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Emanuel Michael, Daniel Yusto, Juma Hatibu, Raphael Mushi, Stanley Abraham, Meshak Machuwa, Hassan John singing their sad leaving song.
Well Done to you all!

Success! A-Level results reward committed work

We are very proud to announce that, following the excellent results of our form IV resitters in February, it is now the turn of our Form VI leavers to record brilliant results. In their recent A-Level examinations the seven candidates from WATU Secondary School performed so well (one Division 1 and six Division 2s) that they have placed our school in fourth position out of fifty-nine in Kilimanjaro Region.

A letter from the current Form V students : It is our hope that you are all well and that you continue well with your duty. For us, we are also very well and continue with our studies. The aim of writing this letter to you is to inform you of the results of our previous Form VI; Frankly, they have done a great job by scoring Division 1 and Division 2 in both local and national exams. We are number four in Kilimanjaro Region and number 1 in Hai District and in National level we are thirty-third. Through their results we are instructed to struggle and study very hard so that we can make wonders for them; We will always remember their advice on how to succeed, that we must do the following: prayer, cooperation, self-awareness, studying by plan, spirit and self-confidence, be punctual, work together following the teachers' advice. Therefore, through their advice we promise that we are going to make wonders by studying hard and seriously struggling in order to show you that we appreciate so much your concern and support in our education. From Yvonne Prince, Beautrice Mwacha, Tunu Idd, Anna Gerald Nganyinia, Mary Lema, Stephen Mwamkay, Hakiel Lukas, Salum Gurisha, Regan Richard Meena, Jackson Mgonja, Daniel Zacharia, Fadhili Mbonea.

Congratulations to all of them and our very best wishes for their future studies at university level. Congratulations too and sincere thanks to all of their highly committed teachers. The following letters demonstrate how much of an influence these results have had on the current senior students:

A letter from some of the current 2014/2015 Form VI students: We are happy for the previous Form VI National results. They progressed well and through that we are recognized for these results. We have a confidence that even us, we shall do better like them. We have confidence because we are studying hard, We cooperate in different school activities. It is our hope that in the final exams we will all succeed; from Ficah David, Hellen Philemon Mngara, Venosa Ombela, Bahati Kijazi, Moses Malisanga.

A Day To Remember

WATU Secondary School's First Senior Graduation

The 12th of May 2014 will certainly be a day to remember at WATU Secondary. **The entire school community gathered** on our beautiful campus at Shiri Mgunguni **to see our seven Form VI students graduate from school.** It was a very moving occasion and **a very proud moment**, not only for the graduating students who were, of course, the centre of attention, but also **for their teachers, the Principal, and the ground staff and cook at Shiri, all of whom have contributed to this success.**



The guest of honour was Mr Allan De Mello who is the General Manager of Mobisol (T) Ltd, the solar equipment company who have provided us with our panels. **He gave a powerful speech** and presented our students with their graduation certificates. **Mr Mark Mwrabu, the school Principal thanked the teachers** and talked to the guests about the history of the school and the challenges facing it. **Mr Josiah Mchome, local Director of People's Participation in Education WATU, spoke warmly about the debt that the school owes to the generosity of so many donors from all corners of the world.**

The form I pupils sang a goodbye song to their older fellow students and then performed a clever play about children being sent home from school because of their families' inability to pay school fees. This was **followed by a very moving farewell song by the graduating students which brought tears to many eyes.**

There was much more besides this, all of which contributed to a memorable day of conviviality, pleasure, and justifiable pride in the progress of WATU Secondary School and its students.



Mr. De Mello presenting the certificates



Ingrid Chaves giving a special cake to the graduates

Form IV resitter class

We received many applications for admission into our O level resitter programme, which proved to be so very successful last year. However we have been able to admit only 7 because of shortage of accommodation given that parents, guardians and students see the value of studying away from home.

Our New Multi Purpose Teaching Block Nearly Complete.

Our building programme has continued at Shiri Mgungani thanks to the support of various generous donors. The new large block for examinations, assemblies, and performances which, with its partition can be divided into two conventional classrooms, had been mostly completed with the generous donation from the Fauset family. It is now finished with its ceiling boards, flooring, windows and plastering. Some of the funds raised by the students of La Chataigneraie at The International School of Geneva has made this possible. The security gate, the donation of The International Women's Club of Nyon, is now finished and installed, which is a great relief to all of us.

