

Kapumpe Christian Primary School

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



Welcome back!

Whether this is your first time reading our newsletter or you have been following us over the years welcome to this very special edition of our newsletter. We were overjoyed to be able to fully reopen school for term 3 after only being allowed to teach our exam class in term 2. Both the pupils and staff were clearly happy to be reunited after a long separation. We spent a week resablisning school routines as teachers observed pupils' ability after a 6 month holiday. One week was all that was needed because the pupils in all grades were so hungry to learn and determined to make their teachers proud. We thank God for how smoothly term 3 has gone and are very grateful to all of our supporters who have been praying for us.



Pupils are so glad to be back together and enjoying porridge every morning



Grade 5 performing a drama at our Independence Day celebrations

In October we celebrated Independence Day; a day off timetable when we share performances, eat treats and learn about the history of this beautiful country. Although days such as this can be a struggle for children it was the best Independence Day we have had at Kapumpe! The pupils were not only well behaved but the performances were excellent from every grade. Clearly our pupils are continuing to make good progress and will be ready to move to the next grade albeit with some of the curriculum not covered this year.

Yes it has been a very different year to the one we were planning in January, however it has remained a year of celebration. There have constantly been reasons to rejoice and achievements to celebrate. Throughout this year we have found ourselves giving thanks to God for His goodness to us.

Grand Graduation

This year has been very special for Kapumpe as we celebrated our first graduation. Grade 7 is the end of primary school so on 2nd December the class of 2020 became our first class to graduate. We used the hall at Kaniki Bible University to accommodate all of the school and the Grade 7 parents. As this hall has a stage it also made it extra special.

The grandeur of the event was palpable; even the pre-schoolers sat beautifully for over an hour, in awe of the Grade 7's who had accomplished what no one else had yet. Our leavers wrote and performed a beautiful poem of thanks which included everyone who had helped them to reach this point. They also sang and danced their way into and out of the hall, allowing everyone to see how much they had grown while at Kapumpe. I think this ceremony will now be a highlight of the year for the whole school.



The Grade 7 class were so excited to celebrate after their graduation ceremony



Pre-school

It was clear from the beginning of term that the pre-schoolers had not been practicing speaking English or their phonic sounds during the extended holiday. They were all speaking Bemba and struggling to respond to instructions in English. Within a couple of weeks, surrounded by fellow pupils and teachers speaking and singing in English their confidence was boosted and they too have picked up English again very quickly. They have loved learning more phonic sounds, names of shapes and how to draw them as well as features of houses this term. Although there are three pupils we feel need to have another year in pre-school we are overjoyed at the ability of the others – clearly ready for the next grade.



Having fun catching grasshoppers at playtime

Grade 1

One of the hardest working classes in the school! Knowing that they are no longer the smallest pupils, Grade 1's are always determined to show they are 'big pupils'. The date and title is always written...even if handwriting is still a challenge and the writing and pictures will be recorded to the best of their ability. This class also seem rather fearless! If there is a questions to be answered or a job to be done they want to answer and be involved, even if they don't understand everything that is happening or being asked. This confidence will certainly help them to begin Grade 2 well next year.



Enjoying being back in the classroom and learning

Grade 2

This term has seen a big change in Grade 2. After the mega clean up and sort out that the staff did during the previous term, this classroom layout and organisation was drastically different. The pupils loved it! They felt school had become more serious and the changes enabled the teacher to maintain better discipline and locate resources more easily. Towards the end of the year they had the exciting topic of 'Carpenter's Workshop'. Grade 2 loved going to the workshop nearby and leaning about the different tools that are there and how they work. Charles (carpenter) was very good at answering their many questions.



Visiting the carpenter's workshop at Kaniki Bible University

Grade 3

Our pupils in Grade 3 are some of the kindest and most loving in the school. It is beautiful to see how they support each other in class; sharing books, handing out rulers and welcoming new pupils. They have clearly improved their listening and concentration skills as well as their handwriting and presentation of work. This term they have been thinking about going on journeys and writing stories which has encouraged them to use their imagination and develop their creative skills. Now they are getting excited to be the top grade in lower primary next year.



Strong friendships have been made after 4 years together

Grade 4

A very energetic class would be a good description of this Grade 4. Both boys and girls are often so eager to answer questions, come to the front or even clean the classroom they are out of their seats before being chosen. Perhaps this has something to do with being a male dominated class... This is also a class of very mixed ability but the teacher has worked hard to make sure everyone is able to make progress now they are back in school. Term 3 has been focusing on their homeland of Zambia, learning about the weather, customs and responsibilities of citizens. They have also become more responsible as individuals.



Pupils have been so eager to learn and participate in lessons



Grade 5

Having all the upper primary grades for the first year this year certainly made this Grade 5 class feel more grown up. They have begun to carry their books and equipment to and from school every day as well as speaking in English almost all of the day. Their school day has been an hour longer than in the past but they adapted well and clearly enjoy being at school and learning. What a thrill to also see that attendance has improved in this class as the work is becoming more challenging. A large part of the Grade 5 syllabus focuses on justice and human rights so this term they were able to go on a trip to the Slave Tree in Ndola to learn about the history of slavery in Zambia as well as how the town of Ndola became such a major town.



Visiting the slave tree in town – a national heritage site



Who can jump the highest in PE?

Grade 6

This has always been a tight knit class as there are so few of them and as they returned for term 3 they continued to flourish and become even more like a family. All the pupils have been working hard in all their subjects and love telling others what they have been learning. It was hard to choose only 6 to be our captains next year but those who have been chosen are rising to the challenge of helping to uphold the school rules and leading by example. Well done Grade 6!

Grade 7

WOW! Where has the time gone? These pupils who began at Kapumpe in 2014 are now ready to spread their wings and fly into new adventures. They have really enjoyed this term although it has mostly been revision for them. Each one feels confident to pass their exams at the end of December as well as achieving their goals in life. We have been encouraging them to continue studying outside of school hours and pursue any career they are interested in. It has been a delight to see these 17 pupils grow into such independent thinkers and know that they have acquired many skills to enable them to conquer life's challenges.



Cake baking – always the best home economics lessons!

Prayer Points

1. Praise the Lord that we were able to fully reopen in 2020 and for His protection over our staff and pupils.
2. For all our Grade 7 pupils sitting their first exams in December and preparing to go to a new school
3. Pray for wisdom as we begin to make plans for 2021, for the school to continue to develop and for God to be glorified in all we do.
4. Thank God for all the provision for Kapumpe, people, finances and supporters pray for us to continue to be a channel for God to work in this community.

School will re-open on 4th January 2021 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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