

Kapumpe Christian Primary School

Equipping pupils and staff with excellent education and discipleship for life-long learning.



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

2023 and beyond!

After a lot of hard work by the new school leadership team and a lot of prayers from all our friends and supporters, we managed to collect our registration as a private school just before the end of March. This was just in time for us to submit our application for an examination centre next year as the closing date for applications was the end of March. Praise the Lord for making a way where there seemed to be no way in this process.

We are now part of the Private Schools Association which means we will be able to take part in interschool competitions, networking opportunities and school development support. Although our daily operations have not changed nor our school set-up, we are delighted at the prospect of new ideas and activities that come with being a private school. Hopefully we will see significant improvement in pupil progress and staff development as we engage in new programmes within school and with other schools this year and beyond.



Mr Lunda with our private school certificate

The buzz in the mornings

Every morning there is a buzz of excitement and anticipation in the atmosphere at Kapumpe. We can't say for certain that this is 100% hunger for learning as many of the children arrive hungry for food. The pupils line up beautifully to collect their bowl of porridge after washing their hands and choose their place to sit. Logs, benches, tyres, steps and the verandas are all used by pupils to enjoy their breakfast and conversation with friends before a time of devotion in the insaka.

This year we have a larger team of 8 school captains who are excellent at supervising the pupils and ensuring school rules are followed. All our Grade7's are on a rota for leading the morning devotion time with a prayer, song and passage from the Bible. It's great to see so much life and energy from the pupils each morning which in turn energizes the teachers.



Enjoying hot porridge in the morning before lessons begin

Sports Field

This first term of the year is when we experience the majority of the rainy season in Zambia. Although this can make it difficult for the pupils to arrive on time for school, it is the perfect term for planting. A huge THANK YOU to all our supporters who helped us to raise money for our sports field and equipment. We employed workers to level our field and lay good top soil ready for the new grass. The older pupils at school were all very happy to learn how to plant grass and take part in laying the field for all the Kapumpe pupils. The rain has helped the grass to begin growing well and next term the field should be soft and flat ready for fun and safe PE lessons as well as break time games. Most of our pupils have bare earth surrounding their house to play on so the grass at school remains a novelty and motivation to come to school.



Grades 5,6 and 7 helping to plant the grass seed in the new sports field behind the school



Pre-school

Term 1 is always an unpredictable term in pre-school as it is uncertain how quickly the children will settle into school routines, manage being away from parents and cope with the social dynamics of a classroom. We had 1 pupil who found the first week hard but he had older siblings in the school who were able to help him. Mr Chola has yet again done a wonderful job at settling his class and teaching them the basics of what it means to be a Kapumpe pupil. All the children love coming to school and they are eager to take part in lessons in any way they can. They especially love books and when someone reads to them, they love to raise their hand to share what they can identify in the pictures.



Enjoying the experience of looking at books in the library

Grade 1

Mrs Kawele has shown that she has remembered a lot about how we teach at Kapumpe. With her first two topics of the year being 'Our House' and 'All About Me', she has filled her room with appropriate resources and wall charts to engage the pupils and help them understand new vocabulary. The children are very happy to progress to a class with desks and more written work. All the Grade 1 pupils are now able to write their letters and numbers, a good foundation laid in pre-school last year which Mrs Kawele is now able to build on in order for the pupils to achieve their goals. Next term the children will be walking into a jungle-like room for their new topic, 'On Safari'.



Enjoying time with puzzles and games after completing written work tasks

Grade 2

It is always a delight to enter Mrs Ngosa's classroom as she is a well organised teacher full of creativity and enthusiasm. Her pupils have picked up on this and they too are confident and enthusiastic in lessons and when performing in assemblies. The pupils who were more reserved at the beginning of the term have begun to engage more and everyone in Grade 2 is using English most of the time. It is lovely to see the pupils trying their best and being willing to take risks, even if it means they hide their face in their hands as they smile, due to not being able to finish their sentence. Well done Grade 2 – keep trying!



Learning how to be presenters in the 'Newsroom' topic

Grade 3

There have been some new pupils welcomed into Grade 3 this year and they soon settled into this family of pupils. For some, the move to this class was a challenge as there is more expected from the pupils in lessons and in their books. Everyone has worked together helping friends when they are struggling and volunteering to do things in class to help the teacher. Their favourite topic this term was 'Time to Celebrate', where they are able to talk about and experience parties – including the food, drink, music and games.



Parents and Guardians joining in the end of term celebration

Grade 4

Some of our pupils in Grade 4 are still quite small so it is easy to forget how old they are now. They certainly want to be treated more grown up than Grade 3 and are beginning to enjoy having responsibilities given to them. It is wonderful to see them concentrating hard and asking thoughtful questions in class. Miss Sichimwi has been doing a super job at identifying pupil's individual needs and finding ways to address them so that all her class are learning every day. Her class especially love PE as it is their teacher's favourite subject.



Ready for PE with the new school PE shirts in their house colour



Grade 5

What a transformation! In both their physical appearance and attitude to learning this class has completely changed this term. At the end of last year they still seemed quite young and needed a lot of encouragement but in just one term of Grade 5 they have become serious, focused pupils. It maybe that there is a clear distinction between Grade 4 and 5 in Zambia – lower primary ends and upper primary begins. The pupils now each have their own desk and they do not sit on the carpet for learning. The text books are more detailed and their work is more challenging. We are very impressed with the maturity this class has shown this term.



The boys are delighted to be in the upper school section now



Football is a great way for them to use up their energy between lessons

Grade 6

Miss Nchepeshi has a small class to manage for her first full year teaching. It is also a very diverse class in terms of pupil's academic ability and social backgrounds. Despite the differences between the pupils they all get along so well which makes them a really fun class to teach. This term they have been learning about, 'Life Giving Water' and 'Healthy Mind – Healthy Body'. It has been exciting for them to share what they know about these topics already but also to learn new things like putting the pieces of a puzzle together. Grade 6 also seem to have great memories form one week to another so this keeps us on our toes.

Grade 7

When the pupils begin the final grade of primary school it's both exciting and daunting for them. They love being the oldest pupils in the school and helping the teachers but they are always aware that this is the year of government exams. This means that lessons are more challenging, homework usually takes longer and additional study time is required outside of the lessons in order for them to understand and remember new concepts. This Grade 7 class have certainly risen to the challenges and many pupils even go beyond in the way they support other pupils and staff in their own time as well as making study groups between themselves in the local community.



Captains adding up the house points from each class ready to announce in the Friday assembly

Prayer Points

1. Please pray for continued protection from the snakes that are around the school as some have even got into the rooms.
2. Praise the Lord for the certificates that have come through, please pray we can get the exam status for next year.
3. Please pray for development in our reading programmes at school as this will be our term 2 focus.
4. Thank God for the wisdom He has given us in managing some difficult decisions this term. Please pray for the leadership to know God's wisdom and prompting next term.

School will reopen on Monday 8th May 2023 for term 2. Term will end on Friday 4th August.

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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