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June 2012 Newsletter

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



Hi everyone, my name is Peter Manjalla and I am the Headmaster of the Upper Primary Moshono campus. I've been with St Jude's since 2006, when I started as a science teacher. Since then, I have taken many steps to advance up the academic ladder of the school.

This is a common story here – the promotion of local staff to prominent positions, whether it's in the academic department, business team or maintenance roles.

What St Jude's promotes – in addition to the free, high-quality education we provide the students – is Professional Development (PD), with the aim of building a sustainable, professional and local staff group. Most of the Tanzanians who start at St Jude's come with a limited handle of the English language, so the school provides ESL lessons and courses on specific skills depending on what our roles are. It's through this method that St Jude's is working for a sustainable future. To read more about PD and some great success stories of my colleagues, turn to page 6.

My vision for St Jude's is to develop a sustainable, local staff that can competently handle all areas of running the school. Of course, this will take time, patience and hiring the right kind of people to make my dream a reality. I am confident we can accomplish this.

-Peter Manjalla

IN THIS EDITION

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WE DID IT.... THANKS TO YOU!!!!!!

Every little bit counts! That's what we have continued to find here at St Jude's—from the early days when Gemma was just starting out and relied on the support of many individuals from Australia to now, our 10th Anniversary Appeal where hundreds of people from around the world have contributed to help us reach our goal.

With your support, we are so proud to let you know that we achieved our target of \$200,000 for our 10th Anniversary Appeal. This means that this amount will be matched by one of our generous supporters! And this is all thanks to everyone who chipped in because of the shared belief that fighting poverty starts with education.

Here is a snapshot of all the wonderful things that you purchased as part of the Appeal...



**CLASSROOM TABLES
& CHAIRS**



STAFF COMPUTERS



TEXTBOOKS!!!



**A SECONDARY
NETBALL COURT**



**BUCKETS OF FRESH
VEGETABLES**



**SECONDARY SCIENCE
EQUIPMENT**



**A BIOGAS WASTE
PROJECT**



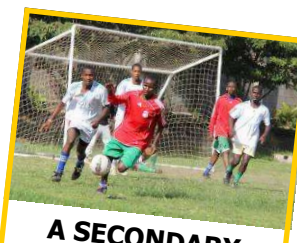
**SEATS ON THE NEW
'SIMBA' BUS**



**BEDS &
BEDDING**



**SECONDARY SCIENCE
BLOCK & LAB
FIT OUTS**



**A SECONDARY
SOCCER FIELD**



THE 'TEMBO' BUS



**A SECONDARY
CLASSROOM**

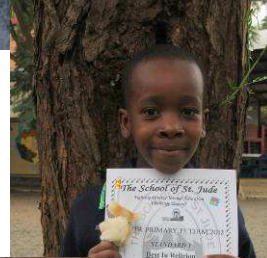


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MEET SOME OF OUR WONDERFUL STUDENTS

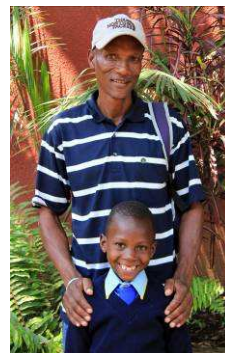
Before **Radhia** arrived at St Jude's, she spent a year in a government school, where she was ranked 1st out of 428 students in her class. She's an intelligent girl who wants to become a nurse when she grows up. Radhia has already won two awards at school—Good Handwriting / Neat Work in class and Best in Religious Studies. Her family is Muslim and her father works as a brickmaker. She lives with her parents and little sister.

Radhia's situation is typical of our students here - living in poverty but unbelievably bright and full of potential. With your support, she is well on her way to becoming a nurse, receiving the proper education and skills so she can help her community.



Long'ida comes from a family of hard-working farmers. His parents grow maize, beans, bananas and vegetables, while also tending to a cow, two goats and two sheep. He lives in a mud house with his parents, grandmother and two older siblings. Their village is in an expanding but poor area on the outskirts of Arusha city, predominantly occupied by export flower farms.

Long'ida's favourite subject is English and he wants to be a teacher when he gets older—he's already won Best in English for his grade! He certainly is in a wonderful place to nurture his dreams, as our local teachers are excellent role models for him to look up to.



Students like Radhia and Long'ida need sponsorship... can you or someone you know help? Visit our website today to sign up for a sponsorship package and help FIGHT POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION!

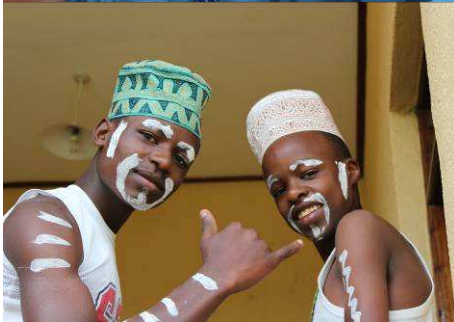
<http://www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/sponsorships.html>

CULTURAL DAY BRINGS OUT CREATIVITY

The second annual Cultural Day at the Smith Campus was another spectacular event put on by our secondary students. Overall, there were 21 groups that showcased their artistic side through song, dance and drama, competing against one another for the top prize awarded by the judges.

