



BROTHER BEAUSANG STUDENT MAGAZINE

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EDITORIAL DESK

What can I say when all has been good and beyond our expectation. We have been able to reach heights hitherto not reached by any other

journalism personnel in the history of the school. Hence before I commence my general report I would like to thank the whole Brother Beausang community for if it were not for their generous support we would not have managed to come this far.

The club has been privileged to interview some of the visiting groups in the school during our weekly assemblies. Indeed we also thank the school fraternity for lending us their ears during our weekly news anchorage programme. The groups we have journeyed with in their field events such as games, Kenya Science and Engineering Fair and Edmund Rice- to mention only a few cannot go without our appreciation.

The publication of this second edition school magazine has seen both good bad and ugly times. At



times the event photos saved in our flash disks were corrupted, quarrels here and there and other problems which until now are better kept secret. The whole lot of work has not been easy; if it is anything to go by then we thank God for being able to come with us this far. Our honored and learned fellow students have been also core figures in this year's publication, handing in their wonderfully crafted articles on time.

All in all we do understand that we have greased your names in one or two incidences, mostly during our weekly anchorage programme, thus we humbly pass our warm apologies. To the teachers who at

times have not been pleased with our work, I kindly ask you to understand for we are the men on the ground doing the donkey work. Our patron has been very supportive always there for us allowing us to develop our ideas and creativity. We have also included some photos that you allowed us take. But we also apologize if we have pin-pricked your hearts. Sometimes being carried away by events, extending the time beyond the normal

In summary all be well with you. I take this chance to wish you all the best as you go through this colorful magazine. Kudos to all of you.

Francis Kiingati, Journalism Chairperson.



THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Welcome to the 2013 school magazine. Following on from the inaugural publication last year, the Journalism Club under the leadership of Francis Kiingati have worked very hard to bring together the various reports and articles into a publication that all in the school can be proud of 2013 has so far been a year of consolidation in so many ways.

Following the successful re-location of the primary into their new home - the Waterford Building - at the beginning of term 3, 2012, this year has seen both the secondary and primary students continue to adjust and become more used to everyone sharing the same compound. It is a credit to all the students and staff that this has worked so well and that the school is so alive in terms of activities and that such a strong sense of community and cooperation exists. The Edmund Rice Celebration Day on May 31 during which the Waterford Building was officially blessed was a great example of this.

The school has continued to develop in terms of facilities. The play ground for the primary, the new kitchen and the new sports field next to the driveway are all examples of this. It has also been a successful year in the various clubs and co curricular activities, with the school experiencing consistent success in the different competitions we have participated in such as football, netball, scouts, science and mathematics. The involvement of so many students is most impressive and adds to the overall school experience offered at Bro. Beausang. This year, our weekly mass moved to an earlier time on Wednesdays (8.00a.m.) and it would be remiss of me not to mention the choir. They have been outstanding all year long and have really grown in number and quality so all credit to them and to Tobias Chitechi, the choir Captain. We have been blessed with a number of visiting groups from the other countries - Parade College, Catholic Regional College Melton, St. Bernards Essendon, Zimele Foundation and the Gone Fishing group (all from Australia) have been part of the 2013 school experience and in Term 3 we will welcome Catholic Ladies College (Australia) and an Irish group as well. Challenges remain, particularly in terms of becom-

ing more self sustaining and less dependent on support from overseas donors and supporters. The financial realities many families face can be disruptive to the academic progress of their sons and daughters and this remains a major issue for families and the school. On a sad note the school community lost two secondary students earlier in the year - Hakeem Abdul (Form 4) in February and Brian Mwanzia (Form 3) in May. The loss of young people is difficult at the best of times, but the school response to the passing of the two students reflected a real sense of unity as a community. Finally, congratulations to the magazine committee and my thanks and appreciation to all in the Brother Beausang community for what they have contributed to the life of the school in 2013 and to making the school a special place. "Carpe diem"!

PETER SHANAHAN



Success in whatever you do

Most of the Friday we have fellow student who give us word of encouragement. These has touched most students while others do not even understand what speakers talk about. I was next to my fellow classmates and when one student talked about dictionary and work being before success he did not understand.

The 8-4-4 system is about passing exams and attaining high grades .As much as we are here to learn and understand,our teachers and parents have put emphasis on grades.Whichever the outcome attitude belief,vision,motivation and consistence play a big role in that achievement.

One of our teachers stress about attitude being key in whatever we do. If one has negative attitude, the dedication and commitment to the many subjects we attempt and balance between them to achieve result will be missing.Attitude makes subjects hard or simple .It is said that everything starts in the mind .Positve attitude boosts creativity and controls thinking and makes us students to have faith in our abilities.

Belief in abilities we posses catapults us to succeed.Believing in ourselves makes us be aware that destiny is in our hands.These opens up our mind to positive thoughts about achieving. Belief is different from wish or dream.Belief is permanent not weakened by failures and enviroment.It goes hand in hand with persistence.Those who believe have a clear vision,work hard and smart to actualise wishes.Belief has an element of going and doing and makes a difference the big difference.

To achieve academic success,one can use challenges as stepping stone,the mix of belief ,persistence propelled by vision enables one to work hard day by day,hour by hour,minute by minute to make their dream a reallity .One writer said,When yu Stop learning,you are old,whether at fifteen or ninty five.

When in a school like Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre, there is always that temptation to try everthing, be in many clubs, participate in all games offered but forgetting that at the end of the day what matters is what grade you get at the end of the four years. When tasks are well scheduled within

the available time, more is likely to be accomplished. I like seeing a lion hunt - once it selects its target of a wildebeast, it does not deviate. It goes after it even if fatter gazelle passes near it, it will stick to its aim until it brings it down.

My brethren please, in whatever goal you set, take the intiative to act. This builds momentum and subjects that seemed hard will become easier and doubts will be cleared. Action is important and is what fuels talent and intelligence. Talent and intelligence alone are worthless. It is like a brand new Hummer with deflated tyres. Action is important and will keep the journey to success in motion.

