



News from Australia

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AKT Celebrates 10 years | 2016 - 2026

We are planning a special lunch next October for all our donors, sponsors and friends. This event will celebrate ten years since Arusha Kids Trust was registered as a charity in Australia.

It has been an amazing journey. Thank you all for travelling alongside us. The young people we support in Arusha, Tanzania have benefited enormously from your generosity and encouragement.

News from Tanzania



E goes to University

E has accepted a government offer to study at the Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy in Dar-es-Salaam where she will undertake a three year Bachelor of Education degree. She is absolutely thrilled to have this opportunity, having missed out last year.

Many thanks to the group of supporters who have generously agreed to sponsor E.

Update on G

G is studying law at the University of Dar-es-Salaam. He was hit by a car in May while on a zebra crossing. He was well enough to return to class just one week before the end of year exams in September.

We are happy to report that he passed the exams with very creditable marks. He will start year 3 of the 4-year course in January.



Four students graduate from Secondary School

On her recent visit to Tanzania, Kathy was able to attend the graduation of J & A(secondary) and Ja (Primary) in a joint Haradali Primary & Secondary ceremony. Kathy spent time with P and J during her visit but their graduation from Unambwe Secondary School took place after she returned to Australia.



Primary School Leavers have their exam results

Five students supported by AKT sat the PSLE exams this year.

- Ja was the outstanding student, showing significant improvement in 2025 and achieving a Grade A.
- An, N and S were all awarded a grade B result.
- A, who sat the exams at Same Hill Primary School also achieved a grade B.



**Top from left Ja, An,
A.**

**Bottom from left S
and N**

AKT funds a security fence on the Lakitatu site



Boys from SAO attending Lakitatu Secondary School have been living in supervised dormitory accommodation on this site for the last year. The girl students were unable to join them as the law states that accommodation for girls must be securely fenced. Kathy discussed the situation with the Director of SAO during her visit. Quotes were obtained for the building of a fence to the required design. The five Trustees all agreed the project should go ahead. This photo shows the fence under construction.

New Water Pump for watering vegetables and fruit trees

While Kathy was in Arusha the pump used to draw water from the bore for watering fruit trees and vegetables stopped working. Unfortunately it could not be repaired, so Arusha Kids Trust funded the purchase of a new pump, ensuring the continued supply of fresh produce.



Extra Support for N

N has just completed Primary Standard four at Blue Sky School. She has been struggling academically for some time. Some of the teachers at the school are trained in counselling and learning support. Kathy discussed N's situation with the SAO Director and the school Headmaster. They all agreed that N should board at the school in 2026. This will give her the opportunity to receive additional academic and emotional support.

50 Cardboard boxes save the day



During her visit to Lakitatu Secondary School, Kathy learned that students were unable to access many library resources due to poor storage. Unopened boxes of textbooks, and large piles of exam papers were stacked on top of cupboards.



Kathy suggested that cardboard boxes could make a significant difference. The following morning, she visited one of only two box manufacturers in Arusha and was generously gifted 50 boxes.

When she returned to the school the Academic Master organized a working party in the library. Students sorted exam papers by subject and year and these were placed in labelled boxes. The textbooks were neatly arranged in the existing cupboards – transforming access to learning resources.

2025 Presidential Election

A Presidential term in Tanzania is five years. Presidential elections were held on October 29th 2025. The ruling CCM Party recorded an overwhelming success. Once the results were published unrest was reported in some of the bigger cities. It appears the country is now calm

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