

BROTHER BEAUSANG STUDENT MAGAZINE

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CARPE DIEM

IN THIS MAGAZINE

From the Administration Department

The Principal's Address

Welcome to the first edition of what is hoped to be the foundation edition of Brother Beausang's very own student magazine.

Congratulations must go to all the Journalism Club students involved, particularly Alex Maina who has been the driving force behind the idea of a student magazine becoming a reality. Thank you also to his Chief Editor Edwina Lindsay in supporting this project.

Hopefully this edition will inspire other budding journalists to live out the school motto "carpe diem," and make this magazine a regular highlight of the school year. The skills learned in putting something like this magazine together will hopefully be good lessons for the students in post-school life.

Congratulations again and to all...happy reading.

Peter Shanahan

Principal



Editorials

The intention of our first editions' magazine is to provide information about the school, and to involve the whole fraternity in a joint venture that will showcase our talents, duties and achievements.

It is our desire that you will all enjoy this magazine and gain a thing or two from these pages. I would like to thank the school administration, members of the teaching staff, the subordinate staff and students alike, who for their goodness of heart helped in making this magazine a reality. Hongera!

Alex Maina, Co-editor

It has been an absolute pleasure to help edit and produce the very first edition of the Brother Beausang student magazine. Let this magazine be proof of the amazing written talent that so many of you possess. Members of Brother Beausang, you have left your mark on these pages, and have inscribed beauty in the form of words. Let this magazine be the foundation for many more editions to come. Let this magazine inspire the future for Beausang students and unite the Beausang community in celebration of its triumph as a school that "seizes the opportunity," guided by the star of Edmund Rice.

Edwina Lindsay, Chief Editor

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Head Teacher's Address

By Henry Kimiywi, Head Teacher

It's amazing how time flies; it has now been five years since I joined Br. Beausang. During this time I have witnessed tremendous growth amongst staff and students.

When I joined Br. Beausang it never occurred to me that I would be occupying such a high office at such a time. I have grown from being a Mathematics and Physics teacher to HOD Mathematics, Games Master, Deputy Head Teacher and now Head Teacher.

I would like to thank the school administration for the confidence that they have had in me right from ex Principal Br. Laurie Collins, Br. Francis Otieno to current Principal Peter Shanahan.

I would also like to thank the students, members of the teaching and non teaching staff for their support in ensuring that we realize our goal as a community.

We have a robust and amazing students' council who have strong support in my office. Without their great work, I doubt whether my office would have any significant impact in transforming the lives of our students.

The office of Head Teacher does not miss a share of its own challenges, but by the grace of God, support and guidance from my colleague members of the leadership team and teaching staff, we have always found ourselves out of the woods even when faced with serious challenging situations.

When you learn, teach; when you get, give. We should not be like passersby, pushing, shoving and rushing to get as much as we can for ourselves with no regard for the next person. The spirit of Edmond Rice should be born and develop in you. This is what keeps us going as an institution. Our goal as an institution is not just to work ourselves to the bone so that we can provide for the needs of those we love, but to touch and transform the lives of the boys and girls who pass through our hands. We are here to pour out our lives in service to others.

It matters not how great we were, but how great we made others believe they could be. It is not that we amassed wealth, but that we helped others on their journey to creating wealth. It isn't important how much we knew, but how much we shared. Aspire to live to inspire others before you expire.

We thank all our major supporters for their kind gestures in touching the lives of our students and staff and the parents/guardians

for letting your children to study in our school.

FUNNY STORY

Wonders will never end

One day a robber was running away from the police. After robbing the bank, he came to a forest. After some time, he came across a lion and decided to pray. After finishing, he found the lion also praying and asked it, "so you are also a Christian?" and the lion replied, "don't you pray to God before a meal?"

By James Gacheru.

The Kitchen

Well, as you all know, the kitchen is the turning wheel of the school; nobody can work let alone study on an empty stomach.

As the head cook, I have to make sure that my team and myself work tirelessly round the clock to make sure the food is hygienic and cooked in time.

On another note, I must commend the whole of the Brother Beausang Community for the great support that they have given us.

I also thank the school office for its good management by making sure we lack nothing. May the good Lord keep showering the Brother Beausang Community with abundant blessings.

By Grace Wambui (Head Cook)



The Counseling Department

What is counselling?

Wisdom: "to live in the present, plan for the future, and profit from the past." James Thurber.

It is important to build our future life in this present life. Amidst ups and downs of life, we have to be always conscious that present life affects the future life just as our present life is affected, whether positively or negatively, by the past life. It is thus incumbent on every individual to take charge of his or her life.

Life can be traumatizing, depressing, boring, stressful and confusing. It needs genuineness, sincerity and courage to face the root cause of such life issues. Many people have lost life or led unhappy lives because they do not take time to deal with such life issues. It is clear the world in which we live is very judgmental, un-listening and individualistic. It leaves many people wallowing in their own turmoil, confusion, hopelessness and... It is in this effect that counseling psychology comes handy in helping individuals to cope with overwhelming issues in life. Counseling basically helps individuals, clients, to attain self-understanding, develop communication, learn behavior change, self-actualization, support in moment of burden, and spiritual wholeness of the person.

In the counseling session, individuals are treated with respect, genuineness and confidentiality and privacy are of prime concern. It is a conducive environment where individuals share his/her issues without being judged. It helps the individual to explore options, strengths and make plans on how to deal with issues that bedevil them in life.

Omoro Samwel, Head of Counseling



FUN PAGE

"CARPE DIEM- SEIZE THE DAY!"

The Brother Beausang school
It's a better place and cool,
Providing each a chance to learn,
For everyone who wants to yearn.

Seize the day, seize the opportunity,
Seize it as one Beausang community,
(And let us live in love, peace and unity) x2

It helps those who fight against poverty
And all people living in our society.
Whether you believe in Islam or Christianity,
All are treated with proper dignity.

Seize the day, seize the opportunity,
Seize it as one Beausang community,
(And let us live in love, peace and unity) x2

Let us attain our goals
With better minds and souls,
And let us continue to grow
So we harvest what we sow.

