



## ST CONSTANTINE'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 28, January 18, 2021

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I hope the new year has started well for you. The term has started in earnest here at St Constantine and our students are progressing well.

As the world continues on its somewhat unstable, fluctuating path, we try to maintain solidity and calmness here. We are privileged in that our school is open and we can all learn together face to face, not online like many other countries. Therefore, we must all maximise this opportunity like *Glen Munengiwa Year 4 and Hans Lymo Year 3* pictured left, walking happily to meet their classmates on their first day back.

Years 11, 12, and 13 Mocks are underway – an important practice as the Cambridge summer exams have NOT been cancelled, so we proceed as normal.

Year 10 students are on Work experience this week and I am confident they will learn lots and represent us strongly as they go out into the community at large.

Our new Parents Association met before the end of year holidays and the newly elected committee is already involved in planning a school event to replace the 2020 Family Day sadly cancelled due to the Corona virus. See the story on Page 6 with the new leaders' contact details.

As a Round Square School interested in global affairs, we'll be watching Joe Biden's inauguration closely later this week – so a busy time ahead.

Best wishes,  
Tony Macfadyen  
Headmaster



6<sup>th</sup> Form Information evening:

Thursday 4 February 2021 Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm at Main Campus Hall.

An opportunity to discuss our exciting range of Post 16 courses - A level and BTEC - offered from August 2021.

Subject teachers will provide detailed information and you will get a 6<sup>th</sup> form prospectus and application form.

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**“These boots are made for walking .....**”

When superstar Cher sang about boots, she would never have had in mind the scores of shoes donated by the students and families of St Constantine's during November 2020.

Students in our Primary school donated school and casual shoes to the children of the Bandari Project who have little or none to call their own. The shoes were collected at both Main and Town Campuses and on Christmas Eve, the staff from Bandari, with Project Manager Glory and *Gecko on the Move* Founder and Director Tracy Harper, came to Arusha to collect them. We counted over 180 pairs, which allowed for all children at the school to have one pair of school shoes and one pair of casual, or sports shoes for the new school year. (Pictured below from L to R are Jane Marandu, Tracy Harper (GOTM), Glory Masukuzi (Bandari) and school driver, Jafary.

On 31st December, Jane Marandu and her children, Owen and Elijah from Year 5, visited the Bandari project to personally help hand over the shoes to their new owners from the Year 4 class. The children were so excited to receive their shoes and proudly wore them home that day. The school shoes were distributed this week on the first official day of school.



#### **Not just**

**satisfied with shoes,** Mrs Marandu and Mr Murray assessed the Primary Office stores and the stock of unsold uniforms from a previous design and supplier. Supplemented with unclaimed jumpers, they all now have new homes with the littlest members of the Bandari Project School in Mto wa Mbu, who are proudly wearing them for their Nursery class.

SCIS has supported the Bandari Project for the past three years on the Year 4 activities week. We have also hosted Bandari staff for teacher training. This is a fabulous partnership that we hope we can continue to support in different ways going forward, starting with Year 4's visiting for their trip during activities week; and starting next Friday, we have Zawadi (a new member of *Gecko on the Move* and previously a teacher from Bandari) joining our staff on secondment in Nur-Year 4 for Maths training to learn from our teachers.

We would like to thank all our Primary school community, parents and students for their generous donations and for thinking about those less fortunate than themselves, showing compassion as one of our Round Square discoveries. We hope that our students continue to develop this spirit of Service as they get older and always think of ways they can help others in our community.

#### **Links:**

<https://thebandariproject.com>

<http://www.geckoonthemove.org>





## MOCK EXAMS ARE UNDERWAY

*What are MOCK exams, which Year levels sit them and why do they have to do them?*

Mock examinations are a practice for May / June CIE Exams where students sit tests in all their subjects and subject components, as they would do in their final examinations. The practice gives the students a feel of the real exams in proper exam conditions, as well as giving them an indication of their weak areas,

which need improvement before the real thing. Above students sit their Year 11 and 12 computer science paper, while below Year 13's Karishma, Kajal and Anjuman are revising below.



## NEW BOARDERS

SCIS has a vibrant and happy Boarding House, so it was with lots of smiles that new boarders Amoyi and Sharon were welcomed this term. Originally from Mwanza, Amoyi is in Year 11 IGCSE, taking Maths, English, all three sciences, business, Swahili and ICT. He's leaning towards the sciences for his future.

Amoyi prefers Arusha's environment and weather to Mwanza and is enjoying his experience here. His first time as a boarder, he is still getting used to the boarding house, and he would like to be House Captain later on, when he has had a chance to prove himself. The difference he finds between SCIS and his previous school is that the lessons are longer here, but he still enjoys the teaching.

Sharon Emmanuel Kazimoto, from Kenya, is currently in Year 5 and she has found that SCIS has shorter lessons from her previous school, and she thinks the teachers are very good. She enjoys the school and attending classes. She has made some friends already and she loves the environment at SCIS. Being passionate about cricket, she has also joined the Cricket elective.