Clement Ngotho



CHALLENGES

Obstacles are those things that you see when you take your mind off your goals. Weakness of attitude is weakness of character. Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

Never in life solve problems using the same kind of thinking used when you created them.

If you want peace prepare to go to war.

Yes we can change, we can believe in;

When you change your thinking, you change your belief.

When you change your belief, you change your expectation.

When you change your expectation, you change your attitude.

When you change your attitude you change your behavior.

When you change your behavior, you change your performance and then your life.

Sow a thought and reap an act.

Sow an act and reap a habit.

Sow a habit and reap a character,

Sow a character and reap a destiny.

B.M.G. desk

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Did you know that knowledge is power? As you know an idle mind is the devil's workshop and his is reflected in the answers we give.

For one to have knowledge to be his/her power, one must struggle since it is the real meaning of life.Victory and defeat are in the hands of Jah and so one must enjoy struggling. Did you know that everyone wants to be the best but the result comes only after a lot of effort?

Did you know that for you to achieve the best goal, you should sit down and work for it and you should remember that a gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him/her into presence of the great?

B.M.G. desk

People are often unreasonable and self centred; forgive them anyway.

You are kind, people may accuse you of being selfish; be kind anyway.

If you are successful you will win false friends and true enemies; succeed anyway.

If you are frank and honest people cheat you; be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building someone could destroy overnight; be happy anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway. You see in the final analysis it is between you and your God; it never was between you and them anyway!!!

Mother Teresa Speech



ORIGIN OF BROTHER BEAUSANG

The school is named after Brother Thomas Beausang, an Irish brother who dedicated his life to working with youth and in particular the underprivileged in Ireland. One of his students was Kevin McGarry who later became the parish priest in Embulbul. It was Fr. McGarry who built the current Embulbul Catholic Church and who with a small group of supporters started the informal school in July 2000 which later became Brother Beausang Catholic Educational Centre, named by Fr. McGarry in recognition of the work and influence of Br Beausang.

“He wanted to give every young person an equal start in life and he did it through education. He was able to discover the talents and strengths of a person long before they discovered it themselves. He worked, supported and encouraged a person in order to build up their self esteem, self worth, and self confidence so that one could face the world on par with others. He was a man of the Gospel. Brother Beausang died in August 2000 and today no matter where you are or to whichever group you are with, once in a conversation you mention his name and you will find someone who will tell you their story of how he helped them.” (Kevin McGarry)

NAMES OF CLASSES AT BBCEC

Classes are named 1P, 1R, 1B - the same applies to other year levels e.g. 2P, 2R, 3P, 3R...et cetera.

P stands for Padre Pio, a Capuchin Franciscan Priest (1867-1968) who was an inspiration to the SMA (Society of Missionaries Africa) priests who established the Embulbul parish and through Kevin McGarry, the school. A relic of Padre Pio is the church.

R stands for Blessed sister Maria Rubatto (1844-1904) who found the Capuchin sisters of Mother Rubatto who have worked for many years in the parish (Dispensary) and helped to also establish the school.

B stands for Brother Thomas Beausang

SINDERA TANGAM

Indeed we have attained our vision; together we have made the school a better place. I would like to acknowledge the high standards of discipline you have carried in and out of school. Although I have dealt with a few cases, I am a witness of B.B.C.E.C.'s changing to a better place in the future. I would like to thank my fellow Student Leadership Council members for taking the initiative of helping in making disciplinary decisions. *Hongera* to my fellow disciplinary personnel in the SLC. Keep up with the spirit and together we will touch the sky.

At your service,



CARPE DIEM

Seizing the opportunity is the best thing we can do to create a better generation. Thanks to all the B.B.C.E.C. secondary students who

have done so by acting responsibly in return. Though we had a few cases of indiscipline, the majority of us have proven mature and high standards of discipline. Let's embrace our rules and guidelines (the 'Big 5') so as to touch the

sky. A vote of thanks goes to my fellow disciplinarians and the head teacher for the great support in maintaining law and order.

SINDERA TANGAM,

**Ibrahim M. Kinuthia,
SLC Discipline Master.**



WHAT IS BEAUSANG

Is it true that when you tell someone outside school that you go to Beausang the response you get is, 'You are going to marry or you are going to be a thug.' That has definitely changed for the Beausang that they know has long been gone and replaced by a new one. We give all the gratitude to our administration for the discipline they continue to instill in us.

NAMES OF BUILDINGS AT BBCEC

The buildings are named to remind us of the life and work of blessed Edmund Rice (1768-1844) who founded the religious congregation of the Christian Brothers. BBCEC has been under the management of the Christian Brothers since 2006, and who, particularly thanks to Brother Laurie Collins, have overseen the building of the school as it now exists.

Waterford (Primary) - Waterford was the city/port in Ireland where Edmund started his work and his first schools. Mt. Sion (Secondary) - Mt. Sion was the name of the first school Edmund built. Callan (Administration/Library/Science/Computing) - Callan was the birthplace in Ireland of Edmund Rice.

Rick In-soo, Form 3



ITAKUAJE?

Ujinga ni:

1. Kuweka picha ya daktari kwa nyumba ndio maumivu yakizidi umwone daktari
2. Kwenda jogoo road na kisu

Musili



GOOD HEALTH IS IN OUR HANDS (July 5, 2013)



'Mr. Dettol' hugs a student during the Promotion

It was one of the happiest days in the school when the Dettol promotion group visited. We had eagerly waited for them the entire morning. We did not know what they had prepared for us. They started by telling us where we could find germs; they mentioned toilets, dustbins, the playground, classrooms and on our skins when we itch. They said that germs are found everywhere. They also sang a song that everybody enjoyed; it was about the steps of washing our hands. They taught us while entertaining us at the same

time.

We were told that hands must be washed properly with soap and water and rinsed well. The Dettol Man said that special attention should be paid to areas between the fingers, nails and the back of the hands, which we sometimes forget.

They told us that when eating we should avoid scratching or touching the nose, ear, mouth or any other body part. We learned that the important times for hand washing are before eating, after eating, after visiting the toilet and after changing the baby's nappies and other activities where we have contact with germs.

