



St Yared Newsletter

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Grade 8 Exam Preparations

The Grade 8 students at The School of St Yared recently sat their final Primary School National exams. The results in these exams determine which students will progress on the Grades 9 to 12.

Prior to the exams, the school's teachers provided some intensive training on study methods and skills as well as conducted some trial exams to prepare the students.

"We had a good time with Grade 8 National exam takers on study skills and strategies of doing exams with some positive student psychology. All of the students were very positive and motivated to do their best at the National Exam.

Thank you, teachers and admin staff, for facilitating things. We all have to do our parts."

Quote from the principal.



Visit by the Australian Ambassador

The Australian Ambassador to Ethiopia, Ms Julia Niblet, visited the School of St. Yared in July to gift a collection of Australian children's books, including her favourite, 'Possum Magic'!

She was excited to hear about the school's history and important role in the community in her discussion with co-founder Yared Wolde. Yared and the students gratefully accepted these gifts to our small library.

The Australian Embassy has supported the endeavours of the School of St Yared to educate some of the most underprivileged children in Addis Ababa since the school was founded. The Embassy has also provided ongoing assistance to the school during recent

negotiations with the Ethiopian government to obtain land for a permanent home for the school.

The School of St. Yared is very thankful for the support and recognition of the Ambassador and her staff and was pleased to host this short visit.



New Computer Lab

In November 2021 HFC partnered up with Camara Education Ethiopia which is an Irish Educational Charity.

Camara has successfully implemented several projects in Ethiopia, which focused on enabling schools to integrate ICT into education. Besides supplying refurbished computers to schools, Camara provides comprehensive training to teachers and on-going support.

In December 2021 HFC purchased 20 desktop computers, all pre-loaded with educational software, ranging from simple games to resources for various subjects, such as PDFs of the Ministry of Education textbooks covering the entire school curriculum.

Additionally, computers are also loaded with an offline version of Wikipedia and Khan Academy for times of limited Internet connection.



In April a new computer laboratory with 20 computer stations was officially opened to all our students and staff. All SSY teachers have participated in two months training already and the follow-up training will be offered to them during the summer school break.

For now, ICT classes are offered to Grade 6-12 students but in the next academic year this will be extended to all SSY students. ICT will become an integral part of our curriculum, as well as in classes to facilitate teaching and learning.



Future Artist - Mikiyas Tadesse



During May, 1600 schools from across Addis Ababa participated in a city wide art and creativity competition. Mikiyas Tadesse, a Grade 8 student at The School of St Yared, won a first prize and received a certificate and trophy for his beautiful artwork. All students showed their appreciation and congratulations to Mikiyas during a recent assembly.

Another group of St Yared students created a radio using only recycled materials and were also rewarded for their creativity. This resulted in a second trophy being awarded to The School of St Yared during this competition.



Congratulations to all concerned for a magnificent effort and result.

The School of St Yared Graduating Grade 12 Cohort 2022

These are the faces of the young men and women who have been part of the St Yared family for over 12 years. Starting as fresh faced and eager 5 and 6 year olds, they have matured into fine young adults.

They have consistently worked hard and produced outstanding results both internally and at national exam level. They, and their families, have been instrumental in establishing a unique school community.

We are extremely proud of each and every one of them!





We wish all of our graduating students good luck for the upcoming national exams and best wishes for all your future endeavours.

You will always be an important and historic part of the St Yared family.

Please don't forget us as we will never forget you!

KIDS HELPING KIDS

Nhulunbuy Christian College conducts regular Free Dress Days as a way of raising funds for and awareness of The School of St Yared. Recently they made another generous donation to support the students in Ethiopia.



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This continues a tradition spanning many years of demonstrating their ethos of Serving Others and Changing the World.

The School of St Yared is grateful for the donation and ongoing support from our friends in Nhulunbuy.

Many thanks for all your efforts!!

New HFC/SSY IT Specialist - Ermiyas Degefua



My name is Ermiyas and I am 26 years old. Like most of Ethiopian people, I was born into a poor family. I have an elder brother and a younger sister. My older brother has an intellectual impairment and so I have grown up as the big brother to both he and my sister.

My mother and father are hardworking people and are ahead of their time. The respect and love they have for each other is amazing. My father is a god-fearing man who is a role model for his children. He has said to me "I am the roof of our house, but your mother is the foundation, without the foundation it doesn't stand. I am nothing without your mother."

My mother is a loving and affectionate woman. She has given up much to make our lives better and ensure we did not go hungry. She is the glue that holds our family together.

I finished my elementary and high school in Guider catholic school and then finished my higher education in Bahir Dar University. I have a BSC Degree in Computer Science.

I speak 7 languages, 3 local languages (Amharic, Afaan Oromoo and Tigrayan) and 4 international languages (English, Turkish, Spanish and Arabic).

I live my life by the following three beliefs: -

- Never build your happiness on other people's tears.
- Live your life only fearing your conscience and God.
- Never forget where you come from.

I am where I am today because both my mother and my father made sacrifices in their lives for me and my siblings so that we can have a better life.

I am always grateful for their sacrifice, and I wish God gives them a long life. I am always proud to be their child.

