



The School of St Jude

St Jude's News

Thank you for sharing our newsletter with your family and friends

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Start a Ripple by becoming a St Jude's sponsor

We're very excited to have launched our **START A RIPPLE** Campaign which will run for the next couple of months. The aim of the campaign is to show you that being a St Jude's sponsor has a huge ripple effect – for our students, staff, their families, the local community and the global community.

Selemani, pictured above, is just one example of the ripple effect. He is starting a free, high-quality education at St Jude's in January. Find out more about his story by watching this video <http://bit.ly/176ebut>

For Selemani and his classmates, life is about to change. For each student who is sponsored a ripple effect is started and many more in the community benefit.

Jobs are created for teachers, cleaners, cooks, gardeners, builders and tailors... the list goes on. The ripple effect gets even wider when our purchasing team goes out into the community to buy supplies. Did you know that each week we need to buy almost 3000kgs of

fruit and vegetables to feed all our students and staff nutritious meals? Imagine the positive impact that is having on our students, the local suppliers and their community.

Thank you to all our supporters who are starting ripples across the world. Be sure to share the video with your friends and family and encourage them to **START A RIPPLE**.

Stay tuned for some more videos showing the people who are impacted when a student at St Jude's receives a life changing education. If you would like to become a sponsor, please visit <http://bit.ly/LyK2Fu> or email us at info@schoolofstjude.co.tz to find out more.

From Jon Ford, School Director

They say time flies when you are enjoying yourself and also when you are busy. Both of these things have been true and time is indeed flying by at St Jude's. The end of a school year is approaching and is a time when students are involved in exams while staff and leaders are busy planning for the new school year.

One area I am particularly excited about is plans for e-Learning in the school as we seek to take advantage of improved speeds and reliability of internet provision to ensure our students are getting access and experience to the digital world that they will work in.

As a Science teacher I was very excited to hear about the success of St Jude's students in a national Science competition held in Dar es Salaam – you can read more about on page 10.

Form 2 students have almost finished their National Exams and Form 4 will take their 'O' level exams from 4th October. The outcome of these exams will help determine the future plans of these students – we anticipate great results for our students as they continue on to 'A' (Advanced) level programs of study. We all wish all the students well – they and their teachers have certainly worked very hard to prepare for this time.

On 25th October the school will celebrate St Jude's day and all kinds of costumes are being created out of the famous St Jude's 'kangas' by staff teams in an effort to beat the drivers this year (I believe they won in 2011 and 2012) for the most creative and spectacular outfits. My outfit will remain a secret until the day!

Many thanks to everyone who has supported St Jude's this month through their sponsorship, donations, spreading the word, coming to visit or through your prayers. What we do here for the children of Arusha is something we all are doing together.



Photo of the month!

The girls from Smith Campus boarding get airborne after school!

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Congratulations to our Standard 7's

Like thousands of other Standard 7s across Tanzania, 168 primary school students from St Jude's beamed with pride as they received their graduation certificates.

Last month, over one thousand teachers, students, their families and visiting schools gathered to watch and celebrate the students completing their primary studies. Students did animated dances and performances throughout the event.

"This is a very special event and many of the parents are happy to see the students get their certificates. The students have been doing very well from the beginning of the year by doing different assessments in the Arusha region and also the national examination," says Mr. Ramadhan, Curriculum Deputy at St Jude's Upper Primary campus.

It is a big milestone for the students who come from impoverished backgrounds and have studied hard while receiving a high quality, free education at St Jude's. It is the fifth set of Standard 7 students to graduate from the school and many have gone on to excel academically during their secondary studies.

"I have enjoyed celebrating and moving to another level," says Abrahamani, St Jude's Standard 7 student. "I am achieving my goals and have worked hard for the past seven years."

Parents of the St Jude's students were especially proud as they value their children getting a good education which will enable them to break the cycle of poverty for their family.

"It is very good and we're happy seeing our child finishing primary school today and graduating from Standard 7," says Anande, Guardian of Elizabeth, a St Jude's student.

You can support our students as they move through their education at St Jude's. Become a sponsor and share in their journey.

www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/sponsorships.html



We Love Visitors

The past month has been jam packed with visitors at St Jude's and we've loved every minute of showing them our school, introducing them to our students, staff and volunteers, and sharing the wonders of Tanzania with them!

In last month's newsletter we told you about students from MLC school in Melbourne who were a pleasure to have on campus. We also welcomed our September tour group who were a great bunch. Everyone was sad to say goodbye to them as they left for the beautiful isle of Zanzibar before heading home. The Cox Family, who are long term supporters of the school, stayed for two weeks including their two sons. On top of that, we welcomed many more visitors from all corners of the globe including USA, UK and Holland.



