

# Kapumpe Christian Primary School

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



*Saviour and Muzhinga carefully moulding their clay duck and sofa using clay from the school grounds*

## Activity Week Term 1

Every term we have a fun filled activity week at Kapumpe where the pupils are mixed across the school for skills based lessons. It is not only the pupils that love these weeks, but the teachers as well. They are able to share skills they have and hone their teaching skills during the course of the week.

Our term 1 activities this year included: clay modelling, mat making, singing, cooking nut snacks, aerobics, Bible quizzes, seed mosaics and hanging mobile decorations.

After the first day each pupil was declaring their activity was the best then on day two they decided these new activities were the best. It is wonderful to see the pupils enjoying every activity they try.

Not only are some of these activities on the curriculum for the pupils to learn but the teachers also explain how these skills can be used to create a business and help bring in money for the family. I am sure that many of the pupils will be trying this at home.

## 2020 – A Year of Celebration

This year is a very special one for us at Kapumpe so we have chosen to make it a celebratory year. We have so much to thank God for as He has provided the necessary funds, resources and staff over the past seven years as we have been building our school.

We are now a complete primary school with grades pre-school to 7. Currently, we have 124 pupils in the school, 8 teachers, 2 general workers and a head master. All of our operating procedures and school rules are well established and we are excited to be operating with so much energy and passion for teaching and for the pupils.

Every term we receive enquiries about our school as we are becoming more known in the community for our pupils' good progress. It is a privilege to serve the families here in Zambia and also offer support to other local community schools.

We look forward to sharing our celebrations with all of our supporters during the year and would also like to say a **BIG** thank you for your input.



*Pupils in Friday assembly receiving their star certificates in recognition for their effort and behaviour at school*



*Our block includes boys, girls and staff toilets as well as a male and female shower*

## New Ablution Block

At the end of 2019 we began building our new ablution block. It was much needed as the school has grown from 1 class to now 8! In January we were putting in the fixtures and fittings which left it only in need of a lick of paint. As you can see from the photo we are now very nearly complete and look forward to opening the block when the pupils return in term 2. Many of our pupils come from rural communities where they are used to pit latrine facilities. This ablution block will help them not only to maintain good hygiene but also helps them to learn how to use such facilities as it is possible they will use them more in the future.

Although our school is now fully built we share the site with the Arise Orphan Project that supports the school. As Kapumpe has now expanded to fill all of the rooms on site, we will begin fundraising for an Arise building later this year. You will be able to find more details about this on our website and Facebook page.



## Pre-school

At the end of last year we welcomed a new member of staff to our team – Mr Chola. He is our new pre-school teacher and you would not notice this is his first year at Kapumpe. He cares for the children, is able to use interactive teaching methods well, and values self-discipline. The pre-schoolers love their teacher and, from day one, have been excited to come to school each day. They are very confident with many phonic sounds and enjoy doing the actions for them. It is a joy to see their love for learning and desire to grow into confident, intelligent individuals. If you would like to sponsor a child to begin school next year, please visit our website and click on the Arise tab then follow the link to 'Get Involved'.



*Preschoolers have soon settled into school routines*

## Grade 1

This enthusiastic class is like a sponge – absorbing everything they are seeing and hearing. It is amazing to think that they have only been at school for one year and some of them have just joined us this year. Grade 1 lessons consist of group teaching when the pupils are sitting on the carpet and actively involved in learning something new. Following this they complete some work demonstrating they have understood what the teaching has been explaining. All the pupils want to show their best effort each day and they support each other like a family both in class and outside.



*Learning about the national flag*

## Grade 2

Ms Ngoma is very much enjoying teaching Grade 2 again. She is now feeling very confident with the topics and is using a wide range of teaching strategies to engage pupils and help them understand each lesson. Drama, call and response, letter cards and posters on the walls are just some of the techniques used in her class. In the role play corner this term there was a rake, a fork, a wheelbarrow, a model cow and a duck, plastic food items and wellington boots. Their topic was the farm and the Grade 2's loved visiting the local farm to learn about how bananas grow, where milk comes from and how farm machinery works.



*Grade 2 went on a trip to Baluba Valley Farm*

## Grade 3

The teacher who has been with us since we first opened, Miss Kangoma has become our Grade 3 teacher this year. She is helping the pupils transition from a play based learning style to a more academic approach. For some pupils this is a big challenge as they prefer to have freedom and work with their friends. Miss Kangoma is supporting the pupils to work more independently and in a focused manner which also helps them to see their own abilities and achievements. This term they have been learning about God's wonderful world and how people celebrate different events within it.



*Mwenda is a maths whizz!*

## Grade 4

It is always lots of fun to begin Grade 4, for both teacher and pupils! The first topic is games and through the discussions and activities the class bonds very quickly. Mrs Mwape is our Grade 4 teacher this year and she has been doing a wonderful job. There have been lots of artefacts in the room to help teaching and learning as well as Mrs Mwape modelling how to do things she asks of the children. This class are also becoming more responsible in school as they can be seen taking care of younger pupils and offering to do jobs to help other members of staff.



*While the pupils have been learning about games they have also played some and created some of their own.*

## Grade 5

Our dynamic Mr Muleya has moved to Grade 5 this year. He is a great role model to our pupils as he always has a smile on his face, engaging ideas and an organised classroom. He is also very musical and there has been lots of beautiful singing coming from his classroom this term. As Grade 5 is the beginning of upper primary there is more expected from our pupils both in lessons and work completed at home. This class have risen to the challenge and there has clearly been a change in their attitude. They want to perform their best at school, be chosen from amongst their peers and also love to share new knowledge they have acquired.

*Practicing jumping before trying it on the trampoline*



## Grade 6

As this class is currently the smallest class in the school, each pupil is able to receive more one-to-one support. This is really benefitting the pupils in Grade 6. There are a lot of facts to learn and some difficult concepts to grasp. Mr Mananasi has done a fantastic job at creating as many kinesthetic learning opportunities as possible. The pupils have been blowing bubbles to learn about the properties of air and constructing water towers from scrap materials to learn about water pressure. This class are eagerly anticipating being Grade 7 and they are all demonstrating excellent behaviour in the hope they will be chosen as a captain next year.



*Building water towers*

## Grade 7

We have arrived! Grade 7 has now begun at Kapumpe and there is a sense of our family being complete. Although a lot of the Grade 7 curriculum is revision of the primary syllabus, some things are covered in more depth this year. Often this class is the last to leave school each day wanting to spend as much time as possible ensuring they have understood the days lessons and asking questions. The pupils continue to be excellent examples to the other children and a great asset to the staff. We know that they are well equipped for life beyond Kapumpe and pray they are able to perform their best when they sit their exams.



*Presenting an assembly about viruses and how they can spread*

### **Prayer Points**

1. Praise the Lord for His provision and guidance throughout the previous 7 years.
2. Pray for wisdom as we look to the future and seek God for how He wants to use Kapumpe to be a shining light for Him in the community of Kaniki.
3. For all our pupils and staff to have enough food and be able to find some time to practice school work at home.
4. Pray for the staff and pupils to return refreshed and eager to learn after an extra-long holiday.

School is scheduled to re-open on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 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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