Just as important are the new solar panels paid for from funds donated by Procter and Gamble Alumni Foundation which now add to our electricity supply and provide lighting in the girls' and boys' dormitories, the toilet block, the kitchen and the library. We are in no doubt that this has contributed to the excellent academic results. Thank you to all of you.



The security gate being installed



Mama is happy to work with the efficient lighting



Solar panels being installed on a boy's dormitory



Ceiling boards going up in the new, divided classroom



The main work on the classroom was completed in May

Fund Raising Initiatives..... WATU Plants



With the help of tropical tree expert Daniel De Sousa, who germinated for us the seeds that Richard and Pontus brought back from Tanzania in 2013, we now have available a fabulous new WATU plant! The stunning *Delonix Regia*, more commonly known as the flame tree. The potted seedlings are growing well and at a very rapid rate, now mostly between 10 and 20 cms tall. Growing tips and more info will soon be available in the WATU plants section of Pontus' website :

http://pontuswallstenplants.smugmug.com/Other/WATU-Plants/21268763_9Zjf8x#!i=2364897278&k=L4L9WsT

Price : 25 CHF a pot,

Larger specimens : 40 CHF



Since October 2013, *Pontus Wallstén Plants* has moved to Perroy, at Ruelle Des Jardins 8, 1166 Perroy, VD. The nursery consists of production beds, as well as a 300m2 show garden, with plants divided into corresponding geographical beds and rockeries, which try and mimic their natural growing conditions and soil requirements. Each season has its high points, with spring bulbs, followed by lilies, roses, summer annuals, and last but not least, autumn colour with trees and shrubs, under planted with autumn flowering bulbs. A car park is located next to the nursery, which is open 7 days a week, but it is best to call a few days before to arrange an appointment for a visit on 079 288 76 71, or e mail Pontus at pontus.wallsten@bluewin.ch . Thank you, Pontus, for the WATU plants initiative, and best wishes for the development of your horticultural business.

Champex-Lac Apartment for Rent



Help WATU and take a holiday or a weekend break in the Swiss Alps.

Available for rent (in the pictured block) in the small ski resort of Champex-Lac is a comfortable, fully equipped one-bedroomed apartment with a sofa bed in the living room to allow **sleeping for 4.**

For a week 300 chf For a weekend 100chf (Friday to Sunday) Cleaning and towels and linen included

Contact for more information: r.heery@bluewin.ch

And finally, many thanks to.....

The International School of Moshi. In addition to WATU students going to the ISM campus for academic discussion and for sports we have been fortunate to have the services of Ms Ingrid Chaves from the English Dept at ISM for professional development, most particularly in instructing our teachers in the construction of power point presentations. At present, unfortunately, we do not possess any projectors

Our three student teachers from Bugema University, Beatrice Shubira, Happiness Kabyamera and Upendo Michael who taught A-Level and O-Level

Gina and Ryan Wilson and Cannie Chun, volunteers from Duke University in US who worked with our students, and to Alex Gromadski who took time out of a busy schedule to visit the campus. Alex was one of the students who helped to lay the first bricks of the first building of the school in 2007.

The following people and institutions who have, since our last Newsletter in February, contributed to People's Participation in Education. Success can come only through support and we thank you all very much for your generosity: International School of Geneva La Chataigneraie, Mr and Mrs H. Sennas Expand International, College du Lemman International School, FOTIS, Mr F. Cairns, Mrs J. Johnson, Wallsten Flowers, Mr J. Mbise, Mrs L. Bencini, Ms Claire Willey, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, Ms S. Martinez, St Clare's International School Oxford, Mr G. Justo, Mr P. Kennewell, Mrs G. Wilde, Mr and Mrs Robert Heery, Mrs Alison Gill, Ms Julia Scott, Ms J. Coates, Mr and Mrs L Swindin, M. C Roux, Ms B. Hoesli, Ms E Crawford, Ms E Sarfatis, Ms J Tyler, Mr Willem Hoffman, Ms S Brander, M. J Auert.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Bishop family who nominated the Tanzania Project at La Chataigneraie, which now supports our independent NGO People's Participation in Education WATU, to be the charity to receive donations in memory of the late Mr Arvind Bishop.

Richard Heery (co-Director, WATU)

Ahsante Sana

Thank You

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Highlights



The new classroom was able to be used for the graduation

The Form 1 students performing for their brothers

The campus showing Form 1 students waiting by the new gate to welcome guests to the graduation

Presentation of certificates

The kindergarten students welcoming Alex Gromadzki

Light for the students