

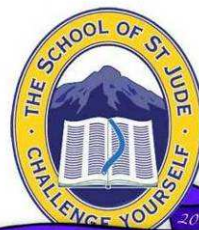
# The School of St Jude

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2002-2012  
**CELEBRATING 10 YEARS**

## October 2012 Newsletter



When St Jude's Day concluded and the Lower Primary assembly hall was emptied of the 2000 people that came to celebrate the schools annual tradition, there were remnants scattered about the hall that reminded you what a remarkable, enthralling day it was: multi-coloured streamers hanging from the rafters; plates of fresh fruit and empty soda bottles in red bins; and costumes and props from both students and staff from on-stage performances. But most noticeable of all were the energy and passion that still emanated from the hall, as students boarded the buses to head home for the weekend or to their boarding houses.

In St Jude's 10 Year Anniversary, there have been countless memorable celebrations, but none more so than St Jude's Day. Not only was there the renaming of the Moshono Lower Primary campus to the "Sisia Family Campus," in deserved recognition to everything the Sisia family has contributed to the school, but thrilling

displays of singing, acting and dancing from our talented students, all the way from Standard 1 to Form 3.

Supporters, donors and sponsors came from all over the world to be with us on this special occasion, and we are truly grateful for their appearance and representation of every single person who has ever donated, sponsored or supported the school. It is thanks to you that the most disadvantaged children have been given a lifeline in their fight against poverty through a free, high-quality education. Local community and educational leaders also lent their support on this day, reinforcing the bond between St Jude's and our commitment to the surrounding community.

The day was a complete success and surely one to remember, as all of our events have been this year. As you can tell from the above picture, 2000 students and staff are celebrating a truly memorable year thanks to your ongoing support.

### **IN THIS EDITION:**

**Our Dare to Dream campaign**

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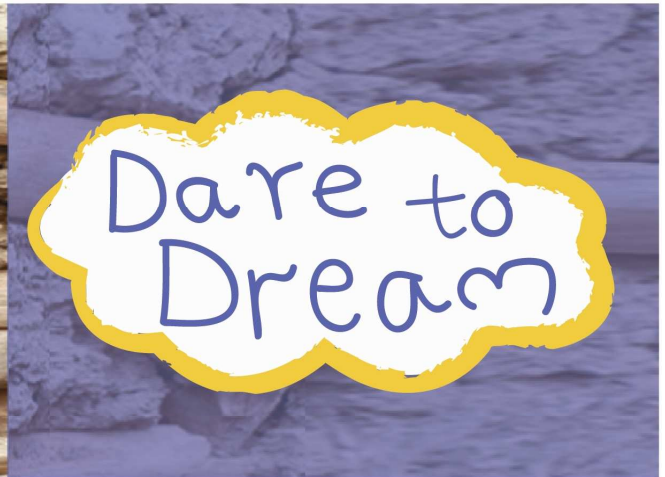
**Our new strategic goals**

**Building capacity among staff**

**Check out what our students have been up to**

**Christmas is just around the corner!**





## 150 new students, 150 new dreams

### 150 Dare to Dream Kelvin's Story

In 2013, 150 new students will start at The School of St Jude to receive a free, high-quality education. These children have been carefully selected to ensure that they are the brightest and poorest throughout the Arusha region.

Most of these children come from homes without basic necessities that are taken for granted in developed countries, including electricity, running water and appliances such as fridges. They also face difficult learning environments with overcrowded classrooms, limited resources and underqualified teachers.

Now, with a place at St Jude's, these children will receive a free, high-quality education and as a result they will be able to work towards any dream of their choice, no matter how big. They will be able to escape the cycle of poverty that their parents and grandparents have endured while developing the knowledge and professional skills sorely needed.



Kelvin is one of our new 150 students.

'I want to be a doctor.' Kelvin has wanted this ever since he can remember because he likes science and wants to help people who live far away from a hospital.