"The experiences that I had on this tour will stay with me forever."

- Karen, September tour



Felix in Australia

Our own Felix Mollel is having an experience of a lifetime as he travels across Hong Kong and Australia to share his inspirational story and the achievements of St Jude's. He was a bundle of nerves and excitement as he boarded a plane to leave East Africa for the first time and leapt into his role as an ambassador for St Jude's.

It has been a success so far as people warm to Felix because of his honesty, charm and kindness which he extends to everyone he meets. In between speaking events, he has walked through a huge shopping mall in Hong Kong, marveled at the views of Sydney Harbour and relaxed at some of Queensland's beautiful beaches. He enjoyed his catch up with the presenters Tom and Alex on their Triple J Breakfast Show and chatted about his time in Australia and life back home in Tanzania. Felix loves the time he spends with our supporters whether it's at his speaking events, in their homes or visiting excited school children across the country.

The fun hasn't stopped yet. Felix has a busy few weeks ahead speaking to various crowds but he's enjoying every moment. His close friend, the school's Director of International Relations Kim Saville is with him for the journey. Felix has made many friends in Australia and across the world and he's keen to meet more people. Gather your friends and family together and go hear his remarkable story at an event near you <http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz/supportUs/fundraising-events>



Check out more of Felix's tour photos on the St Jude's facebook page

<http://on.fb.me/16kzm5L>

Immerse yourself in St Jude's & Tanzania in 2014

Our tour packages allow you to experience The School of St Jude and everything that Tanzania has to offer. With some of the world's most attractive tourist destinations, Tanzania and St Jude's combine to bring visitors a once in a lifetime adventure!

All of our tours include time at St Jude's where you can get to know the students and see the school in action. You can participate in class activities, visit students' homes, eat traditional Tanzanian food and explore the local villages.

You may also explore some of Tanzania's most famous safari destinations, including the Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Or visit the exotic spice island of Zanzibar, where the crystal clear waters and rich history of the island are not to be missed!

Family Tour

12 days

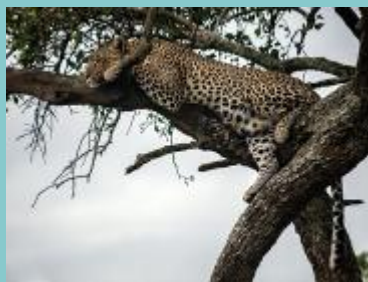
This brand new tour is focused around your family and our annual St Jude's Day celebration. All activities are geared towards a amazing family adventure where your children can learn more about the world we live in.



St Jude's + Safari

16 days

- 29 May – 13 June 2014
- 3 – 29 July 2014
- 11 – 26 September 2014



St Jude's + Safari + Zanzibar

21 days

- 29 May—18 June
- 3 – 18 July 2014
- 11 September – 1 October 2014



To find out more, visit our website

www.schoolofstjude.org

or email us at
info@schoolofstjude.co.tz

It will be the trip of your lifetime!



Meet the Team — Ms Anna

Each month we introduce you to a team member at St Jude's. This month, meet Ms Anna, who teaches at our Lower Primary Campus.

Ms Anna teaches Mathematics and English to our Standard 2 students. She started working at St Jude's in 2009 and is also a Homeroom Teacher for Standard 2E. Her responsibilities include monitoring students homework diaries, attendance and delivering daily school announcements to her homeroom class. Ms Anna is also an active member of the Student Affairs Committee.

Since Anna was a child, she always felt a calling to be a teacher. "When I was young I would even teach the young children there, at Sunday school at my church. I would teach them songs which are good for them to know," said Ms Anna.

She has carried a passion for teaching throughout her life and busily prepares creative lessons for her students each day. "I really like teaching English and the alphabet. I want to build a strong foundation for my students so that when they become big, they will be able to control their lives and have direction," she said.

St Jude's ensures its students have the best possible education by providing them with well-stocked classrooms, libraries and ICT laboratories. Our teachers, like Anna, strive to give our students stimulating lessons so they are encouraged to think creatively and critically.

Ms Anna was born and raised in Arusha. She lives with her husband Emmanuel and their two-and-half year old daughter. She belongs to the Mmeru tribe. Mmeru



tribes-people originate from the foothills of Mount Meru (Tanzania's second tallest mountain which stands 4,566 metres high), and also reside at the foothills of Mount Kenya (Kenya's tallest mountain).

She is a wonderful asset and has a boundless enthusiasm for teaching which she hopes will inspire her students. She is part of a team of more than 200 committed Tanzanian teachers at St Jude's. In her downtime, Ms Anna loves to read novels and sing.



International March for the Elephants



Twenty St Jude's students took part in the International March for Elephants with staff and volunteers, which brought 10,000 people together in Arusha on October 4th. The students made a banner representing the school and carried it along the 8 km walk.