The theme this year was "Cultural Diversity and Dialogue" a motto the students took to heart in displaying their creativity with traditional Maasai Choir chants and Indian dances. The students also took to the runway showing off their sartorial skills. After serving traditional African food for lunch, the winners were announced, with the BFABBS dance group taking 1st Prize and the Wakoloni drama team coming in a close 2nd.

Well done to all of our secondary students—we can't wait for next year!



STUDENTS TAKE THE LEAD WITH ENVIRO STOVES

In our April 2012 newsletter, we featured a story on environmentally friendly, traditional Maasai ovens that the Smith Campus students were taught to make. Well, six students took their newfound knowledge and travelled to the local Ngudoto village to show the community how to make the ovens. By the end of June, the ovens were ready to use and the reports back have been fantastic—the villagers have already used them to cook rice, beans and chai and are very pleased to be using less wood. The students now aim to visit more villages to teach these communities how to make the stoves so they can benefit from these cheaper, safer ovens. We are so proud of our students for taking such an active role in their local community.



GREEN THUMBS AT SMITH CAMPUS

Extra-curricular activities are a great outlet for students to express their creativity and find their passions outside the classroom. For some at Smith Campus, it's cultivating the shamba (garden). These girls are tending the land in hopes that the vegetables they grow will be used in the kitchens to feed all of the students! They're currently planting silverbeet, watermelon, cabbage, tomatoes, corn, carrots, turnips and beans.



TEACHING THE TEACHERS

Twice a month St Jude's has Professional Development (PD) meetings, where Teacher Mentors instruct teachers about techniques they can utilise in the classroom to better educate and connect with the students. These meetings are usually led by the Teacher Mentors, typically Western volunteers, but a spectacular thing happened in the last meeting: two local teachers, Ms Julieth and Ms Eunice, proactively volunteered to lead the PD session, the first time local staff have ever done so.

Ms Julieth teaches English, Social Studies and Swahili to Year 6 students. She's only been at St Jude's for 12 months, which makes this achievement all the more remarkable.

Ms Eunice teaches English, Social Studies and Science to Year 5 and 6 students. She has been at St Jude's for about 18 months.

We owe it to any employee who shows drive and initiative to provide them with as much room for advancement as possible. Ultimately at some point down the road, we envision St Jude's to be run by an entirely local staff. Through our Professional Development initiatives, we are training the teachers, administration staff, cooks, gardeners, fundi (laborers), askari (guards) and anybody who shows the desire and dedication to advance through the ranks, by teaching them English and relevant skills needed in the professional world.



Our latest blog post looks at 'The Stepping Stones to Success' and how St Jude's is providing the tools for our staff to develop their skills and be a vital part of the fight against poverty. You can read it by clicking on this link:
http://www.schoolofstjude.org/_blog/School_of_St_Jude's_Blog

ST JUDE'S SPORTS UPDATE

June was a busy month in the world of sports at St Jude's. Eighteen secondary students traveled to Or-keeswa School in Monduli to compete in a 6km cross-country race. A big congratulations to Emmanuel (Form 1) for coming in 3rd place in the race!

Also, our sporting star Baltazari (Form 2) recently returned from the COPA COCA-COLA tournament in Dar es Salaam. His Arusha team made it all the way to the quarter finals—the farthest they've ever advanced—before they were eliminated. Baltazari was the leading goal scorer of the entire tournament at that time, scoring six times for his team. He'll find out in December if he's made the U17 Tanzanian team.

And a quick update from the students who competed in the UMISETA Competition last month: Denis (Form 3) performed tremendously, winning 1st place in the long jump, 3rd in the triple jump and 4th in the high jump. He and Hussein made it to the semi-finals of the football tournament, too. The girls, Herieth and Zuena, competed in basketball and netball representing their region with immense pride. The girls have put in a lot of practice and effort over the last few weeks and it was wonderful for them to be representing their community and St Jude's at the competition.



Baltazari and Hussein show off their skills



Herieth and Zuena did us proud in netball and basketball



Denis with his medals from the jumping competitions



Emmanuel in the 6km cross-country race



HELPING HANDS AT ST JUDE'S

With around 50 international volunteers and over 400 Tanzanian staff here at St Jude's, saying hello to new colleagues and farewell to old friends is a common occurrence. Last month we said our goodbyes to two very special St Jude's friends, Julie and Kennedy.

While most volunteers stay for an average of one year, Julie has been volunteering at St Jude's for a mammoth 4 years! Over her time she filled many roles in various departments including Accounts, Student Selection and Sponsor Relations. Julie has returned to Perth but we hope to welcome her back as a visitor to the school in the future.

