



# Beausang Bulletin

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## From the Principal Br. Francis Orieno

### Reflection:

The image of any given society to the larger world is shaped by the events that unfold in that society. "I would like us to look at the life of Brother Beausang Community as a Bamboo seed and a farmer; this is a very wonderful plant that needs a lot of patience. A farmer will plant a bamboo but has to wait patiently for years before it shoots up. This is the time when the bamboo develops strong and firm roots that are enough to support it". Brother Beausang is like this. We are making our strong roots and one day we will shoot up and be very strong indeed. We only need patience. Looking at our strategic plans we are still far from reaching our goals. On many occasions people ask when we are going to do this and that and why can't you/we do it now? All this cannot be done or achieved in a blink of an eye; we will go step by step until we get there. As Br. Laurie Collin's one day said "due to a number of quite complex factors including shortage of finances we can't make it a quick go".

This second term of the year has been very busy, exciting and involving time at Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre. We are experiencing a lot of activities that are creating more awareness and cohesion locally and internationally.

### Donors

Over the last three months, it has become clear that the team work and support from our main international donors have become very effective, judging by the responses we have already received from them. Misesa Cara, Cross International, Rotary Club and the Christian Brothers Oceania Foundation.

We had quite a number of visits from Karen Rotarian members Jeffery Bamford, Medad Githaiga and Paula from the Rotary Club Karen leadership team who are very instrumental in supporting our school. The decision of connecting the sewage system from the Parish to the school sewage treatment plant did a lot to relieve pressure that was mounting every day for the environmental health hazards within the area. We were also blessed by Matt O'Brien from Rotary Club Australia, Jim from Cross International representative, Sue Corby and Peter Hogan from the Christian Brothers Foundation Melbourne and Br. Declan Power who represented the African Development Office from Ireland. Br. Charles Majaliwa Christian Brothers East Africa District Development Office who has been an instrumental link between Brother Beausang School and Misesa Cara Office in Ireland in facilitating our primary school project to go through the approval process.

### Immersion Groups

We have received a good number of international visitors for immersion experiences: a group of students and staff of Iona College New York USA led by Jack Breslin; staff of St. Bernard's Essendon led by Steve Brown and John McKenna; students and staff of St. Kevin's College Toorak led by Tom Purcell both from Melbourne Australia and a team of staff from different Colleges from Perth, Adelaide and Geelong, Australia led by Br. John Carrigg. Individual friends like Dr. Jerry Dwyer and Carrie, Eddie Sheehy and his daughter Triona and her friend Chiona, who have given a lot to the various classes they worked with through their participation and team teaching with our teachers.

"It is more of a blessing to give than to receive" - giving is always the thermometer of our love for others. Congratulations and thanks for the inspiration you have given to so many students' teachers and the people of Embulbul.

Six Italian immersion group Sara Zulianello, Sabriana Zanardo, Maria Roman, and Silvia Zanardo led by Daughters of St. Joseph of Luigi Cabulotto.



### Primary school

Fr. Eno, Rishki, Sandra, Jane cutting the 10th anniversary cake as students and teachers watch

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of July this year Brother Beausang Primary school celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary since it was started in the year 2000. The day was marked by a Eucharistic celebration in the church followed by a special recognition of staff and students who were present in the school when it was officially opened. In the course of this year we are looking forward to starting a new project of relocating the primary school as the third phase of our strategic plan of Brother Beausang complex. The project is to get funds that will be enough to complete the twelve classrooms that are required.

### Secondary school

The secondary school is having a face lift with a new access road which will make a big difference in the school. Soon we will be connecting the waste from the Parish to the environmentally friendly sewage plant in the secondary school compound that was installed with funding from Rotary International and facilitated by the Rotary Clubs of Karen and Essendon. We thank Matt O'Brien from Essendon, together with the Rotarian members of the Karen club. It was a wonderful opportunity to attend a Rotary Club Karen meeting in June this year.