The visit and hand washing techniques we learned from Wasil have changed our hand washing behaviours; just before lunch time you will see the preschool children lined up washing their hands before they take their food. The same applies to all the pupils; we have soap in our toilets with which we wash our hands after visiting the toilet. Good health really starts by washing your hands.



BBCEC BICYCLE CLUB 2013

This club was started for the students to be able to cycle effectively and also for physical exercise. With the help of the administration, we were able to establish the club. It has been smooth all through. The cooperation of the members has really helped us a lot to achieve our goal. It is because of our Principal, himself an avid cyclist, that the club has attained its goals. We invite others to be part and parcel of this club. Our future is that in the near future one of us might participate in the Tour de France!



Primary Student leadership

First and foremost, I would like to express my gratitude to the staff and the student body at large, for having elected us into these positions of leadership. Since assuming office early this year, we have received maximum cooperation from the students and proper guidance geared towards achieving our goals. I consider the first term and second term as of now, a success.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our Principal, for his effort to ensure that all the children enjoy both the curricular and extra-curricular activities in the school. This is evidenced by the modern classrooms and the play equipment in the school. As we prepare for the third term, I would like to wish all my fellow

pupils success in all their endeavours.

God bless you all.

Virginia Mbula (Primary Head girl)



Fare Thee Well

I greet you all in the name of Jesus, from the head boy's desk. First, my gratitude goes to the Principal and the school administration for giving the pupils an opportunity to participate in different co-curricular activities, among them scouting and athletics. The teams represented the school well in their respective events. As we head towards the ball competitions and the music competition, I would like to wish success to all the teams involved

I would also like to thank my teachers, the prefects and fellow pupils for their cooperation since the beginning of the year. Lastly, may I take this opportunity to wish the class eights all the best in their upcoming exschool, may you enjoy the remaining part of the year at the end of the year. To the rest of the year.

God bless you and the Brother Beausang fraternity.

Brian Muteithia (Head boy Primary)



"Be happy every day, never worry about tomorrow. Live your today like no other because God gave it as a gift and that is why it is called the present."

Carolyne Nyambura, Class Seven.



How is one hundred shillings a lot when taken to church and very little when taken to a super-market?

How is 60 minutes a long time when in church but short when watching a movie?

How is 60 minutes a long time when reading the Bible and short when reading other books?

Priority is key in everything!

By Mercy Cherotich, Standard Seven.



The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Mary Waruguru, Class Seven.

“Better remain silent and be thought of as a fool than to speak out and remove all doubts.”

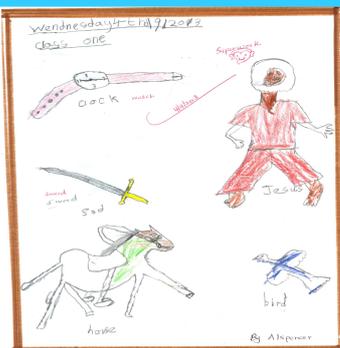
Faith Naserian, Class Seven

JOKE

For God so loved the Africans that he gave them black skin that whoever applies cosmetics shall not be white but have a supermarket of pimples.

Always be yourself and appreciate the way God created you!

By Omari Koiyaki, Class Seven



Head Boy's Report

Things do change as time passes. The year started well with many expectations, but things in B.B.C.E.C. changed unexpectedly. Many were caught by surprise to see all these new things day after day that caught the attention of many.

This year we have been visited by many visitors, the first being the Gone Fishing Group in early February and in late March by The Catholic Regional College, Melton (Victoria, Australia). The school community has learned a lot from them and we really appreciate their support in our school.

Despite all this, our school has lost two of our students in late 1st term and early 2nd term. This has been a challenge to us but we've been able to cope with the situation. We look forward to our improvement day after day to change the face of B.B.C.E.C.

We really appreciate our parents, teachers and the school community for their unending support despite the challenges that we pose to them. May the Lord bless B.B.C.E.C. and the community at large. God bless you all.

Chrisantus Opolu, (Headboy)

THE SECRET TO HAPPINESS

Choose your friends carefully, selecting wise and optimistic people who encourage you to achieve your goals and never to lead you astray. Make time for your family, spouse and your children.

You will be a lot happier if you wake up early and at the same time every morning.

Eat a balanced diet and do exercise. Always tell the truth.

Always say the serenity prayers "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference". Amen

Vivian W Gitau 2P

Getting the opportunity to serve the school as a council member has been a great pleasure for me. This year began with a lot of tension...being a candidate at the same time serving the school, I consider myself an ordinary student, not perfect

but still able to do my work in the best way possible.

All in all, I'm humbled and wish to thank the whole Brother Beausang community, for this opportunity they have bestowed upon me. May Beausang live forever!!!

Mutindi (DH)



COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

Counselling is an opportunity to express ones feeling and be heard in a way to make one feel respected, in terms of one's thoughts, feelings and behaviour. The counselling process helps people to feel more and more in control of their lives; hence a sense of empowerment.

Counselling cannot prevent problems but improves the way individuals respond to them. For example, the experience of exploring your thoughts and feelings with another individual can relieve them and prevent you from feeling alone. It improves proper choices, self esteem and helps develop good strategies to enjoy life and relationships.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the coordinator in the school. Thank you and God bless you all.

James Muhia (Counselling Coordinator)

In the short but awesome time I have lived on this planet, I have learned that when things get tough, people start looking for someone or something to blame it on. If you believe you are worth a lot, then go out and get what you're worth. But remember you've got to be willing to take the hits. Don't go pointing fingers saying that you are not where you want to be because of something or someone.

Osao Ochieng



Between a striker and a booster in volleyball and a striker and goal keeper in football, who are the best two players?

Kosgei Fredrick

Always let good people be your role model, for trusting in God doesn't make the mountain smaller but it makes climbing it easier. Never ask for a lighter load but instead for a stronger back to carry it. Never lower your goals to the level of your ability but raise your abilities to the height of your goals. Embrace every challenge and have a positive attitude always.

