

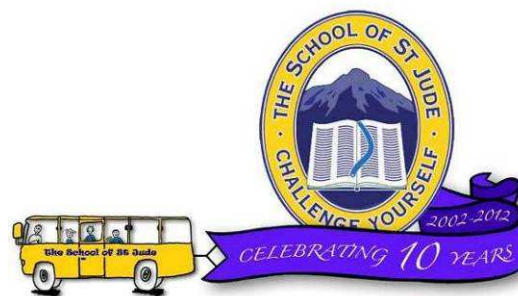
# The School of St Jude

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## May 2012 Newsletter

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

### WELCOME FROM JANE WALL, ACADEMIC HEAD AT ST JUDE'S

My passion has always, and will always, be education. Not simply universal education, but high-quality education.

Here at The School of St Jude we are providing our students with facilities and resources that most government schools can't match and that's why I am so proud to be part of its mission to Fight Poverty Through Education. I'm particularly proud of our four science and computer labs at the Smith Secondary Campus. Knowing that 95% of government schools don't even have one lab, it's exciting for our students who want to pursue a science-based career to be learning at St Jude's.

As the Academic Head of the entire school, it is my duty to ensure all of our educational staff have a commitment to producing students who are different, who are employable, who will stand out and who will be able to become competent leaders of the future – students with enquiring minds, the ability to think creatively and solve problems.

Of course, we have big challenges in the upcoming years. We're preparing for our first secondary students to begin Form 5, which means our current Form 4 students will have to make some tough subject choices as they specialise and prepare for their tertiary education. Ultimately, it is my job to work with the school leaders to create an environment which enables our students to leave St Jude's having achieved their full potential, not only with the qualifications which will enable them to access a university education, but also with the skills and understandings to become productive and effective citizens of Tanzania.



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## 10th ANNIVERSARY APPEAL

We would like to say a very big St Jude's **THANK YOU** to all those who have donated to our 10th Anniversary Appeal! You can see the amazing difference that your support has made in the appeal update below.

If you haven't yet had the chance to donate... **NOW IS THE TIME!** With the end of financial year approaching and the very generous offer from one of our supporters to match every donation we receive before 30 June until we reach \$200,000, your gift will go even further.

You *can* break the cycle of poverty for the students of St Jude's and their families! Donate today by logging onto [www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/appeal.html](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/appeal.html)



### Appeal Packages for 2012

### Package Amount

**80 Buckets of Fresh Vegetables**

**AU \$100** (777 packages remaining)

**Table + Four Chairs**

**AU \$150** (22 packages remaining)

**Bed and Bedding for a Student**

**AU \$300** (76 packages remaining)

**One Staff Computer**

**AU \$500** (3 packages remaining)

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

**AU \$1,000** (13 packages remaining)

**Secondary Science Equipment**

**AU \$5,000** (1 package remaining)

**A Secondary Netball Court**

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

**A Biogas Waste Water Project**

**AU \$5,000** (1 package remaining)

**Two Class Sets of Textbooks**

**AU \$10,000** (2 packages remaining)

**Secondary Science Labs Fit-Out**

**AU \$10,000** (1 package 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 SOLD OUT**

**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 SOLD OUT**



## IN THE SCIENCE LAB WITH MS PENDO

One of the beauties of St Jude's is the academic resources available to students and teachers: outfitted science labs for practical learning and computer labs with the most updated technology. Ms Pendo Jeremiah, curriculum deputy and chemistry teacher at Smith Secondary Campus, believes these resources are what make St Jude's an institution of higher learning. "Learning science subjects through practical stimulates students to arouse interest and helps students tackle problems which might occur in their environment." Ms Pendo earned her bachelors degree in science from the University of Dar es Salaam, and has been a member of staff at St Jude's since 2010. Aside from teaching chemistry to the Form 4 students, she oversees all of the academic elements of the school. It's because of leaders like Ms Pendo that St Jude's is in such an excellent position for our future!



You can support teachers like Ms Pendo by signing up for a **STUDENT + TEACHER SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE** via our website  
[www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/sponsorships.html](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/sponsorships.html)

## LEARNING THROUGH EXCURSIONS



At St Jude's, students also learn both in and outside the classroom. Secondary students recently ventured to the Cultural Heritage Centre, where they soaked in the Tanzanian, African and international artwork. Students also took a trip to the Selian Agricultural Research Institute where researchers educated them about cross-hybridization and gene mutation in growing maize.





