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TEACHER'S STRIKE

Both Primary and Secondary school teachers in Government run schools went on strike this term which resulted in all these schools closing down temporarily. The students were therefore forced to come home and await an agreement being reached between teachers and the Government with regard to increments on their salary. SAAS students were also affected but thanks to the library at SAAS headquarters, the students have been able to continue their personal study by utilising the library and computer suite as a study space. We understand the Government is working hard to reach a resolution with the teachers and we hope that everything will return to normal at the beginning of the new term.

NEW CLASS OF COMPUTER STUDENTS

The new class of computer students commenced their studies in May 2013 and will be taking part in this course for three months. We were delighted to be able to increase the course numbers of this occasion due to the purchase of more computers thanks to the kind donation of Mr. Paul Daly and Mr. Stephen Jacobs of BNP Paribas Bank (Ireland) who funded for the purchase for SAAS.

Since SAAS commenced the programme of Computer Training courses several students who completed the training have secured jobs having attributed part of their success to being able to complete this Certificate and add it to their repertoire of achievements.



Students doing their assignments.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR APRIL HOLIDAY

The students reported back to the office to give us their updates after schools closed for the Easter holidays in April. Most of them informed had only good experiences while in school and they were really looking forward to returning to school for term two in May. This is usually a term when schools get involved with sports with several interprovincial and inter school matches and tournaments taking place. Most of the SAAS students are involved in extra curricular activities as they are encouraged to ensure that they are not confined to their studies during term time but rather that they get a good overall holistic education.

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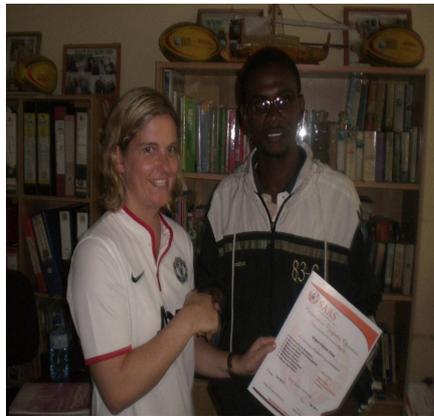
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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Gina Woods, SAAS director arrived in Mombasa for a short visit this term to oversee the work of SAAS and to get an update of the work on the ground. She met with many of our students and was very happy with the experience they were having in school and the progress they have made. Also during her visit a class of Computer Students had just completed their course therefore she was able to award them their Certificates at the course completion ceremony.

If any of our sponsors are in a position to help further with student sponsorship or know of anyone who is, we would greatly appreciate any support or information you can give. We can be contacted by email at gina@saas.ie or ebby@saas.ie.

Many thanks for your support as we look forward to another successful term for our students.



Left, Group Photo of Student who graduated in April, Right, Patrick Kidasi receiving his Certificate from Ms.Gina Woods.

Annual Mathematics Camp (Coming Soon)

SAAS Camp will take place in August from 12th to 16th August 2013, at Kongowea Primary School. This time around there will be additional subjects, like Physics and Chemistry. SAAS is also hosting twelve tutors from Ireland, UK and United States of America who will be tutoring in the Camp and will be helped by our dedicated SAAS Youth Group Members.



RAMADHAN GUGA VICTORIA (20)

Ramadhan is a full time Boarder at Kwale High School in his third year. He recently lost his Mother Victoria Muna Mwambula and he is now an orphan as his mother was a single parent and the sole breadwinner of the family. We are deeply sorry for his lose. Rama is also a poet and below is one of his poems:

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Knowing not why I always was in that four walled room,
Chanting the add lunch and evening songs,
Yet on I went,
In whose house was I to laze?
With the 'Elimu ya bure', (Free Education) initiative in place!
One would have told me why always in class,
Put things clear right before my little face.

Even before I could see the light
Daddy seen twice was now past,
Death the devil had him swept, But that didn't move me from the top,
With mama as papa to me,
Deep in I felt a big Nope.

Her toiling and Moiling,
only to see me get going,
"Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere"
That, Mama couldn't stop uttering,
I always wanted to go anywhere,
And there she was, strict with books but ever smiling.

Then came the nightmare of all times,
the two in one killer disease coincidence,
that threatened snatching away the only reason for my existence,
Mama in the ward admitted,
My getting buried in books mission disrupted,
All that Bizarre fate left me dismayed,
Yet still, the very exam I was determined to top some weeks ahead!

The expected marks Kwale the school of my choice,
But again ,who will take me there?
A saviour from vicinity a scholarship with SAASity,
Free of adacity and full of ability,
I joined the majority,
Life was lost, but SAAS gives hope to Kenyan child.

My Life, My dreams
My goals, My times
SAAS restores,
I concur, with eradication of illiteracy and a future for the Kenyan community,
SAAS, sponsoring our Future!

Chinua Achebe: "until the lions have their own historians the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter"

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