



The School
of St Jude

Innovative interns educating our community!

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Dear All at Rotary Club of Taree,

I hope you had an enjoyable and safe Easter weekend and I'm sure many of us were catching up with family or loved ones via video call.

I am now officially out of self-isolation following my trip back to Tanzania, so I can finally hug my girls and am working back in the office. It's so great to see all of our hard-working staff coming up with innovative ways to keep students learning while at home. The at-home study packs have been delivered and mock exam booklets are being prepared for students in national exam years. Our business staff continue to work, communicating with our supporters and are taking all precautionary measures both in and outside the office.

Just last week, the Beyond St Jude's department and Community Service Year (CSY) interns stepped up to help the wider Arusha community. They prepared over 1,000 posters (and counting!) with information about how to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19. As information can sometimes be hard to access, our interns rose to the challenge and recognised the importance of educating as many members of the surrounding communities as possible.

I am so proud of our CSY interns and all that they have achieved with this initiative. This is a huge effort! As educated leaders of their community they are truly stepping up in times of crisis and representing St Jude's with pride. **[Watch them in action here.](#)**

Last month, the Tanzanian Government closed all schools for 30 days, this has now been extended with the latest announcement stating that all schools will remain closed until further notice. Further, on Sunday 12 April the Government suspended all international flights in and out of the country. At the time of writing Tanzania has 88 confirmed cases. These are very uncertain times for the school but with compassion, kindness, strength and teamwork I know we will make it through together.

For now, I hope you enjoy the below article as Judith and I reflect on our time in Australia and all of the wonderful supporters we met up with. While in Australia I was also lucky enough to feature on ABC Conversations with Sarah Kanoswki, so for those we missed along the way I hope tuning into this chat will make up for it.

Until the next update, stay safe at home!

Gemma.

Ps. Since a lot of us might be developing a slight addiction to social media during lockdown (I'm definitely guilty of it!), I would love it if you could spread the word about St Jude's to all your friends and family. Share our **[Facebook](#)** or **[Instagram](#)** pages, comment and like on our posts or even forward this email to your neighbour... every little bit counts!



Our Tour to Remember

Judith and Gemma reflect on three weeks in Australia.



ABC Conversations

Did you miss Gemma and Judith on tour? Listen as she chats with Sarah Kanowski on ABC Conversations.



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