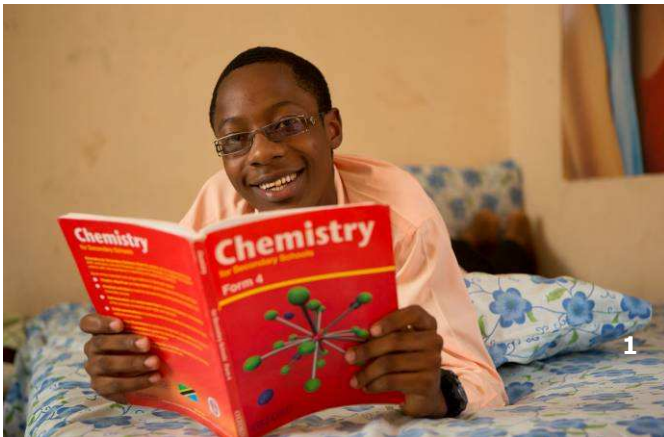
## THE JOYS OF SPONSORSHIP

"I once heard someone say, 'You can gain and lose money, but you can't gain time.' Once you lose it, it's forever. Take care of time in every aspect, because it doesn't come back. Consider the time you have. Maybe people will rush to get things done, but it interferes with the time you have to enjoy life."

– Alex, Form 4

One of the joys of sponsoring a student at St Jude's is the first-hand experience of watching students like Alex grow up into a mature, young adult. Between the grade reports, student letters and visits, the sponsor-student connection becomes a truly unique relationship. One of our oldest students, Alex in Form 4, has been sponsored by the Mandl family including Mrs Waltraud Mandl and also Helen Mandl – currently head librarian at Smith Secondary Campus – since he was in Class 3. A whole eight years! Mrs Mandl will be arriving in August to meet Alex for the first time, but through constant communication over the years, their bond has grown strong. Alex will get to show Mrs Mandl around the boarding facilities, introduce her to his friends and, most importantly, take her to the science labs where he's in his comfort zone. Alex wants to be a neurosurgeon when he grows up, and plans to study medicine at university.

The whole St Jude's family is so proud of Alex and we thank Helen and Mrs Waltraud Mandl for their



**To sign up for a sponsorship package, visit our website today!**

<http://bit.ly/newspensors1>



Photos - 1: Alex at home on school break, still studying! 2: Helen visiting Alex's relatives; 3: Alex explaining more about his home and upbringing to Helen; 4: Alex receiving his St Jude's uniform in 2004; 5: Alex in class.



## CREATIVE INSPIRATION FROM LOCAL AUTHOR

Storytelling, illustrating and writing are what have made John Kilaka a world-renowned artist, and he brought these talents to the St Jude's to share with the children. Speaking to all of our lower and upper primary students on the Moshono Campus, John not only shared

his original children's stories, but his own path from a small village in southern Tanzania to adventures across Europe, where along the way he has published three books, which have been translated into multiple languages across the world.

"Have I inspired you today?" John asked the classes after his presentation? Every single hand in the room went up, followed by the students' inquisitive questions about his drawing technique and style. A fantastic visit from a man full of energy and animation. Thanks John!



## OUR RISING SPORTS STARS



Two secondary St Jude's students were recently selected to play in the UMISETA and COPA COCA-COLA competitions in Kibaha and Dar es Salaam, competing in football. Denis (Form 3) and Baltazari (Form 2) advanced through numerous trial competitions before making the trip to the big stage! If Baltazari performs well in Dar es Salaam he could be selected for the national Tanzanian Under 17s team representing Arusha in the 28-team national youth tournament. Denis will be representing the Arusha-Manyara Zone at UMISETA. We're extremely proud of the skills our students possess outside the classroom!



By supporting St Jude's you are helping our students reach their potential with access to extra curricular opportunities.



## IRENE'S BIG DREAMS FOR HER FUTURE

"My mother was not married when she had me, so my grandparents brought me up. I don't see my parents at all. My grandparents took me to sit the entrance test at St Jude's after my grandmother heard about it on the radio.

When I grow up I want to be a pilot. When I was a child I would see aeroplanes flying overhead and I would wave at them. I said to my friends that one day I would be flying that plane. They laughed at me, but it is still my dream. I would like to go to America. If Barack Obama can be President then I think that I will also be able to do something great.

I have been at St Jude's for eight years. The education at St Jude's is very different to the school I went to before. At the local school there were 150 children in my class. Sometimes the teachers didn't even turn up. At St Jude's I have faith that I will succeed and be able to help my grandparents. I want to build them a house and I want to care for them until God takes them."



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**Read more about Irene and some of our other students in our 10th Anniversary Book!**

**Stocks are limited so visit  
[www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/store.html](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/store.html)  
today to get your copy.**

**100% OF PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO  
THE SCHOOL OF ST JUDE.**

## SPOTLIGHT ON QUEENSLAND!

### COURIER MAIL GETS BEHIND ST JUDE'S!

The Courier Mail recently contacted St Jude's to offer us a position in their 'Support a Charity' feature. We're very grateful to be one of 16 organizations featured so that Queenslanders can learn more about St Jude's and click straight through to our website. Thanks Courier Mail!

[www.couriermail.com.au/interactives/charities](http://www.couriermail.com.au/interactives/charities)



### QUEENSLANDERS LEND A HELPING HAND

We are very proud to have 10 Queensland volunteers who call St Jude's home! They have made the brave journey to Tanzania and work in various roles within the school. The one thing they have in common... the belief in St Jude's and the potential of our students. Pictured here is Felicity, Carmel, Ellena, Ann-Maree, Angela, Jess, Shean, David and Bernice (James, also from QLD wasn't able to be in the photo). Go Queensland!!!