Similarly to Julie, Mr Kennedy has been a valued member of staff at St Jude's since 2006. He head our ICT department, teaching and engaging our students with current technology and information systems. Kennedy is moving on to a new role in Tanzania and we are sure that he will continue to positively impact his local community and his country.



We recently asked our volunteers to write a poem about volunteering. What a talented bunch we have.... Here are our favourites!

If you have heart with GUSTO
Then volunteering is a MUSTO.
Encouraging others to do their BEST
While putting self and talents to the TEST
The blessings come and freely FLOW
While sharing time and self, just GO.
The friends you'll make along the WAY
Will make you smile and want to STAY
And help others' dreams come TRUE
The volunteer we need is YOU.

By Sue and Jock Bidwell

Come along and spend a year
It's not that long have no fear,
St Jude's in Tanzania is the place to go
To help out at the *St Judies* show.

In Admin or the maintenance shop
You're on the go, you just don't stop,
Or teacher mentor could be what you do
The jobs are many these are just a few.

And while you're here you feel the culture
When on safari you might see a vulture
Or visit places round Arusha town
The many restaurants won't let you down.

So think what you have to volunteer
You'll enjoy yourself, have no fear,
Now jump on line to the *St Judie* site
See what's there, find what's right.

By Ross Beasley

Want to join the St Jude's family and become a volunteer? Visit our website to view the current volunteer vacancies:

www.schoolofstjude.org/ContactUs/jobs.html

IN OTHER NEWS.....

GUESS WHO'S TWEETING???



Gemma recently joined the online world of Twitter.... You can follow her updates about life in Tanzania and all the goings on at St Jude's

<https://twitter.com/#!/search/gemmasisia>.

And did you know that St Jude's also has its own Twitter page? For live feeds from St Jude's just click on the following link:

<https://twitter.com/#!/search/schoolofstjude>



HAVE YOU READ OUR BLOG YET?

We've been busy over the past couple of weeks writing about all things St Jude's and how this amazing school relates to the wider efforts of fighting poverty in Tanzania and Africa.

Our recent blog posts look at what we've achieved over the past 10 years, we also respond to a recent financial report by Goldman Sachs and discuss Professional Development at St Jude's. You can read these articles by following this link:

www.schoolofstjude.org/_blog/School_of_St_Jude's_Blog

Happy reading!

OUR JUNE TOUR GROUP GETS THE FULL ST JUDE'S EXPERIENCE



Our June tour group were a delight to have on campus at St Jude's. The group of seven spent ten nights in Tanzania getting to know all about the school, our students and their families. From drumming lessons, visits to local Maasai communities and a government school, fun in the playground to a four-day safari, the group received the best St Jude's and Tanzania has to offer.

CARE TO JOIN?

If you would like to join one of our 2013 tour groups and experience life at St Jude's and see the amazing sites of Tanzania, just email info@schoolofstjude.co.tz and we will send you all of the information for our 2013 dates and what you can expect on a St Jude's tour.

NEWS FROM THE EAST AFRICAN FUND

MEET SARAH HENRY....

Sarah Henry first got involved with The School of St Jude by volunteering as our Marketing and Visitor Coordinator in 2009 and 2010. Since then she has become an integral part of the St Jude's family. Sarah is the Secretary for the EAF and St Jude's Fundraising & Events Coordinator responsible for liaising with our dedicated supporters who fundraise and speak on behalf of the school as well as coordinating Gemma and Kim's annual speaking tours. From students presenting to their class, Rotary presentations, movie nights, gala balls, African safari nights, card nights to morning teas, Sarah is kept on her toes thanks to the many supporters we have in Australia.



May and June were especially busy months with all of these wonderful supporters below.....



An African Safari Night was held at the Zonta Club of Botany Bay. Here is Ann, Robyn and Phil who dressed to impress!



Thanks to Anna and her committee - Laura, Ella and James for the tremendous Trivia and Auction night in Melbourne.



Ellie and Ella made over 170 library bags for our students. Thanks girls!!!



The Village Glen Retirement Village held their fifth card night in support of the St Jude.



The team at Canberra University's Research Students' Office recently held a morning tea to raise money for St Jude's.



A group of grade 2 students at Hillhurst School in Alberta, Canada created this intricate map of Africa with their penny drive.

And more.....

Sue Moffat continues to be a fantastic supporter, giving two presentations last month. Amelie Todd spoke to her school in the UK and Jo Hurst held a movie night in Cronulla in aid of St Jude's raising \$3,000!

Thank you to all these wonderful and dedicated supporters!

If you would like to host a fundraiser or presentation to help spread the word about St Jude's we would love to hear from you!!!

We can provide you with brochures, DVDs and PowerPoint presentations to help you along the way.

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