Seize the day, seize the opportunity,
Seize it as one Beausang community,
(And let us live in love, peace and unity) x2
By Ambrose Gitonga

"Always take the time to talk to people and understand them." Jackson Kinhol 3P

Short Story

There was once a man who was working in a big and productive company. The man had a wife and a child but the man was busy all day and never had time with his family. In the evening, the man was rushing home, to bathe and eat and then he went to sleep. One day when he reached home in the evening, the twelve year old girl asked her father, "how much are you paid per hour?" Angrily, the man replied, "that is none of your business!" The little girl went into her bedroom and started crying. The man followed her into the bedroom. "Stop crying my daughter," the father said. "I'm paid twenty dollars if that is what you wanted to know." The girl looked at her father and said, "can I borrow ten dollars?"

The man the next day found for his daughter ten dollars thinking that she wanted to buy something. In the evening the man came with ten dollars and gave it to her. The daughter removed another ten dollars from her pocket and gave it to her father. She then

asked her father, "can I buy an hour of your time Daddy?"
John Mwauna 1R

RECIPE

How to create a positive attitude

Ingredients:

- A smile
- Kind words
- Faith
- Hard work
- Praise

Kenneth Mwangi 3R

Interview

The conversation between employer and employee during an interview conducted by the employer to the employee...

Boss: (to the job seeker) we are keen on cleanliness. Did you wipe your feet on the mat as you came in?

Job Seeker: Yes Sir.

Boss: Are you sure?

Job Seeker: Yes Sir.

Boss: Okay, we are also keen on truthfulness. There is no mat at the door step! Go home, we want people who are honest!

By Omar Mahboob

Teacher: Grace, I thought I told you to draw a train. Why did you only draw the rails?

Grace: The train had left by the time I finished drawing.

Grace Njugi 3P

Teachers with the Oldest Phones

Name	Buying Price Then	Buying Price Now	Model
Charles Kilundo	1800/=	350/=	Motorolla C113
Ben Ondara	1800/=	350/=	First Gen. Nokia

A laughter a day:

Tr. Sitati: Which letters are not found in the alphabet?

Students: The ones in the post office

Br Kaswahili: Why is it we should not make noise in church?

Student: The ones next to us want to sleep.

Teacher: "Student, why are you late to school?"

Student: "Teacher, I came running from home. A few metres away from home I saw a large signboard with 'slow down road works ahead,' so I obeyed.

By Shylow 2P

Fun Story

Kifo cha Tangazwa cha bwana ugali na sukuma.

Mnamo Tarehe 10/6/2012 saa sita unusu hivi kuliondoka na kifo cha mwendazake bwana ugali na mwenzake bi mbuga. Wawili hawa walikuwa wameenda kujibarizi kule madukani ambapo mtu asiye kuwa na utu al wa nyaku wa kama watumishi kwa kununuliwa.

Baada ya mda si mda walijipata sufuriani kando na mapenzi yao na kuwekwa jikoni ambapo waliangamizwa kiunyama na moto usiokuwana kuruma walilia na kulaani watu walakin laana ya kuku halimpati mwewe. Walipochomeka, bwana ugali na bi sukuma waliwekwa mochuari iitwago sahani na kusindikishwa na chopa yao kijiko hadi michochorohivi mdomo wakipitia katikati ya meno 32 hadi kooni ndipo walipotulizwa nyumba kwao tumboni. Na baadaya maombina kadhalika saa nane hivi walipelekwa kwa kaburi lao la milele chooni. Walwpatwa na msiba tunawapa pole na mungu ailaze roho zao mahala pema peponi.

Nasra Yusuf 2P

Raphael who has been praising himself takes his girlfriend out for dinner at a Chinese restaurant.

Raphael: Waiter, bring us the menu.

Waiter: Here it is, what will you have Sir?

Raphael: Bring us Sunuziet Chan.

Waiter: Sorry Sir, that is our proprietor.

Raphael: Waiter, there is a twig in my soup.

Waiter: It's ok, I'll bring the branch manager.

Mary Nashipal 3P

The best things to give to:

Your parents- great hopes

Your friends- love

Your enemies- patience

Yourself- satisfaction and confidence

Mary Nashipal 3P

SCHOOL STAFF DEPARTMENTS

FROM THE HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

In terms of its composition, the Humanities Department is the largest department in the school, holding 4 subjects- namely B/Studies, CRE, Geography and History. The Department as it is constituted currently holds 8 permanently employed teachers, namely: Peter Shanahan (History), Simon Kaswahili (CRE), Francis Olado (Geography & History), Ann Ogalo (CRE), Wellington Sitati (History), Samwel Omoro (History & CRE), Stanslaus Nzioki (CRE), and Erasmus Kariuki (B/Studies).

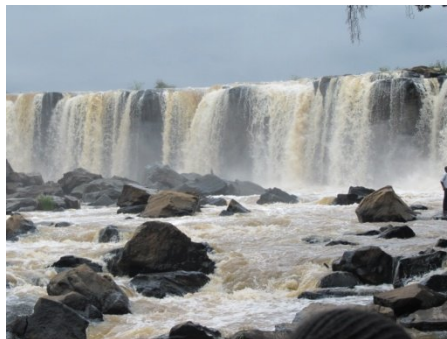
In terms of academic performance, the Humanities Department prides itself as being the best performing academic department in the school. In last year's KCSE Exam, it had the following results which, according to our school's standards, are quite good: B/Studies 6.19 C, CRE 6.49 C, Geography 6.63 C+ and History 5.95 C. Kudos to all the teachers in our Department and the entire school administration for their support.

As for school trips, it goes without any doubt that the students cherish and anxiously look forward, every year, to having trips organized by this Department. Last year, we took our students and teachers to Lake Nakuru National Park, in the Rift Valley region of Kenya. Last year's edition of this magazine carried that story. This 2012, we had two field trips from the Department. On Monday 25th June we took 95 Form One students to Nairobi Museums and the Meteorological Bureau near Nairobi City. The main trip came on 6th July when we took 120 persons for an excursion to Fourteen Falls in Thika. On this trip were Eddie Sheehy and his son and daughter, the visitors from St Bernard's School, Edwina the volunteer and about 100 Form 2-4 students and their teachers. It was a remarkable trip!

Thanks to the great efforts of friends and benefactors who help our Department come of age. The Humanities Room is one such facility which is so very handy for the

teaching of Humanity subjects in the school. So many thanks go to Eddie Sheehy- our main sponsor for the Humanities Room. God bless all who support our work, and long live the Humanities Department!!!!