### LISTEN TO IAN ON THE RADIO!

During Ian's visit to St Jude's, ABC Radio in Queensland phoned him for a quick catch up. You can catch the interview by clicking on this link: <http://bit.ly/Ianradiointerview>



### IAN SKIPPEN & KEN REID VISIT ST JUDE'S

We were so thrilled to have Queenslander's Ian Skippen & Ken Reid visit St Jude's for two weeks in May. The brothers-in-law are both amazing supporters - Ken through his educational software program, TASS and Ian with his larger than life personality. Ian is a former radio host on Triple M's breakfast program and entertained our primary students in the library and gave a fantastic presentation to our secondary students on journalism and broadcasting. Thank you so much to both Ken and Ian.... We can't wait to welcome you back to Tanzania!

If you would like to visit us send us an email to find out how!





## IN OTHER ST JUDE'S NEWS.....

### FOLLOW US ONLINE!



Did you know that St Jude's is on facebook? You can keep up-to-date with the great work that you support by following us on:

[www.facebook.com/schoolofstjude](http://www.facebook.com/schoolofstjude)



We're also very happy to announce that St Jude's has an official blog! Our blog will feature in-depth articles about St Jude's and how it relates to the wider development context in Africa.

Follow along at <http://bit.ly/stjudesblog>

### NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM NOW AVAILABLE

We're thrilled to announce that we have updated the payment section our website! As a result, we now have a new web address for our donations and sponsorships pages!

To update your favourites or bookmark link for St Jude's:

- Logon to go to our website at [www.schoolofstjude.org](http://www.schoolofstjude.org)
- click on the **DONATE / SPONSOR** button at the top right of the page
- click on the link you would like to head to on the left hand side
- then update your saved favourites link!



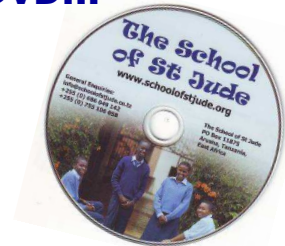
**Thanks for your ongoing support and encouragement!!!**

**Love from everyone at St Jude's!**

### SPREAD THE WORD WITH YOUR FREE DVD!!!

Have you seen our new DVD yet? It's filled with great features including:

- *Africa Calling* - a heartfelt documentary from ABC's Australian Story program;
- *Washa Moto* - the story of our Student / Teacher sponsorship program;
- *Behind the News* - an informative segment for school students.



Our DVD is by far the best way to discover more about everyday life at St Jude's. Log onto our website today to secure your free DVD which will be delivered direct to your home.

[www.schoolofstjude.org/SupportUs/free\\_dvd.html](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/SupportUs/free_dvd.html)



# NEWS FROM THE EAST AFRICA FUND

## IN THE BEGINNING...

It all started in 1999 when Gemma Sisia asked some Australian friends to set aside \$5 each month to help children in East Africa gain an education. Gemma's initial vision was to send the money to Uganda to assist just one student to attend school there. As the funds grew, Gemma's dad, a solicitor, convinced her that her 'East African project' should be set on firm legal foundations and he helped her set up a registered charity called 'The East African Fund Incorporated.'

## GROWING PAINS....

Gemma was finding that the money being sent to Uganda was not finding its way to the children, so she decided the best way to make sure the money was properly utilised was to go to East Africa herself and build a school. The School of St Jude opened in the village of Moshono, near Arusha in Tanzania in January 2002. Initially, the funds being kept safe in the East African Fund Inc weren't sufficient to build the classrooms needed.



*Pictured above: Nicholas Rice, Heather Barton, Richard Pagliaro, Robin Vargo, Mark Cubit, Cindy Skarbek, Kim Saville, Sarah Henry and John Bailey. (Absent—Gemma Sisia). This photo was taken at the beginning of this year at the EAF's board meeting in Melbourne.*

## ROTARY GETS INVOLVED....

Australian Rotarians got behind the project, not just by travelling to Moshono and building classrooms but also with Rotary acting as an auspice to offer tax deductibility to Australian donors. Today all donations by Australians and on the website go first to the East African Fund, then to Rotary Australia Worldwide Community Service (RAWCS) and finally to the school.

## SO WHAT EXACTLY IS THE EAF?

The fund is an incorporated association registered in NSW, Australia, and meets all legal and fiduciary requirements. It continues to collect money from Australian individuals and corporations to assist the development of people in East Africa. No money is received from government, while fundraising expenses amount to less than 2% of all proceeds collected. From those humble beginnings in 1999, the East African Fund now provides over 90% of the funds for St Jude's. St Jude's is EAF's only project, although thanks to the wisdom and foresight of Gemma's dad, it has the flexibility to support other East African projects if needed in the future.

**Over the coming months, you will be able to see for yourself how the EAF supports The School of St Jude. Our regular EAF feature page will highlight activities and news from our global, EAF board members.**