



# Beausang Bulletin

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we end the year 2010, I can't help but marvel at how fast time flies, in the process of bursting myths that at one time were almost irrefutable truths. Barely ten years ago, Brother Beausang was not a school to be counted among the schools in Kajado District, but now it is more than simply a school. Over the years many young men and women have passed through the hands of our dedicated staff and as a result are now undertaking college studies in readiness to serve the people of this great nation.

I want to thank you all for taking the time to read through this end of year edition of our school bulletin. With each passing day of this year we have embarked on a journey geared at transforming the members of the Brother Beausang community.

### Development

During the course of this year, we have made a number of strategic decisions to raise the quality of our vision in relation to the school's strategic plan.

One important improvement of our school infrastructure has been the construction of a new access road to the school compound and to heal a long-term pain and stress of connecting the sewage affluent from the Parish compound to the modern sewage plant in the secondary school.

The laying down of the foundation of our modern classrooms for the primary school section is in progress in the same compound where the secondary school is situated. For us, this growth affords us an opportunity to pass the cost saving benefits to our stakeholders, especially the donors, our young brothers and sisters in the primary school, and our staff members through the provision of a good teaching and learning environment for our children.

As a school in Embulbul, I believe that we have a unique role as a Catholic school in enhancing a wholistic growth of our local children by providing spiritual, and social gains without loosing sight of our commitment to deliver quality education. Voluntary service is a core value and practice at Brother Beausang that has contributed immensely to our success. Br. Beausang teachers and non-teaching staff contribute goodwill, talents, knowledge, skills, time and energy to serve the students in a selfless and dedicated manner.

### Visitors.

In the course of this year we have received a good number of visitors from overseas. We value the partnerships that we have made with our friends from Iona College and Bishop Hendriken (both from the USA), St. Bernard's Essendon and St. Kevin's College, (both from Melbourne, Australia) and St. David's, Artane Ireland. We, the Brother Beausang fraternity would like to express our gratitude to all of you for the support you have extended to us. We believe that every child in our school has the right to live a good life and your support has contributed a lot towards this.

We as a school are committed to making their lives better and hope that you will continue to work together with us to accomplish this noble task. Your support will go a long way in giving these children both a better present and future life. Thank you so much for your partnership and may God bless you abundantly.



Building progress of the of the new primary school

I would like to extend my thanks to the staff of the school and all the stakeholders: the Parish, Convent, Counselling Centre and the Dispensary for your support in our step-by-step leadership forum we have shared in different capacities. Your contribution for the year 2010 was not only insightful but of great motivation to the young students and pupils - our future leaders.

To our donors, the Christian Brothers, Cross International, the Rotary club, (Karen and Essendon), the Christian Brothers Oceania Foundation and, Misericordia International, we are grateful to all that you have shared with us. We are aware that you are constantly inundated with requests from charitable organizations. It makes us feel honoured indeed that you continue to support our students, staff and parents. Thank you again.

### Staff

In the course of the year we have experienced some tough moments in the life of the school in relation to the loss of teaching staff. We had four very dedicated and hard working teachers who were offered positions in government schools. I want to thank them all for the wonderful service they gave to the school. I want also to thank our new teachers who have stepped in with a minimum of fuss to continue the good work of those departing. For Sr. Aster the Pastoral Care coordinator going for a transfer has left another big gap to fill in as soon as we can.

Finally I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful and prosperous New Year in 2011.

**Be Blessed**  
**Br. Francis Otieno cfr**  
**Principal.**



Current state of the access road connecting the school and the Parish

***From the Deputy Principal (Curriculum and Staff Development)***

As I write this article, our Form 4 students are well into the KCSE exams and the Class 8 students are gearing up for the KCPE exams. Hopefully all will experience success and will be better prepared for their life post- BBCEC as a result of their time at the school.

One of the areas I believe we need to focus on as a school is what we hope our young men and women are like when they graduate from Brother Beausang. Certainly the importance of the exam result cannot be underestimated, particularly the way the Kenyan education system is currently structured, but if preparation for exams is our only priority, then I believe we are doing our students a grave injustice and we are failing in our mission as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition.

I know the school takes its mission very seriously and looking at our graduating students, I believe we have made a significant impact on their lives through the people, the pastoral care and the support they have experienced at BBCEC.

Thank you must go to all the staff for their work and support in the school's teaching and learning program. Special thanks to the Heads of Department – Mr. Henry (Mathematics), Madam Gladys (Science), Mr. Olado (Humanities) and Mr. Sitati (Language) – for their leadership and encouragement of the teachers and students during the year. Their work has been significant, particularly in supporting the new teachers who have joined the school this past term. Best wishes for the holiday break and a blessed Christmas to all in the BBCEC community. I look forward to continuing in our partnership in 2011.

