



PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION (WATU)

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After the turbulent developments we reported in February life has been little calmer at Shiri Mgungani these last few months. In addition to our second graduation ceremony in May, perhaps the most **significant development has been the appointment of a twelve member board at the school**, a step which **gives the school even greater credibility**. We are very grateful for this support from the new members, all of whom are from the local community. We are also pleased to announce that the **new broadband tower donated and erected by TIGO** is now well and truly up and working. **WATU Secondary School is permanently connected to the Internet!** May we ask you again to **keep an eye open for any second-hand laptops in good condition which companies, schools or other institutions may be willing to donate to WATU**. As I write a **new dining/studying facility is going up on the campus in the space next to the boarding house**. This will be **funded by a donation from the European Council of International schools which students at College du Lemman in Geneva were able to secure**. These funds have been **supplemented by a very generous donation from the Fauset family in the UK**. Pictures of this finished facility will be available in our next edition.

So we wait for the results of the **Advanced Level examinations (but see below!!!!)** and we look forward to the first meeting of the board and prepare ourselves for our first Form Two examinations. Thank you, as always to all of you who so generously support us.



Our thanks go to Mr. Joe Wright representing the International School of Moshi. WATU Secondary School enjoys increasingly close connections and support from ISM

Just as we were about to distribute the newsletter we received the results of the **Form 6 A Level examinations**. WATU Secondary School **students have done even better than last year! Our five graduating students scored four distinctions (Division One) and one Division Two**, giving us the **second best grade point average in the entire country**. The school was **6th out of 156 schools in Tanzania presenting fewer than 30 students** and second in the Kilimanjaro Region. **Congratulations** to all the students and to their teachers. More details in the next edition.

Welcome to the new Board of WATU Secondary School

We are very happy to announce that the following people have been appointed for a period of four years to the School Board at WATU Secondary and have all agreed to serve. We are very grateful indeed to them. As you will see these members come with a wide range of experience and expertise.

- ✚ Mr Lawrence Bariki Mchome who is a **retired judge** in the Tanzania High Court and is now **senior lecturer in Law at Makumira University College** in Arusha.
- ✚ Mr Peter Njambi who is a **retired Zonal Chief Inspector of schools** for the Arusha and Manyara Regions and is now **an educational consultant**.
- ✚ Mrs Hajira Mnambe who is **branch manager of The Azania Bank in Moshi** and an ex secondary school teacher.
- ✚ Mr Ezrom Lema who is **Head of the Department of Information Technology** at The Vocational Education Training College in Moshi.
- ✚ Mr Onesmo Mchomvu who is a **retired Civil Engineer**.
- ✚ Mr George Mchome who is **Area Marketing Manager at Bonite Bottlers Co. Ltd** in Moshi
- ✚ Mrs Agatha Michael who is a **retired nurse**.
- ✚ Mrs Agnes Kibona who is a **primary school teacher**.
- ✚ Mrs Adeline Shayo who **runs a business in Moshi**.
- ✚ Mr Revocatus Tesha who is the **WATU Secondary School staff representative**.
- ✚ Mr Michael Ngarima who is a **management consultant in Moshi**.
- ✚ **The Regional Education Officer** who represents the Commissioner for Education.

The Board's responsibilities are numerous:

- ✚ To advise the head on the school's development plans without interfering in the day to day running of the school;
- ✚ To discuss the Tanzanian Education policy and its implementation, especially on what is both possible and impossible to achieve;
- ✚ To initiate economic projects that would finally make the school sustainable and self-sufficient;
- ✚ To help to prepare and supervise the implementation of the school's development plans;
- ✚ To make sure that the school has sufficient land with appropriate title deeds;
- ✚ To supervise and monitor the school's income and expenditure;
- ✚ To make sure that the school has sufficient and acceptable physical infrastructures;
- ✚ To supervise the academic progress of the school and to ensure the continuous presence of teaching staff on campus;
- ✚ To attend board meetings four times a year;
- ✚ To build a good working relationship with the local community.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the board members to our small community at WATU Secondary School in Shiri Mgungani and we look forward to a very positive and fruitful working relationship.

Introducing the Teachers

Now WATU Shiri Secondary School is in its third year it seems it's well past time to give you a little **more information about the staff who work on the campus**, starting this month with **some of the teachers**. Next newsletter will include more. A school needs classrooms, buildings, land,

equipment and of course students **but a school is nothing without the teachers** and it is quite clear, from the amazingly good results that the WATU students have achieved at Shiri in their final exams, that **we are indeed fortunate to have very good teachers** working for our developing school.

Deogratius Fidelis Tarimo



- Mr. Tarimo is the History and one of the Geography teachers.
- He has a B.A.degree from the University of Dodoma, graduating in 2013.
- As well as classroom responsibilities he has taken on the role of School Farm Manager, an important position since the acquisition of the neighbouring land reported in February.
- He comes from Rombo District (Kilimanjaro Region), is single and enjoys in his personal time, playing the piano, sports and games ,art and literature.

Revocatus Tesha



- Mr Tesha teaches Maths, Chemistry and Biology
- His B.A. degree , attained in 2013, is from the Moshi University College of Cooperative and Business Studies.
- He has recently been appointed the Staff Representative on the School Board, adding this important position to his many classroom duties.
- He also comes from the Rombo district of the Kilimanjaro Region and he is single.

Paskalina Haima Hintary



- Ms. Hintary joins Mr. Tarimo in teaching Geography and History and also teaches Economics to the senior students.
- She has a B.A. degree from the Moshi University College of Cooperative and Business Studies, awarded in 2013.
- She adds to her duties by working in the girls' boarding house and she has been appointed the Discipline teacher.
- She is from the Babati District in the Manyara Region and is single. She enjoys singing in a choir and giving of her time to community service and is keen on netball, an interest that she can share with the students

Fund Raising

Champex-Lac Apartment for Rent



All proceeds go directly to WATU

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

Available for rent (in the pictured block) in the small resort of Champex-Lac is a comfortable, fully equipped one bed roomed 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

CAN YOU HELP US? Used Laptops in good condition needed!

With our new electricity connection and TIGO mast ideally we would like to provide laptops for all of the classrooms. We have been very fortunate to have had laptops donated from the World Economic Forum and more recently a large donation from Mr. and Mrs. Kaarlson, all of which have been well-used although some need replacing. If you know of companies, organizations, schools etc who want to dispose of second-hand but still completely reliable laptops and who might like to donate them to WATU please let us know.

As we go to press Richard is riding his bicycle from Edinburgh to Athens, one objective of which is to raise funds for WATU. Look out for more details in a special fund raising edition next month.



New Buildings

The Duka



This is the new “duka” under construction. **A duka is a small shop** and ours, which will be situated just at the main gate to the school campus, **will sell educational supplies for our students and for the young people in the village and basic groceries for the villagers.**

The Dining “Shade”



The work on the new covered area, to be used primarily for eating and after school study time, has begun. Students from La Chataigneraie (ISG) who were visiting Shiri were able to assist. The “dining shade” is funded partly by an ECIS grant obtained by Jana Krainova and Mike Samadu of College du Lemman (Geneva) and is invaluable as this new building is very much needed especially during the rainy season when it is difficult to serve and eat meals in a comfortable way, and year-round will give extra space for the students in the evening.



Students from La Chataigneraie (ISG) painting a mural on the new classroom block June 2015



Time spent together during the ISG trip

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THANK YOU

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The Graduation Ceremony of the year Six students May 12th 2015. Our second graduation ceremony was a great day for the students and a proud day for their parents and the school.