Therefore let success be your destiny, to love, to live at the beginning of each new day together and to share our lives forever.

Margaret Wanjiru Maina 1 B



STUDENT COUNCIL

In one of the first major decisions made, my great decision is to have personal principles and to be really brave. Nothing in this world is so hard, only views bring about variations.

For the last months as a head girl, I'm glad to say that leadership work is God given since there are challenges in it. I have realized that leadership is more serving than leading, though both go hand in hand. My mission is to see everything run well without collision but I don't know if everyone would want to put themselves in those serving shoes.

Nevertheless, our team so far is doing well with different divisions of responsibilities under different committees. We are looking forward to seeing the realization of our theme 'Soar the Code' meaning to achieve our very best, come to reality. We all believe that leadership is about changing and we are all ready for that change, not only change for its own sake, but positive change...we are going places.

My vote of thanks to all the staff headed by our patron - Mr. Henry, the entire subordinate staff and my fellow students, without forgetting all

the visitors we had during the first term. We all need each other; and it's due to your support that we get things moving.

I may say a thousand words, but only one sounds sensible. My wish is, keep that one word in practice and use it to create little but sensible words. Hard work comes with rewards. At no time has God forsaken a hard working man. Success is not a place to be, but a state of mind that will drive and inspire. Moreover, it's not meant for a chosen few, but for the few who choose it. Everyone is more than capable my dear students. Let's work smarter to shape our future. Self confidence is the absolute way to succeed. I'm proud that memories of you all are always remarkable and sweet to recall.

Mary Muthoni Jacob (Secondary School Head Girl)

In the short but awesome time I have lived on this planet, I have learned that when things get tough, people start looking for someone or something to blame it on. If you believe you are worth a lot, then go out and get what you're worth. But remember you've got to be willing to take the hits. Don't go pointing fingers saying that you are not where you want to be because of something or someone.

Osao Ochieng

HOME AT LAST

It was with great anticipation that the people had awaited the zonal football and volleyball competitions. When the day finally came, the frenzy of excitement as well as the high rate of expectancy could not be rubbed off the spectator's faces. It was with a new ray of hope that the outstanding Bro. Beausang flag would be seen dancing to the rhythm of the wind.

To the surprise of many, the girls' football team, popularly known as the 'Black Pals', surprised many when it qualified for the district competition. The other teams did qualify as well. Nonetheless, the district competition held at Laiser hill was not only a cake to go away with; it had to be fought with expertise. This saw our three teams coming back to 'where we all belong'; our *Black Pals* and our two volleyball teams.

All eyes then moved and focused on Coach Kaka and his boys, 'the Black Panthers'. The prayers being asked by all was that he would stand the test of time. Friday came and teachers had a hard time ensuring that the students concentrated in class, simply because they didn't want to miss their Panthers departing without a word of 'kwaheri'. The journey to Oloitoktok wasn't strange as the boys had been there earlier.

Back in school stories were everywhere, from the industrious staffroom to the busy classrooms. At break time students seemed to forget their every day stories of DJ Afro and the soap operas. The atmosphere had changed suddenly. Going home that evening, every one held his heart in silent prayer, "May God bless

our football team."

For their part, the footballers were determined; they dotted all the *i*'s and crossed all the *t*'s. They shone from head to toe with their marvelous magic. Laiser Hill was taken aback when they were held to a barren draw despite their superior physique.

Come Monday and the victorious stories were shouted by each person; everyone was elated. However, when the message came that we were to face the legendary Upper Hill, the hope in people's faces diminished. Only a few still held the spirited hopes of making it to the nationals.



Makindu was where our metal would be tested. The team had left home prepared. This was after blessed water was sprinkled by our acting parish priest during our weekly mass. Not everyone was sure of a win, and many prayed for the best.

From Thursday, everyone ate, drank and slept football. Our team fought with might and strength. They managed to outshine all the

teams in tik taka soccer but were beaten in dead balls situations after failing to convert open clear goal chances. They were silenced by Upper Hill by three goals to nil but they kept up their spirited fight to beat the tournament whipping boys (Ngoleni) eight goals to nil proving their prowess. In the end, the sun shone down on them as Laiser Hill used their masculine physiques and to knock them out of the competition by three goals to one.

Back home we were ready to receive them. No one after all could forget them. They had risen to a level that they could have managed given the chance and time. Some Journalist had nicknamed them the new kids in the block.

The scripting Journalist had a hard time spelling the word Beausang. The photo journalist admired the Beausang uniform and it featured prominently on a whole page of the daily newspapers. All the boys looked feeble so he chose to picture the only player with a strong physique to showcase the tough ongoing games in Makindu. On the way home Erick Kinuthia, who had been blunt in attack after putting on the Airtel 'Rising Star' Jersey, was sharp as a choir master as he led the team sing songs of joy and hope for tomorrow. It was time to come back to 'where we all belong'.

The coach is now aiming for the National finals next year, but the team is likely to be without four players who will be finishing their O-levels. On the other hand, there are other talented players coming up through the ranks.

Lemiso Rosalyn



UJINGA NI

Kukua na beef na mama mboga
 Kumeza mara moja mara mbili
 Kuvaa t-sho imeamndikwa nimechil na uko na ball
 Kunyunyizua mahindi maji moto ndo itoke ikiwa imeiva
 Kukopa vitu kwa shop ulipe end month na huna kazi

SIMPLE RULES IN LIFE

1. Always go for what you want because if you don't, you will never get it.
2. ASK questions because if you don't, your answer will always be NO.
3. Style up and step forward otherwise you will always be in the same position.

Asha Shaban 2P

Peace and unity

My dear brothers and sisters, let us live in peace and unity. Without love and peace, there won't be fear of God. Without fear of God, there won't be law and order. Without law and order, there will be anarchy. Where there is anarchy, there will be war which causes destruction of human life and property.

Harangura L. James 4P

Volunteer's desk

I've almost been at Brother Beausang for one year now - it's time to write a short resume. I decided to take one year off after High School and instead of going straight to university like most of my classmates; I was given the unique opportunity to come to Kenya, being supported by the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. My motivation was to experience life in another culture, prepare myself for my future (back then I wanted to become a teacher!), broaden my horizon and most importantly: get out of my country!

