

ACTION THIS DAY

Annual Report 2014-15



A Message from the Founder

Welcome to ACTION THIS DAY's annual report for the 2014-15 financial year. This year we celebrated five years of work in Kenya during which time we have touched the lives of more than 250 students and provided employment for over 30 staff. The year also saw us help our first graduated student to find employment.

The past years highlights include:

- Five new students joined the High School Graduate program, making a total of 46 sponsored students
- Our first graduates, the class of 2011, started their final year at high school
- Three new teachers were brought into the Kookaburra community
- Helping our first vocational training graduate to find a job
- Helping one of our teachers upgrade their education qualifications
- Taking on responsibility for the care and education of Nicodemus, our first physically disabled student
- We had a video shown on the big screen at Goodison Park, home of Everton Football Club
- We produced our first CD!!!

During the 2014-15 financial year the Australian account raised \$30,452.09. The Kenyan account showed 5,842,194.00 Kenyan shillings, almost entirely from the UK charity. As always, 100% of donations were spent on project work in Kenya.

The school maintains its enrolment of 125 students and is administered by 15 staff, including 10 local teachers and the schools founder. The start of the 2015 school year saw 46 students being sponsored through high school via our Graduate program. Kookaburra house continues to provide accommodation for 21 people, mostly children.

On behalf of the Australian, UK and Kenyan boards, the children and families in our community here in Bamburi, I would like to express my sincere thanks for all your support. We look forward to working together with you during the next 12 months as we continue to make a positive and ongoing improvement in the lives of our children in Kenya.

Kindest Regards,



Brian McIver
Founder and President
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Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2015



Australian Account (AUD)

Opening Balance	<u>417.34</u>
Total Income	<u>30,452.09</u>
Total Expenses	<u>30,595.07</u>
Closing Balance	<u>274.36</u>

Kenyan Account (KES)

Opening Balance	<u>3,179.60</u>
Total Income	<u>5,842,194.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>5,585,223.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>260,223.60</u>

Expenses (KES)**Kenya Program Funding**

Wages	2,342,400.00
Rent	935,700.00
Electricity	24,105.00
Water	3,500.00
Feeding Program	716,875.00
Uniforms	51,155.00
Library	19,500.00
Stationery (general)	312,818.00
Stationery (major)	328,550.00
Sponsorships	130,934.00
Graduates	2,317,080.00
Medical	28,595.00
Miscellaneous	299,194.00
Total Kenya Expenses	7,510,406.00

A detailed breakdown of spending in Kenya is available on our website.

Kookaburra Community School Petty Cash**Income**

Enrolment Fees – New Starters	41,000.00
Family Contributions	291,270.00
Donations	3,707
Miscellaneous	1,050.00
Total School Income	337,027.00

Expenses

Firewood	25,850.00
Water	16,360.00
Garbage Collection	5,750.000
Transport	3,200.00
Miscellaneous	1,050.00
Total School Expenses	55,230.00

The Kookaburra Community School



Every school needs a mascot

Progress.... Slow but Steady

The end of 2014 saw another five students entering the Graduate Program, taking to 46 the number of students now being sponsored through secondary schools in Kenya. Our primary school enrolment remains at 125 and at the end of 2014 we were outperforming all the government schools in our area in end of term exams. This represents quite an achievement for a school only five years old and without the resources of most of the other schools in our area.

We continue to operate out of a small rented building that occupies about as much space as two classrooms in in most western countries. Our sports field is rented from a nearby school but as they have now sold that land, we are soon looking at having no available outdoor playing area. We desperately need to move and continue to look into ways to make that happen without having the finances required to begin our building project.

Graduate Vocational Training Program



Tina Ferson, the first student to join our Graduate Vocational Training Program completed her course at Business College and is now working in a salon near our school. Tina has a natural talent for working with hair, is dedicated and has already built up a string clientele of her own.

Tina graduated from Kookaburra in 2013 and whilst not qualifying for the Graduate High School program has nonetheless gone on to become the first student we have assisted finding work for. Once Tina has work experience we plan to assist her in setting up her own salon.

Congratulations Tina on a huge achievement for both yourself and Kookaburra Community School.

Nicodemus

Our assistant director in Kenya, Ritah Mathenge, came across an extraordinary young man when visiting a home for the physically disabled near her house. Nicodemus, age 15, lost the use of the lower half of his body a few years ago, due to meningitis. Ritah saw his potential immediately (his grades would make him the number one student at Kookaburra) and we were able to find him a place at primary school that caters for his disabilities



Through all his troubles Nicodemus has remained positive and has a smile that melts your heart when you meet him.



Unfortunately, the school he was sent to neglected his care and we had to take him out and place him in hospital, their neglect was that severe. We will continue to work with this extremely talented young man to see him to recovery and back into education.

Fundraising

We have a number of dedicated supporters who make regular contributions that have enabled us to keep the school and home running these past five years. Fund raisers are also an essential part of sustaining the projects and we had a number of significant events during the financial year. Our thanks go out to the Boards in the UK and Australia, who service in an entirely voluntary capacity and all who organized and participated in fundraising activities during the 2014-15 financial year.

Thank You



We are always extremely grateful for our individual and regular donors, without your support nothing we achieve in Kenya would be possible. Thank you to everyone who has contributed during the past year through donations, giving of time, skills and encouragement. We look forward to your continued support as we face the challenges of the next 12 months together.

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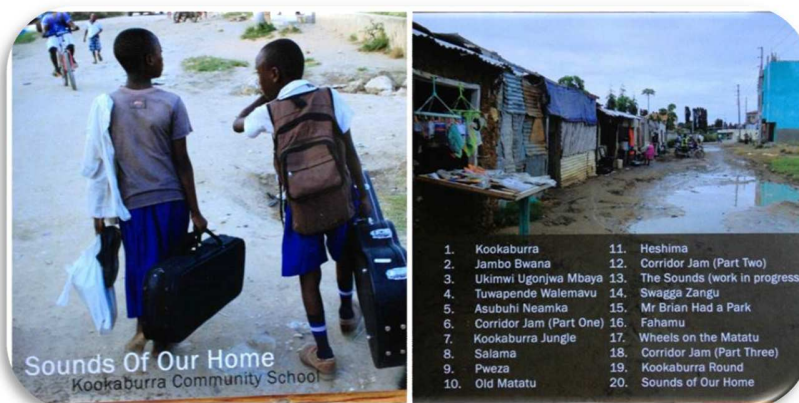
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Food, glorious food



Thanks to Dan and Liz for producing our first CD



2014 Graduates enjoying their end of year trip



Doing our bit for the local community, our Director and Assistant Director, clearing away the rubbish dump which had “appeared” near the school.