

Kapumpe Christian Primary School

*They will soar on wings like eagles.
Isaiah 40:31*



Weekly staff meetings are a great learning opportunity for teachers

Kapumpe Staff

It has been a thrilling and busy term for our staff at Kapumpe. They have seen much development in our pupils and across the school as we bring this academic year to a close. Some of our staff joined us this term and soon fitted into our staff family. We believe our staff have a lot of potential and love to invest in them as we endeavour to equip them with a variety of skills, teaching ideas and resources. Daily, they model to the pupils, that learning is a lifelong process... and lots of fun! This term, teachers have been focussing on assessment which now holds a more purposeful position in our everyday practice for both pupils and teachers alike.



John, our excellent worker, enjoying painting a picture... not just a wall!

Kapumpe Pupils

Term 3 is where we notice most change in our pupils; they are no longer the little ones that began in January but now they have grown both physically and in knowledge and understanding.

As usual, we had activity week half way through the term where the school is divided into groups with pupils from each class. The format for this week is



Left: Pupils enjoying sports day – a multiskills event followed by competitive races.

Right: A grade 4 pupil with one of the 5 school pet rabbits – they come into science lessons, are often talked about and get lots of attention at break time!

much loved and anticipated by the pupils as they work with different friends and learn from different teachers. This term our activities included: brick making, painting, card making, story-telling, baking ginger scones, flag making and throwing and catching with water balloons. Which do you think was their favourite? Throughout the term the pupils have loved having more opportunities to read and also demonstrating their improved reading skills to anyone available to listen. They have loved going into the library although it is still awaiting more shelves and books. For the pupils it is a space to learn new things according to their personal interests. All our pupils have continued to enjoy coming to school, collecting stars in recognition of their achievements and developing as individuals. Shortly before the end of term we held Sports Day where all pupils were able to take part and have fun being physically active in creative ways.

Kapumpe Volunteers

We have been blessed to welcome a number of visitors this term for different lengths of time and with different purposes in coming. Each one has been a big encouragement to us at Kapumpe and we look forward to welcoming more visitors in 2020.



Dave listening to pupils and helping them with reading



Colin completing paintings on the school walls after pupils help



Pre-school

Term 3 has been quite different for preschool as their teacher moved on from Kapumpe. For a couple of weeks they were learning with Grade 1 and proved they were up for the challenge. Mrs Mwape soon became their teacher and she began learning phonics along with them. During this term they have developed their pencil control, confidence in counting as well as their phonic awareness. It is also notable the amount of English they now understand compared to the beginning of the year when they needed translation for everything.



Preschoolers were so excited to compete in a race in front of the whole school on the big college field on Sports Day



Clay model making

Grade 1

What a wonderful term Grade 1 have had! Miss Makondo has settled into Kapumpe and has become much more confident using a variety of practical activities to help the pupils learn new concepts and vocabulary. There has been lots of art and craft things happening in their room this term including colourful paperchains and very detailed clay models. The pupils have all worked hard learning their phonics and love to read not only words but sentences. These pupils have already been mistaken for Grade 2 pupils! They are all very eager to move to the next class in 2020.

Grade 2

One thing that has been particularly noticeable in Grade 2 this term is their confidence in speaking English. Whereas many began the year reluctant to participate in activities where only English was used, now we can see most of the class volunteering every lesson. We are also beginning to see some of these pupils have very clear talents despite their young age. The boys pictured are excellent problem solvers! They also have very sharp memories and can easily work independently or in a team. Miss Ngoma has worked hard to prepare them for the next year.



Grade 2 were set the challenge to make a mode of transport for homework



Grade 3 participating in a PE workshop with their teacher

Grade 3

Mr Muleya has continued to be a ball of energy throughout term 3. He has been learning much about the primary curriculum and his awareness of phonics has greatly improved. The pupils have loved having him as their teacher as he makes lessons fun and helps each pupil to improve academically. There are children in his class who often felt they couldn't achieve in lessons and Mr Muleya has worked with them individually, breaking down problems into manageable pieces. He has been delighted to see the pupils realise they have been able to achieve in Maths, English, Science, Social Studies or The Arts.

Grade 4

This class have had a tough term – preparing for upper primary. There has been a lot more writing and abstract words and concepts to try to understand. They have done a fabulous job! Handwriting and the amount of work the pupils produce independently have both improved this term. Miss Kangoma has continued to support pupils who clearly struggle with academic work and they have been regularly attending school and striving to improve. All the pupils have become more responsible and can often be seen tidying books, sweeping the classroom or choosing to practice their reading when they have finished their work or at break time.



After the theory lesson about what makes a healthy snack and how to prepare them, Grade 4 were delighted to have a practical lesson!



Grade 5

Mrs Mwinga loves her pupils and as a result her pupils love her and love school. Whenever you walk into the Grade 5 classroom you find everyone hard at work. If the teacher is not explaining something at the front she is moving round the room supporting her pupils. There is a positive attitude to all learning in this class and the class feels like a family; they know each other's strengths and weaknesses so well. All the pupils know they have learned a lot and come through some challenging lessons this year. They are so excited to be Grade 6 next year and proudly tell us when they have been able to answer or explain something that an older pupil struggled with.



Singing praise songs while cleaning the school at the end of term



Taking a break between lessons and playing a traditional game

Grade 6

This class has been wonderful! Everyday has been full of new lessons, they have been aware the next year is the end of primary school. Just as Mr Mananasi has felt the urgency for his class to understand and remember each lesson, so the pupils have become even more dedicated to their academic work. A lot more study is now being done at home and attendance scores are very high. One pupil who has never before attended every day of a term finished 2019 term 3 with 100% attendance and was cheered at length by her peers in assembly. The class has highly anticipated being Grade 7 although they are not looking forward to leaving Kapumpe after their final year here.

Building Project 2019

Having completed block 3 at the beginning of the year, we were not sure if we would have another building project this year. Without a doubt, God has provided for us and we feel greatly blessed. Six weeks before the end of the year we began construction of our new ablution block as our current one is too small for the number of pupils and staff we now have. This block also includes 2 showers and should be completed in time for the new academic year. These builders have also built a strong room in the head teacher's office ready for storing exam papers. With this in place, the District Education Board should be able to grant us exam centre status.



Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord for the ablution block and strong room being built and pray that they can be finished before school opens in 2020.
2. Pray for our pupils and staff to be refreshed as they return from holiday. The pupils will begin a new class and some of the teacher are changing grades as well.
3. Thank God for His faithfulness throughout 2019 and pray for wisdom and guidance as we embark on this new year.
4. Pray that those joining Kapumpe for the first time in 2020 will soon settle and feel a sense of belonging.

School will re-open on 13th January 2020 for the beginning of Term 1.

Thank you for reading our update on the work at Kapumpe. If you have any questions or would like to further support us in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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