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jambo friends,

As you will see from this edition of Kivuli News, we have once again been richly blessed both in Kenya and Australia by the generosity and thoughtfulness of others. Whether it's making PJ's, selling fairy floss or visiting the project and spending time loving the kids in person, we are constantly being overwhelmed by the willingness of others to help Kivuli when there are so many others in our world who are in need. It keeps reminding us God's love for these children and how great a provider He really is. Praise God indeed!

We hope you enjoy reading this month's Kivuli News.

Dan and Dee



school sports day

The children have been practising very hard over the last couple of weeks to train for the local schools sports day. Cross-country running has been a daily feature at school and many of the kids have come home with very sore legs. Yvonne, Bernard, Jane, Virginia, Aziza and Purity participated against other schools, representing Ndaragwa Primary School and Kivuli in events such as high jump, javelin, shot put, 100 and 400 metres sprints, and 10,000-metre long distance race, running in bare feet. All did extremely well.



kivuli kids receive pyjamas

Over the past few months there have been people in Australia busy sewing pyjama pants for each of the Kivuli kids. In February the kids all had their measurements taken, so unbeknown to them, they could have their own personalised pyjamas made. Prior to this month, the kids would roll into bed wearing their school uniform or whatever items of clothing they had been wearing during the day. The children were delighted to receive their new gifts in an assortment colours and patterns. Not only are they now wearing their pyjamas to bed, but also many are putting them on as soon as they get home from school!



visitors

We were happy to have Kate's parents, John and Rosemary visiting this month. They spent two weeks at Kivuli, helping out, getting to know the kids and experiencing culture and life in Africa. The kids loved having Guka and Cucu (Grandfather and Grandmother) here to look after them and teach them some new things.

John spent many hours cleaning and doing maintenance around the Kivuli grounds while Rosemary spent time reading with the children and sewing clothes up for some of the kids.

A highlight of their stay was a special craft night, where the kids spent time decorating a cardboard photo frame and then hanging it up in their dorm with their favourite photo inside.

Along with our visitors came many gifts from very kind people in Australia. One very



exciting gift was new pair of handmade pyjamas for each Kivuli child. Each of the kids also received a personalised pencil case care of Dan's parents, Ian and Elizabeth. Kivuli also got some great presents to share including colourful and educational posters for the dining room walls, 2 glockenspiels for the kids to create their own musical masterpieces, a Collingwood football, some new shorts for our boys and other items.

thanks to the girls in wang!

A group of 6 year nine girls from Wangaratta contacted us to let us know they wanted to raise funds for Kivuli as part of their Community Learning Centre project at school. We were overwhelmed by their thoughtfulness and of course supported them in their wishes. Never did we think they would go to such great lengths. These girls have run a fairy floss stall, held casual days

at various schools, organised a hamper to raffle off, sold homemade biscuits and run a staff luncheon at their school, and they haven't stopped yet! Thanks so much to Georgia, Natalie, Grace, Jo, Amy and Sophie. You girls are ace! We look forward to seeing some photos of the girls at work in next month's edition of Kivuli News.



football tournament

One Sunday in May, the Kivuli boys were invited to participate in a local football (soccer) tournament. The boys were thrilled to be part of this but felt they needed some new items in order to be involved. The boys formulated a committee and wrote a letter to the Kivuli staff requesting new uniforms, a new football as well as the registration fee required to be involved. The boys even sought out some of the money for this themselves. Those who were given pocket money from their guardians after returning from holidays used this towards the cost of the uniforms. The boys came up with a team name, 'Kivuli Stars', nominated a captain, a coach and worked together to field a great team which performed very happily and competitively. Their new bright yellow uniforms (keeping with Kivuli colours) stood out magnificently on the field. It was disappointing that some other teams took the tournament far too seriously by being too aggressive, but it helped our boys to learn about fair play and working as a team. Congratulations to the Kivuli Stars who thoroughly enjoyed the day and also to many of the girls who acted as an official Kivuli cheer squad.

other highlights for the month of may...

- Charles, our newest member of Kivuli, celebrated his 9th birthday on May 11 – Charles selected this date himself, as we are unaware of his official birthday.
- Regina and Nancy also celebrated their birthdays.
- After hitting his head on an old nail, Uncle Dan had a fainting episode and awoke a little disorientated, surrounded by Kenyans during a meeting with other children's' homes. This was followed by a trip to Nyahururu Private Hospital to get checked out. All was fine, but it made for quite a funny experience.
- Simon's teacher at his high school invited us to his church, where Simon translated admirably into English.
- A new wheelbarrow, purchased to aid in the tidying up of the yard, has become a very suitable pram for the kids to use for rides.
- A meeting between Charitable Children's' Institutions in Kenya has helped the staff at Kivuli with planning and best ways to look after its children.
- A District Education Day was held at a local high school (Simon's school) for parents and guardians to learn about education in Kenya.
- The kids have learnt some new games over the past month. During their spare time the boys are now enjoying playing 'marbles' and the girls have started playing a varied version of 'hopscotch'.



trivia night

There are just a few available tables left for the Kivuli Trivia night in Ringwood on Saturday the 4th June. If you were planning to come but haven't yet notified us, please email dee@kivuliproject.org ASAP. It's going to be a great night and we're even hoping for an appearance from the Kivuli kids themselves!



our rachel

For those who don't know, Rachel very generously donates her time every month as the Kivuli Administrator in Australia. She is a busy mother of two young boys and also works part-time amongst her other commitments. Despite this she dedicates many hours each month ensuring all of the Kivuli donations are processed and receipted, attends to our mail, answers emails and does general admin work. It is a behind-the-scenes job that does not often get recognised. So Rach, we wanted to say thanks, we really appreciate the work you do!

for those that pray

Prayer Points

- For the Kivuli team as they plan for the coming months in Kivuli Kenya. Pray for decisions about staffing and working out what is best for the children of Kivuli.
- Safety for all involved in the Kivuli Project in Kenya, as we hear lots of stories about risks to safety in the local area.

Praise Points

- Thanks to God for the generous gifts of so many in Australia and the joy this provides to the children.
- Our children and the blessing they are to each other, as we all continue to work together as a family.

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