

September 2023 Newsletter

News from Amos Simfukwe, Ipalo Christian School Principal

The Grade 7 and 9 classes will be sitting for their national examinations this year, and are hard at work preparing.

Ipalo Christian School has successfully acquired the Examination Centre Number (ECZ) Certificate, and our students, as well as students from other schools, are now registered to write their examinations at ICS.

On 30th June we held an interhouse sports day at school, with the children and staff grouped in four houses - *Kanga, Kudu, Cheetah, and Sable*. Students participated in various categories of track events: from 50m to 1600m. Smaller children took part in sack races, spoon races, three-legged races and 50m. There were also field events such as high jump, long jump, javelin and shot put.

Children competed in 'war cries' where they were judged for their good team spirit, creativity and cheering. Team Kanga won! As a school we see sport as an important tool to assess children's abilities, and discover their talents.

On Monday 10th July we received the **Lead Forensics** team from the UK and held our morning devotions with them. During their week's visit they offered various assistance, including the painting of Module 1. The Module 1 Block holds classes from Reception to Grade 2, and Office No. 1. This Module needed refreshing as it was the first module constructed, and accommodates the youngest in the school - and it now looks neat and clean again. This will help in facilitating and maintaining a clean environment for the children. Huge thanks to the Lead Forensics Team.



The girls' boarding house is now running in full swing, and the boarders have taken up gardening. They have planted a variety of vegetables including rape, okra, Chinese greens, onion, green pepper, pumpkin leaves, spring onion and eggplant which they are also selling, and this is helping them learn self-sustainable skills for the future.

Children at Ipalo Christian School enjoy numerous educational spaces: classrooms, science labs, food and nutrition room, the agriculture plot and sports field, as well as netball and basketball courts. The classes at ICS are currently from Reception to Grade 11, which is divided into four phases. Reception to Grade 3 is the *Foundation Phase*: these students are usually aged between six and twelve years. However, some of our students joined late, or may have repeated a year, so their ages can vary.

Soon we will complete a playground for the *Foundation Phase*. This playground will not only provide a place for the students to have fun in their free time, but it will be a space for the students to develop their physical, emotional, social and imaginative skills. These skills can then be transferred back to the classroom.

As the students play and interact in the playground, they will develop social networks which will help them be better able to collaborate, compromise and negotiate in the classroom. Furthermore, as children play and create their own games, they exercise their imagination and creativity which helps students to problem solve and create more dynamic work. Emotional skills are developed in the playground by allowing the students to make their own choices and experience a sense of control. Consequently, the students' self-confidence and level of independence will rise, leading to increased confidence and participation in the classroom.

Update from Ros Philips in the Australian Office

On 9th September the eighth annual Gala Dinner was held at the Kirribilli Club in Lavender Bay. Thanks to all those who attended this event in support of Ipalo Christian School (ICS). It was a great night, with new videos straight from the school: funds were donated towards book resources for the school library and classrooms, with another donation enabling us to complete the last section of the security fence at ICS. Students and staff sponsorships were also supported on the night - one of the large and important needs at the school.

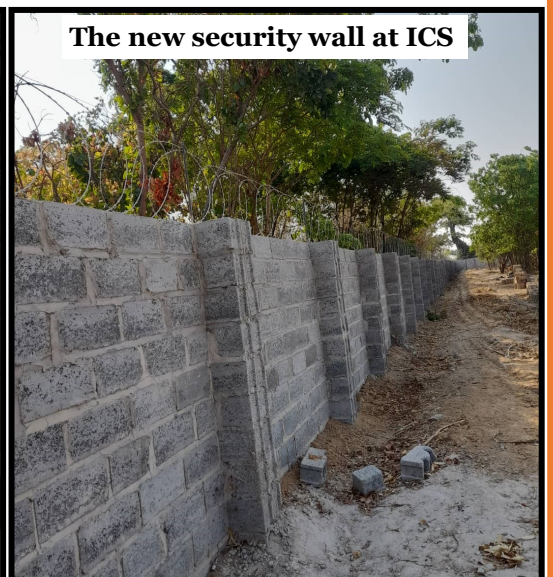
If you were unable to attend the event, but would like to sponsor a student or contribute towards a staff salary, please contact this office and we can send you one of the profiles of an unsponsored student or staff member.