Even though there are 115 students in his class, Kelvin has one of the top grades. Each night he does homework in the mud house he shares with his parents and older siblings.

They have no electricity and buy water from a well that's a 15 minutes walk away, so Kelvin helps a lot with cooking and carrying water. His favorite food is ugali (a stiff porridge made from maize).

Kelvin's Dad has different casual work. Sometimes he helps at a building site and sometimes he pushes a handcart to deliver items. His mother walks around bus stops selling avocados and bananas. All their money goes towards rent so the chances of Kelvin reaching his dream are slim under these circumstances.

Now that Kelvin has a place at St Jude's a world of possibilities has opened for him. He now has the change to escape poverty and Dare to Dream.



Sponsor the dream of Kelvin or any of our 150 new students by visiting:  
<http://bit.ly/LyK2Fu>



# BUS DRIVERS TAKE THE PRIZE!



One of the best things about St Jude's Day is the friendly rivalry between our business and academic departments for the title of best dressed—using the St Jude's kanga of course! Here are some of our favourites.... Congratulations to our amazing bus drivers for taking out the title of best dressed team for a second year in a row—they are a crowd favourite for sure!

## AMAZING PERFORMERS!

Our students showed off their creativity and passion with their outstanding St Jude's Day performances. One class from every year level entertained staff, fellow students and guests on the day!





# SISIA FAMILY HONOURED

## Sisia Campus

### ating Poverty Through Education

As part of celebrating our 10 year Anniversary, we are reminded of where St Jude's began and those involved in making Gemma's dream a reality. The Sisia Family was honoured on St Jude's Day for donating the very first piece of land that is now The School of St Jude! Without their generosity and ongoing support, St Jude's simply wouldn't exist! We were thrilled to unveil the Sisia Family bench with its beautiful mosaic design and officially name the Sisia Family Campus (formally the Moshono Campus).

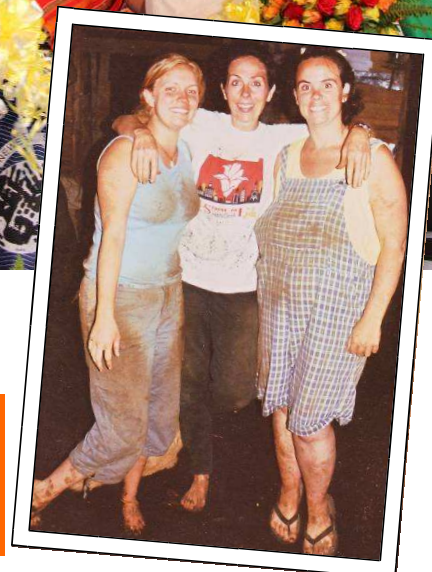


## MEET ANGELA BAILEY

With a fresh university degree in hand, Angela Bailey headed out to Arusha, Tanzania ten years ago to help Gemma and Kim get St Jude's up and running. She recently returned for St Jude's Day and we had a chance to talk with her about her time at the school. Below is a snippet of the interview and the full transcript can be found on our blog.

**St Jude's:** Obviously this place has been growing incredibly quickly. For people who have visited the school, every time they come back there's something new, so for you to be there from the start and to see all of this, what are your thoughts?

**Angela Bailey:** It's hard to put into words, to be honest with you. I just walked around my first day back and it was very emotional with tears. You see it in pictures and stuff like that but it's hard. To be honest it's hard to put into words. I'm really amazed and proud of how well the team has done and I think all the students are amazing. They're becoming young adults now, all the children I taught.



**Click here to read the entire interview with Angela:**  
[www.schoolofstjude.org/blog/School\\_of\\_St\\_Jude's\\_Blog](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/blog/School_of_St_Jude's_Blog)



# 10 DAYS FOR 10 YEARS!!!



As part of our 10th Anniversary celebrations, we added a special tour to our regular schedule. The 10 Days for 10 Years tour was truly memorable! We were thrilled to welcome nine supporters to St Jude's so they could share in the special celebrations with us. The group experienced the very best of Tanzania while gaining insight into the lives of our students and their families. And what better event to include in their schedule than St Jude's Day!



