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Teamwork In Action: The School of St Jude uses different sports to enhance holistic education among students.



Our Australian fundraising partner is registered as The School of St Jude Ltd and is responsible for all funds raised in Australia.

A Cause Worth Running For



Our amazing supporter Africa, runs in Brisbane to support his fellow Tanzanians.



The Sunday of October 15 was a special one for Africa, an enthusiastic supporter of St Jude's. He had just competed in a 10 km run and helped raise over AU\$5000 for The School of St Jude.

"I participated in Queensland's largest fun run to raise funds for St Jude's," says Africa. "I completed the run in one piece and raised an impressive AU\$5860 – and the count is still rising," he adds proudly.

Africa, who currently resides in Australia where he works as a senior electrical engineer, has been a long supporter of St Jude's. He and his wife, Yvette, found out about the school during one of their many trips to Tanzania and immediately became supporters.

"St Jude's dedication to providing quality education to underprivileged children in Tanzania resonates strongly with my values and aspirations," says Africa. "I know this because I have experienced it first-hand," he adds.

Africa was born and raised in one of the villages along the slopes of Mt Kilimanjaro, in northern Tanzania. Growing up, he enjoyed playing football and developed a liking for mathematics and science subjects at school.

"Some of my favourite memories were those of my father tutoring me," shares Africa. "He instilled in me the value of a good education from the beginning. My father would even assign daily learning tasks to reinforce the skills and subjects in the classroom," he continues.



Long-Term Supporters: Africa (right) and his wife (left) have been supporters for 19 years!

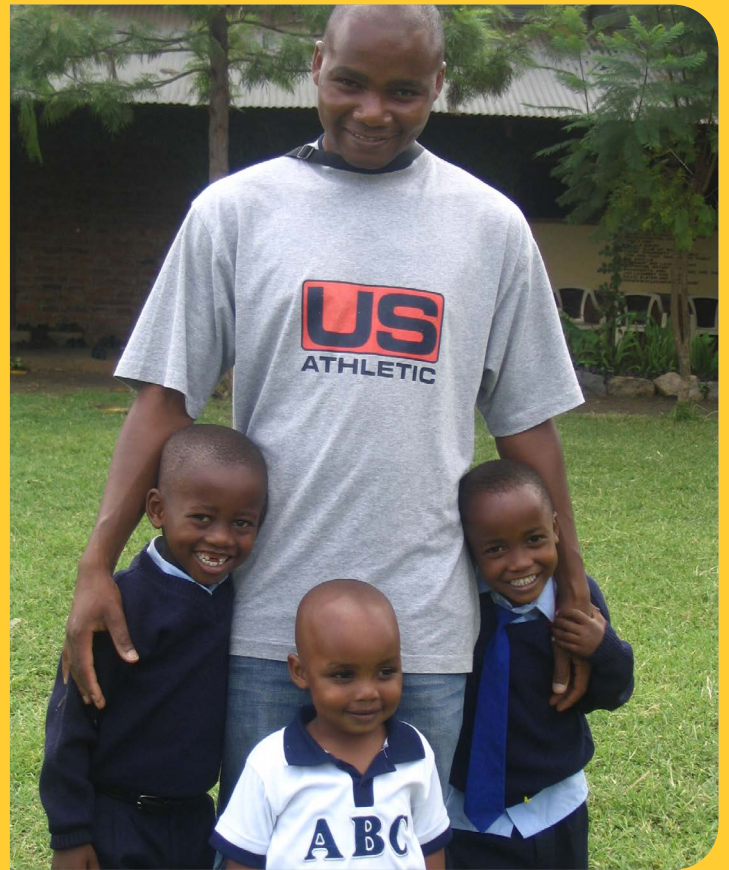
His father's efforts paid off and Africa achieved high primary and secondary school results which allowed him to attend the best government schools in Tanzania. This opened up more opportunities for Africa to pursue further studies in the United States and Australia.

"I am deeply grateful to have a parent who believed in the power of education. I want to extend the same spirit to the next generation of aspiring Tanzanian professionals," says Africa. "This is why I decided to challenge myself in the Bridge2Brisbane fun run this year to raise funds for a cause that is close to my heart," he adds passionately.

Over the years, Africa and his wife have been ardent supporters of St Jude's, through sponsorship, organising fundraising activities, and raising awareness. Africa was awarded the Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Award for his dedication to assisting his native community in Tanzania, notably his former primary school and advocacy for St Jude's.