I was lucky to live with a nice host family and work in a great project, Brother Beausang. Work has not

only been enjoyable, it's also that I consider it meaningful and rich in gaining cultural understanding and personal experience. Volunteering in a country that differs so much from my own culture has proved to be exactly the right thing for me; so complex, interesting, fun but also tedious and frustrating at times.



This gap year in Kenya has

changed my life because I decided to follow another path in life. Even though teaching has been enjoyable to me, it's my interests that have shifted drastically. I used to be determined to become a teacher – it was my dream job but now that I've learnt so much about me, the world, my life, I'm experiencing a drastic shift of interests. I'll start university in October, majoring in International Relations or Public Administration.

I'm grateful to have been given the chance to come to Brother Beausang and even more grateful to have been welcomed so warmly and to work in such a wonderful and friendly environment. Those marvelous memories will be kept in my heart for the rest

of my life but I know it's the right time for me to go back to Germany now, studying to achieve something in life that will bring me hopefully back to Kenya one day.

Wasil Engel



EDDY SHEEHY CUP CLASH

The anticipated annual Eddy Sheehy Cup could not have come at a better time. In the morning chill after the assembly, the students, volunteers and staff had already thronged the Embulbul Stadium which is nicknamed 'Bul Wembley'. Last year's champions naturally wanted to retain the title, while the opposition had expectations of being the new champions. In football boys Form 2 had been tipped to win because they had the majority of the school team members in their class. The negligible absence of a few students who had taken a trip to L. Nakuru was not expected to make a difference.



2013 Eddie Sheehy boys winner

Each class had its own colours; from afar you would think different school were in attendance. The students who were not participating kept themselves busy cheering on their classes. Some girls, however, had their make-up on in spite of the hot sun and dust. The boys used their Vuvezelas in a way you would have thought was a Gor Mahia clash. The first match was between the Form fours and the Form ones which ended with the form 4 being bundled out, despite being older. The form four boys were in tears.

The staff really had a good time away from class. The female teachers could be seen playing catch while others coached their teams. The Principal, Mr. Shanahan, was conspicuous with his Arafat scarf around his neck. During the Staff versus Galaxy curtain raiser, which the staff won, it was interesting to see most of the teachers run. Mr. Nzioki was outstanding and his big build was not a hindrance to running.

During both the finals the form three cheering squad got their teams going with 'Hatutapiga kelele' chants. Their teams ended up being the 2013 Eddy Sheehy champions in both boys and girls.

At the presentation there was the notable absence of Eddy Sheehy himself but his daughter and son, Trina and Michael, filled the gap. The winners were awarded. On the next occasion the school needs to improve on the quality of the public address system.

Celine Achieng



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Farewell Henry

Every single day comes with its intricacy. Though days come with their unique realities, Friday 6th September, 2013 was probably my longest day in Brother Beausang. I am not talking about longest in terms of hours, it is about accepting the reality that Henry Kiminywi who was the head teacher secondary and the most accepted teacher and administrator was officially saying goodbye. The day became long when I thought of the many good things we did together as a friend and as a workmate, the stories we shared in the administration block, the meetings we had on taking tough decisions particularly when dealing with indiscipline cases, the sad moments that led to trauma in us when trying to make Beausang a better learning environment, the one on one conversation that made me feel supported, and of course the office gossips that required high standard of confidentiality. All these are part of the many memories that made the day long.



From right: Henry, Chrisantus, Ann, Mary and Br. Simon cutting farewell cake

I have slowly started accepting the reality that good people never stay. Henry joined Beausang in 2008 and within a span of six years; he had managed to produce a number of "As" in mathematics and Physics in KCSE and uncountable "Bs" in both subjects. All students who managed to score these high grades under his guidance have either completed University and are working or are still progressing with studies and doing very well in sciences.

I had always been hearing people say employees are the real assets of a company. I never realized the true meaning behind all this statement until the day Henry was cutting the farewell cake that was prepared by

student council members. That was the moment it clicked to my mind that I was left handicapped without him. Henry was the real life hero who made things happen in a practical manner. He believed in achievement and indeed he realized his ambitious. The speeches that were given by student leaders proved his efficiency and tireless effort that I had seen him demonstrating. His passion for the poor, the advice he gave to students and the commitment to what he believed to be right were probably the core elements that kept him excelling.

Henry has been a fantastic work mate and I have cherished our working relationship to the last bit. His honesty, sincerity, transparency and accountability have posed a challenge that leaves one wondering whether Henry is really not in Beausang. I now wish him all the best as he continues to pursue his further studies in University as a full time student. Who knows, he may probably be back after the two years.

Br. Simon Kaswahili



ENVIROMENTAL CLUB

Our vision: To create awareness on all matters relating to the cleanliness and conservation of the environment within and outside the school.

Clubs Motto: To arise and shine in taking care of our environment. The club started with a vision of cleaning the school environment every Friday. The members also decided to involve the other students to maintain the environment as conducive to learning. The club has succeeded in cleaning the grounds and also has registered new members in order to have an idea about how to keep the envi-



ronment clean

MEMORABLE QUOTES

Have a way of handling failure and rejection.

Have faith in your future and you'll have power in your present.

If yesterday was dark, today darker then tell your heart tomorrow will be bright.

Achievers learn from failure, great minds have a purpose while small and poor minds have wishes and sub-divided misfortune.

Between you and your dreamland is a desert of hardships. All roads that lead to success pass through this desert and perseverance shall ever win.

Success is not how many times you stay ahead of others but how many times you rise up after a fall.

Stand out and don't follow the crowd.

If you don't have hope you won't find what is beyond your hope

The greatest glory is rising after a fall no matter how mighty the fall was.

A great leader is not necessarily who does the greatest things but he who makes people to do the greatest things.

Lazy people meet difficulties everywhere they go but hardworking people enjoy their fruits without trouble

Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood.