By Francis Olado, H.O.D
Humanities Department



Riddle

There was once a watchman who told his boss that he had dreamt that his boss' salary was going to be increased. Immediately after that, his boss fired him. Why do you think this happened?

Emmanuel Cheruiyot 3P

THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

Welcome to the Mathematics Department. This department is very vibrant and enjoyable and we have endeavored to make it so despite the fact that the subject poses great challenges to many students. Mathematics is taught world-wide, and is also widely integrated with many other subjects. More importantly, life is full of mathematics- examples include weight, distance, capacity, time and so on. As they say, the truth is out there, and we in the mathematics department strive to obtain the truth through factual mathematic discovery.

The department is comprised of many dedicated teachers who have a wide spectrum of experience and the department strives to ensure that every teacher is

available to help our students irrespective of the class or the time. All in all, I would like to thank both the teachers and students most sincerely for their co-operation and dedicated hard work in mathematics. Bravo!

By Francis Kamau

Come to think about it...

1. Why are they called apartments when they are blocked together?
2. If you were born at midnight, is your birthday on both days?
3. Can a guy named Nick have a nickname?
4. If you tell people that they are judgmental, are you not being judgmental yourself?
5. If practice makes perfect and no one is perfect, why practice?
6. If you stole a biro from a bank, is that considered a bank robbery?
7. Why do you wash towels, are we not clean when we use them?
8. If love is blind, then why do you believe in it at first sight?
9. Why is it called a building when it's already built?

Martin Mutua

FROM THE LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Welcome to the department that is the engine of the interaction in school and life in general. It has members spreading across the teaching fraternity as well as school administration.

English language boasts of the professionally trained and experienced teachers; Peter Shanahan (Principal), Professor Kaswahili (D/P), Sitati (H.O.D), Sella, Alex and Robert. Kiswahili has Nzioki, Naina and Kosgey. The department is also blessed to have four student teachers on practice; Sister Stella Envulu, Sister Windred, Sister Damaris and Brother Kennedy. The quartet has been tasked with disseminating knowledge to the junior classes (Form 1 and 2). We hope the exposure and experience will nurture and improve their pedagogy skills. The department has also had assistance from volunteer Edwina.

This team is dedicated and determined to ensure that general and individual school and student subject performance respectively improves. For the last three years, the department has had averagely good scores.

The language use in school is profoundly average. A small percentage of students use English in their daily routine. More than half the student population use Kiswahili. However, it's not standard Kiswahili; a language christened 'sheng,' a mix of mother tongue English and street slang. Still, there are those who speak in the MT's during school hours. Regrettably, this has affected the performance and language in BBCEC. The students are encouraged to speak either of the two official languages enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya (2010). In the near future, there will need to be a language policy in the school. This will ensure that everyone observes the particular days of the week and languages spoken.

The department, through support of school administration, has made available course books, set texts and revision materials for students. This should be effectively utilized to enhance individual student performance.

Wellington Sitati, H.O.D Languages
Department

Vision 2030 realisation through science and technology

The Science Department's main activity this year was a School Science Congress. The School Science Congress theme for this year was science and technology for the realization of vision 2030. As young upcoming scientists, our students were expected to integrate scientific ideas in projects that would make Kenya a globally competitive nation with an improved quality of life socially, economically and politically by the year 2030.

There was an improvement compared to last year when our best projects, both physics exhibits progressed to the District level. This year our students did much better. Of the 12 projects presented at the zonal level, six proceeded to the District level. At the District level held in Magadi Secondary School, four out of the six projects presented qualified for the County level science congress to be held at Laiser Hill Academy in May. The district results were as follows:

BBCEC DISTRICT SCIENCE CONGRESS 2012 RESULTS

PRESENTERS	PROJECT TITLE	CATEGORY	
1.Chrisanthus Opolu 3P	Conversion of potential	Physics	2
2.Kenneth Mwangi 3R	Energy to mechanical energy		

1.Victor Deya 4R	Nellecide pesticide	Agriculture	2
2.Kennedy Otieno 4R			
1.Haron Muoki 4P	Magnetic Generator	Physics	3
2.Collins Wanzala 4P			
1.George Kang'uta 4B	Making a tallow Candle	Chemistry	3
2.Nancy Auma 4B			

We congratulate the above students for their excellent presentations and wish them well as they refine their projects for the next level. We appreciate the teachers who assisted the students to achieve this landmark success. We also thank the administration for their continued support.

Charles Kilundo H.O.D Sciences



EVENT PHOTOS



STUDENT CLUBS



The year began with tension to the new Member Council in the school. The new elected members were ready to take oath and serve the Brother Beausang Community with fearlessness and justice.

With spirit, the team set out the theme of the year, 'sindera tangam' which meant 'together we touch the sky.'

The day of demonstration of Sindera Tangam was fantastic. All members of the council, the patron Mr Henry as well as the principal took part. The activities included the cooking of different dishes, playing games and dancing. During the day the members worked together to share and to promote the theme of the year.

The next step was for the council to organize a rally to educate society through the base leaders from different schools. The skills they planned to teach about were problem solving skills, communication skills and qualities of a good leader. The day was successful and leaders from other schools together with the BBC Council members created the atmosphere of a good society in coming time.

I would like to take this opportunity to give my vote of thanks to the principal Peter Shanahan for his mighty support in all activities of 2012 and for his readiness to embrace change. Also, I would like to thank the Council Member's patron, Head Teacher Mr Henry, as he has been a good director to us, he has been supportive and he has helped to bring change in the Council of 2012.

Haron Muoki, Head Boy

The Student's Council 2012

The Beausang Council consists of 26 members. Nine are elected by the students and the rest by their respective clubs. This has been quite an interesting learning experience working with people we've never

worked with before. The council is headed by Mr. Henry Kimiywi who is the Head teacher. We have had various activities like workshops amongst others to motivate ourselves. The council also has an office used for meetings and to store files. Being inducted on the 8th of February, I am confident to say it has been a smooth process. I on behalf of the council would like to appreciate the administrators, the teachers and most importantly and especially, the students who have been great support and encouragement to us. "We love you guys." We truly hope that those who will follow our footsteps will be ready to receive the challenge and even do better.