As long-term sponsors, Africa and his wife, Yvette, have personally experienced the transformative journey of a sponsored student at St Jude's.

"When I learned of St Jude's and its mission of fighting poverty through education, my wife and I agreed to sponsor a student. I was the first ever Tanzanian sponsor!" says Africa.



"The student we sponsored recently graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Engineering," says Africa happily. "This is particularly special because I am an electrical engineer myself, and it is inspiring to know that I had a role in influencing his career choice to follow in my footsteps," he adds.

Africa's passion for St Jude's mission also inspired the original Brisbane High Rise Rotary Club visit to St Jude's in 2012, which has now grown to six visits and more than 100 Rotarians being introduced to St Jude's.

Africa is one of many St Jude's supporters who have gotten creative in raising funds and awareness for the school. By combining his hobby for athletics and passion for St Jude's, he found a new way of supporting the school. Like Africa, there are many ways to join the fight against poverty. Our resource page may be a good place to start for aspiring supporters looking to raise funds for St Jude's.

You can support St Jude's in many ways. Just like Africa, **start your fundraiser today.**





All Eyes on the Ball: Under 16 Boys' Basketball Showdown - St Jude's vs St. Constantine, at Smith Campus.

Togetherness in Sports

Embracing sportsmanship, culture and competition.

The School of St Jude hosted yet another sports tournament, inviting other school members of the Northern Tanzania Schools Athletic Association (NTSAA) to share in the vibrant cultural and social opportunities of our community.

Having participated in NTSAA tournaments for many years, St Jude's has also been a host of the tournament with the under 15 Basketball and under 17 Football tournaments in December last year, followed by the under 13 Basketball and under 11 Football tournaments earlier this year.

"This past weekend marked another milestone as we hosted under 13 and under 19 football, along with under 16 basketball league matches," explains Jenerali, the Assistant Team Lead in St Jude's sports department.

Speaking after the tournament, Jenerali is passionate about these larger competitions, giving students an amazing opportunity to test their skills against other schools.

"All nine associated schools participated, resulting in over 405 students across three age categories competing," he adds.

As part of the holistic education approach at St Jude's, all students take sports to develop their fitness and support their mental health.

Among the students who participated in the tournament is Ivon, a Form 3 student who is part of the girls' football team. Ivon joined St Jude's in Standard 1, and in Form 1, she found her passion for football. She started training with the support of one of St Jude's wonderful coaches and working on her skills to eventually join the school's team in Form 2.

"I am happy to be a part of this tournament with other schools and I'm also happy with the outcome," says Ivon who shined during the NTSAA tournament.

"The preparation for this competition was intense, especially because we have just come back from the midterm holidays and hadn't practised for a while. Thanks to our coach, we trained on weekdays and prepared for this match," she adds.

St Jude's Girls' team played against tough opposition from other schools, but by the afternoon emerged as proud winners!

"Despite the fact that the other teams had good defence players, we utilised our strengths in passing the ball and scoring to win the match. We realised quickly that we were the better side when it came to teamwork which helped us get the results," shares Ivon.



Winner's Pose: Ivon (third from right) posing with other members from the St Jude's Girls' Secondary School's football team right after winning their match.

"The biggest lesson we took from this tournament is the confidence and the passion that the other teams projected throughout. We were afraid that would reflect in our performance but thankfully that was not the case and we won again," she adds happily.

Ivon and her fellow students' performance was praised by Ms Emiliana, sports teacher at St Jude's Girls' Secondary School. "I am proud of our students' performances. Both our under 19 girls and our under 13 boys' footballs team were outstanding, maintaining an undefeated record," she says proudly.

"The event was incredible with over 400 students participating. It's the largest student sports event hosted since the beginning of our sports program," she adds.

Although St Jude's performed exceptionally at this year's competition, Ms Emiliana is even more optimistic about future competitions.

"Looking ahead, we anticipate even greater success; with league matches attracting more students and coaches, we expect to see an increase in the number of spectators in the future," she says. "This means more family and friends from participating schools will come to watch, creating an even more vibrant and supportive atmosphere for our student-athletes," she adds.



Always Ready: Emiliana eager to support students in sports activities at St Jude's Girls' Secondary School.

Regular sports events, both regional and national competitions are just one of the ways in which the school engages students' passions and talents. The extensive sports program not only enhances the school's performance in competition but empowers students to develop valuable life skills.

Your support is breeding
St Jude's talent. Meet
some of our sports stars.
Donate Today!