Peter Shanahan

Deputy Principal

From the desk of Deputy Head teacher—secondary

It almost escaped my memory that as the outgoing form 4 class marks the end of their secondary schooling, I should equally be marking four years since joining Beausang. I was actively involved in their recruitment process four years ago and it amazes me at how fast time flies. I taught quite a number of them how to put on their ties. I was indeed very privileged to be part and parcel of their growth from innocent form 1s to very knowledgeable adults, whom I strongly believe have been adequately prepared to respond positively to life challenges.

It terms of discipline this was the most disciplined class. For the first time none of the students took his/her exams from outside. They all carried themselves with dignity and respect. Academically, they were hardworking and as a school we hope for good results. I believe the orientation workshop we conducted for them at the beginning of the year did the trick. I was not in any way surprised when some of them requested to work as volunteers from January next year.

We wish the very best as they slowly adjust to the life outside high school.

Johnfisher M. Ondigo

Dep. Head teacher - secondary school

“One thing you may be sure of, that whilst you work for God, whether you succeed or not, he will amply reward you.” Blessed Edmund Rice

***From the Development Office***

It is with great pleasure that I share with you this edition of the Beausang Bulletin.



On Thursday 7th October marked yet another important day as Fr. Reginald Nwachuku celebrated a thanks giving Mass in the secondary school compound which was followed by blessings of all the classrooms and the resource/ laboratory buildings. This was a time to reflect and give thanks

to God for all the blessings.

We are in the process of applying for funds for various projects for the year 2011 some of the projects include; conversion of containers into usable offices, furniture and fittings for primary school, construction of an underground water tank among others.

I wish to kindly request all our readers to visit the websites of the school and give feedback. I have also provided some links below where more news about the school is featured.

<http://www.bbcec.org>

<http://smeagol.terrace.qld.edu.au/beausang/Pages/index.html>

[http://www.sbc.vic.edu.au/project\\_kenya/index.php](http://www.sbc.vic.edu.au/project_kenya/index.php)

<http://www.webpages.ttu.edu/jedwyer/beausang.htm>

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year 2011.

**Lenny Limion**

Development officer

***Pastoral care Department***

Life always challenges and tutors us in a way we tend not to notice or fail to comprehend if we aren't attentive to the comings and the going of people and situation in our lives. For this year we have experienced a lot of comings and going from people who have made a landmark in the life of Brother Beausang community. From the Pastoral Care desk we would like to appreciate all the Immersion groups for their time, support and readiness to experience our life here in Embulbul. Our students really enjoyed and learned a lot from all the groups. Your inputs, concern and love for us is highly appreciated and we hope we will continue working with you for mutual growth.

It has been a sad moment for our department due to Sister Aster Mikael's departure. Her presence and impact in school is really missed and it will take a special person to fill her shoes. She was so passionate with her ministry and especially seeking justice for our students. Her work and life will always be cherished and remembered. We wish her all the best and May God's will be with her in whatever next she will be undertaking. We love you Sister.

We are coming to the end of the year and we would like to appreciate all those we have worked with us especially the administration, staff, parents and students. Your Cooperation made it possible for us to reach where we are. Also we would like to appreciate all the Maist students who did their internship with our department. Their contribution is highly affirmed. We are so grateful to Embulbul counselling centre for their effective support to our students and all those who needed their help. They have done a great job and we hope to continue working with them for the benefit of our society. Home visits were successful and we managed to visit all the students. It was great experience and so much touching.

We wish you happy Holidays. enjoy Christmas and a happy 2011.

Mike Chesoli

**From the Head teacher—Primary campus**

Ten years! Ten years! Ten years! Is it?

We thank God for His great care throughout 2010. It is with tremendous sense of achievement that Bro. Beausang primary school celebrated its 10<sup>TH</sup> anniversary since the school started on 17<sup>TH</sup> of July 2000. It is not easy for an institution to keep to its mission and vision as it is stated, to empower the individual to strive for excellence in all aspects of his or her life. Our school has pupils from challenging economic backgrounds affected by poverty, broken families, or unhealthy relationships, drug abuse to name but a few.

