



March 2024 Newsletter

News from Amos Simfukwe, Ipalo Christian School Principal

The schools opened five weeks late due to the cholera outbreak, and it has been exciting to have students back at school and in the boarding house. The smiles and the joy the students bring at ICS motivate the staff to keep going.

As it is our goal to provide quality Christ-centred education which will help us produce leaders who have integrity and are proactively able to devise solutions to their communities' challenges, last week we badged and inaugurated the Student Leadership Council for 2024. The Student Leadership Council (SLC) was challenged to go and serve wholeheartedly to make a difference both at school and in their communities.

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is the most effective science as it conforms to our society's set up. It has brought a lot of effective learning of science, as the interest is built up from various areas of life.

Firstly, the learners have interest in the subject matter from linking their way of life in their communities. Therefore, it is fascinating for them to learn how to improve production. There is also the business aspect as learners have the desire to establish their own companies and businesses, hence they focus on agriculture. Lastly, the expensive prices of the staple foods create an interest for learners to grow their own food.

They have learned to select a good farming site, identify fertile soil, make a garden bed, plant the seeds, weed, and mulch the beds. Spraying can also be done carefully with the right chemicals or natural solutions.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Design and Technology aims to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Students in Design and Technology have enjoyed learning the subject since it was introduced three years ago. It has provided learners with opportunities to brainstorm and collaborate and come up with technical solutions to the problems that arise on a day-to-day basis within the school premises.

Additionally, it has enhanced the learners with stronger understanding of Science and Mathematics as it uses principles of both of these subject areas in a more practical way. This can be seen in the improved pass rate of Mathematics and Science in the most recent examinations.

Update from Ros Philips in the Australian Office

After a late resumption of school this year due to the cholera outbreak, students are happily back in their new grades for 2024. A handful of students have left school for various reasons, and there are quite a large number of new students who have commenced this year across the grades, including the thirty little ones in Reception (Kindergarten). There are a large number of **unsponsored** students and staff at Ipalo Christian School in 2024, so if you 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.



This year our long term volunteer, Elizabeth Clarke is very much missed at ICS, as she returned to Australia at the end of 2023 (after nearly five years of service in Zambia). We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to Elizabeth for her dedicated time at the school, assisting in many and varied roles.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to **Mark Barbeliuk**, for his generous donation towards staff salaries again - helping us through a difficult time having reached the final years of secondary school. This year the first class of students who commenced in 2013 will be sitting their final National Exams in October and completing their secondary education - we are so joyful and proud of their progress!



The 40' high cube container for ICS (which was filled with valuable items for the school, thanks to the amazing support from Terry and his team at **Peninsular Senior Toy Recyclers** at Ingleside where the container was stored, Michele from **Rescued and Rehomed Goods** at Arcadia, **NextSense** at North Rocks, and many other loyal supporters) is finally on its way to Africa! We are expecting it to arrive in Walvis Bay (Namibia) in mid-April, and we pray it will reach ICS about a week later. After it is emptied at the school, the container will be converted to storage space on site.

On the home front, you might be interested in ordering a digital **[Entertainment Book](#)** - they make great gifts, especially if you are looking for something last minute. At a cost of \$69.99 for the Single City Membership these are packed with great offers, and are excellent value. 20% of the proceeds from these sales is donated to Zambia's Child.

The annual **Gala Dinner** for Zambia's Child will be held this year at the **Epping Club**, on **Saturday 21st September** - **please keep the date free!** We will send out 'Save the Date' invitations with more information soon.

A Family **Trivia Night** will be taking place next **Saturday 16th March** in Belrose in one of the halls at Covenant Christian School (bookings close on Monday 11th March): this should be a great night! The event will be held from 6pm to 9pm, and children from primary school age and above are welcome. Grazing plates and soft drinks are included in the ticket price, and there are reduced rates for family tickets. Please reserve your seat at this link - <https://events.humanitix.com/zctrivia> . You will find more details of the event on the booking site.

It is expected that the annual Movie Night at Roseville Cinemas will be held again mid year - information will be coming soon!

Update from Ros Philips in the Australian Office (continued)

BOARDING HOUSE (written by students in the boarding)

What a wonderful month February has been - busy but enjoyable. It's so good to see each other after such a long holiday with the smiles and happy faces.

Adjusting to new room-mates has been a little tough, but we count it as an opportunity to get to know each other better.

Our matrons gave us new rules, and allocated our duties differently, in a way which allows us to study more. Their moral focus was on time management - tough to learn but necessary.

We also love our new menu, not forgetting the special gift of baking; it's been a very sweet addition to our lives, and a big blessing to have matrons who are willing to teach us how to bake. We learnt how to bake a basic chocolate cake; we loved the learning process and enjoyed the cake itself. We are now able to bake a basic vanilla and chocolate cake. Weekends are fun too - games, movies, and dancing to music.

To sum it up, February has been wonderful, enjoyable, and fantastic. We are so looking forward to March!

News from Meki Mwape, Principal at MCS, Kitwe

Finally the new school calendar began on 12th February after a postponement of over a month. The delay was due to the outbreak of cholera across the country. It was exciting to see the old faces back in school and more interesting welcoming new ones, especially the first grades. Most of the preparations were already in place (thanks to the financial support from Zambia's Child) so by the second day lessons began in earnest.

The school partnership with The Book Bus has continued, with the school receiving various and numerous amounts of support. This time the school was given some Britannica Encyclopedias. These will be helpful with the school's extra-curricular learning.



Prayer Points

- ◆ Praise God for the approval of the Grade 12 Exam Centre Number - our students will be able to sit their final exams this year at ICS.
- ◆ Praise God for the safe return of ICS students after the delayed start of school with the cholera outbreak.
- ◆ Pray for all the girls and the two matrons in the boarding house - that they will continue to thrive and flourish.
- ◆ Pray for support for the unsponsored students and staff at ICS.
- ◆ 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 plan for the year ahead.
- ◆ Pray for the container to arrive safely at the school.
- ◆ Pray for ICS students for their health, wellbeing and progress, and for their safety during the school holidays.
- ◆ Pray for national leaders in Zambia.

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?

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