Beatrice Njoki, Head Girl.

Science Club Report

After a group of eight students managed to succeed to the County Level in the Science Congress Competition, it was necessary to establish the Science Club. Now we are very proud to declare that the Science Club has a strong team with the potential to reach high levels come next year's competitions. The mission of the Science Club is to accomplish noble tasks related to matters of scientific importance, without neglecting our school duties. Interestingly, the world of science and technology has progressed rapidly in the last century, not only by the mighty shoves of each known scientist, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each dedicated individual. It is my desire to motivate each and every individual to change the world for the better.

Driven by our motto, "Necessity is the mother of invention."

Finally, recognition must be given to the founders of this club, whose perseverance and dedication will forever provide Br. Beausang with promising opportunities for science in the years ahead.

Victor O. Deya, Chairperson



Quote:

Until you value yourself, you won't value your time. Until you value your time, you will not do anything with it.

Did you Know?

- Temperature decides the sex of a crocodile's egg. Cooler incubation temperatures produce more females whereas warmer incubation temperatures produce more males
- The largest flower in the world is called Rafflesia. This rare flower, which is found in Malaysia, is more than one meter in diameter and smells like rotting meat.



R	H	S	U	R	B	N	E	B	U	T	Y	T	S	E	T	W	K
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1. Usually placed over a burner (6)

2. Measuring _____ (8)

3. Used to hold items (3)

4. Eye protection (6,7)

5. Hold gas (3,3)

6. For measuring temperature (11)

7. For scooping small amounts of chemicals (7)

8. Sits on top of a tripod (5,3)

9. An eye _____ hold very small amount of liquid (7)

10. Used to hold item (5)

11. Can be used to heat large amounts of liquid (6)

12. Small dish made of ceramic material (8)

13. For heating objects (6,6)

14. Cone shaped item (7,5)

15. Help pour liquid into vessels (6)

16. For mixing liquids (8,3)

17. Clamps attach to this (6,5)

18. For heating small amounts of liquid (4,4)

19. For cleaning test tubes (4,4,5)

20. A _____ mat protects the bench from damage caused by hot objects.



The Debate Corner

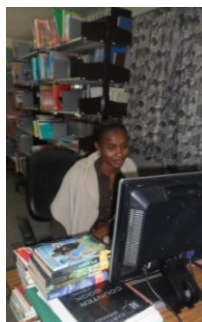
The debate club under the leadership of our patrons Madam Sella Bundi and Mr Robert has transformed the students of Br. Beausang into vibrant and young politicians.

This has been advertised through debates, mjadala, political arenas and public speaking. Students have exchanged ideas on political matters in the country, debates and also guidelines in personal life. By doing this, individuals have developed personal courage to voice their beliefs and objectives.

As a fact of encouraging creativity and development, the club is involved in inter-school essay writing and debates. With this, students learn new ideas and socialize which creates firm bond in the community.

The club comprises of students with different genders, religions, traditions, ages and colours. We come from different parts of the world but in spite being divided by these spaces we dwell as a family united together by the common beats of our hearts.

The debate club anticipates students in future leadership in the society or countrywide. It emits qualities that enhance individuals to fit in the current generation.



Long live Beausang, long live debate club!

J. N. Gicheru, Debate Captain

18%

Completion of secondary school can increase a girl's average future earnings by as much as 18 percent.

National Geographic, Sept '11

Choir Report

This is another jovial moment for the choir. The Brother Beausang School Choir was started in the year 2007. It comprises both the secondary students and primary pupils who come together each week in order to bring a special quality to the mass celebration.

The choir has been participating in mostly conducting weekly liturgy in the church, attending some wedding functions and this year, some of the choir members attended music festivals at Dawamu. This has helped many of our members recognize their gifts and talents.

Most of the gratitude from the choir as a group is to the school administration is supporting us with some instruments such as the keyboard and the bongos. Also, vote of thanks go to our visitors who come to Brother Beausang each year from countries all over the world- Australia, Ireland and the United States just to name a few.

Must credit for the growth and development of the choir must go to the key staff like Ben Ondara (the patron), Sister Francisca, Br Obuya and Jade Nyamato. Thanks for the cooperation from the choir officials such as Moureen Nanetian (vice chairperson), Ann Mumbua (organizing secretary), Josephine Mbuli (secretary), Chitechi Tobias (assistant secretary), Peter Maina (treasurer) and David Ochieng (the choir master). Congratulations to all past and present choir members who have been outstanding role models for all the Beausang Community. Asanteni.

"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, the just shall live by faith." Romans 1:17

Julius Muinde Kamuti, Choir Captain

The Journalism Club

The journalism club working under the slogan, "going practical enhancing creativity," is committed to enhance creativity in the school, champion creative writing and produce a masterpiece on all literacy works a notch higher.

To conquer public speaking, the club has undertaken the weekly news anchorage- where we hope to cultivate confidence, fluency and eloquence among our members so that they may master the art of public speaking. We are geared at making the journalism movement a factory of magnificent speakers of the near future.

In enhancing unity and development, the journalism club is comprehensive enough with open membership comprised of different tribes and religion. We are aimed at establishing strong mutual and beneficial working relations in total disregard of religion and ethnicity which are the major stumbling blocks in our current society.

In a nutshell, the journalism club is committed in making sure that the relevance of languages in the school is upheld with upmost dedication and commitment.

"Sindera Tangam"

Alex Maina, Journalism Captain



The Business Club

Motto: To impart entrepreneurial skill for future self reliance.

Business Club is a club that incorporates what is being taught in class with a practical aspect. It is also a club that helps students to develop reliable business ideas and then implement them.

This club enables students and club members alike to evaluate business performance and skill by preparing financial statements through influence from media and current events. The members are also able to obtain business skills and discuss business issues from attending seminars, workshops and exhibitions. One initiative that the club has adapted has been the implementation of

planting vegetables in order to create profit in a self-sustainable way. The idea of planting sukumawiki was very difficult because the land was very wet, however, the club overcame this barrier. The capital for seedling was two hundred and fifty shillings. This was contributed by members and the club's patron, Mr Erasmus Karuiki. Currently, the Club has raised nine hundred and sixty shillings from this project. The club is planning to implement other business ideas in the future. Any student that is interested in joining the club should do so before October 2012. This club is very important for our students because from the skill of entrepreneurship can one create his/her own employment. Entrepreneurship fuels innovation and invention. For these reasons, I encourage the students to join the Business Club.