### General appreciation:

We have so many things to appreciate in the school; we have been blessed with the gift of life as our fundamental basic need. Our life depends on God's providence so every moment in life we need to be aware of this and to acknowledge our blessings. I want to appreciate the work of the Edmund Rice Network, Justice and Peace club and the Scouts for making our environment a conducive place for study by planting more trees around our compound and checking on the areas of cleanness. We have participated in the national tree planting day called by the Government.

I want to thank Mary Midida, our Deputy Head Teacher in the primary school who went for long holidays to allow her to finalize her further education without much stress in the school. Thank you to Ben Odara for taking on Mary's role.

I want to appreciate the Dispensary, Counseling Centre, Sisters Convent and the Parish for the good relationship we continue enjoying in our monthly meetings that comes with huge support in ideas and networking.

### Volunteer

It is sad that Laura Bender, our German volunteer who has been a very instrumental person in the special unit class at the primary school the past 12 months, heading back to Germany at the end of this term. Laura did much of service to our school and we thank her so much and the International Cultural Youth Exchange (ICYE) Kenya. We hope the German government will continue supporting this program by allowing such wonderful young people to get such an enriching exposure. Thank you Laura.



Fr. Francis presenting a certificate to Laura



**Student Staff:**

Thanks to the management of the Catholic University for giving a chance to Sr. Catherine Muhumu (Biology/Chemistry), Sr. Catherine Muthoni (Kiswahili CRE), and Sr. Margrate Ngugi (Geography/Mathematics) Sr. Florence Mbuvi Muthu (Physic/Mathematics) to be involved in BBCEC in their teaching attachments. from Marist International College for Ms Emma Kwamboka (History/CRE), Joyce, Jacinta and Evans and Br. James Awia Tangaza College in the Social and Pastoral Care Office to participate fully in the life of our students in school and by extension visiting their (students') families.

**"The Kenyan history will carry its weight if you vote wisely in our constitutional referendum on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2010"** Best of Good luck for your August holidays

**Francis Otieno**

**Principal**

**From the Deputy Principal/From the Deputy Principal**

**Edmund Rice Day 2010** – BBCEC, along with hundreds of other Christian Brother schools world – wide and thousands of supporters, celebrated the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice on Wednesday May 5 at our weekly mass. We were fortunate to have a number of special visitors on the day which added to the significance of the event and helped both the students and staff better appreciate the internationality of the Edmund Rice family and network.

Our special guest was Br. Peter Dowling from the Christian Brothers Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) who was on a visit to East Africa. Br. Dowling is Australian, but now is based with the CLT in Rome. Br. Gerrard Elhal, the East Africa District Leader was also present and other visitors included Br. Declan Power (Ireland); Br. Vin Ives (New Zealand) and Br. Bill Colford (Canada). A highlight of the celebration was the awarding of the 2010 Edmund Rice Awards for outstanding contribution / example to the school community.

Congratulations to the following students who were the 2010 recipients:

Shima Hassan (4F)	Jacob Kahuka (3F)
Whurie Khavaya (Class 7)	Peter Manguru (Class 5)

**Term One Merit Awards** – awards recognizing the achievements and involvement of many of the students were presented at Mass on May 26. A full list of award winners is included in this edition of the Beausang Bulletin. Congratulations to all the students.

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – BBCEC marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school's opening with Mass on 14 July. The first children were actually registered on 17 July 2000. This was a remarkable undertaking considering the decision to actually enroll students was only taken on 14 July! This was in response to an attempt by some members of the local County Council to grab the plot of land. The work of Fr. Kevin McGarry, Sr. Emmanuela and a few local volunteers to start the project that now is Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre is nothing short of amazing. At the Mass, Class 8 students George, Belinda and Ismael gave a brief history of how the school came about. Current secondary students Faida Asman, Riziki Asman, Lilian Nyang'ani and Joyce Moraa and Class 8 student Jane Vijay, who were actually in the first group of students to enroll, were presented with certificates and Riziki also gave an insight about the early days at the school. Certificates of appreciation to staff who have served the school for five years or more were also awarded to:

Ben Maweu (2002 commencement)	Raphael Matua (2004)
Jade Nyamao (2003)	Catherine Gathogo (2004)
Peter Kihonia (2004)	Martin Kinyua (2005)
Daniel Gunda (2004)	Mary Madida (2005)
Grace Wairimu (2004)	Lydia Muthuri (2005)
Mary Alex (2004)	Gladys Mwangi (2005)

Jade also spoke on behalf of the teachers. Ms. Terry Kangucia, who was on the organizing committee back in 2000 gave a wonderful account of the challenges and dedication that has seen Brother Beausang grow to what it is today.

