



DON BOSCO OYSTERBAY NEWS

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HAPPY EASTER

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MZEE JASANI'S DONATION OF COMPUTERS



The Sterling Trust of Mzee Jasani donated 38 brand new computers for our Computer Department. Many of the computers we

had were very old and outdated. This donation is worth more than T.Sh. 50 millions!

We thank the Late Mzee Jasani for his foresight. We are still benefitting from his generosity even after 18 years since his death back in 2003.

A special word of thanks to the trustees: Mr. Bharat Thaker and Mr. Shashi Shah for their genuine concern and love for Don Bosco Oysterbay. With the introduction of these new computers, our department is able to attract new students and our VTC students can equip themselves better for their future.

We pray that the Almighty God may continue to bless our great benefac-

tors, Mr. Bharat Thaker and Mr. Shashi Shah and their families.

Those who do not know the late Mzee Jasani; he was born on 5th December 1937 in Gujarat (India) . At the sge of 18 he came to East Africa and settled down at Zanzibar and he worked as a watch repairer. God blessed him with great business mind and he succeeded in whatever he did. He believed in honesty, transparency and dignity of human being.

He did business with the sole motive of helping others. At first it was helping his nephew and nieces who lost their parents. Then he began to help anyone who was in need.

Mzee Jasani came in contact with Don Bosco in 1997 and from that year until now his name is a household name in different Don Bosco communities of Tanzania and Kenya.

The Sterling Trust had earlier sponsored the Jasani dining hall

for the staff, the Motor V. Workshop, The Jasani Auditorium, timber for our Carpentry Workshop and sponsorship for 15 students in these past 4 years. Long Live Mzee Jasani!



THANK YOU TRUSTEES

THANK YOU DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

As this issue of *Don Bosco Oysterbay News* was in the last stage before publication, we heard the sad and shocking news of the passing away of Dr. John Pombe Magufuli the President of Tanzania in the night of 17th March 2021.

We at Don Bosco Oysterbay are grateful to Dr. John Magufuli for the two A.T.C. Programmes which we had for the young peo-

ple of Tanznia. Several young people were able to change the course of their life with this programme.

As we mourn his death, we pray that the Almighty God may show mercy on his soul

He left behind the legacy of hard-work, selfless service to the Nation, great faith in God, commitment to a cause and persever-

ance to till the end.

On the morning of 18th March we had a special prayer service for the repose of his soul and we canceled the celebration we had planned for 19th March for the feast of St. Joseph.

We join the entire nation in mourning his death.

May he rest in Peace!



REST IN PEACE

DR. JOHN POMBE

MAGUFULI,

OUR PRESIDENT!

HOUSE SYSTEM OF 2021

For the first time we have six Houses for the VTC students. The names chosen are Kilimanjaro (Bright Green), Longido (Thick Orange), Meru (Dark Green), Natron (Yellow), Tanganyika (Bright Orange) and Victoria (Red). These are the names of mountains and lakes of Tanzania.

The Houses were officially inaugurated on Friday, 29th January 2021 when we celebrated the feast of St. John Bosco (Don Bosco). On the feast of Don Bosco we had several inter-house competitions. The House of Meru was

the overall winner of the day.

As we are typing these lines, all the Houses are well balanced.



The school Assembly



The House System helps the school to carry out all the activities smoothly.

SUPPORT FROM I.Y.F.

The International Youth Foundation (I.Y.F.) of Ireland has supported several of our activities last year. They are sponsoring the programme called Passport to Success (PTS) and also donated a photocopier, sanitary pads for our girls and water tank and hand washing areas.

They were also one of our major partners for the Environment Day activities of 2019.

We are very grateful to IYF for their support and understanding.

NEW LIFE WITH HOPE

The Rector Major (Superior General) of the Salesians of Don Bosco, Very Rev. Fr. Angel Fernandez Arttime SDB gave to the Salesian Family the strenna (Motto) for the year 2021: **“See I am making all things new” (Rev.21:5)**. We modified this motto as **“NEW LIFE WITH HOPE”** for our College.