Charles Wanzala, Business Club Captain.

Drama Club Report

"Tutakula tu"

This year, the Drama Club, working under its motto "enhancing creativity" and inspired by the school's 2012 theme "Sindera Tangam-together we can touch the sky," commenced their preparations for the 2012 school's drama competition on the very first day of the school year. Three categories were entered- the choral verse; narrative and solo verse. The group performed a verse called "Kijiko" in the choral section whilst Alex Maina presented a narrative titled "Mkokoten" and Mary Awour a solo verse called "Football Season." The choral verse was performed in Swahili which presented a challenge to the 'sheng' speaking cast! Alex and Mary performed their verses in English. The costumes were a highlight and assisted all the performers to give their best on each occasion and live up to the expectations of the Club Patron, Teacher Ben. There is a saying "train hard and win easy" that was the mantra for the Drama Club who showed their talents to great effect at the zonal competition at Enomatasian High School, then at the county level event at Noonkopir School, Kitengela. Our success in reaching the county finals has inspired the Club to seek new members to begin preparations for 2013. Thanks must go to Teacher Ben for his leadership and support.

Alex Maina 4P



Disciplinary Committee

Sindera Tangam.

Indeed we have attained our vision, together we have made the school a better place. I would like to acknowledge the high discipline you have carried in and out of the school. Although I have dealt with a few cases, I am a witness of BBCEC changing to be a better place in the future. I would also like to thank my fellow (slc) members for taking the initiative of helping in the maintenance of law and order. I would also like to thank the Head Teacher for helping in making disciplinary decisions. Hongera to my fellow disciplinary personnel in the SLC. Keep up the spirit and together we will touch the sky.

Ibrahim Kinuthia, Disciplinary Chairman

The Scout's Report

Once Alexander Graham Bell said that, "before anything else, preparation is the key to success." This can be applied to the Brother Beausang scout troop which worked, practiced and trained tirelessly before taking part in the District scouts competition at Ngong Township where we again experienced success.

The Ngong hill's patrol working under Mwamba Scouts motto participated in the provincial scout competition which took place at Transmara on 27th June-1st July 2012 where the scouts succeeded to be number seven out of thirty seven.

We celebrate our patron who also worked hard and ensured that everything that we wanted was there and in time without forgetting the school administration for giving us the permission and financial support in these activities.

Scouting is life and once a scout always a scout. The form fours have also decided to start a unit which will be operating outside school. This has never happened to any other scout but as Mahatma Ganthi said, "I will be the change I want to see in future." Bravo to the Ngong hills patrol and Bravo Mwamba!!!

John Njogu, Scout Captain



Br. Beausang Star Group

The group formed on 21st October 2010. The aim of the group was to develop a positive attitude towards studies. It comprises of juniors and seniors. So far the members of the group have been doing well. The motto is "train hard to write it easy." Choices should be that they help build a culture in our school where we set values within the school. There are no two ways to it. To reclaim our place as a group, we must do what is right.

The group does not only focus on studies, but it also trains the members to be responsible leaders within the school community. The members of the group are well-behaved students. We believe in changing the school's performance. It is a start of making a strong foundation within the Brother Beausang community. As a senior group, we believe in supporting the leaders of junior star group. We believe that with Rick In-soo and Saline Achieng as leaders, the culture of study will still grow. All in all, together for change. We treat all with the same dignity and worth.

Chrisantus Opolu, Group Organising Secretary

The Computer Club

By Alex Santana

The computer club headed by club captain Nehemiah Ifedha and assistant club John Mwaniki is one of the educative clubs in Brother Beausang Catholic Education which educates and informs students on matters dealing with computers and information technology in general. The club's main aim is to give students a wide knowledge and understanding on technology. Through the internet services now available in the school and computer lab, students are now able to do research and to be up to date with current news.

Students enrolled in the computer club of Br. Beausang are at an advantage since they not only learn to use the Windows Operating System (OS) but also get to learn other (OS) such as the Mac and also the Ubuntu. With the sufficient supply of computers in the computer lab, students find learning fun and interactive. Services such as printing, photocopying, lamination, typing and advice on computers are available in the computer room with the help of Tr. Alex Santana and Peter Wamukoya.

The registration fee for the club is 30/= per student and a monthly fee of 10/=. Any student wishing to join the computer club of Br. Beausang is highly welcomed and should

remember that computers are everywhere today, so let us learn more about them.

Environmental Wildlife Club

Club's Vision: To be committed to environmental conservation and to enhance healthy and friendly living in a learning environment. Also, to create awareness on all matters relating to the cleanliness and conservation within and around the school.

Club's Motto: A rise and shine in taking care of God's creation.

Ripoti juu ya shunguli za klabu ya mazingira shule ya upili ndugu Beausang. Mwaka 2012 muhula wa pili.

Uhifadhi Wa Mazigira: Klabu ilianzisha mpango wa kusafisha mazingira ya shule kila Ijumaa ya wiki. Pia klabu ilianzisha mpango wa kuwahamashisha wanafunzi wengine kushiriki katika shughuli za kuhifadhi mazingira. Licha ya shughuli hii kuonekana kuwa tofauti na shughuli nyinginozo za kawaida za klabu.

Hitimisho: Klabu kilipata mafanikio makubwa muhula huu kwani kiliweza kuwasaji wanaklabu wengi. Pia wanachama waliweza kupanda mbegu za miti, kusafisha shule kila Ijumaa ya wiki na kuwahamasisha wanafunzi kuhushu shughuli za kifadhi mazingira.

Charles Wanzala

INTERVIEW WITH EDDIE SHEEHY



When did you first come to Kenya and what inspired you to come?
I came in 2003 and wanted to see what it was like here.

How many times have you visited Brother Beausang?
Nine times.

What projects have you worked on whilst being here?

1. Student sponsorships

2. Funding the Young Talent
3. Organising a feeding program
4. Building the New primary school

In your perspective, what are the differences between Kenyan and Irish Societies?

Many Kenyans struggle to make ends meet whilst not so many Irish struggle.

What do you like about Kenya?

The weather is warmer here.

What differences have you observed from when you were first here back in 2003 up until now?