Empowering Voices Through Public Speaking



St Jude's Students shine in Public Speaking, shaping tomorrow's leaders.



Future Leaders: Members of the Public Speaking Club and their mentor, Mr Edmund

One of the most awaited days at The School of St Jude, Sisia Campus is the Public Speaking Grand Final Competition. Talented members of the public speaking clubs at primary school compete fiercely to get the number one spot.

Tami, a confident Standard 6 student is one of the finalists in this year's competition.

"I believe if one expresses his or her thoughts without fear, they can be a source of change for their community," she says.

"I started realising my Public speaking talent when I was in standard 4, and it's when I began chasing opportunities to improve my skills. During my free time, I used to read and learn from influential speakers, leading me to join the Debate Club," reflects Tami.

St Jude's has been at the forefront of nurturing students' talents through a wide range of skills and activities, including public speaking. Public speaking competitions are typically conducted across all three campuses, allowing students to share their perspectives and expand their horizons.

Tami's exceptional speaking abilities have earned her the position of Head Girl at St Jude's Primary School and the first spot in the public speaking competition.

With aspirations of becoming a teacher, Tami hopes to teach subjects like science, English, and art. She envisions guiding the next generation to seek opportunities, much like her educational experience at St Jude's, which helped her discover her public speaking talent and will enable her to inspire future generations.

Agape, another competent public speaker at St Jude's, reflects on her journey, "I never expected to stand in front of people and speak to them without fear."

Agape, who is currently in Standard 3, aspires to become a doctor and recognises the importance of public speaking skills in achieving her dreams. She joined the Public Speaking Club to develop this skill and appreciates the guidance and mentorship of her teachers.



A Champion: Tami holding a recognition certificate and a trophy for winning the top spot

“I love that our teachers at school guide and support us. They give us a chance to bring out our talents,” says Agape who came in second to Tami in the competition.

Right from the early stages of primary education, students are encouraged to cultivate their speaking skills in front of their peers. To guide these young minds is Mr Edmund, a teacher at St Jude's Primary School who is particularly keen on developing students' public speaking skills. He mentors and coordinates the Public Speaking Club at the primary school.

“In the club, we take pride in having incredibly talented students who consistently bring forth new and creative ideas during our regular meetings and club sessions,” says Mr Edmund.

“Witnessing this young generation's determination to nurture their talents motivates me, and I have no regrets about choosing a career in education,” he adds with a smile.

Public speaking is a powerful tool for students to effectively articulate their thoughts and ideas, build confidence and practice leadership. St Jude's remains committed to providing quality education to students like Tami and Agape, the future leaders of Tanzania, eager to bring about positive changes in their communities and make a difference in the world.



A Proud Mentor: Mr Edmund guiding students preparing their speech

With your support, St Jude's is developing confident leaders. **Donate Today!**

Creating fair access to education through our scholarships

Ever wondered how we offer scholarships?

Let's dive into our Scholarship Application Process for primary!



Listening closely: Potential student paying close attention during one of the classroom sessions at St Jude's.

Every year, over 3,000 high-achieving students from government schools apply for a scholarship at The School of St Jude. The scholarship process is rigorous to ensure that our limited spaces are fairly awarded to students on a transparent and consistent basis.

Allocating scholarships is a delicate balancing act as we want to ensure those in the most need received fair opportunity. Each applicant must pass through three phases including the Scholarship Application Day, Poverty Assessments and the probation period.

These stages are carefully designed, providing plenty of aspects to explore. Today we will take a deeper dive into the third stage – the probation period. This part of the process spans a two-week period where potential students enter a St Jude's classroom to be closely assessed by St Jude's Primary School's academic and leadership teams.

● Academic assessments

After each week of St Jude's classes with our primary teachers, students participate in assessment on three subjects; arithmetic, health and environment and English language. These tests help St Jude's to select students who outperform their peers and demonstrate a high level of academic promise.

● Behavioural assessments

Two teachers are selected to observe and record the student's behaviour, discipline and attitude during these two weeks at school. This assessment contributes to the decision-making as we look for students who demonstrate the school values of Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Responsibility.

● Further poverty assessments

After Probation classes are complete, successful students and their families undergo further poverty assessments, which are conducted by our Community Relations team and Parents Committee. A student is finally offered a scholarship on the one of the most special days of the St Jude's Calendar, Uniform Day!



Our scholarship processes ensure fair access to those from disadvantaged backgrounds.
Sponsor a scholarship today!