The teachers had two days of seminar on Preventive System on 8th and 9th January 2021 on Preventive System to equip them to understand the educa-

tional system of Don Bosco and his style of functioning. Several of our teachers were new and this seminar helped a lot to know Don Bosco and his system of education.

On Friday, 29th January 2021 during the Holy Eucharist the new leaders were blessed and given the mandate to lead by Rev. Fr. Michael Muia.

This year we have record number of 412 students and we added the two new trades of Masonry and Tailoring. For the first time we have close to 40% girls in our College.

STRENNA OF THE RECTOR MAJOR & MOTTO OF 2021



FEAST OF DON BOSCO

The feast of Don Bosco, the father and the founder of the Salesians of Don Bosco was celebrated on Friday, 29th January 2021. We had several competitions from 8am to 11 am called “Don Bosco Competition” with the sole idea of knowing Don Bosco. This was done through several competitions like quiz, tombola, puzzle etc.

We had the Holy Eucharist at 11.30 am which was presided

over by Rev. Fr. Michael Muia, the Director of Don Bosco Youth Centre, Upanga. He also gave a very touching sermon on the life of Don Bosco. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Frs. Sajan, Melchades and Babu.

The lunch was sponsored by the siblings of Fr. Babu in honour of their mother, the late Mariakutty Augustine Mundamattom whose 92nd birthday is on 31st January.

After lunch we had matches among the Houses and finally there was a Football, Volleyball and Netball matches between the staff and the students. Thanks to everyone for the wonderful cooperation all of you gave for the celebration.



WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Though the International day of Women is celebrated on 8th March, we at Don Bosco Oysterbay celebrated it on 6th March 2021. On that day not only the lady staff and the girl students were present but also the other staff and boys too!

The celebration began with the Career Fair from 08.30am to 11.00 am. The representatives of various companies were present. They were introduced and they had the opportunity to sit with our students according to their departments and share with our students concerning their expectations. The

students could ask questions to them as well.

The second part of the celebration was the Women's day celebration began at around 12 noon. We had talks from several successful women and motivators. The lunch was served at around 4pm.

After lunch the staff and students sat around various doctors and they had the opportunity to ask questions concerning health issues. It was a wonderful experience. We are very grateful to the doctors who did a free service for us.

We are very grateful to the PDO staff under Fr. Melky and Ms. Rosemary for working hard together with our staff and the students for the success of the celebration. We thank VIA DB our main sponsor in a special way.



MAY DR. MAGUFULI REST IN PEACE

On the morning of 18th March 2021 we had a special Prayer Service to pray for the repose of the soul of the departed President. May he rest in peace!

FR. PROVINCIAL'S VISIT



Rev. Fr. Simon Asira SDB, the Provincial of Eastern Africa Province arrived at Don Bosco Oysterbay on 8th March for an informal visit. Originally he had the plan of having an official visit. But since he was diagnosed with Covid 19 positive he had to readjust his programme and he could not

have the canonical visitation as most of the Salesians were not available.



During the course of his stay he had the opportunity to interact with the students and he was very touched by the cordiality and friendliness of the students.

He had to go back to Nairobi to attend the Holy Eucharist for the late Fr. Julian Jeckers. After the service he came back to Oysterbay on 14th March to continue with his visit. We are very grateful to Rev. Fr. Provincial for spending valuable time with our community. Fr. Simon had the opportunity to visit His Grace Juda Thadeo, the Archbishop of Dar es Salaam and Very Rev. Sr. Dina SMI, the Mother General of the SMI Sisters.



THE LATE MARIAKUTTY REMEMBERED



The Late Mariakutty Augustine Mundamattom (the Mom of Fr. Babu) was remembered very much by the community of Oysterbay on her 1st death anniversary on Sunday, 7th March 2021. The Holy Eucharist for the repose of her soul was celebrated at 6pm and it was live streamed for others to take part in it.

