



THE SCHOOL OF
ST. YARED



St Yared Newsletter

Issue 33, May 2018



It's been a very busy semester at The School of St Yared. Students are sitting their exams; groups have been formed for extra curricular activities; and Yared is busy planning his upcoming trip to Australia. We have also had some amazing volunteers who have contributed their time to allow for the success of The School of St Yared.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page!

"I am very excited to announce my next trip to Australia. I will be visiting many cities across the country. Please show your support and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible." Yared Wolde



The School of St Yared provides first-class bilingual education to some of the poorest and brightest children in Addis Ababa. Our goal is to empower our inspiring students to break free from poverty and become the future leaders of their communities and their country.



2018 Australia Tour

"It is with great pleasure that I am organising my fourth trip to Australia. The trip will start in Perth and extend to the East Coast. I would like to meet as many interested people, families, businesses and new supporters as possible."

"My time in Australia will be focused on raising money for the expansion of The School of St Yared. I would like to inform our loyal supporters that our year 8 students have sat their mid year exams and are now preparing for their national exams. What this means is our school needs to expand to allow for the smooth transition of our future year 9 students to have the necessary facilities they need to succeed."

WHAT'S THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT OF ST YAREDS

"The greatest achievement of the school is the ripple effect. For example, our students notice the gap between school experience at St Yareds and that of many other children in their communities; many of our kids eagerly share what they learn. In their own words: 'We study very hard at school, and after school we teach our families and other kids in our neighbourhoods; we don't get tired because we love learning.' The impact this has on communities is remarkable!"

WHAT IS THE FOCUS ON THIS TRIP?

"The focus is to raise funds while creating awareness about the school. This will allow St Yareds to expand sustainably while accommodating the plan for the new high school. Additionally, this will keep the momentum of the school moving forward and creating a better future for all our current and future students."

WHAT SUPPORT DO YOU NEED?

"My dream is to build a school that will enable me to give the opportunity to provide an education to as many children as possible. To make this possible I seek ongoing funding that includes a building fund, funding teachers professional development as well as sponsorship of new students."

**Contact details: jgilmour@hopeforchildren.org.au
or yared@schoolofstyared.com
or sponsorship@schoolofstyared.com**

As you can see here, we have designed the first step for the construction of the school grounds which would provide the students with all the necessary facilities they need to continue our quality education



VOLUNTEERING IN ETHIOPIA

STEVE VENOUR

Steve, a previous educational consultant at The School of St Yared, returned to Addis to review the international curriculum the school has implemented. Steve spent valuable time both with students and teachers. He observed and improved various aspects of the school and conducted on-going professional development training sessions for the teachers at St Yareds. Steve's amazing time here lifted the new headmaster's confidence and empowered the classrooms to achieve the objective of the school. Steve demonstrated his lifelong passion with science which taught both students and teachers how to have fun and learn at the same time.

It is with great pleasure that we thank Steve for donating his time and we look forward to having him back in Ethiopia soon.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

GLOBAL HAND WASHING DAY – IT'S WORKING!

Every year the school celebrates global hand washing day. This day teaches the kids the importance of washing their hands. The kids then develop and implement plans that every student must follow at school, home and everywhere else.

VOLUNTEERING IN ETHIOPIA

PETER SYMONS and TERASITA ZAMBRUNO

Peter and Terasita are two vets from Australia and Argentina respectively. Peter spoke to students on animal husbandry as well as supporting Terasita who ran art and drama classes with the younger students. They completed extensive work of profiling the students at the school which consisted of gathering information and photos for 214 students. This has been compiled into an easily accessible database. Peter intends to make this an annual trip in the hope that others will join him to visit this amazing country and see the invaluable work done at The School of St Yared.



KIDS HELPING KIDS

Thank you to the wonderful students at Nhulunbuy Christian College for your continued fundraising to support the students at The School of St Yared.

Fundraising activities included the recent Free Dress Day and Crazy Hair Day.

Your donation of \$1,750.27 is a fantastic effort!



ST YARED'S TRUST

BERYL BAILEY

November saw Beryl Bailey, St Yared's Trust UK, visit us in Ethiopia for her annual trip. As always, we fulfilled a very busy schedule during her visit.

We facilitated a promising meeting with members of the teaching staff of The School of St Yared and the British Council to discuss opportunities for English language skill advancements. We were provided with guidance on how to best utilise the many different tools available on-line.

Additionally, Yared, Dawit, Gayle and Beryl visited a school in Mekelle, in the Tigray region (in the north of Ethiopia), to look at their facilities and also enquire about their relationship with different government organisations regarding operational matters. It was initially thought the school operation was very similar to that of The School of St Yared, however, upon investigation it was not as we first thought. Regardless, it was a very worthwhile trip to see how other organisations are building schools and providing education programs to students similar to ours.

The St Yared's Trust UK continues to provide invaluable support to a variety of activities for the growth and improvement of the School. We look forward to hosting Beryl in Addis again in the very near future.