Reason with great ability in daily activities, without captivity in your mental capacity.

Communicate the past and the present so as to have a bright future.

Stand with the truth even if you are alone because the strongest man is he who stands alone.

Let other people advise you, but don't let them make decisions for you

Never argue with fool because people won't differentiate between the both of you.

Weakness of attitude is weakness of character.

Listen to others especially when you disagree with them.



KITCHEN DEPARTMENT

Our sincere gratitude to all the students for their co-operation during the term. We also thank the teachers, prefects and the students on duty for their assistance during lunch time. We well know that students are less productive on empty stomach.

The students who sometimes help us collect and do the dishes, after lunch time we do appreciate. We apologize to the students whom might not get us much food as they may want, but we have always ensured that all students get enough. We cannot forget the administration for their swift response whenever we need them. God bless you all!!!

Lucy Macharia

It has been great working in the kitchen as the Dining Hall captain. Through perseverance and hardships, we've been able to cope with the conditions. On behalf of my fellow students, teachers and the administration, I pass my humble gratitude to you all for the cooperation and support you have given us. I believe I have represented you complaints and appreciation well, to our cooks, we pray that you continue with the same generous heart and live to serve our Brother Beausang community at large.

Peter Mwalyo Kamene (Kitchen Captain)



THE 2013 KSEF (Kenya Science and Engineering Fair) UNSUNG HEROES

In the just concluded 2013 Kajiado North County Kenya Science and Engineering Fair, Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre presented four projects.

1. "Making bio fuel from water hyacinth" presented by Marcourious Makini and Nicholas Gicheru
2. "Making a professional burglar alarm" presented by Kenneth Mwangi and Jackson Kogo.
3. "Recycling papers (pulp)" presented by Siraj Hassan and Nasra Yusuf.
4. "Making biodegradable plastic" presented by Jackson Kogo and Joseph Mwangi.

The Project **Making Biodegradable Plastic** stole the show at the Kajiado North County competition and was best in its category. The students will now represent Kajiado North County at the Nairobi Regional level. The project was based on the use of surplus milk and other cheap locally available materials to come up with plastic. The participants applied concepts that they had learned in high school level science. They observed that plastic was everywhere but the plastic produced from their experiment would contain substances which were to decay naturally from the breaking of certain bonds in the plastic structure, unlike the common plastics which were non-biodegradable. The project had an

in-depth coverage of how milk can make biodegradable plastic through polymerization, a process involving make of natural polymers from proteins contained in milk. They observed that the concept could enhance the actualization of Vision 2030 especially in the aim of having an environment that is pollution free. The plastic was to be modified further to make it tougher, softer and flexible by inclusion of glycerin.

KENNETH MWANGI Form 4



Joseph and Jackson with their presentation

SCOUTS REPORT

In a world full of challenges, you have to learn how to survive. As the scout motto sates... 'Be prepared'. The scouts were prepared as usual for the Zonal Scouting Competition held at Kibiko; from uniforms, projects and gadgets. The competition was tight and challenging. However, our young primary school girls outshone their male counterparts and emerged in first position.

The secondary school group also emerged in first position, followed by Ole-Frema as number two with a point difference of 92! Our neighbors P.C.E.A emerged as the third group. I would like to take this chance to congratulate our scouts for their outstanding performance and for making the school proud. We also wish to thank the administration for their financial and moral support during the whole period. Lastly thanks to Mr. Nzioki and Mr Sitati respectively. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

Clement Ngotho Ngunjiri

SERVING

Serve with pen, paper, concepts in memory and reluctance to as many people as possible. Enjoy it with dessert "A" after four years in high school and in the rest of your life. Enjoy your fruitful and delicious meal in your lifetime.

Prepared, cooked and served by
Claudia M. Muthama, 4P



Yaka six pack show

- A doctor's mistake one is buried.
- A lawyer's mistake, one is imprisoned.
- An accountant's mistake, one is jailed.
- A dentist's mistake, a tooth is pulled out.
- A printer's mistake is redone
- A pastor's mistake, one is in hell.
- AND YOURS!!!!

Fatuma 3R

Peace and unity

My dear brothers and sisters, let us live in peace and unity. Without love and peace, there won't be fear of God. Without fear of God, there won't be law and order. Without law and order, there will be anarchy. Where there is anarchy, there will be war which causes destruction of human life and property.

Harangura L. James 4P

LOOMING DANGER (METEORITES)

It was just recently when half of an enormous meteorite fell in Russia causing an explosion. Despite the fact that there was snow, one week later in a certain town, people were scattered everywhere looking for small fragments of meteorite. Some of them maybe will keep them in their houses as souvenirs, others will sell them for cash, not knowing those small pebbles might explode suddenly. The biggest fear is when the biggest of them all will come tumbling down on earth and crush everything beneath it.

Viviane

UJINGA NI

Kukua na beef na mama mboga

Kumeza mara moja mara mbili

Kuvaa t-sho imeamndikwa nimechil na uko na ball

Kunyunyizua mahindi maji moto ndo itoke ikiwa imeiva

Kukopa vitu kwa shop ulipe end month na huna kazi

POEM

Luxury, life and love. Choose the one you deserve

Mr. Pious what do you have? Paradise from above

Just face the reality, and nature rewards you tranquility

Poverty is dignity, not lack of opportunity

Affluence is vulnerable, yes resources are available.

A pauper's life might be terrible, nothing on the table but love is tangible

I don't despise the rich, like other people calling you witch

The world is a very small pitch, every one looking for a survival niche

Life is the same, you always win the game

And I stick on your name, as you compete for your fame

Poor man going insane.

Siraj Hassan



AMAZING FACTS

Did you know that out of four of your friends, one is mentally unbalanced?

Did you know that some people are such that when they smile you might think they are crying?

BALLERS AND ROLLERS

There are people who exist, others who live and others who live big! Of course there are those people who seem larger than life; take for instance Mike Sonko, especially when they lead a mob and hand-carts through the streets, life on the tarmacs and rain furious blows on defenseless sheet metal.

