



Steven Tito Academy

STA Newsletter, Term 1, April 2015

Look at how we've grown!

When STA opened its doors in 2012, we had one teacher and 11 students by the end of the year. There have been many changes in the way we find and select students to attend STA in that time. This year we welcomed 76 students!

Word is out in Bagamoyo town and STA is leading the way in providing a high quality education to its students. At the end of each year we select 25 students, most of whom are then matched with a sponsor from countries as diverse as Japan, The Netherlands and Canada.

From the first day of school our students learn in English, which sets them up well for secondary school where English is the language of instruction. We welcome the "Class of 2022" and look forward to helping them on their learning journey for the next 8 years. Thank you our family of sponsors and donors who make all this possible!



STA 2013 – Whole School Photo



STA 2015 – Whole School Photo



"Class of 2022" – The 25 new prep students during Term 1.

STA Leaders

This year, for the first time, the students at STA elected school captains.

Eleven of our grade 3/4/5 students wrote and read speeches to the whole school. Each student from grade 1-5 then voted for one girl and one boy who they thought would represent their school well and be a good leader.

It was great to see such confidence and maturity displayed by the senior students and they are all shaping up to be great role models to their younger peers.

The captain badges, donated by A.J Personalised Products in Australia, are worn by each of our four captains proudly each day to school.



Cornelius, Std 5, School Captain Election Speech

I think I would be a good leader because I listen to the teachers and I do what they tell me. I'm active at school, I cooperate with my friends. I try. I like everybody at school and at home. I share ideas with them so I can get new ideas. Thank you a lot.



The 2015 School Captains – Justis, Asuaka, Alyat and Mariam

We want to connect with schools around the world!

In March, this year, we launched our Wanafunzi program. Wanafunzi ('students' in Swahili) is a program aimed at connecting STA with other classrooms and schools around the world.

Participating schools sponsor one of our classrooms, forming a lasting connection between student groups, teachers and school communities. Classroom sponsorship helps STA with teacher salaries as well as keeping our classrooms stocked with basic teaching resources.

We connect with schools [through our blog](#) and Skype calls. During March, Teacher Lauren visited Australia and spoke to student groups at 5 Victorian primary schools. Students in Australia were interested to learn about what life is like in Tanzania and at STA. STA students love learning about different countries and schools.

Know of a school that might be interested in our Wanafunzi program? Information can be found [at our website](#) or email info@steventitoacademy.org for more details.



A Skype call with Avenel Primary School, Australia



'Life in an Aussie School' book sent by St Roch's Primary School, Australia



Standard 4 Examination Success

At the end of last year our standard 4 students sat the Tanzanian National Examination. Most of these students started at STA in 2012 in standard 2. Many of them, upon starting at STA spoke very little English. It was a great achievement for all students that they were able to confidently sit the National Examination in English.

At STA we use a variety of assessment tools to inform our teaching and we do not place too much pressure on our students when it comes to the National Examination. However, it is encouraging to our students, their families and teachers that our 2014 standard 4s achieved such great results.

Our students received an average score of 91.5% in English. An amazing result!

Congratulations to all our 2014 standard 4 students.



Standard 4 with Teacher Leonard, 2014 at a post examination dinner in Bagamoyo town

2015 Furniture Fund

This year, we are aiming to raise \$1,500 to purchase much needed furniture for our school.

By donating to [our furniture fund](#) you are helping us to continue to provide a well-resourced and high quality education to over 75 students.

We will use all donated money to purchase furniture and storage items for STA right here in Tanzania. So, your donation has double impact as you will be supporting the local Tanzanian economy as well!

To donate visit

www.steventitoacademy.org/2015_furniture_fund

