



The School of St Jude

FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

Another year has quickly passed me by and it is time to prepare for end of year awards ceremonies, sending children home for the break and of course for the all-important FESTIVE SEASON!

Given that Christmas is just around the corner I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to the unique gift ideas in this special edition newsletter that will support St Jude's this year...



SPECIAL EDITION

Getting Ready for Christmas!

- **eCard Gifts that can be sent all around the world to friends, family and colleagues!**
- **The Hopeful Chef cookbook: a stylish and delicious present for any keen cook.**
- **Stamp Packs for collectors and enthusiasts.**

Traditionally Christmas is a time to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. It is a time for giving, a time for family and friends and a time to enjoy a break, taking stock of the year that was.

I am looking forward to spending some quality time with Richard, Nathaniel, Jacob and the ever-growing Isabella. The St Jude's Western volunteers and local staff have had a long tough year so we've made the decision to completely close the administration office to give them some additional time off at Christmas. No doubt they will make the most of this time, returning to school in the new year refreshed and ready for what is shaping up to be ANOTHER big year!

The students will finish classes in early December returning to their families or guardians in villages and towns around Arusha. Our dedicated teachers who are embracing change every day and working hard for the greater good of the school will also finish their teaching duties at this time. Both students and teachers will return in 2011 in early January to commence classes.

I wish you all; our donors, supporters and friends a very special Christmas. Whether you will be enjoying a BBQ outdoors in the Australian summer or indoors by a fire with loved ones, I want to thank you in advance for your support and hope you receive many blessings this Christmas.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if you have any special requirements with regards to your support and donations this Christmas.

Best wishes





St Jude's eCard Gifts

St Jude's is launching (after much anticipation) charitable gifts! Unique and thoughtful, the eCard Gifts will this year help to take the pressure off the running costs of the school and hopefully provide our supporters with some Christmas giving solutions.

Available online, the gifts are sent via email to a recipient or sent to yourself to be printed and delivered to the lucky person! There are **five eCard Gifts** to choose from, each supporting various areas of the school, at different price amounts. Perhaps Mum would appreciate that her gift has gone towards something fun like school excursions? Maybe St Jude's charitable gifts are the ideal gift for grandchildren or friends living overseas? Do you have an office Secret Santa gift to buy or need that little extra stocking filler?



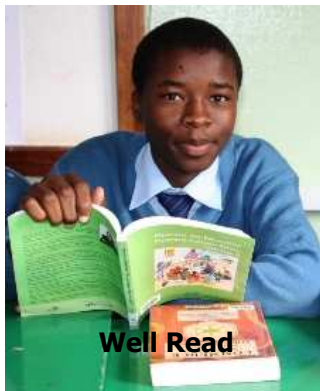
Whether it be \$20 for *Out and About* or \$200 for *Where Most Needed* there is something for everyone with the new eCard Gifts! Plus the online function means that **100% of the donation goes towards fighting poverty through education** at the school, instead of printing, staff and postage costs.

Anyone with an email address and a credit card can purchase St Jude's eCard Gifts! The process is simple; just go online, click through to the eCards page using the SEND eCARDS icon (as pictured above), choose a gift and recipient, write your message (or use the one already indicated), continue shopping for eCards one at a time, then when you've done all your shopping proceed to the checkout and pay via PayPal. Your recipient will receive a brightly coloured email outlining that you've thoughtfully purchased them a gift! They will also have the option to download a PDF which furthermore outlines in depth how the donation will support the school.

If you have any problems do not hesitate to contact us on schoolofstjude@habari.co.tz



Boarding, Beds and Bedding eCard Gift



Well Read



Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Out and About eCard Gift



St Jude's Stamp Series

Collectors, Stamp Enthusiasts and Supporters!!

Stamp Collectors!



Purchase St Jude's very own Tanzanian stamp series.

If you have a stamp collector in the family then they will definitely love the opportunity to have a keepsake from St Jude's **first-ever stamp series**. The stamp series features the various settings of the school including the brightly coloured buses that can be seen picking up and taking home our students and staff in and around Arusha.

The 700 TSH stamp features smiling Prep student Gadiel who represents the 150 new children St Jude's takes on each year after a rigorous testing process. The stamp series includes two variations of the 400 TSH stamp; one depicting the small classroom sizes enjoyed by students at St Jude's, the other highlights the secondary school that opened in 2009 that also provides free quality education and in 2014 will see the first graduates. The 600 TSH stamp pictures three happy girls eating a nutritious lunch of vegetable pilau, a traditional Tanzanian dish.

St Jude's is offering our supporters and stamp enthusiasts two special packs, a memento (and perhaps a collector's item) for many years to come. **The stamps are available for purchase online**—also look out for the stamps on letters and aerograms being sent from your sponsor student too!

