



# PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION (WATU)

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A view over our campus

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to this February 2014 edition of the Newsletter. We have decided to bring out **an interim newsletter** because a lot is happening at Shiri Mgungani and **substantial progress is underway**; indeed I think it is true to say that we are moving into a new development stage. This has been **possible only because of your support for which the students and staff are, as always, extremely grateful.**

## WATU Secondary School comes second in the Northern Zone

We are very pleased to announce that in the recent **“mock” examinations for A Level, WATU’s seven students** achieved four division 1, one division 2, and two division 3, **putting our school second out of 69 secondary schools in the Northern Zone**, which is made up of Arusha Region, Kilimanjaro Region and Tanga Region . It is important to stress that these examinations, which of course are expected to give some indication of the level of success in the final exams in May, **are set and marked externally**, that is they replicate exactly the situation in the final exam. We should **congratulate our teachers led by Mr Mark Mwrabu** for their commitment and expertise. We expect now that this hard work be maintained up to the exams in May.



We wish our Form 6 students every success in their final exams

## Form One students welcomed to WATU Secondary.

January 2014 saw the arrival of WSS's first intake of 38 Form One students. All of these students have passed the national examination for entry into secondary school and in addition performed well on WSS own examination. They are all from families who are financially struggling, although all of them have agreed to pay the maximum that they are able. Most of them are accommodated in our boarding accommodation on or very near to the campus. Parents have visited the school and pronounce themselves

very satisfied with the arrangements. The students themselves are raring to go and highly motivated. They are a great addition to our school.



The Form One students, all very keen and capable, are ready for school in the new uniforms

## New classroom in the process of construction

Acceptance of the Form 1 students has been made possible only by a very generous grant from the Fauset family in Switzerland which will enable us to build a third classroom onto the academic classroom wing. The foundations which already existed have been enlarged and the walls are now steadily rising. This larger surface area will allow us to create two teaching spaces with a movable partition whilst retaining a larger space for big groups and for examinations. The science laboratory, which is complete with furnishings, water and now with the solar panels still needs basic science equipment for the teaching of General Science to the Form 1 classes. If any of you scientists would like to make a donation towards purchasing such equipment we would be very grateful .



Great progress is being made on the new Form 1 classroom

## A new teacher joins our dynamic team



**Paskalina standing by the walls of the future Form 1 classroom**

We are very **pleased to welcome Ms Paskalina Haima Hintay to WATU Secondary School**. She joins a very dynamic team and will be responsible for the **teaching of Economics to Form 5 and 6 and Geography to Form 1** and will also share **responsibility for the girl's boarding hostel**, with Veronika. She is a graduate of Moshi University College of Cooperatives and Business Studies and will be working for 6 months on a probationary basis. We sincerely hope that she will be very happy working at Shiri Mgungani.

## New Gate Will Improve Security at Shiri

**A very generous donation from The International Women's Club of Nyon in Switzerland has enabled us to purchase a stout security gate for the campus.** Our perimeter hedge, the money for which was donated by College du Lemman Middle School and which we planted five years ago is now very solid but with the new gate, made locally by a company in Moshi, our security plan is completed.

## Solar Power at Shiri

**Procter and Gamble Alumni Foundation in America** have continued their support for WATU, **awarding us a generous grant in December to continue to install solar power on the campus.** This comes at a very important time as **WATU is in negotiation with the TIGO telecommunications company to provide the school with sophisticated Internet access** which would mean that we could make even better use of our computers.



**The fundi installing a panel on the roof of the girl's hostel**



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## Would you like to sponsor one of our Form 1 students?

In accordance with the mandate of People's Participation in Education, (WATU) all of our new **Form 1 students come from needy families**. Whilst **they are making as solid a financial contribution to the cost** of their studies, accommodation and food **as they are able**, none of them is able to pay the full costs. If you would like to support one of these girls or boys then details of each student and the exact amount that each one needs, **on average £400 a year (ie 480 euros, 600 chf)** can be sent to you by contacting [r.heery@bluewin.ch](mailto:r.heery@bluewin.ch)



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

Available for rent 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** All cleaning and linen included

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