1. The school building in both Primary and Secondary
2. The level of education has increased.

What is your passion?

Football.

Which football team do you support?

Manchester United.

What are your hobbies?

1. Reading
2. Watching Sports
3. Walking
4. Gardening

Interview by: Rosalin Lemiso and Saline Oluoch

From Australia to Kenya

As Konshens sang in his song World Citizen, "di same red blood run through di veins," I take the time to reflect on my journey that has taken place over the past two months in Kenya.

If it's one thing that I've learnt, it's that it doesn't matter where you were born, whether you are black or white, a leader or a supporter, a Muslim or a Christian. All that matters is the capacity of your heart to learn and laugh from your mistakes, to embrace change with a smile, to appreciate what you have been given, to create new opportunities with what is yet to be yours, and to believe in the silver lining in times of trouble and hardship.

Try leaving your home country, your family, your friends, your job and fly 24 hours across the planet to a developing country in the blind hope of making a small difference. It's not easy. I didn't know what I was going to achieve in Kenya. But I had the belief, the passion and the power to know that I could come here and wear my big heart on my sleeve in an attempt to make a change. And, I'm proud to say that I did it. You can talk about achieving your dreams, but it's not until you actually do something, you act, you take that big leap of faith, will you actually embark on the most challenging yet most rewarding journey towards your destination. Let me be the testament to that.

Not only have I been labeled not by my name but for my skin colour, not only have I been constantly stared at, not only have I been faced with horrible poverty and confronted by corruption in terms of money and crime, not only have I eaten food with my hands, alighted matatu's and hit my head countless times on their roof, struggled with learning a new language let alone sung in it during mass choir, helped the single mothers of Kibera, attempted to teach form four/three/one/class English without any teaching experience nor a degree, piloted a Girl's Motivation Program, set up a pen pal system, helped organize an entertainment afternoon, decorated the school library wall, chief-edited the school magazine; but I've been able to face all of these challenges by smiling and moving forward. What doesn't kill you makes you stronger. We have been privileged with the next minute, the next hour, the next day. The challenge is to choose what we do with our time.

Let me be the model to inspire those of you who want to accomplish your dreams. No matter how unfathomable it seems, no matter how many barriers are in front of you, jump over them.

I have given myself completely to Br Beausang, the Embulbul community, and the Kenyan people. I have stepped outside of my comfort zone countless times and tried new things; and I wouldn't dream of changing anything for one minute. My only payment has been fulfillment and it outweighs the value of money any day.

This journey has made me a stronger person, a person of resilience and of pure spirit. On this journey, I have met and embraced many amazing and talented people. Brother Beausang truly has a community of students and teachers rich in spirit. I will never forget the moments of true companionship found in this wonderful place. Words cannot describe the warmth one can receive from a Kenyan smile.

As I turn the page of my life towards the next chapter, I will always remember my friends in Kenya for helping me guide my path in the right direction. I hope that my path is guided back to Br Beausang. I hope I have made and inspired to make a difference in you, as you have made a difference in me.

By Edwina Lindsay

From the south,

From the north,

And here to the centre,

Now our stories have gone all over.

From hot country to cold country,

From desert,

Across seas,

Our stories ,

Good stories,

They've gone all over.

Ntari People

Aboriginal Tribe, Australia

Visitor Ann

The project Kenya Immersion Group We came to 'walk with and learn from' our brothers and sisters in Br. Beausang School and over the two weeks in June that we were here, the experience was wonderful. The warm hospitality, the ready smiles, the willingness to include us in activities around the school, meant that our stay has been most memorable.

The two weeks flew by because we were active each day; either doing home visits of some of those children being sponsored by donors in Australia or by participating in general school life. We made many new friends and will take away some wonderful memories. The gospel of our final Wednesday mass reminded us that the good prophet is known by the fruits of his labour and so the challenge for our group is to show that our time here will bear good fruits in the coming years.

Our group was made up of teachers from two schools, Catholic Ladies College Eltham and Catholic Regional College, Melton. Both schools are in the city of Melbourne, Australia and hopefully in the future both schools will become wonderful supporters of Br. Beausang College and will visit with students from these schools.

Once again many thanks to all the students and staff at Br. Beausang. Your welcome to us was wonderful. We will not forget you or our time here.

Asante Sana

John McKenna

Most of the students find life in high school difficult and full of challenges. From our personal perspective, we find life in high school enjoyable since we do what is required to be done and we adhere to school rules. As most students think that life in high

school is hard, they can change this mentality by following the school's motto "Carpe Diem." We would like to encourage all of the students to work smart since education is the key to life.

Emmanuel and Jackson 3P



Kiswahili Kitukuzwe

Mwalimu: Kama wingi wa chuo ni vyoo basi wingi wa chapati ni?

Mwanafunzi: Ah bila shaka ni vyapati

Mwalimu: Question well answered.

John: "Hello, Kamau, huko kwenyu kuna mtu?"

Kamau: "Jinga wewe! Kwani unaongea na kondoo."

Mehongowano

1. Hati kwenyu ni ku duty hadi mkifungulia Televisheni Swaleh Mdohe ana kohowa.
2. Ati wewe ni mu ugly hadi Babako hukutumia kama scare crow kwa Shamba.

A plane was transporting men from Kenya to a rehab centre in South Africa. They were making so much noise. One man made his way to the pilot's cabin.

Man: "Pilot, teach me how to fly a plane."

Pilot: "I will but only under one condition."

Man: "Which condition?"

Pilot: "You make sure your friend keeps quiet."

The man left and returned after a few minutes.

Pilot: "Finally you have gotten your friends to keep quiet. What did you do?"

Man: "It was easy. I just opened the door and told them to go and play outside."

By James Gacheru.



My Heaven

A drop in the ocean,
A change in the weather,
In a place that we've all been,
But no one remembers,
Was it worth to dream?
As we stand in the open
With two worlds in your heart.
Tear stained, smiling but broken
Yet still it doesn't matter,
Was it a waste of a wish.
The start of my worst fears,
The end of the legend
The horrors so clear
They come seek the broken
Does a heaven really exist?
In this life, my friend
Nothing important matters,
So hope not of the future,
As you won't even be there,
Hold me close, and you are my heaven.

