



# Steven Tito Academy

STA Newsletter, Term 1, April 2016

## 2016...Our biggest year yet!

In January, STA opened its doors to 92 students, 4 new teachers and even a new classroom! This year we are expanding our vocational skills 'Clubs' program to include even more students, introducing STA 'Houses' and helping students set learning goals to encourage them to pursue personal success and grow as learners.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter! Please share it with your family and friends.

Whole school photo, February, 2016





# Steven Tito Academy 'Houses'

This year we have introduced STA 'Houses'. Each student and teacher has been placed in one of four houses: Mikumi (Blue), Victoria (Purple), Wami (Yellow) or Kilimanjaro (Red).

The students meet in their house groups to play games, learn about our school values and do art projects.

In Term 1 we had a House Football and Netball Tournament. The students enjoyed wearing their house colours for the event and they came up with some great chants and songs for their houses. The older students helped the younger students participate and fun was had by all!



House colours – Fahad, Loleni, Scola and Sabrina

# Setting Learning Goals in Grade 2/3

In our 2/3 class the students have been busy preparing learning goals for Term 2. Each student reflected on what they did well in Term 1 and what they would like to get better at in Term 2.

Through the process of goal setting we are already seeing the students have a greater understanding of their own strengths and weaknesses. Students are able to measure their own individual success and we are seeing them persevere more with tasks by thinking of different strategies they could use to solve the problem.



## Sheila ~ Grade 2

I want to get better at retelling a story and asking and answering questions when I read. In Maths I want to learn more about hundreds and tens. In English I need to learn singular and plural.

## Shadia ~ Grade 2

I want to get better at flipping the sound, chunking and blending together. Those reading strategies I know them but I want to practise them until I get better at them. Another thing I want to learn is to look after equipment.



## Hadija ~ Grade 3

I need to get better at cleaning up the environment. When I write I need to sound out the word if I don't know how to spell it.

## Violet ~ Grade 2

I want to get better at being respectful of others. I want to participate in class every day. I want to be the ruler champ!  
*(a maths game played every week)*





# Student Representative Council (SRC)

At STA we want to encourage our students to express their opinions and learn to be great leaders. This year we have introduced the Student Representative Council (SRC).

The SRC is made up of the four school captains and class captains from each class, except the preps. The whole school voted for the school captains. This year our captains are Athumani and Husna and our vice-captains are Salim and Regina. In the 2/3 class, Violet and Millan were voted as class captains while the representatives from grade 1 are Sukaina and Denis.



(L-R) Denis, Sukaina, Regina, Husna, Athumani, Salim, Violet and Millan

Our students had their first meeting in March to discuss student needs, problems, and ideas. They talked about the need for more footballs to play with at break time and brainstormed ways to improve student behaviour on the school bus.

Teacher Peace (Prep) and Teacher Wainaina (Grade 5/6) will be working with the students this year to help them during their meetings and provide opportunities for the students to develop as leaders.

# The Heart of the School.....Teachers!

Our teaching staff work tirelessly to provide the students at Steven Tito Academy (STA) with a quality education and a safe environment in which to learn.

Our teachers try every day to bring out the best in each student and help every child to achieve. The staff hone their skills in weekly professional development meetings and complete two performance reviews annually to improve their teaching.

We are thankful for our amazing teachers who educate and inspire the STA students!



(L-R) John (Performing Arts), Tamarah (Prep), Rehema (Administration), Tommiemc (Std 1), Lauren (Std 2/3), Moses (Swahili/Sport), Ameme (Teaching Assistant), Peace (Prep) and Wainaina (Std 5/6)



## Monthly Donors

Our wonderful monthly donors help us provide our students with a range of opportunities through our Clubs program. Our students have learned how to sew, ride bicycles, bake cakes and dance thanks to the generous donations that we receive from our monthly donors.

Monthly donors also enable us to purchase much needed resources to help us provide a quality education for each child. Our library has a huge range of books, our classrooms are equipped with maths resources such as dice and counters.

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