For the school to live its mission and vision we thank the executive, Bro Francis our Principal and Peter our Deputy Principal and all those in the administration. We say a very big thank you to them for the tireless effort they are making to live our school dream. The school has relied on the generosity of our benefactors, donors, well wishers and educational support of students for the past 10 years to make Bro. Beausang what it is today. We would also like to thank our teachers and volunteers (Aileen and Ronney) for their undivided effort to make a difference in the lives of our young pupils. To our dear parents/guardians, keep up the spirit of taking care of our children by owning responsibilities. You are role models to the children. Your presence in their lives whenever they need you is of much blessing. Our humble urge is that you work closely with the school as to improve the discipline of the children. Positive discipline with love hence define our children to become good citizens who will be able to give back their services to the community. Congratulations to all the parents who were elected class representative. We extend our thanks to the Counselling Centre for their contribution on the personal growth of our teachers and our parents. Keep up the good work you are doing to the community at large. To our dear mothers in the kitchen, *hongerera sana kwa kutozikiwa chakula kitamu*. God bless you all for the good work you are doing for the children.

We are all called to live a life of abundance. To make this a reality the following needs to be done; connect with self and others, commit yourself to any positive change, compassion for the world around you, contemplate and contract for the result in order to make any progress in our lives and for our beloved school.

To our dear girls—the Divas ladies, on behalf of our girls we are very grateful for your continuous support to supply sanitary pads. May God bless you and your families greatly. We value you and we love you. I would also like to acknowledge all the visitors who have visited our school through out the year. The Australian team, Tom Purcel and his group, Eddy Sheehy, Peter Hogan, Frank, John McKenna, Stephen and their group and the Italian group. Recently we were blessed to host a group of Irish friends from St. David's Artane led by Seamus, Martina, Mike, Amanda and all the students who selflessly took our class 8 for a trip to Lake Nakuru National Park. Most of our pupils had not visited the place before and they really enjoyed. The Special Unit class had their trip to the animal orphanage too.

On behalf of our Class 8 pupils and Special Unit we are very delighted for their wonderful time they spend with us and for funding those wonderful trips. Be blessed. We are humbled with no words to define our thanks for the bags you donated to the children. The parents greatly appreciated this support.

**Memorable quotes dedicated to all our pupils and students.**

I can give you directions, but I cannot be there to lead you always.

I can offer you advice, but I cannot accept it for you.

I can tell you about lofty goals but I cannot achieve them for you, I can teach you about integrity, but I cannot keep you pure, I can give you the right advice but I cannot decide for you. So own your duties and responsibilities. I believe we can make Bro. Beausang better by all owning our duties encouraging teamwork and living together as one family.

I WISH YOU WONDERFUL XMAS AND BLESSED 2011.

TR. EVA NJAGI.

HEAD TEACHER PRIMARY SCHOOL.

**Another reflection on a group member's 'Immersion Experience' in July 2010- 16 August 2010**

"... seeing the poverty, hearing the stories of heartbreak and survival impacted me deeply, as I realised that knowledge and images can never portray accurately the way of life some of our fellow human beings are forced to live in each and every day. Yet, in spite of being unemployed, having no money, living in a tin shed without power or water, and wondering where their next meal would come from, the African people were people of joy, people of hope, people of generosity and people of faith. I learnt from these people that it is not the material wealth that matters the most, but the relationships amongst one another. Their wealth abides in the relationships demonstrated in their strong sense of community and in their strong relationship with God..."

**St. Bernards Essendon, Australia**

A huge thank you to Brothers, Students, Teachers and the community of Brother Beausang school. This is the third visit from the teachers and students of Saint David's C.B.S Artane. It has been an incredible experience, teaching the wonderful children, home visits, art classes, maths, musical and safari.

The football match between the two schools was so enjoyable, especially for the victorious Irish!!!

When we arrived up the hill from Karen and saw the school, its like returning home. Embulbul has become a part of all our lives. The smiles of the students, the fun we shared, the tremendous African "Karibu/ welcome" are a joy.

It is with heavy hearts that the group of 16 return home. We will miss you all and we cannot wait for the return journey in 2012.

**Asante Sana**

**Seamus O'Reilly**



Students and staff of Bro. Beausang and St David's Artane on a recent trip to Lake Nakuru Park



Fr. Alex Itusi receives gifts from students during the special prayer day for STD & K.C.P.E. candidates

#### Education, everyone's pride

A goal is set for us to achieve  
In parliament, men are ministers,  
In university, men are lectures  
You are able girls, you are able

Waste time and you will be frustrated forever  
Noisemaking will make the knowledge evaporate  
Technicians work like machines  
Professors, sober like judges  
Biologist busy as bees

If we strive aids cure will be discussed  
If you commit yourself to education  
The parliament seats will be occupied by ladies  
If you think positively, everything will be alright  
But if you doze everything will be lost  
You are able, girls you are able

God will punish us for not exploiting our talents  
Why should we wait for God's wrath  
Beausang is the place to model our talents  
Girls guarantee yourselves bright future!  
You are able girls you are able.