Many staff and students too turned up for the Holy Eucharist. Most of the siblings of Fr. Babu and their families were able to participate in the Holy Eucharist online. We thank the community for the good spirit of solidarity shown. The boys and girls who sang the office of Dead in Malayalam touched the heart of many.

May our Mom rest in peace!



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REV. FR. JULIAN JACKERS SDB , REST IN PEACE

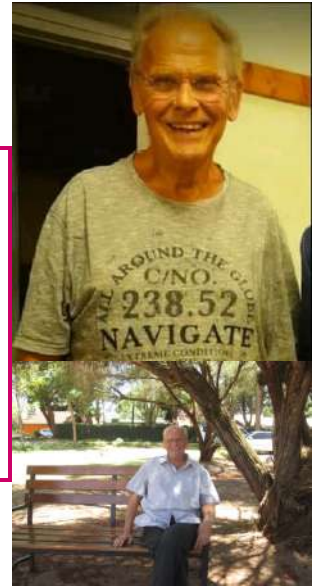
We mourn the passing away of Rev. Fr. Julian Jackers belonging to the province of Belgium but had been a part time lecturer at Don Bosco College Moshi for the last 15 years. He went for his eternal reward on the early hours of 11th March 2021 at Mater Hospital, Nairobi (Kenya). He was the retreat preacher of the retreat which was going on online from 9th to 15th March 2021. He had prepared his talks well in advance and the participants of the retreat could use them.

The body of the late Fr. Julian will be flown to Belgium for burial this week. **MAY HE REST IN PEACE!**

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FORMER PRIME MINISTER MAKES SURPRISE VISIT

Mr. Mizengo Peter Pinda, the former Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania made a surprise visit to Don Bosco Oysterbay on 10th March 2021. He came to see the sample of the furniture we make in our workshops so that he could place an order for some desks and chairs which he could sponsor for a nursery school. The staff and the students gathered around him and he spoke encouraging words to them. He asked everyone to make use of the opportunity given at Don Bosco Oysterbay to be good technicians and mechanics.



PROFESSIONAL LADIES' VISIT

Four eminent ladies belonging to the group called the Professional Ladies (wives of ambassadors and C.E.Os) visited Don Bosco Oysterbay on 16th February and they were very much impressed by the training and production work going on at Don Bosco Oysterbay. We thank Mr. Massimo Almando for organizing this visit.



SOLAR SHORT COURSE & CHARCOAL PRODUCTION

Mott Foundation has agreed to sponsor the training of 35 boys and girls for a short course in solar and the course will begin on 12th April 2021. Those wishing to join must take the application form immediately and return to the office before 25th March 2021. The entrance examination will be on 27th March 2021. At the end of the six months they will go for two months of Field Attachment.

The students have to contribute a very nominal fee of T.Sh. 65,000/- for the uniform and dustcoat only. We are very grateful to Mott Foundation and to the DB NET headed by Fr. Melchades Lukanyanga and assisted by Ms. Rosemary Terry.



CHARCOAL PRODUCTION

We are very grateful to Salesian Mission Office of Madrid, (Spain) for sponsoring our new production unit of Charcoal production. Rev. Fr. Simon Asira SDB, the Provincial of Eastern Africa blessed and officially inaugurated this project on Tuesday, 16th March 2021 in the presence of

the entire community of Don Bosco Oysterbay.

We thank Fr. Melchades and Ms. Rosemary and the entire team of DB NET for this new initiative.



Mr. Lymo thanking everyone



Mr. Majaliwa & Mr. Henry



ELECTRONIC HAND WASHING MACHINE

Our former students, Mr. Majaliwa and Mr. Henry Swai have designed an electronic hand washing machine. We are happy to accept orders for this.

