



News from Australia

AKT Newsletter #17 October 2023

Fundraising – Trivia Afternoon - Please Book Your Tickets Now

AKT Trivia Afternoon

Sunday 29 October from 2-5pm

Once again, Jeni, an AKT Trustee, has opened her home in Lewisham to organise a fundraiser for the kids in Arusha. This time she has organised what will be a delightful trivia afternoon. Thank you to Jeni for her generosity.

Tickets - Hurry book your tickets **now** via the link, or get them from Trustees Kathy, Chris or Jeni.

The \$50 price includes a glass of wine with cheese platter, tea/coffee/cool drink with sweet treats. Click on the link to book online.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJVR>

News from Tanzania

Trustees Kathy and Suzi visited Tanzania in August We worked hard every week day visiting schools, talking to students and their teachers, providing education items, taking children to medical appointments and planning for the future with the SAO staff. We organised two weekend day trips which included all boarders. These were to Arusha National Park and the amazing Arusha Art Gallery.

Four new bunk beds



Many of the children are now teenagers. Twice the size they were nine years ago! The Director of SAO asked if we could provide four sets of metal bunk beds. We commissioned these to be made in a local workshop and observed the *fundis* (tradesmen) in action.

Thank you to one generous donor for making this possible.

Reading books donated to Blue Sky School library

One of our Sponsors donated two boxes of Usborne reading books for us to take to Arusha. Here Trustee Suzi presents them to Elihoud, the school's Deputy Principal.



Food Security Improves at SAO

Food security was noticeably better this year. The meals being offered to the children were substantial and varied. Fruit, vegetables and salad items were in evidence. Staples are still maize, rice and beans. At least 30 sacks of maize had been grown on rented land. Rice has been planted at this Lakitatu site owned by SAO.



Time out in Arusha National Park prior to major exams



Congratulations to Stephano (yellow t-shirt) who since this day has successfully completed a one year course in Early Childhood Learning.

The five children we raised money for so they could board during their final year at Haradali Primary School are shown in these three photos. They are all wearing blue t-shirts. They are on a day out as a treat before sitting the National Primary PSLE exams.

We had two pairs of binoculars with us on this excursion. Everyone wanted to learn how to use them. There were 26 young people from SAO on this day trip, together with several adults to keep things flowing smoothly.

First visit to the extraordinary Arusha Art Gallery for 16 girls



This amazing multi-storey gallery was designed by a Kenyan architect and financed by a Tanzanian philanthropist who made his money from the gemstone Tanzanite. We split into three groups and first climbed to the very top. We descended slowly by the spiral walkway, diving off into the many galleries along the way. The girls had the opportunity to choose art that they responded to. Some chose wildlife paintings and were amazed at the detail. Others preferred portraits. They had never seen anything like it before!

Tony joins Standard 4 at Blue Sky Primary School



Tony lives at SAO. AKT has agreed to sponsor him for the rest of primary school. He is very happy to be given this opportunity.

There are now nine AKT – sponsored children studying at Blue Sky Primary.

Thank you Willi

Willi lives in Arusha and drives a taxi for a living. Driving in this area is often hot, dusty and difficult. There are many ungraded dirt roads to negotiate. This year we almost got stuck on a road that had been flooded to get water to a rice paddy! Willi is an absolute treasure. Thank you Willi, you make our job so much easier.



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