Joseph Mutua—Form 2 F

#### Appreciation

It is with much pleasure that I seize this golden opportunity to express my gratitude to the administration and the entire Bro. Beausang community for their unfailing support. As I flash my mind back, I recall that Monday 29 January 2007 when my aunt accompanied me to the school for an interview. Later I was informed that I had been offered a vacancy and the very day I commenced studying at home awaiting for the admission day.

A huge wall had separated me from a considerable future but it has been cracking and falling bit by bit since the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007 when I wore a shirt, white socks, a tie and a white shirt for the first time and became a student of Bro. Beausang school.

I thank God for being with us for all that time, I thank the administration for giving me a chance to study, teachers for sharing their knowledge with me, the non-teaching staff for their support to ensure that my education continued, the sponsors for paying my school fees and the student body for their cooperation. Special thanks to my guardian and the family for accommodating and catering for my needs for the period I was a student in Bro. Beausang.

Thankyou and God Bless you all...

May Wanjia  
4F - 2010

#### Time to Farewell

As we now look back and think of our first day at Beausang, the contrast tells it all. It seems like it was only yesterday, that on February 12, 2007 we joined the Brother Beausang community.

Young faces, jovial boys and girls, fresh minds and a little bit of certainty. Now, although the nostalgia and memories still remain camped in our mind and soul, the young faces have matured and our wits have been sharpened and refined as we now prepare to leave.

The battle has not always been easy, fighting against enemies with two-sided swords, cutting through the dense fog knowing not what lies ahead but we have made it to this point. As we bid Beausang adieu, we are still at times overwhelmed by the highs and lows that we have experienced together.

Our collective poem "Four Years at Beausang" is now almost finished but it will remain part of what we treasure in the archives of our life's history - never to be erased. Even as we physically leave, our souls and memories will always remain part of Beausang - the community that nurtured us and gave us a chance to live up to the school motto - "Cope & Dream".

Wanjia Daniel Enia Form 4 ECSE Candidate 2010

#### Did you know?

...that all kinds of pollution lead to water pollution besides the noise pollution that pollutes only the atmosphere? Take a walk with me here below:

Firstly, when air is polluted by harmful gases like carbon dioxide, sulphur (VI) Oxide and Nitron (IV) Oxide. All these gases combine with rain forming acidic rain water which is water pollution.

Similarly, soil pollution leads to water pollution. How? When fertilizers are applied on farms, they pollute soil in terms of contamination. Due to soil erosion, the soil is washed away and drained into rivers and nearby water bodies. Is that not water pollution?

Believe or not, pesticides, insecticides as well as perfumes commonly used by people pollute water. They do so when they are suspended into the atmosphere, then rain comes. All these chemicals are drained into rivers and water bodies.

#### The fact of it

...that the worst marine pollution was when Saddam Hussein retreated from Kuwait Gulf war; he ordered a Kuwaiti refinery to release 908 million litres of oil into the Gulf 25 times.

...that the highest carbon dioxide emission country on earth is USA. The USA has the highest Carbon dioxide emission which causes green effects as well as global warming.

...that the largest hole in the Ozone layer is found in the stratosphere about 12-45 km. It is 18 miles large.

...that the most environmentally friendly country is Finland. It heads environmental sustainability Index compiled in 2001 by the World Economic Forum. It is based on 22 core indicators covering five areas including: Environmental system air and water quality reducing human environmental degradation.

Check out for more!!

Lazarus Nzuka Muoki - Environmental Captain

#### Important Dates

##### Term 1 2011

Monday 3 January to Thursday 31 March (13 weeks)

Week 1: 3/1 - Admin / Leadership Day

4/1 - Staff Day

5/1 - Form 4 Orientation Day / Class 8 Orientation Day

6/1 - School officially opens for Secondary and Primary

Week 7: 14/2 - 18/2 CAT WEEK and mid-term break (18/2)

Week 10: 9/3 - Ash Wednesday

Week 12-13: 21/3 - 31/3 EXAMS

TERM BREAK 4/4 TO 29/4 (Easter 22/4 - 25/4)

\* Form 4 April Program 11/4 - 14/4 } Parent Interviews / collection

18/4 - 21/4 of reports Friday 15/4

\* Staff Seminar Week 26/4 - 28/4 (Tuesday - Thursday)

#### Announcement

- Form 4 exam fees (Ksh 4050—Ksh 4250 depending on the number of subjects studied) must be paid before end of January
- These fees must be paid by the candidate. They are NOT paid by either the sponsor or the school unless special arrangements are made.

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