



Annual report 2014-15



9 September 2015

The year in summary

The 2014-15 year started well with a team travelling to Kenya to visit Global School Partners (GSP) Kenyan schools. The team consisted of CEO Simon Carroll, two teachers from Sacred Heart Primary School ACT – Anne Gowen and Jenny Bartlett – and local ACT GP Dr John Howe.

The trip went extremely well with the teachers engaging in classrooms with students at every school and Dr Howe conducting health education lessons at each school, while Simon was able to interview sponsored students, inspect projects and discuss future activities.



A highlight of the trip was a visit by students from Canberra Girls Grammar School (CGGS) Senior, accompanied by Head of our partner school, CGGS Junior, Heather Ablett, to their partner school Canberra Sunshine Academy (CSA). The only hiccup of the trip was the delay in the container of donated education items, resulting in the team missing the arrival as it reached Kisii two days after our departure. The container goods were still successfully distributed to each school and photographic evidence received.

The new website was developed and launched in August 2014, as was a new email platform. In addition Mail Chimp has been utilised for email campaigns to GSP Friends.

Financially the year was rewarding with 20 projects successfully completed thanks to financial donations from Australian Partner schools and individual donors. The engagement of accountant Glenda Wilkinson to manage and report on GSP finances was a significant step forward to enable regular and compliant financial record keeping.

GSP Zimbabwe built on their activities with visits by Brian and Pam Ness and lecturers from the University of Newcastle. A trip by partner school Hunter Valley Grammar students is planned for early 2015-16 year.

The single most satisfying project occurred because Kerobe Joybright Academy, which is partnered with Latham Primary, ACT, was literally bulldozed to make way for a new road. Latham and private donors responded magnificently and the new brick classroomed school was built a little further up the hillside. Kerobe Joybright Academy was able to open at the start of 2015 academic year, a great success as the school provides one of the few education opportunities for children in the area.

The addition of Penrith High School, NSW as an Australian partner to Kenyan school, St Thomas Nyakobaria and the partnering of St Clare of Assisi Primary, ACT with St Joseph's Academy Kenya, following the closure of Kings Angels Academy, meant a strong finish to 2014-15.

The year also ended on a high with the endorsement of GSP as a deductible gift recipient by the Australian Taxation Office. This endorsement had been delayed by changes to our NGO support organization in Kenya and signals the coming of age of GSP as a Public Benevolent Institution charity with the same status as other larger, more well-known organisations in Australia.

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Current status at 30 June 2015

16 schools in Kenya partnered with 16 schools in Australia.

1 school in Zimbabwe partnered with 1 school in Australia.

88 projects successfully completed in Kenya since commencement in 2011, with 20 occurring this financial year. This includes the supply of hundreds of text books, over 2 thousand exercise books and thousands of stationery and education resource items.

58 students sponsored.



Financial report

Opening balance 1 July 2014	\$17,760.73
Income 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015	\$70,942.09
Expenditure 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015	\$79,550.46
Net loss for the year	\$8,608.37

Income for projects	\$45,643.49
Income for sponsorship	\$23,778.60
Operational income	<u>\$1,520.00</u>
Total	<u>\$70,942.09</u>

Expenditure for projects	\$53,030.00
Expenditure for sponsorship	\$24,707.62
Operational expenditure*	<u>\$1,812.84</u>
Total	<u>\$79,550.46</u>

*(Made up of bank fees \$490.00, Freight for container \$992.84, website hosting \$330.00)

NOTE: P&L and Balance sheet available upon request.

Future plans

Fundraising and publicity

DGR status has always been viewed by the Board as crucial for long term viability and many activities including an official launch have been delayed until DGR endorsement occurred. Achievement of this endorsement on 15 May 2015 enables the Board to develop a more public profile and undertake formal fundraising activities.

These activities include:

- A formal launch
- A fund raising dinner
- Other fundraising activities, such as an interschool trivia night

Board and patron

The Board is actively seeking a well-connected and suitably qualified person to join the Board and transition to Chairperson. This will enable separation of the CEO and Chair roles which are currently filled by Simon Carroll.

In addition a suitable high profile patron is to be sought.

