



# SAAS

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### **AUGUST HOLIDAY**

The students returned home from school for a one month break in August and came to visit us in the office while they were home. While some of them (especially those who are in their last year in secondary school) decided to remain in school to do some revision before their final exams, most of them returned to Mombasa for the holiday. Those who got a chance to come back for holidays came to the office to submit their report cards and gave us a run down of how their term has been. Some of the students had the pleasure of meeting their sponsors during this time. The Mombasa Agriculture Show of Kenya (ASK) took place while the students were at home so many of them attended this event which causes huge excitement in the area. This is an annual event which is normally takes place in August and is a forum for Kenyan farmers to exhibit their farm produce and scientific materials. It is a very important event for Mombasa residents as it brings alot of people into the area and is an educational event for our students and those working in agriculture in Kenya.

The students seem to really enjoy this school holiday as they had the excitement of the show but also they really need a break at this time of year in order to recharge their batteries for the new school term and to spend time with their family and friends.



**Dharshini posing for a photo with her student Yasir Athman**

### **MATHS/CHEMISTRY/PHYISCS YOUTH CAMP**

In the month of August, SAAS organised a five days youth camp which was held at Kongowea Primary School. Approximately 300 students attended the camp from forms 1,2,3 and 4. They enjoyed the camp and many met new friends and study partners. The students were presented with Certificates of Participation to acknowledge the hard work of all those who participated in making this camp a successful and rewarding week. Feed back reports were completed by the students so that we can find out what worked well for the students and what we need to work on and improve for next year. Among those who volunteered to teach were our directors Henry McLoughlin and Gina Woods, SAAS donors Dharshini Allirajah, Manjula Nat, Ursula Redmond, Gayathri Meena, Vannan Bala and Maria Rush. In addition to them we were delighted and honoured to have some of the SAAS students who are now in post secondary education to help out during the camp. On behalf of the SAAS team we would like to thank all those who participated and look forward to another fun and rewarding camp next year.



**Above Maria at work with her class in form 1**

### **GRADUATION, COMPUTER CLASS**

A short while ago SAAS opened a new learning centre which has proven to be a

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superb study area for students and is well equipped with study materials, books and computers. The centre has proven to be a huge success among the SAAS students who use it as a study area to do homework in, in the evenings and at weekends. In addition the centre is also benefiting the community of Kongowea area as they can come to the centre to use the computers and to practice their IT skills. Benedictor Lujanje, one of our successful students has been volunteering at the centre and in teaching computer classes to students and residents of the area. He is teaching attendees how to use important packages such as Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word and PowerPoint and a total of twelve students who managed to go through this course successfully graduated and were awarded certificates. Benedictor is doing a fantastic job and has been instrumental in the success of the programs. Benedictor has just commenced his second year of a Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Kenyatta and feels that this experience is very valuable to him.



**Students who received Certificates after completion of the 3 months computer course together with their tutor Ben.**

### **LAUNCHING OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION**

The Kenyan people were presented with

the opportunity to vote on a new Constitution for Kenya recently. This campaign was launched by the president of Kenya Hon. Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Hon. Raila Odinga. This has marked an important step for the Kenyan people who have been waiting for an opportunity to review the Constitution for some time and the current Constitution was put in place by the former colonial government. The Kenyan people seem optimistic that this new Constitution represents a much fairer and liberating time ahead for Kenya.



**President Mwai Kibaki signs the new Constitution**

### **TRAGIC END**

SAAS was deeply saddened by the sudden and untimely death of Form 4 student John Tungura (Kitumbi High School) in August last year due to a tragic accident. The world has lost a young ambitious and talented young man and we pray for his family and friends to have the strength at this difficult time.



**Missed by all**

### **SCHOOLS RE- OPEN**

Schools were reopened on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010, for the last term of the year. The students seemed excited to get

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back to school to see all their friends again and to get back into their normal routine. This is the most difficult terms for the students as they have their final exams.

### *Trizah's Corner*



**Trizah Continues to grace our Newsletters with her poetry. Trizah is also one of our success stories as she has just completed a certificate in Mass Communication and Journalism and is waiting to join a Diploma Course. Trizah dedicated the poem below to all the sponsors.**

### *DREAM COME TRUE*

When I was a child, I had a dream of being a journalist a dream that only existed in my memory not knowing it would come true.

I remember how life was uneasy for me now I don't complain, for no troubles any more SAAS gave me a reason to smile SAAS you are my "Mama".

Being a university student was my dream and now I Am one of them because of SAAS my dream came true I am a journalist student,

Thank you for making my dream come true.

I thank you on behalf of SAAS students I appreciate all that you have done, our lives are not the same again, I am no longer

living in dreams for you have made my dream come true.

Thank you  
Trizah Mghanga

### *Ramadhan Athman*



Ramadhan Athman is now a renowned painter and has tremendous talent. If you wish to view/purchase Rama's work you can visit the SAAS website where many of his creations are on display. All proceeds from the sale of the paintings go directly to Rama and his family.

### *COMING SOON*

- **The 3<sup>rd</sup> lot of SAAS students to sit for their final Secondary School Examination in November 2010.**
- **Girls get together which will be held in December 2010.**
- **Awarding of the best SAAS students**
- **December holiday.**

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