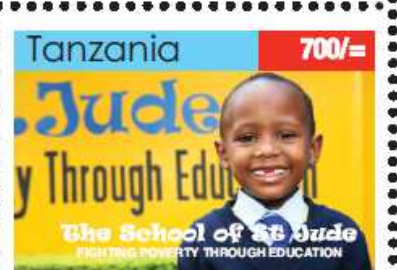
Pack One – Souvenir Pack 25 AUD (inc. P&H)

- X1 4-stamp souvenir stamp sheet
- X1 400 TSH stamp, X1 600 TSH stamp, X1 700 TSH stamp, X1 800 TSH stamp
- X1 Official Stamp Series brochure from Tanzania Posts Corporation
- X1 Official stamp display folder,
- X1 Official stamp envelope



Pack Two – Collectors Edition Pack (Limited Availability) 40 AUD (inc. P&H)

- X1 Official First Day Cover Stamps: post marked for 28th Oct in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- X1 4-stamp souvenir stamp sheet
- X1 400 TSH stamp, X1 600 TSH stamp
- X1 700 TSH stamp, X1 800 TSH stamp
- X1 Official Stamp Series brochure from Tanzania Posts Corporation
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General Donation

Perhaps you would like to make a larger General Donation to St Jude's this Christmas on behalf of your family, club or business? The classroom construction, boarding house construction and fuel appeals are still in need of funds for 2011. If this is something you would like to support simply visit the website and select General Donation or contact Gemma directly.



The Hopeful Chef Cookbook

The front cover of The Hopeful Chef

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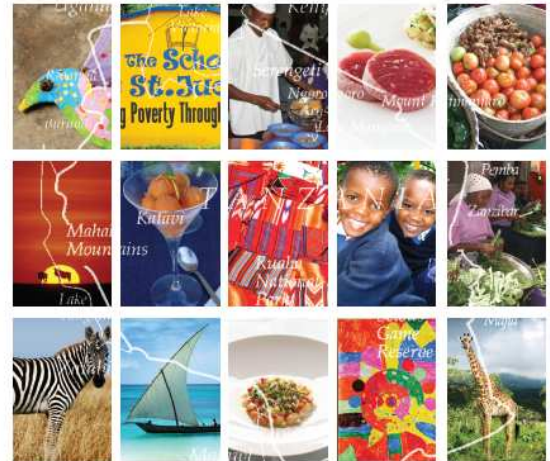
Kemp Strang, a Sydney-based commercial law firm, this year offered their support through developing a unique promotional tool for the school. Together with St Jude's the Kemp Strang Community Focus Group has created 'The Hopeful Chef', a stylish cookbook.

Joining the international 'food craze' and jumping on the Masterchef bandwagon Kemp Strang enlisted the support of high-profile chefs, food stylists and photographers to create something truly scrumptious to support our worthy cause!

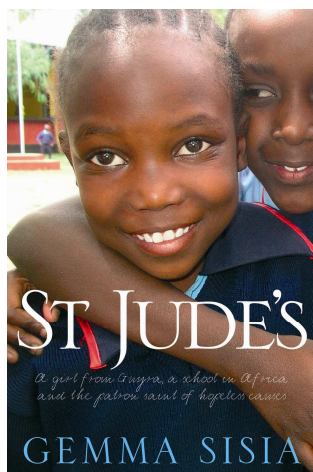
Some of you—our supporters—have contributed a favourite recipe, along with many dedicated employees of Kemp Strang and some big-name foodies from Australia. 'The Hopeful Chef' also features Tanzanian dishes which were donated by St Jude's staff, making it a truly Australian-Tanzanian effort! You will also find Gemma's favourite Goat Soup recipe—if you are feeling brave!

All proceeds from the book have been generously donated to St Jude's by Kemp Strang of which we are extremely grateful. There are 1,000 copies of the book to be sold at **35 AUD** each plus postage and handling. To purchase 'The Hopeful Chef' visit the St Jude's online store. **(Note: Taking orders now, distribution from 27 Nov. Last orders for Xmas delivery taken on 15 Dec.)**

Big Thank You to all of those who contributed or helped—brilliant effort! Happy cooking...



One of the delicious recipes



Gemma's book 'St Jude's'

Ensuring someone a good read over the festive break is always a popular gift idea. Gemma's book 'St Jude's' tells the story of a girl from the bush and her quest to **fight poverty through education** in Tanzania. Even if you already know the story of how The School of St Jude started, the book will still make you laugh and probably cry! 'St Jude's' was released in 2007 by PanMacmillan and became a best-seller in Australia. The book is still being passed on to friends and family all around the world and is one of the best promotional tools for the school. To purchase a copy for yourself or a friend simply visit our website www.schoolofstjude.co.tz and click on the book icon on the right hand side tab.