Following the Mass, the Primary school enjoyed a special lunch and an activities afternoon as part of the day's celebrations.

**Motivating your Child (for parents)**

Parents have an important role in motivating their children as far as success and achievement at school is concerned. A few simple ways are:

- Ask what is happening at school
- Show interest in what is being studied
- Encourage your son / daughter, particularly in times of disappointment
- If possible, take some time to sit and look at what your son / daughter are working on
- Discuss your son / daughter's school report and encourage them to use it positively
- Be patient
- Best wishes to all for a safe and rewarding term break.

**Peter Shanahan**

**Deputy Principal (Curriculum / Staff Development)**

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Construction in progress of the access road that connects the school and the Parish

**TERM ONE 2010 ACADEMIC AWARDS****Secondary****FORM DUX**

**Form 4:** Daniel Kunia  
**Form 3:** Daniel Sanki  
**Form 2:** Towett Edward  
**Form 1:** Peter Mburu

**MERIT AWARDS**

**Form 4:** Eric Ombiro  
 Daniel Maina  
 Kevin Odiambo  
 Irene Wanjau  
 Alfred Kahuki Mautu  
 Regina Wainimu  
 Mary Mwangi  
**Form 2:** Cecile J. Sun Wabania  
 Wanjala Collins  
 Linda Muthaki

**Form 3:** Timothy Kaniuki  
 Maxwell Omomdi  
 Peter Mutuugu  
 Charles Muratha  
 Jac Hine Mutunga  
 Francis Njoroge  
 Esther Njeri

**Form 1:** James Harugura  
 Emmanuel Cheruoyot  
 James Mulia  
 Peter Ndega

**MOST IMPROVED CLASS: 3F****Primary****FORM DUX**

**Nursery** – Stanislaus Mulwa  
**Pre-unit** – Nuru Mohammed Alex Macharia Ivy Njambi  
 Hassan Waraba Stacy Mendi

<b>Class 1</b> – Calton Joseph	<b>Class 5</b> – Peter Koroso
<b>Class 2</b> – Florence Akigoi	<b>Class 6</b> – Brian Nzuki
<b>Class 3</b> – Philip Sankale	<b>Class 7</b> – Vincent Irungu
<b>Class 4</b> – Giovanni Tuvucci	<b>Class 8</b> – Kevin Leiyen

**MOST IMPROVED** – Deborah Muthoni (Class 5)

**BEST PREFECT** – Calton Joseph (class 1)

**BEST IN SPORTS** – Danson Kungu

**JOURNEY TOWARDS KNOWING**

Second term came and now it's at its apex. It has been a very busy period yet satisfying for the pastoral care department. There has been a lot happening, both challenging and encouraging. We have managed to do home visits for all form 1 and new students in secondary school. It has been a journey that needed a lot of energy, courage and patience, a journey to embrace our student's background and experiences. The welcome and understanding we got from families was incredible, their hospitality was unlimited and their stories, so much heart-felt. We thank the families for their cooperation and support.

We have been blessed this term with a lot of visitors both from within and overseas. First of all we would like to acknowledge the presence and work of three students from Marist International College who have been doing attachment in our school: Muruanjama Jacinta Wangi, Muruanjama Joyce Rümi and Nyagoro Evance Otieno. They have been exuberant in their work and we have enjoyed their company and enthusiasm. They immersed and fitted in our programme and they gave their best. We really appreciate and we will miss you. May the Lord guide you in your endeavors. We thank these groups for their readiness to enter into our life experiences. They have touched our life in a unique way and we believe we have touched theirs also. We appreciate their generosity and we hope they will come again and have more experience.

