



Global School Partners Newsletter Term One, 2020



Trying Times in Kenya

Kenya, like Australia, has had a tumultuous start to the year. When Simon and Greg visited in January, they contended with the rain. The rain made it difficult to visit schools and caused significant issues for the schools without brick classrooms. The rain has continued affecting crops and the ability of the students and teachers to get to school.



In addition, the locust plague in East Africa has severely impacted food production, leaving the people of Kenya struggling with food scarcity and rising prices.

COVID-19 has also reached Kenya. So far, there are few confirmed cases in Kenya, but the government closed all schools from the 17th of March and has imposed a 7pm to 5am curfew. Term two is scheduled to start on the 4th of May, but it is uncertain when schools will open again.



Global School Partners will continue to update you as the situation in Kenya continues to unfold. At this stage, we have not received word that any GSP school students, teachers or families have contracted COVID-19.

Congratulations to our Kenyan school graduates!

It has always been our aim to work collaboratively with schools around the world to achieve mutually agreed upon goals that build the capacity to both alleviate poverty and raise awareness of how education can overcome poverty. Our aim is to make our schools self-sustainable enterprises that do not require our help to grow and provide excellent educational outcomes for the communities they serve.

Global School Partners is proud to announce that two schools in Kenya have graduated from the program! These schools have achieved the goals set and they now operate sustainable business models, which includes water sources, sanitation and permanent school infrastructure to enable students to learn effectively.

We are proud to have journeyed with these schools and glad to see our work bearing fruit. Graduate schools are still supported with sponsorship and the Young Women's Program.

Thank you to all of you who have generously supported Global School Partners to achieve this excellent result!

**Congratulations Canberra Sunshine Academy and
Tabaka Academy!**



We Need Your Support!



The GSP [Young Women's Program](#) no longer has a sponsor. This program is vital to closing the gap in Kenya and reducing rates of poverty among young women in Kenya. Young women in our partner schools used to miss up to one week of school every month due to menstruation. The absenteeism was caused by a lack of sanitary pads and a lack of understanding about puberty.

GSP has partnered with Rentokil Initial to provide sanitary pads to young women at GSP schools that can be disposed of safely and environmentally. This Program, consisting of education, mentoring and the provision of pads, reduces absenteeism by 88%! Nine in ten young GSP women now attend school full time, so that they could keep up with their studies and continue to progress through school.

The Young Women's Program is currently helping over 1000 young women in rural Kenya to continue their education. In order to continue this good work, GSP needs your support. [Please consider donating to this excellent cause.](#)



Have You Considered Sponsorship?

Joy Kemunto has previously been supported but is looking for a new sponsor to help her complete her secondary studies.

GSP first met Joy in 2017. She is an intelligent and hard working student who wants to complete secondary school and explore further studies. Joy is one of three daughters to a single mother. Her mother struggles to provide for her 3 children by selling vegetables on the roadside.

If you would like to help Joy, please contact our CEO [Simon Carroll](#). Visit [our Sponsorship page](#) to learn more about this program.



Our current projects

Two current projects are building permanent brick classrooms at Riamabana Academy and Jariah Education Centre. Both these projects lack the funds to fully complete the classrooms. Please [donate here](#) to support these projects!

Sad News for the GSP Family

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Charles Ayieko. He was the Director of Excellence Academy and passed away after a long battle with chronic illness. His son Alfred will take over as the director and we look forward to working with him.

Name change for our Sponsorship Program

We feel that our sponsorship program is structured more as a scholarship program, because the support primarily goes to the school who in turn provide certain benefits to the student. These benefits include a waiver of school fees, uniforms, stationery and in some circumstances lunches at school. This support in its longest possible form, has a

finite time frame of the student's years of study.

What does this mean for our sponsors - no change! The program will continue as is, but with the name changed to Scholarship. So our current sponsors will be sponsoring a scholarship for their chosen child.