By Kelvin Waweru 4P

The Self Power in the student

It is my great pleasure to give you a prelude that will incite your thoughts to set or reset your education's auto-pilot. Remember that it is your mind, your way of thinking that controls the route to your destiny. If you set the auto-pilot of your mind towards success,

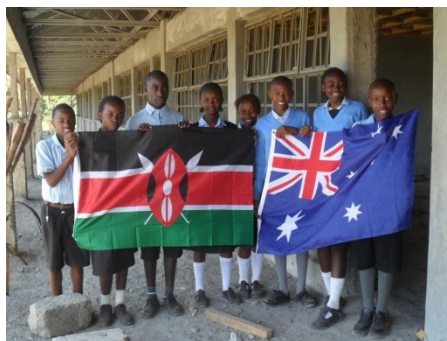
you will succeed. On the contrary, if you set it towards failure, you automatically fail.

A Greek philosopher once observed that change is ambiguous and relentless. It focuses itself on up at every turn. But the secret of success is learning how to contend with the forces of change. Turning the positive forces to our advantage and repelling the negative ones.

Change is inevitable and will always be there soon. To the form fours, time will force you out of school, to open a new page in your life. This change is governed by principles and if the right ones are applied, you are assured to tap the best from the world after school. You need to equip yourself with the necessary equipment to contend and conquer the new change. You have to understand that the world is formless, shapeless, desolate and full of darkness today, as it was in the beginning. You are the only person mandated to shape it, fill it and give light to your life. In school life, you are trying to conquer the world using a combined effort: teachers, your parents, and your fellow students. But soon things will turn contrary. You will remain alone on the stage to perform your part. How will you manage the stage when all the other actors get behind the curtains?

To the form four students: the greatest form of maturity is at harvest form. That is when we must learn how to reap without complaint if the amounts are small and how to reap without apology if the amounts are big.

Joseph Mutua 4P

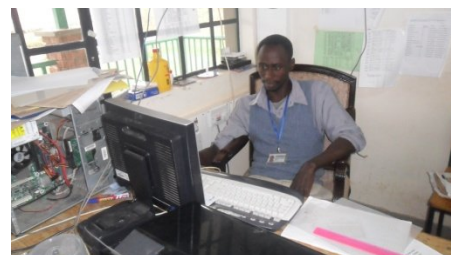


In a thousand words, I could say what I've been asked time and time again by parents, teachers and the invalids in my life. What do you want to be? Where do you see yourself in a few years? I've never had any luck in answering these questions simple as they may be because if I say a doctor and I was never good in biology, a pilot and I don't even take geography, an engineer and I don't even know anything about the profession. I may be good at something but that is only what I'll

want for a certain time till I find something better like law because I like the history teacher.

As I sit and reflect on the question I finally have an answer, I finally know what to say... what I want to be when I grow out of here is sure. Make so many mistakes and do so many different things so that wherever I land at the end of it, I'll be sure, there can't be a better place.

Lydia Lily.



Mathematics Prayer:

Our dear mathematics, hallowed be thy name for the understanding of multiplication, division and subtraction. Give us our daily understanding and forgive us our mistakes as we forgive those who lead us into wrong methods. Deliver us from wrong answers, for yours is the positive attitude and answer forever and ever.



Mathematics Beatitude:

Happy are those who know mathematics for when they die they can calculate the distance between heaven and earth.

Tongue Twisters:

Two witches were wearing two watches,
which watch did which witch wear?

World Cup Winners Since 1966

1966- England

1970- Brazil

1974- West Germany 1978- Argentina

1982- Italy

1986- Argentina

1990- Germany

1994- Brazil

1998- France

2002- Brazil

2006- Italy

2010- Spain



Watch your dreams, they become thoughts,

Watch your thoughts, they become words,

Watch your words, they become actions,

Watch your actions, they become habits,

Watch your habits, they become your character,

Watch your character, it becomes your future.

Kenneth Mwangi 3R

Brother Beausang is our family
Everyone is important
Within the family
Everyone is special
In their own way
Everyone is needed, everyone is involved
Because, we are a family
Sometimes we may disagree
But we respect one another's ideas
We learn from each other
We thrive together as a team
Because, we are a family .
We have flaws and finesse,
We have trials and triumphs,
But most importantly,
We love one another
We care and are truly blessed,
Together, "we'll touch the sky."

Alex Maina

CHOICE, CHOICE, CHOICE...

Everyone; woman and man has a right to make a choice. Everyone has made a choice at one given time or the other. Our life is a

journey of daily choosing for it is important. But, it really does not end at that. What kind of choice is worth making then? A person makes a choice among many others because he/she has a thinking ability and a conscience which creates room for making right or wrong choices. The power to make right and wrong choices lies within the individual. What kind of choice did I make today? What experience did it give me or did I become the fool of all fools? One who does not learn from what experience offers and does the same mistakes is like one who says to the clock on the wall; "please wait for me". A dog does not go back to eat its vomit; neither does a river journey backwards. Another says; once beaten, twice shy. In other words, if I make a wrong choice, I don't need to have a repeat before I learn. A teacher makes the choice to teach and so leaves home every day rather than stay home. A student also makes the choice of coming to school to study. Every right and wrong choice has a responsibility attached to it. If I make a wrong choice, I need to own it and face its results squarely. So it is with making a right choice. The implication of making a right choice is doing what it takes to achieve the desired results.

As students, we make the choice to come to school which is worthy of emulation but do we do our responsibilities? There are responsibilities that accompany our choice of coming to school. Mark it, there are.

Another important aspect of making the right choice is developing an attitude for the choice; a positive attitude. A positive attitude is hopeful and does not give up even when everything around is discouraging. An attitude that is positive believes. If I choose to come to school, I need to love it. What is my attitude towards my studies? Do I struggle to pass a subject (s)? Why? Have I done my part? I need to sit down and study to make my efforts give birth; give birth to what is tangible. The department of Languages has been worried about the general performance of students in Languages particularly English. Anything worth doing is worth doing well. Why can't I pass English? Some say "it is not my mother tongue". Yes, it is not but why must I be its slave and not the reverse? Have I sat to study or seek assistance? Have I done everything possible? Add value to your life by being at the right place doing the right thing. What makes people succeed? A positive attitude is what sets those who succeed apart from those who only try. Some say; "I can't do it. I am comfortable with what I score. I cannot score highly". Who said you cannot score highly? Those who are doing pretty well are students like every other student. The only difference is; they do extra work and do it

well. One very obvious factor that cripples us is fear. We fear to fail when we have not done our part. If you do your responsibility well, there will be little or no space for fear. We need to begin to sit up, brace up for action and take up our responsibilities as students. Do not expect to succeed and get good results without hard work. STOP STROLLING and START STUDYING!!! Sacrifice some extra time and you'll do well. Channel your energies to the right things. Add value to your life now and it will lead you all through life. Do the first things first my dears...