Sr. Aster and Mike Chesohi



**Ero Beausang School 2004 to 2010**

In the early years of this decade the dream of establishing a secondary school in the village of Embulbul began. Kevin McGarry the Parish Priest at the time chose to dedicate the school in honour of Brother Thomas Beausang an Irish Christian brother. Brother Beausang's goal in his work was to give every young person an equal start in life and he did this through education. He developed talents and strengths in the young people he worked with. He encouraged each young person to develop their self worth and self confidence and so built up their self esteem. When Brother Laurie Collins arrived in January 2006 to manage both the fledging secondary school and growing primary school he carried on the aims and objectives of his predecessor. The first intake into Brother Beausang secondary school took place in January 2004 in a corrugated structure at present housing the upper primary school. The initial intake was approximately 110 students and it was an exciting time as staff students and management set out on a journey of discovery under the leadership of an enthusiastic and committed principal Mr Tony Kanyingi. Resources were limited but that did not hinder the setting of solid educational goals and objectives. The first phase of school sponsors began to grow and has expanded greatly in the intervening years under Ero. Laurie's stewardship, enabling students from poor and marginalised backgrounds to make their dream of second level education a reality through the generosity of people in Australia, Ireland Italy and U.S.A. As numbers grew it soon became apparent that the plans for a new school would have to be activated as a priority. In 2006 construction began of phase one of an ambitious plans to provide a modern spacious school to meet the needs of the 21st century. 12 classrooms, a staffroom and toilet block were completed.



The sponsorship programme was put on a solid footing and home visitations began. The number of overseas visitors to the school continued to grow and the school starting making a name for itself in various extra-curricular activities such as volleyball, soccer and public speaking. With the official opening of phase one in June 2008 work soon began on phase two to incorporate a computing laboratory, science laboratories, library and administration facilities, making Ero. Beausang school a modern educational facility serving the needs of the village and surrounding. As you approach the school from the church one sees initially a green clad roof set against the backdrop of the Ngong Hills and surrounded by lush vegetation. On nearing the school the full and completed complex catches the eye alive with the sounds of students changing class, preparing for games or eagerly awaiting lunch. Students arrive as early as 7 a. m. to begin preparatory work and the day finishes at 5 10 p. m. when tired and weary limbs head home before darkness falls. In the years ahead there are many challenges to be faced. Ero Francis and his management team have many policies and structures in place to facilitate learning and the attainment of educational goals. The sponsorship programme continues to grow as does the immersion programme for visitors. Even though there is always an emphasis on academic attainment the social personal spiritual and emotional development of the students is well catered for in Ero. Beausang school. On a personal level it is always a privilege and joy to teach and work on behalf of and with the staff and students of the school. There is always a *cead mairt faite* for the Irish muzungu students in class are always keen and eager to share experiences and the healthy exchange of ideas is as rewarding for the visiting teacher as it is for the students. For me the early years of the first intake was most exciting, when facilities were limited, challenges great but with amazing levels of enthusiasm all round. The many hours spent on the training pitch coaching soccer will never be forgotten nor the teaching of Geography to a class of fifty students nor the trips to competitions in overcrowded noisy fun-filled buses or more recently the weekly celebration of the Eucharist by the entire Beausang community, evidence of a vibrant energetic school.

**Friends of Br. Beausang (St Kevin's Toorak)**

Greetings from your friends St Kevin's Australia. Four teachers and eight first year university students have never been more fully alive than the time we have been in Kenya. The people are all so open and friendly and we have made relationships that will last a life time.

Some of our immersion experiences have included working at the primary and secondary Beausang school, the Oloolua primary school, participating in home visits in the Mukuru slums, working with the Christian Brothers at Kibera and playing many soccer matches with the local community. Words simply cannot express the love and depth of relationships we have with the people of Kenya.

The Christian Brothers do an amazing amount of good work with their ministries in Kenya. The enthusiasm the students have for learning at Beausang is inspiring. The teachers are very dedicated to their work and it was very humbling the welcoming we received by the entire Beausang community.

The Ruben Centre situated in the middle of the Mukuru slums is an oasis of hope and light for the people. The medical clinic assists so many needy people. The school of over 1700 students is making a huge difference to so many children's lives. While the poverty we witnessed in the back streets of Mukuru slums was terrible. The love of the people and their ability to connect with us was very special.