Sonko, like the MJ song, is 'living off the wall,' or leaping! But our main feature is about the big living hard rolling ballers who won't hesitate to blow a buck or a million regardless of whether the costs of living are sky rocketing.

We at the B.M.G. say that 'thirty is the new era.' You are never too old to begin living your dreams. And you must always cling on to and persist in chasing them too because quitters are never winners.

B.M.G. desk

OPEN YOUR EYES.

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AIM FOR THE SUN AND YOU WILL LAND



DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE

Drug abuse refers to use of drugs for purposes other than the intended purpose. Drugs can either be hard or soft drugs. Commonly abused ones include: Tobacco, miraa, heroin, cocaine and bhang. Continuous abuse of drugs has several setbacks to the user and sometimes the family members.

Drugs can bring about a lot of disease mostly to the respiratory system, kidneys and sometimes the liver. The diseases include: cancer, diabetes liver cirrhosis and other fatal ones. Drug abuse can also result in other problems such as family conflicts, separation and divorce.

This consequently can make the children suffer due to lack of basic necessities, no positive role model or they may also inherit the habit and engage in it in the future. Drugs can cause poor concentration in class resulting in lower grades and absenteeism.

We should do our level best to curb drug usage whether legal or illegal.

Vincent Ochieng 1B

THE ERA OF TECHNOLOGY

For centuries, technology has evolved from the first computer device, the ABACUS to what is now the back bone of the world's infrastructure. Fast jets, bullet trains and exotic cars are now all too familiar to us. Surely, one cannot deny that human kind, as a whole, cannot survive without technology.

Take computers for example. In the advancement of technology they have definitely not been left out. Small computers with faster processors have been the name of the game, tablets, Ipads and notebooks in the list too. I predict that we are yet to see more sophisticated machines that will offer speech recognition in whichever accent. Mobile technology that will be beyond the touch screen we are getting used of. Watch out for one that will be able to recognize a wink of an eye in the near future.

Our school has also not been left out. The modern computer lab is equipped with state-of-the-art machines for each student to benefit from. It is a satisfying experience as students learn things they didn't know earlier on (apart from Harry who plays games). Computer gurus, myself included, can't wait for the new windows 8 system to hit the market and have them at school. Lastly when we embrace technology, let's take time to appreciate the work of Charles Babbage because if it wasn't for him, we would be still using a simple ABACUS or something related to that.

Trevor Bosire 1P



ATHLETICS

From little things big things grow. Bro Beausang was founded from a desire to help the Embulbul community acquire education. However, education that doesn't nurture talents is not that useful. The mission clearly states that support for holistic education is the key ingredient to the school.

This forced the Principal, Mr. Peter Shanahan, to look into the co curricular field. Athletics has been a core branch in this field. In the year 2012 the team reached the County Level which was a good start. In 2013, it broke the record and broke the previous target by reaching the Metropolitan levels. Most international athletes train in the Ngong Hills, not far away from Brother Beausang. That should act as an incentive to be on the map in athletics.

The team was highly motivated by their motto which states, 'Victory and defeat are in the hands of God but struggle is the meaning of life.' Our supreme hope is that the athletic club continues existing and is a remembrance of the precedent set by past members.

By Collins Onduto



SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS

Is it true that Jesus first came wearing a *kanzu*, sandals and rode on a donkey and since this is the 21st century, He will come riding in a Hummer, wearing flashy skinny jeans and a pair of white sharp-shooters! And guess what language he'll use –Jamaican sheng!

Anyway no one knows the second, minute, hour, day, week, month, year or century that the son of God will come. But it is clear that Br. Beausang is full of those who don't take their time to think about their creator. It is with deep concern and observation by the journalists that it is only on Wednesdays when most people go to church and it is because it is a rule in school to do so. It is even worse when you realize that people go to church to warm the seats and complete their sleeping sessions though in a sitting posture.

This is a challenge to an individual's life. Ask yourselves if Good makes any sense in your life. Think of all that He has done for you. If you see some sense in that, what steps can you take to thank your Creator? If you see no sense, then you have no reason to live!

Ruby Scholastica



Historic day Embulbul

I remember on Tuesday September 4th, History was made at Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre, when the Primary Students vacated the original school compound and moved into the new primary classroom located where the secondary school has been situated since 2008.

The day began with all the primary students and staff gathering at the 'old' primary- where the school first began as an informal school/feeding program in July 2000. Prayers and songs of thanksgiving led by the students were conducted and then following the principal, Peter Shanahan, waving off the march, the entire Primary school population paraded up Ngong Road led by the secondary scouts singing songs and waving balloons which were in the school colours. Needless to say the local population and motorists were very aware of our presence!

Upon reaching the main gates of the school, the secondary Head teacher and the Students Council met the group and welcomed them to their new home. Once the ribbon was cut by the principal the students entered to enjoy cake and entertainment before being allowed to enter their room for the first time. A quick tour of the school followed and it was not long before everyone felt at home and enjoyed exploring and mixing with the secondary students and staff amidst great enthusiasm, excitement and increased noise!!!

The new primary building is called *Waterford Building* to remind us that Waterford was where Blessed Edmund Rice began his work. The building is a very different from the cramped galvanised iron buildings the Beausang Primary students have housed for the past twelve years. The Friday (September 7th) that followed, we had an open day for our parents to show them the new home. It was a great celebration and a

day the Brother Beausang Community will always mark as a special one in its history. Carpe diem!

Ezra Kiplagat Class 8



DID YOU KNOW

- a) A duck's quack doesn't echo and no one knows the reason.
- b) A ten minute hurricane releases more energy than all the world's nuclear weapons combined.
- c) A snail can sleep for three years.
- d) Women blink twice as much as men.
- e) It is impossible for you to lick your elbow.
- f) Go is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

A LIST TOO NICE TO BE PASSED ON

- The most destructive habit...Worry
- The most satisfying work...helping others
- The most incredible computer...the brain
- The most crippling failure disease...excuses
- The greatest joy...giving
- The worst thing to be without...hope

Paul Collins Owino 2R

LATEST NEWS ON SWEET POTATOES

Did you know sweet potatoes have been classified as an "anti-diabetic"? Animal studies have shown that sweet potatoes help stabilize blood sugar levels and lower insulin resistance. Research suggests that physiological levels along dietary intake of carotenoids may be inversely associated with insulin resistance and high blood sugar levels. Sweet potatoes are a great source of vitamins.