The event took place in 14 other cities around the world. It was organized by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (DSWT), a habitat and wildlife conservation organization that runs an elephant-rescue and rehabilitation center in Kenya.

Poachers usually shoot or poison elephants to steal their tusks. They use ivory for a number of art objects, jewelry and disproven medical theories.

Poaching and the illegal ivory trade represent a serious threat to Tanzania's wildlife and the survival of the tourism industry.

According to The New York Times, 21.8 tons of illegal ivory were seized in Tanzania in the 3-year period from 2010 to 2012.

One elephant is killed every 15 minutes and at this rate they will be extinct by 2025.

"We take this issue very seriously, as it affects the future of our students, their families, the community around us and the whole country," says Jon Ford, St Jude's School Director.



St Jude's Students Shine on the Sporting Field

St Jude's students love to challenge themselves in the classroom and on the sporting fields where they notch up numerous successes.

Last month, 85 St Jude's secondary students competed in soccer, volleyball, netball, basketball and athletics at Duluti Secondary School at Tengeru, near Mount Meru. St Jude's girls proudly had their own soccer team, which also participated in the games. St Jude's came out victorious by winning all of their matches.

In athletics, secondary students Emmanuel and Emmanuel took out the 400 metres, while Form 4 student Denis came first in the 100 metres.

It is a stellar effort and demonstrates the talents of St Jude's rising sports stars. The school has an excellent academic record but strongly encourages its students to pursue sport, music and art so they can grow to be well-rounded individuals.



Pictured right is Denis and Emmanuel. Below is the team who represented St Jude's.



Young Scientists of Tanzania

St Jude's secondary students shone at the highly competitive Young Scientists Tanzania competition in Dar es Salaam recently. Form 4 and 5 students Liston, Riziki and Alex created a modified generator which runs on three fuels and connects to an electrical circuit as their project for the event. They were up against some of the best science brains in Tanzania, from 60 schools. The students had to think of a unique, science-based project for the competition, to encourage their passion for the subject.

The boys' hybrid fuels project caught the eye of the judges and they won the overall special award, given by an ESB engineering company from the UK and came second in the technology category. They also received trophies, medals and prize money to share amongst themselves and their teacher.

"I was surprised that we won because there were many great projects. I am so proud though, to receive four medals, including three gold and one silver," said Riziki. "I love science and I'm very happy. It is one of the best projects I have worked on," said Liston.

Their science teacher, Mr Mcharo, has worked closely with the boys on their winning project and watched on with pride as they received their awards. "The boys are only in junior secondary and show great potential to succeed in the science field. Some of the winners of previous Young Scientist Tanzania awards have gone on to become big entrepreneurs and own their own businesses. I believe these students will also go far," said Mr. Mcharo.

The St Jude's project received high accolades from experts in the field at the Young Scientist Tanzania competition and it is an encouraging sign of things to come. St Jude's offers an impressive science program in Upper, Lower and Secondary. The students do hands-on-experiments and dissection of small mammals in well-resourced classrooms. Science in our secondary classes is hugely popular and many of our students are aiming to go and study medicine, engineering and related subjects at university.



Join Our Team of Volunteers

Volunteers are a special bunch of individuals and we currently have some positions to share with you. If you, or someone you know, fit the bill then we'd love to hear from you.

Visitor Team Manager

St Jude's welcomes around 1,600 visitors each year. Visitors can stay for a day, a night or a week and come from all corners of the globe. On top of this, we run our own Cultural Tours and work with travel companies to enhance their Tanzanian experience. This role is responsible for managing a great team of volunteers and Tanzanian staff who ensure our visitors have the best possible experience.

Minimum 2 year commitment, available NOW! Click here for more information

www.schoolofstjude.org/ContactUs/jobs_visitor_team_manager.html

Purchasing Coordinator

Did you know that St Jude's purchases over 300kg of food each week?

The role of Purchasing Coordinator is crucial part to the St Jude's Operations team. Be responsible for purchasing of all St Jude's supplies including our food supplies, office and education needs and much more. You'll be working with a great team and really get a chance to immerse yourself in Tanzanian culture as you go out to various markets on the weekly buys.

Minimum 1 year commitment, available from April 2014.

To find out more, email us at

HRAdmin@schoolofstjude.co.tz

Grants Writer

Join the vibrant marketing and fundraising team in Tanzania as our Grant Writer. Be responsible for conducting research, identifying funding opportunities and use your writing skills to make applications for our school to grow!

Minimum 1 year commitment, available from January 2014.

Check out the full position description here:

www.schoolofstjude.org/ContactUs/jobs_grant_writer.html