Sustainability

GSP is seeking suitable volunteers to assist with website maintenance and updating and coordination of the sponsorship program.

Source and implement Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software.

GSP Projects - Kenya

GSP-Kenya Chapter projects

These projects are intended to be collaborative projects that will benefit all Kenyan partner schools and will be coordinated and operated by the GSP-KC committee.

Well-being officer – this will be a full time position for a person who visits each school on a monthly basis. The Well-being officer will be trained in January 2016 and in an ongoing way via email from Australia and via appropriate courses in Kenya. The office, for each school, will continue the health education program, inspect and treat toilets, ensure use and functionality of hand washing stations, collate and report absenteeism data and report on sponsor student welfare.

Uniform manufacture - currently one school has 2 sewing machines that parents volunteer and make school uniforms. This could be expanded to a cottage industry where sufficient machines are available and parents are hired to make uniforms for all GSP-KC schools and potentially other schools, for money.

Sustainable food program – this would entail the purchase or leasing of land to grow food crops for all the GSP-KC schools to share. Currently several of the schools do grow a very small amount of food on their limited land.

Computer access for schools – this project requires further scoping but could entail a mobile computer laboratory between the schools. (Model used by UK teacher for PhD)

Canberra Sunshine Academy

Partnered with Canberra Girls Grammar School Junior

The school has approximately 390 students from Year 1 to Year 8, the Director of the school is Mr Vincent Maseno, who is also the Chairman of GSP-KC.

Canberra Sunshine Academy was originally called Mwangaza Academy and in 2012 the mud and sticks buildings were washed away after heavy rain. The school relocated about 400 m further up the hill and began to rebuild.

Partner school CGGS Jnr has been very supportive and the school now has permanent brick classrooms and brick toilets.

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Water tank and guttering	CGGS Jnr
Tent and chairs	Private donor
Classroom construction and furnishings	CGGS Jnr
Container goods	CGGS Jnr
Water tank and guttering	CGGS student
Classroom construction	CGGS Jnr
Double storey classroom	CGGS Jnr
Desks	CGGS Jnr
Toilets	CGGS Jnr
Text and exercise books	CGGS Jnr
Electricity	CGGS Jnr
Hand washing stations	Private donor
Container goods	CGGS Jnr
Desks	CGGS Jnr
Toilets	CGGS student
Fence and gate	CGGS student
Text books	CGGS Jnr



Charcha Academy Esamba – now Garthill Academy

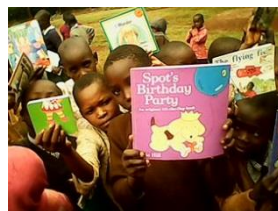
Partnered with St John Vianney Primary

Charcha Academy Esamba has officially changed its name to Garthill Academy. The school has progressed from mud and stick classrooms and even a class operating under a tree, when GSP was first introduced, to having permanent brick classrooms. The school has many children from poverty stricken homes and orphans who live at the school. A brother and sister family (the Kibeni's) came to the school in very poor health suffering extreme malnutrition which had stunted their growth (photo below). Unbelievably these two are over 10 years old. The school is seeking sponsors for many of its students.

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Water tanks x 2 and guttering	Private donor
Desks	Private donor
Office and classroom walls	Private donor
Electricity	Private donor
Classroom roof	Private donor
Container goods	St John Vianney
Hand washing stations	Private donor
4 brick classrooms	Private donor
Container goods	St John Vianney
Toilets	

Current project status - No further GSP projects currently underway though the school is seeking to finish another 4 brick classrooms that are currently under construction (roof only) , but the work is stalled through lack of funds. The school would also like to start keeping dairy goats to assist with feeding the students.



Charcha Academy Kiomanga

Partnered with Cabramatta Public Primary School

Charcha Academy Kiomanga has now resolved the water security issue it was having with the installation of the fence and gate. The school has many orphans and is seeking sponsorship of students to ensure that the children remain in the education system.

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Water tank and guttering	Private donor
Classroom completion – flooring, windows and doors	Cabramatta Public
Gate and fence for water security	Private donor
Hand washing stations	Private donor
Container goods	Cabramatta Public
Further classroom completion	Cabramatta Public

Current project status – funds from Cabramatta Public are being used to complete more classrooms. The school would like to build new toilets for the students when funding becomes available and install electricity.