Boarding Master Mr Emmanuel enjoys watching his boarding family grow. "On arrival I take them through school rules and expectations of the boarding house and tour them around the school so they can easily find their way from their first day. I also assign an age mate at the boarding house to help them around and to make them feel comfortable. I also make sure they can contact their parents anytime they feel homesick," he says.

Mr Emmanuel says Amoyi and Sharon have settled in really well, with both working hard at school, with a responsible and dedicated attitude to their studies. Amoyi has joined the after-school football and basketball teams, and has already had his first assessment in school.

Over the weekend, they experienced their first boarding trip. Keep an eye out for photos coming up soon 😊

## **"FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD ...."**

*In keeping with the multi-cultural nature of St Constantine International, we are happy to sing about the food choices offered to our students and staff. Our contract chef, George Mavromustakis, is careful to ensure his dishes cater for all religions and cultures.*

*"Food allergies are also considered on an everyday basis," Mr Mavromustakis says. "Pork is not served, and all food is Halal. There is a beef dish, vegetarian dish and chicken dish offered in the main courses every day catering for Muslims, Hindus and vegetarians," he says. "Salad and fruits are also served every day in order to provide a balanced diet and proper nutrition; and a weekly menu is provided in advance for parents to assist their students to choose their meal."*



Our kitchen and serving staff are well-trained in all Covid-19 preventative measures, ensuring we have safe, happy and filling meals.



*Pictured are Constantine (left), David (right) and Mohammed (front page) lining up for lunch.*



The students at Town Campus were excited about being back this week and had a lot of fun learning how to recycle different materials. Here Miss Athica's class - Year 2 TC - learned about Materials in Inquiry, and made hats out of newspapers.

**Le nouveau stagiaire français:**  
**Mwanahamisi Juma**



Our new French intern, Mwanahamisi, is enjoying the environment at SCIS and the way the students learn through both the new technology and the use of projectors. "There are enough books for all students," she exclaims, "and the staff are very friendly." She also loves the fact that students work in groups. Mwanahamisi used to interact with our students at Alliance Francais and that's how she learnt about our school. Her aim is to be a French teacher and general teacher because she thinks teaching makes us explore knowledge. She lives in Arusha with her mother Jane, has one younger sister, who is studying accountancy and two younger brothers living in Mwanza.



**RAIN ON ME**



Lady Gaga isn't the only one calling out to "Rain on Me" as Mrs Tozer and her Year 7 Geography lesson were completing an enquiry on weather and climate in Arusha. They collected data to record the rainfall and the temperature on a weekly basis to see how it fluctuates. Captured here are the 7.1 class who recorded 31ml of rainfall in the rain gauge. In June they will then plot the data in a graph, draw conclusions and evaluate their methods.

Pictured above is Mrs Tozer showing the class how to read the data; Carlson, Mikaeel and Patricia bottom left; and Patricia right perfecting the balance for an accurate reading.



## SPORT IS UNDERWAY with ...

the girls doing basketball drills and the boys playing hockey. Pictured are Year 7 boys learning from Mr Tozer and Year 7 girls whose instruction was undertaken by Miss Nana and Mr Erasto.



## PARENTS ASSOCIATION



As well as helping to knit the school community together, the Parents' Association plays an important role in raising funds for special school projects, organising special events and If you have a general concern to be conveyed to leadership, they can be contacted below, or by email to [pascis@scis.sc.tz](mailto:pascis@scis.sc.tz). They have also established a Parents' WhatsApp group to share announcements. If you would like to be added to that WhatsApp group, please click [this link](#).

Pictured above: Douglas Tholo, Emmanuel Macha, Stephano Migire, Gertrude Kimaro, Peretz Amir, Dorcas Mgoyo, Fructeux Capo-chichi, Abiha Kasmani, Shedrach Mofulu, Joyce Kinyange, Michael Shotii, Esther Fultang, Francisca Mushi. Not pictured: Lilian Badi-Manara, Albina Anthony, Josee Capo-chichi

Here are the leaders of the Parents' Association :

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\*Of the new elected members, 6 out of 15 have served with PASCIS before

## THE NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITION at The Incubator - <https://www.theincubator.co.nz/>

Marketing Manager, Leonie (Lee) Trubshoe has been stuck in New Zealand since COvid-19 hit, but she continues to work for us online. However, as on the ground activities developing our potential scholarship fund have come to a halt in Tanzania, she is working to launch it with the help of a group of her own countrymen.

Our students are going to send artworks to New Zealand for a one-of-a-kind exhibition in the seaside city of Tauranga, accompanied by Tanzanian dancing, music, crafts, photography and video, brochures to boost our local tourism and safari industry. The aspects of the project will include:

**1) The Art** - Selecting potential students to take part and/or artworks in conjunction with Mr Namulala (right)

**2) The Business** – Identifying sponsors for shipping, packaging, costing, purchases, etc

**3) The Music** – Recording music from our students and performers in a selection of styles including modern rock and pop, reggae, Hindustani, blues and Hip Hop; as well as traditional music, the sounds of traditional instruments and the multi-cultural voices of East Africa punctuated by children's laughter, cheering of sports, the sounds of nature like a lion's roar, to create the true East African feeling.