## TAKE THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME IN 2013!

If you're looking for an African adventure and an opportunity to see The School of St Jude for yourself, then why not plan the trip of a lifetime for 2013?

Our organized tour groups run in June, July and September and include the very best of St Jude's and Tanzania. Check out our website for all of the details!

[www.schoolofstjude.org/VisitUs/tour.html](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/VisitUs/tour.html)



# PLANNING AHEAD FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

As we celebrate the amazing achievements of the past ten years, The School of St Jude is very excited to have set its vision for the future.

The first decade of The School of St Jude was a period of huge growth and rapid change. In the coming years, St Jude's will be evolving, consolidating and continuously improving. We will be educating up to 2,000 students every year from Grade 1 to Form 6 across three campuses. We will employ over 500 local staff and will provide boarding for up to 1,500 students.

The goal for St Jude's is to become a Centre of Excellence for teaching and learning at primary and secondary levels and help our graduates to realize their aspirations. Graduates from St Jude's will be respectful, responsible, honest and kind citizens, gainfully employed, capable of trustworthy leadership in their communities and at a national level and will give back to the school and their communities. St Jude's will be seen as a model for fighting poverty through education and will be contributing to the improvement of teaching and learning across Tanzania.

We are excited to share with you our eight strategic goals for 2012—2017. If you would like to share your feedback with us then please email us on **info@schoolofstjude.co.tz**.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of The School of St Jude is to educate disadvantaged bright students from the Arusha municipality to become moral and intellectual leaders in Tanzania, and for St Jude's to thereby demonstrate educational leadership in Tanzania.

## 2012- 2017 STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Establish St Jude's as a Centre of Excellence for primary and secondary education.

2. Establish a sustainable business model for the school and all its activities.

3. Plan and implement the professionalization and localisation of roles and positions.

4. Expand the school support base beyond Australia and beyond sponsorship.

5. Complete the building, curriculum, staffing and student intake needs for Forms V/ VI.

6. Establish a support system for St Jude's graduates to pursue post-secondary learning.

7. Establish efficient, effective and transparent management structures and processes.

8. Facilitate and assist improvements in teaching and learning in Tanzania.

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW SCHOOL DIRECTOR / CEO.

If you know of an educational professional with the capacity to lead this wonderful school of ours, then let us know!

A complete job description and information pack can be found on our website.

**[www.schoolofstjude.org/ContactUs/jobs.html](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/ContactUs/jobs.html)**

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# STAFF READY WITH FIRST AID



Through generous donations last year, St Jude's received funds to train 105 staff members in Basic First Aid. In October we continued training new staff with two days of full time intensive practical and theoretical training in emergency response, how to treat the three levels of burns and allergies, how to treat severe bleeding and spinal injuries, how to use bandages, slings and splints, and when to use CPR. Time was also spent on dispelling old wives tales and superstitions. The course was delivered by Dr. Amol who took time out of his very busy schedule at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre (ALMC Hospital) to provide this course for us. We are very grateful to all who have donated funds to our school and helped to make this invaluable training possible! The best thing about this training is that these trained staff members will have the skills to not only help protect our children, but also aid their own communities.

# LEARNING COMPUTER SKILLS

Professional Development is one of the cornerstones of St Jude's, as we seek not only to advance our students' knowledge, but staff as well. This includes everything from ESL lessons to basic beginner computer courses. This computer course is aimed at giving non-academic staff — cooks, cleaners, drivers, guards, gardeners and fundis — the opportunity to learn how to use a computer, particularly programs like Microsoft Word. This course is delivered in English, but as most of the support staff are non-English speaking, the Tanzanian office managers were asked to deliver the course so they could interpret it for staff. This not only helps the non-academic staff to improve their English skills, but also helps the office managers delivering the course to understand the software better and gain confidence in training others.