Ikoba DEB Primary School

Partnered with Cabramatta West Primary School

This school has large grounds, with brick buildings that are in a very poor state of repair.

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Electricity	Private donor
Container goods	Cabramatta West
Hand washing stations	Private donor
Toilets	Cabramatta West
Container goods	Cabramatta West

Current project status – the school requires more toilets and has had one classroom collapse so is seeking to replace that. In addition the fence around the school has collapsed and in places been stolen, so for security would like to build a new fence.



Kerobe Joybright Academy

Partnered with Latham Primary School

The school consisted of 4 stick and mud classrooms when GSP was first introduced. The school grows by a class a year (e.g. 2011 it had baby to class 1, then in 2012 it offered class 2 etc) to keep pace with the students. So the construction of 3 more classrooms was vital for the schools progression. The school was not near a road so visitors had to park and walk approx 600 m to the school.

This year the local government decided that a road was needed in the area and so without consultation or compensation the 4 original classrooms, plus nearby farmer's tea bushes were bull dozed to make way for the new road. The school was decimated and displaced classes operated under a tarpaulin until GSP was able to fund the construction of new brick classrooms.

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Water tanks x2 with guttering	Private donor
3 classrooms	Latham Primary
Container goods	Latham Primary
Classroom dividing walls	Private donor
Text books, chairs	Private donor
Hand washing stations	Private donor
Container goods	Latham Primary
Brick classrooms	Private donors

Current project status – waiting for funds for blackboards, desks, windows.



St Joseph's Academy

Partnered with St Clare of Assisi Primary School

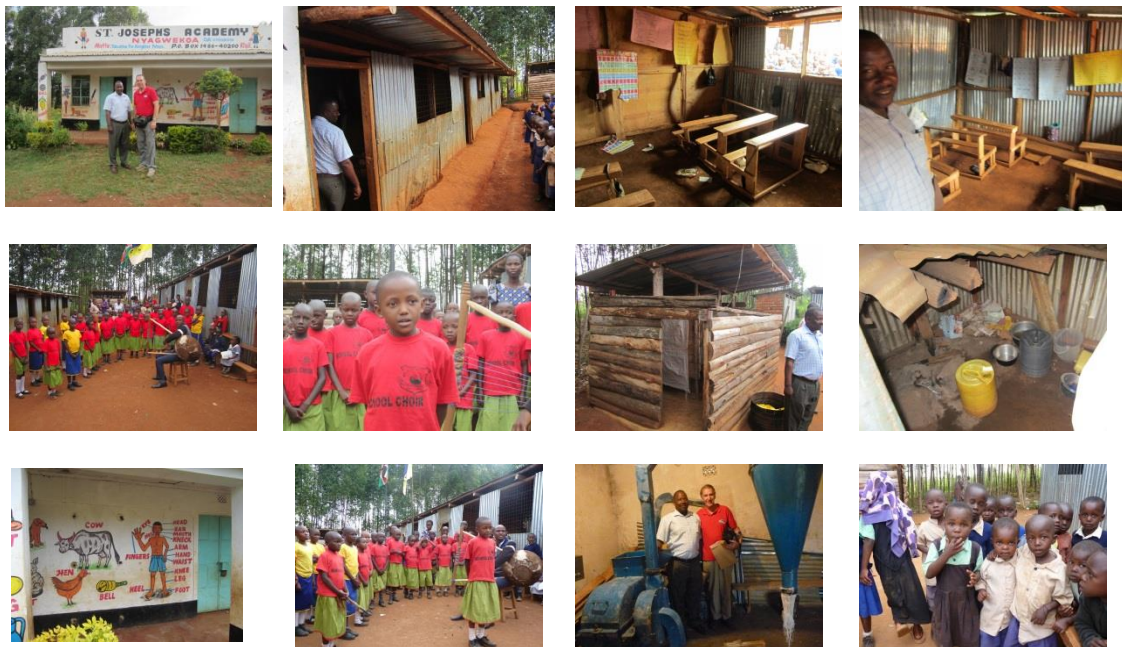
Originally a school called King's Angels Academy was partnered with Weston Preschool, which has since closed down. Then St Clare of Assisi Primary School joined GSP as the new partner. However Kings Angels has since closed.

