

Kapumpe Christian Primary School

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



End of Term Awards

Already Term 1 of 2019 has come to an end and what a busy and exciting term we have had.

It has been a delight to welcome many new pupils this year, we now have 116 children enrolled. Many more applied for our pre-school so they are now a waiting list for 2020!

Pupil 'captains' have been introduced this term and they have been fantastic at helping both inside and outside the classrooms. We are seeing a strong community spirit develop at Kapumpe amongst the pupils, parents and staff. This is of great benefit to both the community and school environment.

It was lovely to have a visit from two of our trustees who have been part of Kapumpe since the beginning. We are grateful for all their encouragement.



Two of our trustees visited at the end of term and presented some special awards



John has been working hard throughout the term and holidays to complete painting block 3

Ready for Use

Both staff and pupils were excited to see our new classroom block in January even though it wasn't 100% finished. During the term we have finished the veranda with terrazzo, painted all of the rooms and in the Easter holiday we will be painting the outside of the building.

Grade 5 and 6 have been using their classrooms, although there are no display boards or shelves yet, as the workshop at the Bible College where we are based is still under construction. We will be moving school resources and tables to the staffroom and in future we also hope to add some staff computers. The small collection of books we have will form the basis of our library for pupils to use next term. We would welcome any contributions for our library.

Local Community Supports Kapumpe

Community schools in Zambia have a PCSC (Parents Community Schools Committee). This is a body of representatives voted for by parents and staff to help in the running and management of the school. They have been very supportive of the school and would love to see Kapumpe doing more to help prepare our pupils for life outside the classroom. Many of their suggestions require funding, so this year they have begun an income generating activity through which the pupils will learn skills and can see how money can be made from things they enjoy doing, which will benefit the school.

Moringa trees grow very well in Zambia and the leaves have so many properties. It is a plant that lots of people are now looking to buy so the PCSC have shown pupils how to plant the seeds and take care of the seedlings. They are growing well and we hope to sell some in term 2 to raise funds for more farming tools at school.



Shelling seeds ready for planting



Moringa seeds planted



Excited to see signs of growth



Pre-school

This term has seen the number of pupils increase until pre-school was full. Parents have continued bringing their children so we now have a waiting list. Miss Mukuma is very happy to have a full class after having only a small number last year. As there are some children in pre-school for a second year they have been able to help the new pupils settle very quickly into the routines of school. The pupils love learning letters and numbers as well as singing songs and playing games. When the pre-schoolers see visitors they love to tell and show what they have been learning. One child was proudly telling a visitor 'p, p, p' while holding a letter card. Another pupil came and said 'No it's d, d, d' and turned the card the correct way round! We have some very fast learners in pre-school.



Some preschoolers learning to count outside



Handprints dry fast in the sun

Grade 1

It has been quite a challenge for our Grade 1 teacher this term. Despite the class being a little smaller there are a wide range of learning needs and some pupils who speak no Bemba and some who speak no English. Miss Chongo is a teacher who always faces challenges by looking for solutions. She has developed systems in how she arranges pupils and gives them responsibilities and tasks in order to manage teaching them. Some of the pupils in Grade 1 have only joined us this year and, being too old for pre-school, have little or no understanding of numbers and letters. All pupils in this class are now able to count to 5, recognize some letters and manage simple school tasks independently.

Grade 2

Miss Ngoma is one of our most dedicated teachers and Grade 2 have really enjoyed her class this term. The stock cupboard in this class houses our drama costumes and Miss Ngoma has loved using them to engage her pupils in lessons and to help the pupils have fun. It is often a big change for pupils when they move from Grade 1 to 2, there are more structured lessons and they spend more time working in their books rather than learning through play. Although the pupils feel they need to work hard, they are very proud of their achievements. Miss Ngoma ensures their love of learning continues to grow.



Performing the story of Palm Sunday in assembly



Grade 3 love listening to Bible stories

Grade 3

Mrs Maliphonde has changed classes this year to become the Grade 3 teacher. She is really enjoying having a lower grade and more time in the school day to get to know her pupils and support them on an individual basis. The pupils in Grade 3 feel very grown up as they see so many younger pupils in school. They are very good at helping the smaller children, and in class you can see they take their learning very seriously. Mrs Maliphonde's highlight of this term was having nearly 100% attendance from a pupil who was often absent last year.

Grade 4

This term has been a shock to some pupils as they have needed to become more independent. By week 13 it was very clear that this class are preparing to be upper primary pupils. They have been helping all teachers throughout the day and taking on responsibilities without being asked. Their favourite topic this term was 'Games'. They were learning new games, playing games, and making up games while also improving their literacy and numeracy skills. It has been a joy to see them grow in confidence and maturity, we are excited to see the progress they make this year.



Sitting at bigger desks helps the children concentrate and work hard



Grade 5

Mrs Mwinga has moved to Grade 5 this year and has loved teaching more detailed concepts to her pupils. She is a teacher who wants help open children's minds to new concepts and ideas. We always see Grade 5 engrossed in their lessons and keen to ask questions to help them learn something new. Many of the pupils are finding that work gets harder as you get older, but they are embracing the challenges and filling their exercise books very quickly. Grade 5 have also loved being the first ones in a new classroom and in a building for older pupils.



Learning about our heart and how we change as we grow



Working in groups to make clay models

Grade 6

This is our first year of having Grade 6, along with our new teacher Mr Mananasi. He is a secondary trained teacher and the moment you walk into his class you are aware that you are in focused learning environment. He has high expectations of the pupils although this does not mean he excludes fun from his lessons. This term the pupils have been constructing buildings out of natural materials, monitoring and measuring rain and clay modeling. Due to the school expanding, we felt it necessary to make some of our eldest pupils captains to help monitor pupils at breakfast and break, and to support the staff with errands. Six pupils have been chosen this year; they have risen to the challenge and are excellent role models for the other pupils.

Staff Development

Kapumpe staff are very keen to develop as professionals. They are hungry to learn different teaching methods and strategies that can help them create an environment with maximum potential for learning. Recently our deputy head attended a two day first aid course and presented what she had learned at a staff meeting. Our teachers were excited to learn new practices that could help in a medical situation which could be at school, their home or elsewhere in the community.



Prayer Points

1. Pray for our staff as they begin a new term that God would refresh their energy each day and give them a heart of compassion for our children.
2. Thank God for all the learning that has taken place in term 1, pray for the pupils to be able to understand new concepts this term and have the courage to ask questions.
3. Praise the Lord for the completed work on block 3 and pray for God's guidance as we plan to build a new ablution block.
4. Thank God for all His provision and faithfulness throughout term 1.

School will re-open on 13th May 2019 for the beginning of Term 2.

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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