My visit to the Kibera slums was very moving and challenging. Led by Brother Peter Cole, a prophet and saint in the area, we worked in primary schools with grandmothers. I spend two days working with single mothers between the age of 20 to 23 years.

The women were the most courageous I have ever met. Living in conditions, we could not tolerate in one hour, their commitment to their children and positive outlook on life is something I will never forget. Every day for them was a struggle. They had little more for food and they could not afford to take their sick children to the doctor. I loved listening them talk about their families and hopes for their future. Part of my own poverty was leaving them without giving financial assistance. I pray for them every night.

We have been staying at the Daughters of St Joseph of Luigi Cabulotto. Their peaceful grounds, morning mass and singing made this a perfect resting place for us each night. The sisters and girls training to be novices are exceptional people.

Their charisma to hospitality and open arms to their guests has been overwhelming. To say the least, I know our boys will never forget the Sunday afternoons when over 150 children from the local area came over for the afternoons to play. The dynamic sisters would be playing soccer, jumping around and skipping with the children. Their energy and love for the children was simply enormous.

Kenya has taught all of us we have already won the lottery ticket simply because where we born and this comes with a huge responsibility to do something with it. We are all committed to helping build relationships. That faith-filled people can move mountains and the people of Africa and Kenya are the richest people I know. In all my lifetime, I have never experienced the meaning of the incarnation and God than I have in the African people. I will no longer take things for granted when I return to Australia ..... especially relationships ..... the heartbeat of all Kenyan people.

The AFRICAN Immersion of 2010 is coming to a close I Kenya. We all return to Australia energized and inspired by the love and openness of our friends in Africa. While we will walk down separate roads are final destination is the same and while it is difficult to say goodbye we know we will all meet again someday. But, not yet my friends, not yet.

*Asante Beausang kwa kutambukisha kama wageni wenu Nyimbari wenu wa imani kwa Nina wapenda yetu.*

God Bless you.

Tom Purcell St. Kevin's College Melbourne



**EDMUND RICE DAY**

Date 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010 cannot be forgotten easily by Edmund Rice Club members of our school, Brother Beausang. We were overwhelmed the welcoming and the events of the day. Our school MOTTO is SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY. The group indeed seized the chance to perform a play. It took us two days to prepare and rehearse the play. Each member of the cast enjoyed performing the play. Although some of us were performing for the first in front of a big crowd, they did not panic. Every one present enjoyed the drama. This was evident from the comments we received thereafter. One of the best moments during the celebration was during the dance presented by the youth from Kibera slums. Until then I didn't know that our slums had a lot of hidden talents among the youth. I was also happy that some of my classmates could dance that well, including the shy ones who hardly talk in school. Lunch was served we ate and took soft drinks something we were very grateful for. The concluding part came and we made a very big circle. We sang praise songs and sadly said goodbye to visitors from places such as USA, India, Australia, Ireland and African countries. One of the visitors we had so eagerly waited to see was our class teacher's brother, Br. Tony Shanahan. He seemed to know each of us individually. He was happy to see us all. They look almost like twins with Mr. Peter. On behalf of the Edmund Rice club members, I would like to thank the school administration especially Mr. John Fisher and Brother Francis for the chance they gave us to attend the celebrations. I would also like to extend a very special thanks to our visitors who sacrificed their time, energy and resources to come and celebrate with us. We also appreciate the brothers for the Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre which is a symbol of hope for a bright and promising future. Our parents always smile at the mention of Blessed Edmund Rice. They give thanks to God for the gift of Edmund Rice. We may be living in poverty, but we are a very happy lot. We look forward to being successful in life courtesy of education we are currently undertaking. Asante sana-thankyou.

Jacklyn Wayne - PSP

**The environmental day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

This is a day that the world commemorates the green botanical colour in the world. One has a role to play either as an individual or a group so as to make this day a success. It does not matter what one has to do, you can plant a tree, trim a fence or clean any place of the environment. Here at Brother Beausang CEC we were given a chance to celebrate this day. The day was just a beehive of activity filled with a lot of excitement. We as the Justice and Peace club members we were to host several of our school clubs and also two visiting schools. For some it was a new experience to celebrate such a day in secondary school.

