

ACTION THIS DAY

Annual Report 2015-16



A Message from the Founder

Welcome to ACTION THIS DAY's annual report for the 2015-16 financial year. This year's major event was the completion of secondary studies for the very first students to graduate from the Kookaburra Community School.

The past years highlights include:

- 11 students graduated from secondary school under our Graduate Program
- 3 of those students achieved the required marks for University entry
- 9 new students graduated from Kookaburra and joined the High school Graduate Program
- We celebrated our sixth birthday
- We opened a new school building
- We opened a new library
- We launched a new website
- UK fundraising excelled again with the London Marathon, Coast to Coast run and a 100 mile cycle amongst the highlights

During the 2015-16 financial year the Australian charity raised \$29,381.85. The Kenyan account received 7,399,820.00 Kenyan shillings, all from the UK charity. Our accounts are audited in Kenya by **Ebrahim Mulla & Company** and as always, 100% of donations were spent here in Kenya on supporting our projects.

The school maintains an enrolment of 125 students and is administered by 15 staff, including 10 local teachers, the schools founder, two cooks, a cleaner and a security guard. The start of the 2016 school year saw 51 students being sponsored through high school via our Graduate program. Kookaburra house continues to provide help for 21 people from our school community who require this emergency accommodation.

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 Mclver
Founder
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Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2016



Australian Account (AUD)

Opening Balance	<u>274.36</u>
Total Credits	<u>29,381.85</u>
Total Debits	<u>29,222.92</u>
Fees	<u>310.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>123.29</u>

Kenyan Current Account (KES)

Opening Balance	<u>260,223.60</u>
Total Credits	<u>7,399,820.00</u>
Total Debits	<u>7,626,642.85</u>
Fees	<u>11,062.50</u>
Closing Balance	<u>22,265.25</u>

Kenyan Savings Account (KES)

Closing Balance	<u>100,000.00</u>
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Expenses (KES)

Kenya Program Funding

Wages	2,474,354.00
Rent	887,220.00
Electricity	10,690.00
Water	6,014.16
Furniture	12,600.00
Feeding Program	835,740.00
Uniforms	101,450.00
Library	15,145.00
Stationery & Office	784,242.00
Sponsorships	1,173,265.00
Graduate Program	2,175,801.00
Medical	378,525.00
Maintenance	70,487.00
Miscellaneous	31,226.00
Total Kenya Expenses	8,956,759.16

Kookaburra Community School Petty Cash

Income

Enrolment Fees – New Starters	33,300.00
Family Contributions	343,425.00
Miscellaneous	6,400.00
Total School Income	383,125.00

Expenses

Firewood	26,820.00
Water	21,701.00
Garbage Collection	4,800.00
Transport	8,700.00
Miscellaneous	6,100.00
Total School Expenses	72,931.00

M-PESA

Transaction Fees	39,820.00
Total M-PESA	39,820.00

The Kookaburra Community School



Volunteers always attract a crowd!!

The Year of the Graduate

The end of 2015 saw our first group of students complete their high school education. This was another milestone in our work here in Kenya. Almost half the children of high school age in Kenya either never attend, or drop out of high school, due to the costs involved. Of the 11 students who took their final exams, three obtained a score that qualifies them for University and two of our graduates, Herbert Abednego and Winnie Ngowa, have both begun their courses in health and education respectively.

For the students who cannot go to University, completing high school allows them to join government sponsored schemes, targeting unemployed youth, to help guide them into work through gaining practical and entrepreneurial skills.

Happy 6th Birthday!!



It's hard to believe that in May we celebrated six years of educating, guiding, counselling and caring, for our students and their families.

We have also provided healthcare, food, and emergency assistance through our accommodation. We have provided employment for 14 local staff and helped countless families in short term need.

We have faced, and continue to face and overcome, a multitude of challenges that stretch us and our resources to the limit. But we are still here.

All of this has been provided by the loyal support of family and friends, and friends of family and friends, and everyone at Kookaburra is extremely grateful for your support.

A New School and a New Library

Due to overcrowding in our rented school building, the education department insisted we find more space. So we had to rent a second building and relocate three of our lower school classes.



Students making their way to the new school building

As part of the move we were able to set aside one room in the old school to be used as a library. Previously we used a small cupboard in a walkway to house our growing collection of books, but now with dedicated shelf space, we are able to add to our students reading experiences... and not block the walkway during library time!



Fundraising

As always, apart from our regular donors, we have some dedicated supporters who raise funds in a variety of ways, sometimes fun activities like pub quizzes, and sometimes activities which are a little more physically demanding. Some of this years' highlights included **Emma Beasley** completing the London Marathon, and then not satisfied with that effort, along with **Ele Parrott**, she ran from the coast of Wales right across to the east coast of England. **Mark Hobart** cycled 100 miles in the Worcester Classic Bike Ride and the UK fundraising committee ran its usual assortment of quiz nights, movie nights, and craft fairs.

Our thanks go out to all who participated in and contributed to these events, and to the Boards in the UK and Australia, who service in an entirely voluntary capacity.



Get Involved

During the year we launched a new website which introduced some new features such as a feedback form, new picture galleries, a calendar of planned fundraising events and a student sponsorship form.



How much does it cost to change the world?

In Lillian's case about the cost of one sandwich per week would change her world forever.

Sponsor a child at Kookaburra and give the greatest gift you could to someone living in poverty, a chance to escape, through education.

For the first time since opening the school we are offering the opportunity to sponsor a student at our primary school. For a ridiculously small weekly amount you can cover a student's tuition, lunch, medical and school material costs and receive feedback and progress from the student and teachers as their education progresses.

Check out the new website for more details... [Sponsor a Student](#)

In Memory

In December of 2015 we eagerly awaited the birth of one of our founding teacher's first child. Sadly, Patricia only survived for two days.

As complications arose during the birth, a combination of so many of the ills that beset a society riddled with poverty and corruption, conspired to rob Patricia of her chance at life. You can read the full story of what transpired, here on our [blog](#) site.

We were fortunate enough to be able to save her mother, who we moved into private care, after she was left to die in the government hospital, with no medicine and no care.

Depressingly, this scenario is played out all too often in the medical system here. Over the years we have intervened in many lives that were suffering neglect or mismanagement at the hands of health workers, or who simply could not afford the price of being treated to stay alive.



Thank You



We are 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.

ACTION THIS DAY HALL OF FAME 2015-16

Ele Parrott & Emma Beasley – Superwomen both
 Emma Beasley – London Marathon
 Mark Hobart, Clearview Systems, UK
 The Mclver Family
 Ian Lingard and the AGL Chocolate Sales Team
 Bob Annells

Sponsors of our Graduate Program students

Natalie Lang	Shelley Knight	Orna Saunderson	Kate Mullahay	Eileen Parrot
Alec Dubberly	Annie Tran	Jakob Ravnborg	Daleen Lopez-Begg	Gena Parrot
Ian & Heather Parrot	Hanna Latysonek	Russel & Clare Kirkham	Sarah Bishop	Louise & Andrew Savage
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Ciaran Dorrity	Vittori Morell	Ang McKintosh	Shelley Walia	

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Samantha Roylance	Tony Pate			

Special Thank You

Stephen Harvey	Lucy Betts	Jillian Mahoney	Angela McIntosh	Christopher Noble	Carmina Yap
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PHOTO ALBUM



Celebrating Book Week



Graduate Program students studying at Kookaburra House



Assemblies every Monday and Friday



Breaktime... always eagerly anticipated



Lunchtime... also always eagerly anticipated