Stella Envulu, SHCJ



I may not be able to give you sunshine

Without moments of darkness

I may not be able to give you gold, diamonds or silver

I may not be able to offer all the pleasure imagined in life.

But I promise you happiness

I promise you the sunshine of our lives together

I promise you my hand to hold

Even those dark moments

Walking side by side with you

For I promise you myself

By Charles Wesonga



Crazy but Naked Truth

- How 100/= looks so big when we take it to church but too small when we take it to the supermarket.

- How big 60 mins are when serving God but how small when watching a movie.
- How we believe what a person or the newspaper says but question what the Bible says.
- How we can't think of anything to say when we pray but don't have difficulty thinking of things to gossip about.
- How we get thrilled when football games go into extra time but complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.
- It is enough to always speak the truth even when lies would be easier.

From Naanyu and Jeevanjee Form 4.



Woes...

Woe to he who brings trouble to teachers for he will be expelled...

Woe to he who steals from the poor for he will be cursed...

Woe to he who abuses the hand that feeds him for he will be sorry...

Woe to he who comes to school to pass time for life will teach him...

Woe to he who finds time to skip class for he



will die poor...



Woe to he who keeps knowledge to himself for he will lose it all... Ochieng David



Quote of the year to Form 4s:

There is no night so long that you cannot find the day.



Teen's Creed.

Don't let your parents down,
They brought you up.
Be humble enough to obey,
You may give orders someday.
Choose companions with care,
You'll become what they are.
Guard your thoughts,
What you think you are.
Choose only a date,
Who would make a good mate.
Be master of your habits,
Or they will master you.
Don't be a showoff when you drive,
Drive with care and arrive.
Don't let the crowd pressure you,
Stand up for something,
Or you'll fall out for anything.

Compiled by Claudia Agnes Mwikali



We shall live to appreciate

In the minds of many,
You shall live to be remembered.
In the hearts of many,
You shall live to be loved.
For your greatness,
For your love, kindness and mercy,
Oh, Brother Beausang.

It is through you,
That many have achieved their dreams.
Through you,
That many will achieve their dreams.
Through you,
Many have been employed.
Through you,
Many have been able to visit our nation,
Oh, Brother Beausang.

I'm sure that poverty, tribalism,
Hatred, injustice and many problems,
Shall be eliminated through you.
Because through you, we call ourselves
"The Brother Beausang Community."
From Australia, Ireland, Kenya, Germany,
Italy,
USA, and many other nations,
Your name together with Edmund Rice,
Shall live to be respected.
You have touched the hearts of many
And you are my role model.
May you rest in peace,
Oh! Great heroes Beausang and Edmund
Rice.

By Holmsamson Thrungo



What motivates me as a young woman

By Naima 3P

The first thing that motivates me is my Lord because he gave me life. My friends, my family, and my school also motivate me. I am grateful for the sponsors who sponsor me even without knowing who I am. My passion which is football motivates me to improve as a player. The things which are positive encourage me to face the next day to believe in myself as a super hero, to be anything that I want to be. Lastly, Peter Shanahan and Edwina motivate me in their actions and the moral support that they have in everyone.



From the short time that I have been in BBCEC, I have been able to see and judge the world differently. In this world, the greatest battle one will ever have to fight is the battle of just being oneself. I have learnt that it is better to have a mind of your own because I realize that the opinion that others have of you is their problem, and not yours. You can't always please people, no matter how hard you try. But the best thing is to know yourself because this is the beginning of all wisdom. I don't know what the key to success is, but the key to failure is trying to please everyone. So always strive to do what you know is right, whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it's time to pause and reflect.

Let us all be people of appreciation. Once in a while we appreciate God and the people around us. Let's always learn to use the golden words such as "thank you," and "sorry." This will only mean we like the little that we have and will always make use of it, so that in future we can strive to achieve our dreams.

Opportunity is missed by most because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. No matter how tough this world is, we should always try because in the end, it's only the tough who survive. Don't be a quitter, but a fighter. Remember every king was once a crying baby, every building was once a blue print, and it's not about where you are today but about where you will be tomorrow. Good leaders aren't always on top; sometimes they are pushing from the bottom, so let's think like men and women of action and act like men and women of thought.

Clemence 4P

I was amazed when I saw the leper who was running. I know you can't believe this. However, you can ask the dumb woman who I saw talking to her deaf husband. Anyway it is not a dispute and you should not wonder. Just wait until I bring for you the article which I was shown by the blind commentator. And if you still don't believe me, come, I will take you to the dead policeman so we can report the matter.

By Francis Kiingati, 3P



For Failure

If yesterday was dark, today darker then tell your heart tomorrow will be bright. Achievers learn from failure, great minds have a purpose whilst small and poor minds have wishes and are subdivided with misfortune.

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



A life well lived

It's amazing how the efforts of a single person sets out a revolution of life changing experiences throughout the world and how often our greatest tragedies set us onto our best directions. This is all I could think about as I listened attentively to Brother Joash read the history of the great Edmund Rice.

There was no price too high for Edmund Rice to pay, he gave his life to the needs of other people, this single sacrifice set my heart on fire and I began to think of what I can do for my fellow students and society even when I don't have anything but made love.

It was an honor for the Brother Beausang Community to take part in celebrating the life of a great personality whose efforts have given a future to millions of people across the world and our Brother Beausang Community is one of the many living gifts of his work.

During the mass, the Principal Peter Shanahan gave recognition awards to some students, members of the teaching and subordinate staff for their continued emulation of the Edmund Rice Spirit of giving the society and the community by helping others achieve their own goals.

By the co editor



THE PROUD CONTRIBUTORS



The Editors-without whose hard work, this magazine would not exist.