**4) The Dance** - The contrast between traditional dances of Tanzania versus those of NZ is great and we would like to have Tanzania represented also through dance – both traditional and modern.

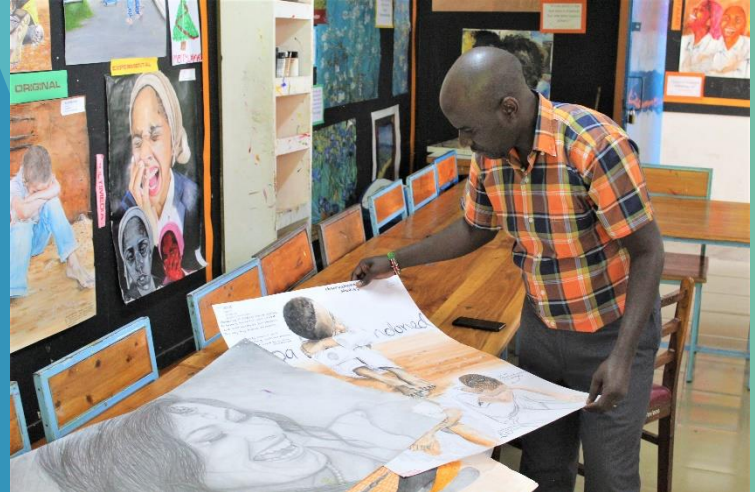
**5) The Video** –recording live footage around the school of SCIS activities, teachers and students, interspliced with footage of wildlife, scenes of Arusha and key tourist sites.

**6) The Programme, Brochures, Posters** - our Year 6 class with Miss Ojoo will be creating beautiful brochures promoting Tanzania, as they did last year, and we will also create a Poster and full exhibition programme.

**7) The Crafts** - Identifying potential craft suppliers (parents, staff, pupils, friend) so we can sell Tanzanian crafts, fabrics, jewelry, etc. to raise additional funds. For example, kitenge, beading and costume jewelry, semi-precious stone jewelry (e.g. tiger stone), shukas and shawls, laptop bags and mobiles. ***There will be a New Zealand customs restriction on natural fibres so no wood, seeds, kapok, sand, rattan, or soil.***

**8) Publicity and Social Media** - The whole event is an exciting foray into internationalism, as well as service in creating this fundraising to assist disadvantaged fellow students, while promoting beautiful Tanzania in order to help the local businesses rebuild from the effects of Covid-19/Coronavirus.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED, PLEASE EMAIL: [leonietrubshoe@scis.sc.tz](mailto:leonietrubshoe@scis.sc.tz)



## PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME



**Our safe and hygienic practices have been successful in minimising risk and keeping all students as safe as possible.**

**We urge you to remind your children to keep up the good work at home so we can continue to keep all students healthy and Covid free.**



## WHAT'S ON AT ST CONSTANTINE

REMINDER: This is a swimming term in Primary and all students will be swimming at least twice a week during PE lessons. Please plan that your child is always ready with swimming kit.

### January

Wednesday 13 –22  
Monday 18 – 22

Mock examinations for Years 11, 12 and 13  
Work Experience Week Year 10

### February

Monday 1 – 5  
Thursday 4  
Monday 8 - 10  
Monday 8 – 12  
Friday 12  
Monday 15 – 19  
Monday 22  
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Tuesday 23  
Wednesday 24  
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Friday 26

Primary Assessment week  
6th Form Information evening - Year 11 students and parents  
Mock examinations Year 6  
Primary School Activities' Week N - Y5 (no Primary after school clubs this week)  
3pm – School closes for Half Term  
School Closed for Half Term  
Boarders return  
School re-opens for Parents' Day (no students)  
School Re-opens for all students  
2 – 3.30pm Secondary Inter-House Swim Gala  
Chess Tournament  
1 – 3 pm Upper Primary Inter-House Swim Gala

### March

Monday 1 –5  
Wednesday 3  
Thursday 4  
Friday 5  
Saturday 6  
Monday 8 – 10  
Monday 8 – 12  
Friday 12 - 13  
Friday 19  
  
Saturday 20  
Monday 22 – 26  
Wednesday 24  
Thursday 25  
Thursday 25  
Friday 26

Book Week  
Primary Parent-Child Learn-Together morning (Main Campus)  
Primary Parent-Child Learn-Together morning (Town Campus)  
NTSAA Swimming Gala at Kennedy House U7 - U13  
NTSAA Cricket Festival at Arusha Meru U9 - U11  
Post Mock Exams Year 6  
Primary School Assessment Week Years 5 and 6  
Secondary School Musical Production MATILDA  
5:30-8pm Family Social Evening (Town Campus)  
featuring Year 4-6 Battle of the Bands from 6-7pm  
NTSAA Hockey Festival at SCIS U9 - U11  
Primary School Assessment Week Nursery – Year 4  
Secondary Fashion Show  
Lower Primary swimming showcase  
Lower Primary Show (Main Campus)  
1.30pm - School closes for Easter holiday

### April

Sunday 11  
Monday 12

Boarders return  
Term 3 begins for all students.