We express our thanks to **Mark Barbeliuk** once again, for his generous support of a second vehicle for the school - a small truck or 'canter' - which will help to make the weekly school purchases much easier for staff. Mark visited ICS in May this year, and saw the need for a working vehicle for the school. After much searching, a suitable vehicle has finally been located in Lusaka, and should soon be in use at ICS.

Mark has also offered to fund the shipment of a container of goods from Australia to Chingola - which we would like to fill with items needed at the school (the container itself will then be converted to extra storage space at ICS). We are asking for your help with this, so that it can be accomplished quickly and sent on its way as quickly as possible. More details about the container shipment will be sent separately to all supporters, with the list of needs for ICS. You may have some of these much needed items and be happy to part with them for the benefit of the students and their families, and the staff at ICS. The container will be stored on the property of one of our kind supporters in Annangrove, and we hope that it will be filled quickly and sent on its way before Christmas.

We would like to thank one of our youngest supporters, Sienna (12 years old), for her amazing efforts over the past year or so in raising more than \$2,000 for ICS. Sienna, her younger sister and her family have been making tie-dyed scrunchies, beautiful knitted beanies, t-shirts and bags which they sold at a stall in their local shopping centre - and the few still remaining were on sale at the Gala Dinner on the Craft Table, where Sienna helped. These donated funds will be a wonderful blessing for the school - bravo Sienna, what an amazing effort.

You might be interested in ordering a digital ***Entertainment Book***: at a cost of \$69.99 for the Single City Membership these are packed with great offers, and are excellent value. 20% of the sale of these memberships is donated to Zambia's Child.



Update from Ros Philips in the Australian Office (continued)

We are very sad to say goodbye to Emma (from the UK) at the end of September: Emma has been volunteering at the school since late March, and has been a wonderful support to all the staff and students (as well as providing information, photos and doing research for the Australian office!). She will be missed very much when she leaves to start another role outside Zambia. Thank you Emma for giving your time and energy this year at ICS.



At work with a student



Emma will be missed!



Emma with one of the ICS students

News from Meki Mwape, Principal at MCS, Kitwe

During second term various sports activities including track and field take place. The school held their annual interhouse sports competition. The competition involved the four MCS houses namely *Kafue*, *Zambezi*, *Chambeshi* and *Luapula*. The names of the houses are derived from some of the main rivers in Zambia. Team *Kafue* emerged as overall winners of the activities. Next year the school plans to include the parents in the competition to spice it up.

The school received visitors from *Book Bus* in the United Kingdom. *Book Bus Zambia* has been a partner of the school for over ten years. Their support has been focused on improving and encouraging reading among learners in the school. The support has involved both materials and capacity building.



Book Bus at MCS



Book Bus visitors from the UK

Zambia's Child team visiting MCS



MCS Students' performance

Prayer Points

- ◆ Praise God for the new girls' boarding house at ICS - which is providing safe accommodation for 24 vulnerable girls since it opened in May 2023.
- ◆ Pray for all the girls and the two matrons in the boarding house - that they will continue to thrive in their new environment.
- ◆ Praise God for the successful Gala Dinner and the new sponsorship support.
- ◆ Pray for the Principal and staff at ICS, for their safety and protection from illness and harm as they work together to serve the local community.
- ◆ Pray for wisdom for the school management team as they reach the end of the 2023 school programs and plan for the next school year.
- ◆ Pray for ICS students for their health, wellbeing and development, and for those sitting national exams this term (Grades 7 and 9).
- ◆ Pray for national leaders in Zambia, to serve God with honesty and integrity.

Bequests

WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE THIS SOME THOUGHT?

A significant way to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children is by making a Charitable Bequest in your Will. A lasting donation of a Bequest to Zambia's Child would contribute to the betterment of Ipalo Christian School (ICS), and enhance the education of many children living in poverty. Perhaps you might discuss this with your Executor?



24 ICS Boarders with house matrons



Matrons Esther & Patience



Inter house sports day

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