So far we have awarded approximately 17 basic beginners computer course certificates in the 3rd term in 2012. These staff now have the opportunity to continue their studies as part of the intermediate computer course.



**If you would like to make a general donation towards our professional development initiatives, please visit our website today!**

[www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/donate.html](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/donate.html)



## BUDDING WRITERS EXCEL



During the mid-term break, volunteer Helen Mandl (Volunteer Teacher Librarian Mentor at Smith Campus) took a group of six Form 2 and 3 students to Dar es Salaam, the coastal commercial capital of Tanzania. They were all finalists in a national writing competition, where ten students were invited to the finalists ceremony and six of them came from The School of St Jude! All six received Certificates of Appreciation and Denis from Form 2 came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. The finalists from the other schools were all in Form 6 so this is a fantastic achievement for our students.



**Denis, one of our competition entrants, has written a guest blog post for St Jude's! Head to <http://bit.ly/UE4IOH> to read his story!**

The students had a wonderful time – one of them called it a “once in a lifetime day.” Some of them had never been to Dar es Salaam before, but they even managed to have a short time on the beach and saw the sea for the first time. Some were able to meet family members who turned up to support them.

Thanks so much to Helen for helping the

students submit their entries and for organising such an exciting trip at the very last minute (she had hoped that maybe one would get through to the final – she wasn't expecting six!).



## REFLECTING ON ST JUDE'S

When our Form 3 students visited a local secondary government school, they had a chance to reflect on what exactly is available to them at St Jude's. During their trip to Maji ya Chai Secondary School, our students witnessed what their lives could have potentially been like if it weren't for their placement at St Jude's — classrooms that are under resourced and close to 60 students; under stocked libraries and computer labs; and no source for clean water. Despite these differences, our students walked hand-in-hand with their peers, sharing stories about life, circumstances and their goals. Our students truly respect and appreciate all that the sponsors and donors provide for them, witnessed in their reports about their visit to Maji ya Chai.



**“We really appreciate everything we are given at St Jude's because the life outside is typically hard. We give thanks to all our sponsors and donors who make our life at St Jude's conducive for leaning.” - Form 3 Girls**



# IN OTHER NEWS....

## EVENTS HELP SPREAD THE WORD



Nicky and her friends held a trivia night in celebration of St Jude's Day... check out their cool costumes! Their event has provided vital funding to St Jude's—thanks so much guys.

If you would like to host a speaking or fundraising event to support St Jude's, be sure to contact our Fundraising & Events Coordinator with all of your details including your event idea and phone number.  
**[australia@schoolofstjude.org](mailto:australia@schoolofstjude.org)**.

## FIGHT POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION THIS CHRISTMAS!

Keep St Jude's students and their families in your thoughts this Christmas. Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world and Christmas celebrations are very different from what we're used to in developed countries. Choose from a variety of ways to support St Jude's students this Christmas and know that you are playing your part in the fight against poverty!



## FOREIGN CURRENCY NOW AVAILABLE



Australia / Other



USA



United Kingdom



New Zealand

We are very excited to announce that we now have an international checkout on our website! This means that our supporters from different corners of the world can now support St Jude's in their own currency.

If you have any questions about this new option on our website, please email

**[accounts1@schoolofstjude.co.tz](mailto:accounts1@schoolofstjude.co.tz)**.



1. **Purchase a St Jude's e-card where you can make a donation to St Jude's on behalf of a friend. The gift that gives twice!**

[www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/ecard.html](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/ecard.html)

2. **Why not spend some of the money you would normally use to purchase gifts at Christmas on a general donation to St Jude's?**

[www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/donate.html](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/donate.html)

3. **We have a range of merchandise that are the perfect stocking fillers. From caps, t-shirts, beanies to our fantastic children's book! Visit our online store at:**

[www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/store.html](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/store.html)