The theme of this day was "plant a tree or clean a river". Here at BECEC we chose the first. The trees are a very important aspect to the world today.

We did a memorable thing of planting the tree seedlings in our school compound. We were able to plant about thirty seedlings with the other schools giving us support. We also transplanted seedlings from our nursery. We have been able to maintain the tree nursery through the help of Edmund Rice Network Justice and Peace, and the school administration at large. It is also through the help of the environmental club, Edmund Rice club and also two exceptional schools that is Kibiko Secondary and PCEA Ngong Secondary school that we did this great task.

The Edmund Rice Network Justice and Peace enabled us to have great meal to sustain our energies. We very much appreciate our patron, the chairman of Edmund Rice Network Justice and Peace and the Coordinator of the network for enabling us to host this day to a success.

Samuel Waweru - organizing secretary, Julius Muinde - secretary, Grace Wanjhu, Linet Achieng.



Staff and former students of Bishop Hedricken USA pose for a photo with Form I students after facilitating a retreat



**High School Years**

High school years are formative years. One professional said "when we were in primary school we said when I grow up I want to become" in high school we were becoming, in college we became, now we are. Remember you will only be what you are becoming right now.

**Form 1**

Most people join high school with the passion to excel in their academics, many feel they could do better than what they did in primary school, they therefore begin to work hard on day one. Those who feel they did great and got a good school are tempted to relax and think 'I still have time' a few others get lost and amazed by the new found freedom and wonders of a new environment. Please avoid time wasters because you cannot reverse wasted time.

**Form 2**

Things have settled, you feel you are a new member of the community the temptation is to relax with the current. It has been said that most important years in high school is in form two. This is where most of topics you will be examined in your final exam get introduced. This will make you permanently shape your profession. Please seek advice from teachers and don't follow the crowd and Remember that once you choose, there is no reverse gear.

**Form 3**

Now you have all these activities calling for your attention. Responsibilities and opportunities begin to come your way and you have to be disciplined. Remember you are nearing the last lap. Check whether your friends challenges you or destroys you. Don't sacrifice a solid future on the altar of 'feel good quick' leave boy/ girl friends relationships till the night time.

**Form 4**

Many feel they have arrived and have a sense of pride. There is temptation to give up and feel I can't do as good as I wanted. Some become in disciplined after registering for K.C.S.E they forget they are not the first and anybody was in four. They follow the crowd and by second term, the mocks sort out "the men from boys". Have your own reading plan. Remember also that "you are the only problem you will ever have and you are the only solution"

Ruth Kamau  
Head Girl

**A REFLECTION ON HOW TO STUDY**

Whenever I think of how best to study I'm forcefully driven in reflection to the immortal words of Joseph Donders, a Christian Missionary who worked in Kenya many years ago. Inasmuch as studies should be the concern of each and every serious student, this, I bet, is still a major challenge to many students. If you allow me, may I once more resound Joseph Donders wisdom on how to study. Donders in his book "HOW TO STUDY" proposes the method- Q 3 R. This acronym's meaning goes thus:

- Q = Questions
- R = Read
- R = Review
- R = Re-examine

Studies are not all that sweet undertakings, worse still if obsolete methods of study are applied. But just in conclusion, let me mention one thing that I have for long considered very important in any academic venture. *Geniuses are made not born.* If you like this other way, *a genius is 2% born but 98% perspiration.* Studies need a lot of courage and hard work to successfully undertake.