Now St Clare's is partnered with a new school St Joseph's Academy, since August 2015.

Projects in date order:

Nil yet.

Current project status – Nil commenced, St Joseph's priorities are permanent brick classrooms, text books, games equipment and water.



Nyamira Boys High School

Partnered with James Meehan High School

This school changed from a co-ed to boys only in 2012 and has experienced strong growth in numbers since then. Consequently they have required several hundred new desks to maintain a sufficient quantity to match the student population.

Recently they have graded their oval to create better sporting facilities (athletics track and soccer field) as the school does well in the district for sport. The school has all students as boarders so has large dormitories plus several agricultural projects to assist with food supply.

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Water tank and guttering	James Meehan
Toilets	Private donor
Container goods	James Meehan
Desks and chairs	James Meehan
Toilets	Private donor
Desks and chairs	James Meehan
Hand washing stations	Private donors
Container goods	James Meehan

Current project status – The school still requires more toilets and desks, plus double decker beds for the dormitories and would like to renovate their dormitories.



Nyamusi Girls Secondary School

Partnered with Cabramatta High School

This is a girl's secondary school with most of the students staying as boarders on the campus. Growth in numbers has meant that the school has required beds and desks to accommodate the students.

The students all stood to eat all their meals, either in the hall or outside, so the school used funds from their partner school to purchase chairs for them to sit on.

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Beds – triple deckers	Private donor
Desks and chairs	Cabramatta High
Beds – triple deckers	Cabramatta High
Container goods	Cabramatta High
Chairs for dining room	Cabramatta High
Hand washing stations	Private donor
Chairs for dining room	Cabramatta High
Container goods	Cabramatta High

Current project status – the school needs more chairs and tables to complete the dining room and would also like more desks and laboratory equipment for science.



Obwororo Academy

Partnered with Arawang Primary School

Obwororo Academy has large grounds and a mix of brick and wood classrooms. There are many boarders, mainly girls (for safety) and they used to eat sitting on the dirt floor in the hall. The hall has now been completed through GSP projects and in addition to being a more pleasant environment with doors, windows and a cement floor, for the students, the school can also hire the hall for community functions. Electricity has made the crowded dormitories far safer as kerosene lamps are no longer required.

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Chairs for dining hall	Arawang Primary
Water tank	Private donor
Exercise books and education resources	Arawang Primary
Container goods	Arawang Primary
Beds	Arawang Primary
Water tank	Arawang Primary
Windows and doors on hall	Private donor
Hand washing stations	Private donor
Container goods	Arawang Primary
Cement floor for the hall	Arawang Primary
Electricity	Arawang Primary

Current project status – the school would like to complete the construction of a new girl's dormitory, install electricity and replace the wood classrooms with brick ones..



Riamabana Orphanage Academy

Partnered with St Joseph's Primary School

Riamabana is both a school and a refuge for orphans who board there. The school itself probably ranks as one of the poorest and most inadequately resourced of GSP-KC schools.

Earlier this year the school was engulfed in a mudslide that destroyed classrooms, the kitchen and the chicken coop.

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Beds	St Josephs
Toilets	Private donor
Container goods	St Josephs
Electricity	St Josephs
Emergency feeding program	St Josephs
Text books	St Josephs
Library/office and classrooms	St Josephs and Private donor
Hand washing stations	Private donor
Cow	St Josephs
Container goods	St Josephs
Brick classrooms	Private donors
Kitchen	Private donors

Current project status – the school wants to complete construction of brick classrooms so that all mud and stick classrooms can be decommissioned, build a new chicken coop to rebuild its chicken population.



Riamajeshi Bright Start Academy

Partnered with Canberra Boys Grammar School, Garran House.

Riamajeshi Academy is a newly partnered school that has just enjoyed its first project – a water tank – that for the first time provides clean, potable water on the school premises. This is a huge improvement especially for the boarders who had to walk about 800 m to a stream to get clean water. More beds for the boarders are currently being built.

