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EDITION!

Hi all,

We hope that this newsletter finds you well. As usual, we have had a crackling few months of exciting work for the Hope Katolo Nursery School. Leanne and I have been busy fundraising here in Australia, with the help of some amazing, self-less and generous supporters of the school. Georgina, the staff and kids in Kenya have also had a very busy few months, made a little more complicated by a long-ish dry season that justified every last cent that was spent on the several water tanks.



Update from Kenya

You were no doubt alarmed to read in our last newsletter that 15% of the children attending the nursery school are HIV+ and a further 20% are either suspected of being HIV+ or their immediate family has been diagnosed. Ten percent of the children attending the nursery school are total orphans, most often due to AIDS related illness. The good news is that Georgina and the staff at the nursery school came up with a great suggestion of a sick bay, to make sure that these children are able to continue to attend the school and access the much-needed feeding program, but rest as required. It is with huge thanks to Forest Hill Rotary, the work on the sick bay is now completed and it is being equipped with basic amenities.

Thanks also to Forest Hill for hosting Melanie at another inspiring and fun evening on the 1st of May.

Staff letter

Hi Melanie and Leanne,

I hope you can remember me way from your second visit when you came and found me handling middle class thou i was just from High school,

My names are Chestine Omondi from katolo community, I now handle middle class and i enjoy my work very much with the support you give us

I overheard madam Georgina requesting some of our two staffs members to say and put down their experiences of the school and i got interested , I hope there is nothing wrong if I say hallow to you all, and to inform you that i am very comfortable and really wish you people would came and meet us again one day , so that we can have a chat and thank you guys personally

I did not have much to say ,but to appreciate your effort especially you two who coordinate meetings and activities in Australia that raise money towards the school, Be blessed abundantly Yours in service,

Chestine Omondi



The staff at Lort Smith have been tireless again with their support of the HKNS. They are always coming up with more and more creative ways to make money for the nursery school (usually involving food).

Congratulations to Amanda for winning the Lort Smith Hope Katolo Easter Hamper!!

Thanks to Dana, Joe, Jenny and Adelle for making this fundraiser a huge success.

It raised **\$566** for Hope Katolo Nursery School.

Olive Oil

We continue to sell the delicious Hope Katolo labelled Cockatoo Grove extra virgin olive oil as a fundraiser for the nursery school. Pick your 500mL bottle up for just \$12. Contact us at hopekatolo@hotmail.com if you would like to order some.



Albert Park Rotary Talk and International Women's Day Breakfast

In March this year, Leanne and Melanie were so thrilled to host a stall at the Rotary International Women's Day Breakfast at Crown Palladium. We mixed with Rotary and Melbourne royalty, shared the story of the nursery school and sold some delicious Hope Katolo olive oil supplied by Cockatoo Grove. What an experience! Thanks so much to Jeremy Hope from Albert Park Rotary for organising this for us.



In addition, we had a wonderful night being hosted by Albert Park Rotary Club in April. We are still talking about the amazing views that this club enjoys every week at their meeting. Some members of the club have been personally incredibly generous and the club as a whole has also been extremely supportive of the school. We are most grateful and are currently investigating some exciting future projects that can make best use of the funds. Thanks again to Jeremy for inviting us on behalf of the club.



Thanks to all the staff at Lort Smith who supported our first Baked Potato Day fundraiser. Over \$400 was raised thanks to the hard work of many. A big thank you to Lisa, Adelle and Tracy for bringing delicious toppings. Thanks too to Dana for serving the hungry staff and to Jenny for supplying and then baking 50 potatoes in her oven at home.



Entertainment Books

We are selling Entertainment books and Digital Memberships again this year.

Books and memberships are \$70 this year.

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HOPE KATOLO NURSERY SCHOOL KENYA

2007

Melanie Haley and Leanne Pinfold volunteer in Katolo, Kenya, and meet Georgina Malanga who is running a nursery school out of a small church building. There is no access to clean water, minimal access to food, no toileting facilities, no access to electricity or other power sources and the teaching staff receive no income. Whilst in Kenya, Leanne and Melanie along with 2 other volunteers purchase land in Katolo to build the new Hope Katolo Nursery School. The feeding program is commenced. Georgina as head teacher, three teachers, two cooks and a night security guard are employed.



2008

The main 3- classroom school building and 2 pit toilets are constructed. The staff receive a regular income for the first time in their lives.

2009

The Hope Katolo Nursery School kitchen, complete with 2 wood-fired ovens, is constructed.

2010

Solar panels are installed on the roof of the kitchen as sourcing electricity from the national grid is not a viable option in Katolo. The power provided allows use of a laptop computer and small electrical appliances.

2011

In May, the Pinfold family visit Hope Katolo Nursery School. New water tanks are purchased and Georgina is rewarded for all her hard work with a new bicycle. The bicycle allows for easier commuting to town for supplies or to take unwell students to the local medical centre.

2012

In June, after a long period of drought, the rains come. The result is terrible floods in Katolo. The supporters of Hope Katolo Nursery School help to finance the clean up afterwards.

2013

A staff office is constructed.

2014

In February Georgina comes to visit Leanne and Melanie. During her 5 week stay Georgina gets to meet many supporters of Hope Katolo Nursery School. Lots of fundraising nights are held in which \$9,000 is raised.

2015

The focus turns to greater sustainability of Hope Katolo Nursery School. The school community is now the proud owner of a cow, chickens and a fabulous veggie patch. A plan for ongoing maintenance of the school is put into place.



2017

Construction of a new sick bay provides a place of rest for the children of the school, of which approx. 15% are HIV positive at this time.

10 Year Anniversary

On our 10 year anniversary, over \$140,000 AUD has been raised to provide education and sustenance to approximately 90 children per year.

The school now consists of a large 3 room school building, an office for staff, a kitchen, pit toilets, 6 water tanks, solar panels, a vegetable patch, a sick bay, a chook shed, a cow shed

and play equipment for the children. This is all protected by a perimeter fence and gate.

In the 10 years, over 180 children have graduated to Primary School. Over 160,000 meals have been served and over 450 school uniforms have been made. Tank water enables hydration and better hygiene for over 100 people each year.



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