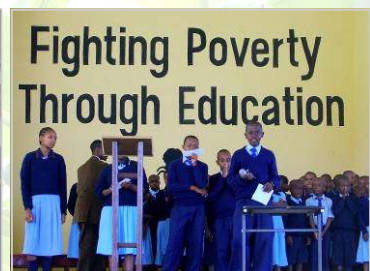
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Meet Arnold in Form 3



In 2011, Arnold scored 100% in Mathematics in the Form 2 National Examinations. That's practically unheard of!!! He ranked 4th overall in Tanzania's North West Zone after over 20,000 students sat the same exams last year.

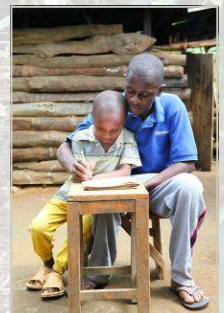


Arnold first joined St Jude's primary school in 2004...

...in 2008, Arnold was elected by his peers as Head Boy of St Jude's where his leadership skills enabled him to run the school assemblies and make speeches in front of hundreds of people.



Arnold's parents completed their schooling at primary level. Arnold is one of five siblings. His parents grow bananas, coffee and maize on their half acre *shamba* (farm). The family is extremely proud of Arnold's achievements and support his ambition of becoming a doctor, an engineer ... or perhaps a mathematics teacher at St Jude's!



Meet Grace in Form 3



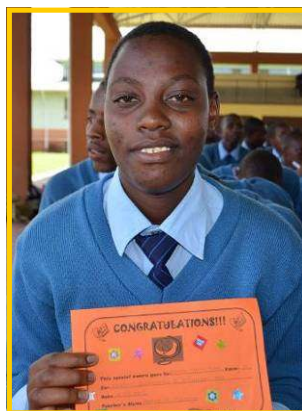
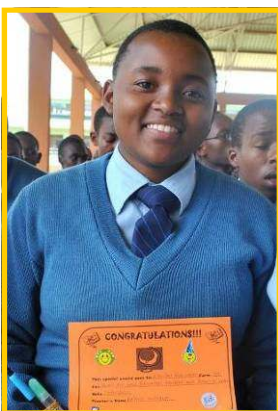
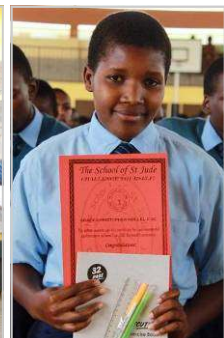
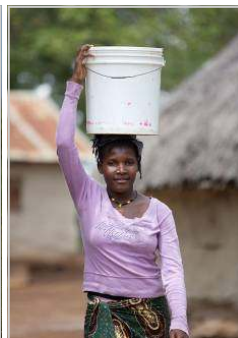
This is Grace in a photo taken in 2004 when she first started at St Jude's.

Eight years ago, we had no idea that this shy little girl who whispered that her favourite subjects are Maths and English would one day rank 5th out of 20,000 Form 2 students in the zone in 2011.

When asked where she'll be eight years from 2012, her determined response is "I would like to be an engineer to help my country, Tanzania, become more developed."

Grace is one of six children. Like Arnold, Grace's parents only completed primary school and have struggled to make ends meet by growing maize and beans and keeping a couple of goats, some chickens and several cows.

St Jude's currently educates over 1,500 Future Leaders of Tanzania and provides employment to over 400 local staff. Around two years ago, St Jude's also employed Grace's father as a guard.



The School of St Jude

has once again retained its position as one of the top ten secondary schools in Tanzania's North-West zone.

Emiliana ranks 7th and **Felista** ranks **9th...**

... out of over 20,000 secondary Form 2 students in 2011.

Hooray — our sea container is on its way...

Huge thanks to our wonderful supporters who donated blankets, sports equipment, musical instruments, power tools, books, shoes and many, many more goodies to our school community. The container is now at sea on it's way to Tanzania!

Lloyd and Norma Fleming, we thank you again and again for collecting, sorting, packing and organising the logistics of yet another container. It's a massive undertaking, so another container won't be organised for a couple of years.



We welcomed the Heckmans



Karyn Heckman brought her nephew Devinn to visit her son Evan who has been volunteering at St Jude's since 2011.

The Heckman family live in Florida and first heard about The School of St Jude back in 2009. Since then they have been strong supporters of the school's mission.

Join St Jude's Mt Kilimanjaro Challenge 2012

Reach great heights with The School of St Jude's Kili Challenge 2012. This year will take this event into its third successful year. In 2012 we anticipate - with your enthusiasm and support - that the event will attract a greater number of climbers who will enjoy this amazing experience and raise funds to help St Jude's continue to offer a first-class education to hundreds of children.

Passionate people move mountains (or climb them), so if you're feeling passionate and energetic, then check out our unique itinerary and details of the challenge on our website.

The School of St Jude is working in conjunction with a leading climbing company to give you the chance to make it to the roof of Africa and support St Jude's.