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Water tank and guttering	CGS Garran House
Beds	CGS Garran House

Current project status – the school wants to construct a new dormitory for girls, build some permanent brick classrooms and a kitchen, plus supply more desks for students.



School of Hope

Partnered with Good Shepherd Primary School

This school has a wonderful atmosphere with the director Moses embracing the community in decisions affecting the school and students.

The school has progressed well and Moses is very inventive and imaginative in providing facilities for the students, for example with the water tanks he set up a system to provide the first shower GSP has seen in schools, for the boarders. (Most school bathing is done from a bucket)>

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Water tanks x 3 and guttering	Good Shepherd
Classroom	Private donor
Text books and educational resources	Private donor
Classroom finishing	Good Shepherd
Toilets	Good Shepherd
Container goods	Good Shepherd
Text and exercise books, stationery	Good Shepherd
Classroom	Private donor
Hand washing stations	Private donor
Container goods	Good Shepherd

Current project status – The school would like to convert all its wood and tin classrooms to brick and would like to install electricity.



Surgeon Primary Academy

Partnered with St Jude's Primary School

Surgeon Primary regularly tops the district academically in the Primary Schools Certificate examinations. The school was founded by a group of teachers who felt that the government schooling system was not delivering good educational outcomes for children.

The school has moved from rented premises nearby to its current location that is on ground that it owns. The children at the school always seem happy and engaged in learning.

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Water tank and guttering	St Judes
Classrooms x 3 and roofing	St Judes
Text books and educational resources	Private donor
Toilets x4 for boys	Private donor
Container goods	St Judes
Toilets x 4 for girls	St Judes
Classrooms x 2	Private donor
Library /office	St Judes
Hand washing stations	Private donor
Container goods	St Judes
Brick classroom	St Judes

Current project status – The school has commenced building a permanent brick classroom, they require more desks and would like electricity.



Tabaka Academy

Partnered with Amaroo School

Tabaka Academy is the largest primary school in the group and in many ways the best resourced, managed and maintained. The founder is a former top ranking Kenyan public servant who retired to Tabaka, his home region, and is giving back to the next generation through the school.

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Water tank and guttering	Amaroo School
Verandas and classroom entrances	Amaroo school
Container goods	Amaroo School
Double story classrooms	Amaroo School and private donor
Hand washing stations	Private donor
Container goods	Various
Brick classroom	Amaroo School
Toilets	Private donor

Current project status – Tabaka would like to set up a computer laboratory. In addition they are seeking a printer / photocopier to help with exam paper production and a generator to assist through the frequent power outs, especially for the boarding hostels.



Takima Academy

Partnered with Sacred Heart Primary School

Two teachers from Sacred Heart joined the GSP team in Kenya in 2014 and spent a day at Takima Academy seeing the projects, meeting the staff and interacting with the students.

Takima has two campuses with the main one receiving most of the development projects. The school has a very competent head teacher Ms Yunis who runs the school effectively and maintains good consistency of staff members, many of whom have been there for some years.

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Water tanks x 2 and guttering	Sacred Heart
Text books and educational resources	Private donor
Classroom construction	Private donor
Water pump for the well	Private donor
Container goods	Sacred Heart
Classrooms / hall	Sacred Heart
Text and exercise books	Sacred Heart
Hand washing stations	Private donor
Education resources and text books	Sacred Heart
Chairs	Private donor
Container goods	Sacred Heart
Beds and mattresses	Sacred Heart

Current project status – the school wants to replace the old broken gate to the school campus, new toilets and a brick permanent classroom.



GSP Projects - Zimbabwe

Jabulani Primary School

Partnered with Hunter Valley Grammar School

GSP activities in Zimbabwe commenced in 2013 and the operations are run by Brian and Pam Ness.

The University of Newcastle has two committed academics who have visited Jabulani School twice as they work to create a teacher training program to up skill teachers. This is progressing. Funds have been confirmed to build teacher's accommodation at the school – this has been a major barrier to securing long term teachers as the travel to the school, from the nearest village/town takes hours each day with unreliable public transport.

In 2015 Hunter Valley Grammar sent a team of students to Jabulani.

Projects in date order:

Project	Donor
Teacher training	University of Newcastle
Playground	Private donors

Current project status – construction of teacher accommodation.

