



# Huruma School Newsletter

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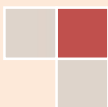
## A Word from Our Principal

"Every student matters, every moment counts" has been the underlying theme for our school this term. We have been focusing on raising our standards beginning with the inside and growing outwards. The key areas of focus for this transformation have been Teachers, Students, Parents/Sponsors and Culture. We rallied our teachers together, broke them into teams, identified opportunities for growth and developed strategies to help us evolve in each area. Already we're seeing changes in the students respect for proper uniform attire, their involvement in study groups and willingness to help one another, we've introduced our own school Vision, Mission, Motto, and Core Values and, implemented a teachers "Observation Tool" and much, much more.

By God's grace He has sent Susan Cousineau, from Canada, who has been instrumental in guiding us through the improvements we desire here at Huruma School. As the school term draws to an end, we are grateful to the team from Cornerstone Church for providing an empowering Teachers Conference in July that opened our minds to innovative ways to look at teaching, strategies on how to evolve and the importance of goal setting. You left us feeling full of hope, encouraged and well fed!! We commit to incorporating many of your recommendations throughout the year!

Our prayer is that God continues to guide our path, that He opens our eyes to His will for our as teachers, and as a school and creates a desire and commitment in our students that helps them develop to their fullest potential. We thank you for your love and support and ask for you to keep us in your prayers and to partner with us in encouraging your child to perform to the best of their ability, give academics the attention it deserves and to fight hard to make this time in their life count. We want them to enjoy the freedom that lies ahead of them through knowledge, hard work, discipline, commitment and determination.

God bless to you and your families.



## A Message from Our Headmistress

My name is Jacinta Kimani, I am the Headmistress here at Huruma Primary School. I've been teaching at this school for the past five years and this year I was promoted to Headmistress. I am blessed to be given the opportunity to teach here, as I love children, I love teaching, and Huruma is where you'll find my heart.



By the grace of God a lot of positive changes have taken place in the past year as we continue to "raise the bar" in academics to help our teachers and students grow. We are working very hard to instill a culture of discipline, respect and the importance of a good education for our children.

Huruma children are bright and there's lots of room for improvement which is why we are shining the spotlight on academics. It is my prayer that you, our valued parent sponsors, will join hands with me to encourage your child to apply themselves to the best of their ability and to approach their studies with a greater level of commitment. You may choose to begin this by setting academic goals for your child next term, which begins in September, and rewarding them based on results.

We need your prayers and we welcome your support in helping us "raise the bar" in academics here at Huruma School!

### Core Values:

- We value our faith and a meaningful relationship with God.
- We value a welcoming community based on trust, discipline and mutual respect, where all individuals feel they are important and with a sense of belonging.
- We value commitment, loyalty, and a willingness to support our fellow brothers and sisters.
- We value teamwork, collaboration and a strong sense of community.
- We value active and meaningful learning experiences in our classrooms and school.
- We value excellence and set high standards and personal goals for continual improvement.

### *Mission:*

*To empower children to become productive members of society through education, self reliance, and by fostering a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.*





## Teachers Working Together...

### Teacher Evaluation Tool:

We have implemented a "Teachers Observation Protocol" initiative to better understand the effectiveness of our teachers.

We observe the teachers in their classroom and evaluated them in the following areas:

- Classroom Discipline/Management
- Student Involvement
- Student Engagement
- Teachers Professionalism

This new tool is helping us better understand the strength and weaknesses of our teachers and provide them with constructive feedback on a regular basis.

Teachers have welcomed this new tool and find it is validating what they do well and giving them new perspective on areas for improvement.

We would like to thank Melissa Hosten, who was an integral member of the Cornerstone Teachers Conference, for her insight, guidance and contribution in creating this valuable tool.

*Prayer:*  
*Have in thy keeping O Lord, Our*  
*God this school;*  
*That its work may be thorough and*  
*its life joyful;*  
*That from it may go out, strong in*  
*body, mind and character;*  
*Men and women who in Thy name*  
*and with Thy power,*  
*Will serve faithfully,*  
*Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.*  
*Amen*

## We are Grateful!

### Much needed "school books" for Primary students arrived...

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the many school books that were generously donated by Stephanie Goodell, her family and friends.

The books are very good and so helpful to our children. May the good Lord keep you and shower you with a lot of blessings. Thank you again, you are in our hearts.

Jacinta  
Headmistress, Huruma Primary School

### VBS was an amazing success...

We are grateful for the wonderful experience our children and teachers had during the VBS camp conducted by Cornerstone Church. It was a great opportunity to see how beautifully Science and Christianity can come together.

Many thanks to the "Sons and Sparks" lab team and for the backpacks as well. Our kids loved them! May God bless you abundantly and may He enable you to come again next year.

Primary Teachers