Whenever the going gets tough in studies remember the wisdom of the renowned Public Speaking author Dale Carnegie- PRACTICE, PRACTICE AND PRACTICE, after all didn't the English sages once say *Practice makes Perfect?*

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**From the ERN desk**

As I write this article, the term two of academic year 2010 is about to end. A lot has happened and this brief skimming may not capture everything. As the coordinator of ERN activities in Brother Beausang, I am glad to be part and parcel of the planting, the sprouting, the nurturing and the growth of Edmund Rice Charism in this institution specifically among students and staff. Our students are gradually getting insight into the person of Edmund Rice and the values that he so much stood for. To their utter surprise they are realising that without him perhaps this school may not have been what it is today and hence majority of them would not have gotten the opportunity to pursue secondary education. Those who attended this year's Edmund Rice Day at the Edmund Rice Centre Otiende, I believe, noted the passion with which our girls and boys presented a play, a song and a dance. Well, they did come up with the play on their own. My job was simply to chip in a few pieces of advice here and there. The ERN group here was also actively involved in tree planting activity during which over two hundred seedlings were planted. Two other schools from the neighbourhood also joined hand during this exercise. I thank the school for the opportunity, despite my busy schedule as a teacher and administrator, to work with ERN group within and outside the school. Last but not least, I was privileged to visit Edmund Rice Secondary School Arusha. I was touched by the level of organisation of the Edmund Rice Group in the school. Listening and sharing their experiences, particularly in the camps and daily interactions with one another, it is without any doubt whatsoever that the ideals of Edmund Rice are deeply rooted in ERSSS. I wish, with the permission and support of the school, to initiate an exchange programme where students from both schools can interact and learn from each other. I wish all the best on the entire Beausang Family a happy August recess. Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!



Tony Kapohat (in black) our school planting crew with some students from a neighbouring school

Johndisher M. Ondigo.

Recently while in the village I heard my name called and a voice said to me do you not remember me? I was one of the pioneers, one of the members of the first class of Bro. Beausang secondary school. Thinking about it later indeed it was the beginning of a pioneering adventure which is still ongoing and continuing to challenge, excite and inspire all those who pass through its doors.

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**Mathematics department write up**

It's been quite a busy year for the maths department. Most of the 2010 goals as laid down by the members at the beginning of the term are on course.

Our students this year have attended two mathematics contests, the first one at Serene School. Our school emerged the best overall group in mathematics among the form three students.

The second contest was held at Oloolaiser boys. We produced the second overall best student, Daniel Kunia of 4R at this contest.

We had our own internal contest on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of July, with respective best boy and girl winning a present, courtesy of the curriculum department and staff development. The following emerged winners:

**Form four.**

- Daniel Kunia- 4R
- Mary Wanjira- 4P.

**Form three.**

- Daniel Sanlei- 3R
- Maxwell Omondi- 3R
- Rose Wanjira- 3R.

The department has been very lucky to have two very hard working sisters from C.U.E.A, as student teachers in this second term of the year. Their presence in school has been of great significance, as it has enhanced the teacher student interaction. This has also facilitated team teaching in a number of classes.

In April our teachers attended the SMASSE seminar at Moi Girls Isinya to be enriched with more knowledge on how to effectively handle mathematics.

The form four classes have already completed the syllabus, and their respective teachers have already embarked on a thorough revision program for the candidates.

The department has also been privileged to have Prof. Jerry a lecturer at Texas Technology University together with Carrie a postgraduate holder in Mathematics in our various classes. They have also had a personalised talk with members of staff and also the learners on various issues to do mathematics. Their presence has had a great impact on our teaching methodology and dissemination of mathematics knowledge to our learners.

Though mathematics still remains one of the most challenging subject to our students, members of the department continue to encourage our students to have the believe that, they can excel in mathematics no matter what. The key to passing mathematics is practise, practise and practise. You also need to test yourself occasionally to enable yourself improve on your time. A learner only gets 5% from the teacher during an ordinary class lesson, 25% from group discussion and 75% from teaching his/her colleagues, we therefore encourage learners to embrace a student centred learning.

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**Important Dates 2010**

**Term III**

- Opening day : 6 September
- Moi Day : 10 October
- Farewell Mass Form 4 : 13 October
- Kenyatta day : 20 October
- K.C.S.E Exams Commence : 21 October
- Farewell Mass class 8 : 3 November
- K.C.P.E Exams commence 8th November
- Closing Date: 24 November

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**Were we to know the merit and value of only going from one street to another to serve a neighbour for the love of God, we should prize it more than gold or silver. - Blessed Edmund Rice**