

# Joshua Schools Update

The Joshua Foundation Schools Sponsorship Newsletter



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Std 6 wave goodbye after end of year camp

Hello and Merry Christmas to all our Joshua Schools sponsors!!

The year has flown by and its time again to send our Christmas greetings and blessings for the coming New Year! Our Joshua schools close at the end of November and staff get a well deserved rest until we meet again on January 7th 2008 (Wow!!!) for a week of inspiration, motivation and preparation for the new year - a good kick start to the year!

## Looking back...

The past year holds a mass of memories, from the starting of our own secondary school, to the sadness of the deaths of two of our precious students, to the blessing of Vanessa's input into the lower primary school maths programme, to.....it goes on.....

## Some very exciting recent news:

1) We were the top school in the Std 4 mock exams for our area, and one of our students achieved 100% on his maths exam!!!!  
**Wohooo!**

2) The most recent lot of maths testing for our Std 1&2 classes, following Vanessa's input, show significant improvement - good job Vanessa and teachers of those classes!

3) After much heart-felt prayer on our water needs (we have been carting in all our water for several months - costly in time, energy and money) we have the great news that Magugu has been selected for a new water project to be started next year. Also we were donated a water purification system to keep those nasty

Maths work at Magugu



Go Vanessa!

*bacteria at bay – very cool! AND, some significant donations from concerned people in NZ enabled us to buy guttering and tanks for the secondary school. Only two days after putting them into place the rains started and our tanks are already full and overflowing!! Praise God!*



These guys were a huge help!

## Next Year

- we take in 60 Form One students to the secondary school. Entrance exams and interviews are being held as I type. That will take our secondary roll to 120. We are in desperate need of teaching staff. Secondary school teachers are in high demand all over the nation so we are believing God to supply us with the qualified staff we need. He is the God of miracles!!

- we are also undertaking a new staff inservice training programme called Effective Teaching which has been developed for developing countries by New Hope International. The first year of studies is all about applying the philosophy of Christian Education in schools. Currently we have 8 head teachers at En Gedi from Christian schools in Tanzania learning to be trainers in this trial programme. These teachers will take the material back to their schools and use it as inservice training material over the coming year. We are excited to think of our schools and other Christian schools being strengthened in this way.



8 head teachers from schools in Tanzania at En Gedi

- at Joshua Primary School we will be implementing across the school the new maths material/training that Vanessa has been trailing. She is very busy doing the final work of putting together resource kits for each class before she leaves later this week!!! Thank you SO much Vanessa!



Cutting out resources takes patience!

*God's richest blessing on you all. Have a great Christmas and New Year!!*

*Lynda Stephenson and all the wonderful teaching staff of The Joshua Foundation*

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