



LCA SPONSOR NEWSLETTER

Highlights of Term 3, 2014

VOLUME 4 ISSUE 3

The theme for Lighthouse Christian Academy, Term 3 2014 was "Finish the race well".

Students were challenged to finish off the year in good faith and with a heart of serving God in all things that they would do. They were encouraged by the teachers of the Academy to always look to God in all they do and challenged to look at how their faith matters in their life; how does their faith make a difference in their actions and their overall daily life.

We commenced the term with a Parent Information meeting held at the Academy and it was such a pleasure to see so many grandparents/parents/guardians attend this session and for participating so willingly in the Academy. A Parent and Friends committee has been formed and we should see some great things in 2015 when this committee is up and running.

During Term 3 the students of the two younger classes commenced swimming lessons. The students all received new swimming costumes and they certainly were excited to hit the water as they started to learn different skills and became more confident in the water. A huge thank you to Mr Todd for organizing this for the students.

Our students worked diligently throughout the term on their Pace Work and the Academy saw some excellent results for the term. Well done to all the students for their diligence in committing themselves to the work that was set before them.

We also had sandpit installed in the Academy grounds, which will see our students being able to learn different types of play in this area.

Deb Turner continued on as a volunteer for the first 4 weeks of the term and then she was farewelled in October, but this farewell is not for too long as Deb will be returning to the Academy in 2015 as an administrator and support to the teachers in different capacities as her experience sees fit. Deb has worked at a Caloundra Christian College for 13 years in the capacity of Teacher Aid.

Mr Todd M continued on as a volunteer in the capacity of Pre-school teacher. Todd brought such a joy to the classroom and a wealth of experience in teaching and training our young students. The weekly art and craft lessons were a highlight in the students week.

We saw two of senior students, Samson and Knowledge, suffer from illness during the term and are thankful that they are recovering well.

Lighthouse Christian Academy farewells three valuable staff, Mr Sheppard Gobvu, Miss Cheri and Mrs Moyo.

Mr Gobvu has served at the Academy since it commenced and we wish him all the best in his future adventures.

Miss Cheri felt God leading her to serve in a school in Mauritius and we thank her for her commitment to our Academy in the role of Supervisor for her contributions over the last 2 years.

Mrs Moyo is retiring after serving with us for the last five and a half years. May God's richest blessings be upon all these staff.

LCA's First Graduate

We had our first student, Shepherd Gumedé graduate this year. Shepherd has been attending the Academy since it commenced. He is hoping to pursue his interests in guitar and music along with his desire to serve God in his life. We wish Shepherd all the blessings of

the Lord in his future and thank him for his many contributions to the Academy with his musical abilities and we will miss his smile, cheeky character and morning worship sessions leading on his guitar.



TAPIWA - a student in the making

written by Todd "Mr Tea" Mavundukure

What is the role of modern mission Schools like Lighthouse Christian Academy? What is our end goal? How do we measure the success (of indeed failure) of our endeavours?

The simple answer is to look towards our model students.

Tapiwa Mutasa is one such student. He is a six year old boy in the first-grade class. Although he is the second youngest student in the group, Tapiwa has consistently been one of our top achievers.

Tapiwa has a raging thirst for knowledge that is astounding in a child so young and especially diminutive in stature (as he boldly stands in at 2 feet something!!!!) His capacity for retaining what has been taught is enormous. He is constantly showing off what he has learnt with gusto whether or not he is correct. His hand is always one of the first to go up whether or not he is prepared to give an answer.

With a little inspiration, Tapiwa is willing to cast away his fears as was seen when we first introduced the swimming class. He had a massive fear of water and was literally in tears during the first two sessions. He is now one of our most confidence and able swimmers. These days he has to be often reminded not to shout during swimming practice as he regularly yells "Look at me!!!" whilst undertaking some boisterous moves in the pool. He is always cheerful and helpful, kind and honest. When he does wrong, Tapiwa owns up and often implores others to the same. Reciting Bible verses is one of his great talents. He has a resonant public-speakers voice. This turns especially loud and deep specifically at singing times in his typical showman's way.

Tapiwa respects what we, as staff, donors and well-wishers of Lighthouse Christian Academy strive to achieve. To send into the world God-fearing, loving, conscientious, respectful, hard-working, positive-minded, community-driver and goal-oriented individuals.

It is through such students that I am satisfied that Lighthouse continues to fulfil its educational, human, national and social mandate in the children's' lives. Also being fulfilled is the school's commitment towards giving Zimbabwe young men and women in whose hands our future lies secure within the values and ethics they have been taught here.

Tapiwa hopes to become a driver, doctor, farmer, fisherman, fireman, policeman, shopkeeper, soldier or teacher one day.



Prize-giving and Awards Ceremony

This year's final prize-giving and awards ceremony was held at the Bulawayo Baptist Church. A huge thank you to all the parents and relatives and friends of our students that attended to support the students. There were many certificates awarded to students for all classes in categories consisting of; Academic Award; Bible Memory Verse Award; Most Improved Student Award; Citizenship Award and Sportsmanship Award.

The Academy see the recognition of the student's efforts as a key area in their learning and a time to honour our students for their hard work and their participation throughout the Academy.



Notes of Thanks

We give thanks to God for seeing us through Term 3. He is the Almighty.

Thank you EdGE Foundation for your AMAZING partnership with Our Neighbours Ministry to enable LCA to be what it is.

We thank all of our generous sponsors and supporters. Thank you so much for all that you enable. Thank you for your partnership.

Thank you Lindsay for volunteering your time every Thursday reading to our students. And we take this time to honour our Teachers at the Academy. We thank God for your continued commitment to serving our Lord in this very important place.

Many thanks to the volunteers that have come through the doors of Lighthouse and bringing with you the love of the Lord and the spirit of fun.. May God bless you all.