On average a person eats about 500kg of food each year, but Beausang students eat a lot more!

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AIM FOR THE SUN AND YOU WILL LAND ON THE MOON

DID YOU KNOW?

- People who live in urban areas see fewer stars than those who live in rural places.
- Termites are affected by music. They will eat your house twice as fast if you play loud music.

The waste produced by one chicken in its lifetime can supply enough electricity to run a 100-watt bulb for 5 hours.

Currently there are over 300 million rabbits in Australia which are considered as pollutants.

The rain received in Arica, Chile would take 100 years to fill a cup.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

A flamingo can only eat when its head is upside down.

Owls are the only birds that can see the colour blue.

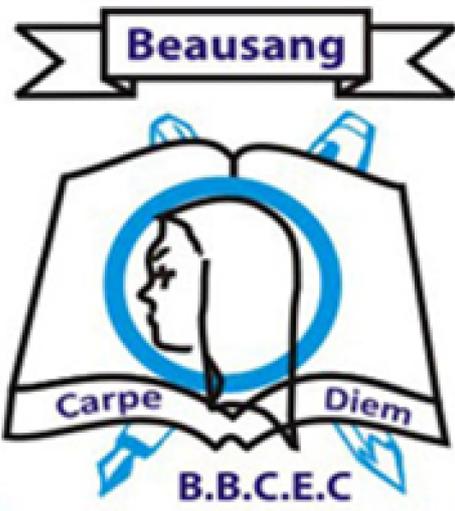
Elephants are the only mammals that cannot jump.

A hippopotamus can run faster than a man.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

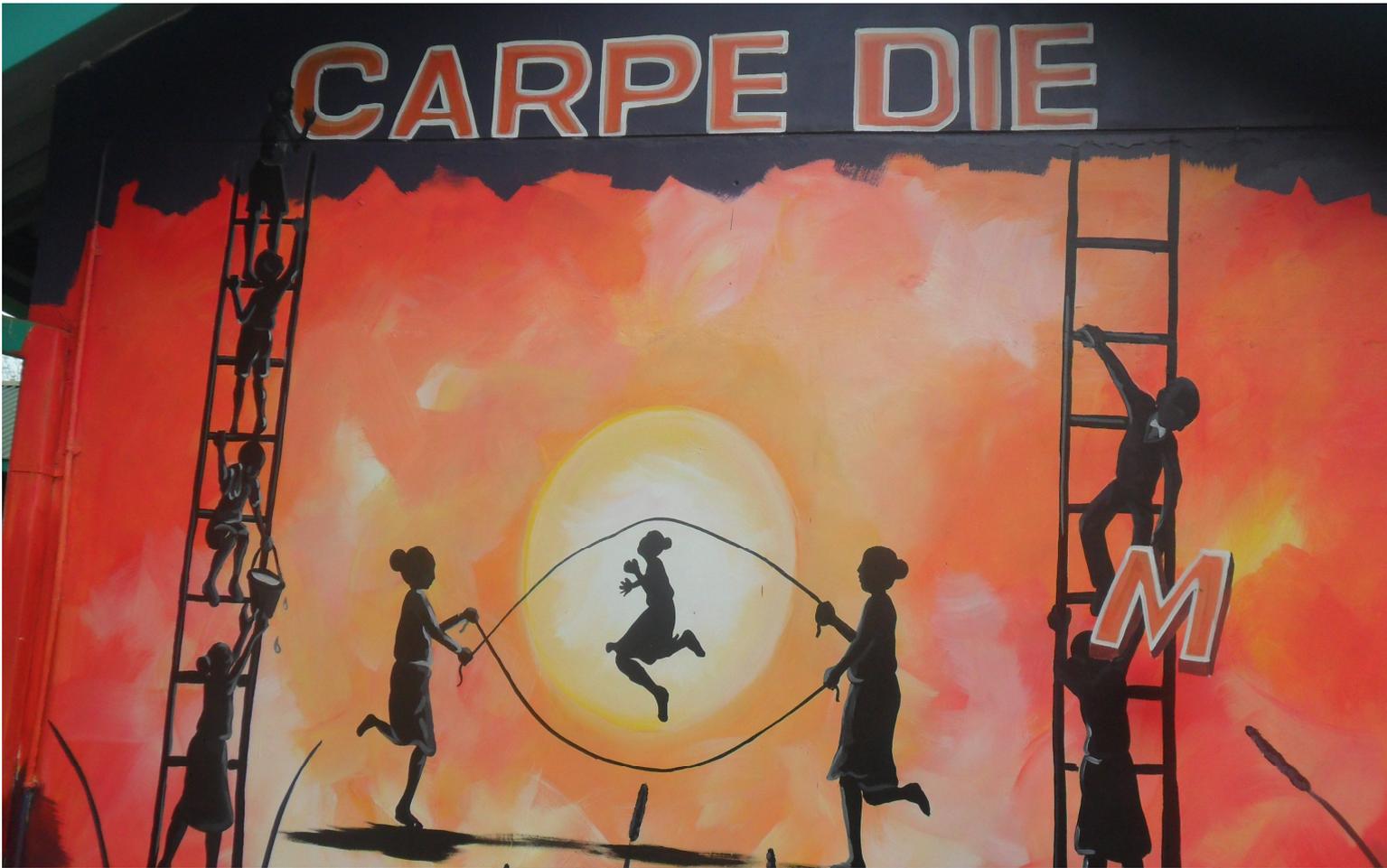
Bamboo grows one metre a day – almost the same height a person grows in the first ten years after birth.





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RIDDLE: Prove your I.Q.

I am the first on the earth, the second in heaven, I appear twice a week but you can only see me once a year although I am in the middle of the sea. What am I?

