



Karuri School Project

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News Update — April 2012

Visit to Sacred Heart School, February 2012, Patricia Moore

Tremendous progress has been made since my previous visit in May 2011. There are new buildings, new teachers and new pupils. Wangari continues to lead the school with energy and enthusiasm.



There are now 82 pupils on roll, including 14 boarders. The new uniform is popular with everyone.



Three new classrooms have been constructed of wood with cement-bag lining to ensure waterproofing.



The toilet block has been completed and the staff, pupils and local community celebrated at a grand opening ceremony.



The kitchen, dining room and dormitories are now furnished and in use.

Barclays Fundraiser

Barclays Bank in Ramsey has been receiving donations and bag sales money from our fund-raising over the past year. They recently offered to organize an Easter Egg Raffle which could be match-funded for our Karuri School Project as part of their Charity programme. Amanda Smith and David Redman set up a wonderfully varied display of eggs of all shapes and sizes donated by staff members and friends. We were allowed to help sell raffle tickets and give donations to raise money to the maximum value of £750. On April 4th the tickets were drawn and all the lucky winners informed by telephone.

The final total was really amazing. We had raised £721.24 and will have that amount match funded, giving us a total of **£1442.48** to add to our funds. We send our very grateful thanks to Amanda and David at Barclays and to all the many people who donated to support our Karuri School Project.

Jill Wadsworth



Peter Robertson Fund

This Fund, established in 2008 under the provisions of the Will of the late Dr Robertson, was set up to assist local Charities and groups which support vulnerable people and promote the Christian faith. Following an application in December 2011, we were delighted to receive a grant of £1675 towards the cost of rebuilding the toilets at the school. A huge thank you to the trustees of the Fund which has been instrumental in enabling Wangari to have a functioning toilet block - now in the final stages of completion.



An intricate plumbing system allows the toilets to be flushed as required, usually three times a day.

Quiz night

A big thank you to everyone who supported our second Karuri quiz night held at St Gregory's Catholic Primary school at the end of February. The hall was filled with 16 teams of assorted size, ages and indeed knowledge. It was all very light hearted and everyone seemed to have a good time with over £550 raised for the Project. We intend to hold 2 quizzes a year in the Autumn and Spring, so look out for the next one.



Margaret, Sheila and Marina



The quiz, ably led by John and Sue



Everyone had a great time



Glynis, in charge of the raffle

Jill contacted Bostik Ltd, and Wangari was delighted to receive a parcel of goodies sent directly to Naivasha for use by the pupils at the school. **Thank you Bostik.**



Maria

The new store cupboard

Fund Raising Bags

Our sincere thanks go to Sheila and Jill for their dedication in selling our popular African bags. Throughout the year, Sheila, Jill and others have visited a variety of Craft Fayres, organisations, Church and Women's Groups, talking about Wangari's work and raising money for her school.

We would particularly like to thank Women's Institutes from around the region, and St Ives Rotary Group for their interest and support.

