

with your help we're changing lives in katoke tanzania



Dear Friend of Katoke,

Welcome to the latest news about our activities here in Australia and at Katoke. It's exciting to announce our second *Katoke Cycle Series Tour for Tanzania*, heading off shortly for the long ride from Sydney to Melbourne. Our aim is to raise funds for Katoke and we invite your support.

Tour for Tanzania. A total of 33 riders and 11 road crew are participating in our first ever eight day long distance cycle ride covering 929 kilometres from Sydney to Melbourne. Look out for our riders wearing our Katoke branded shirts and riding caps as they whizz by!

Our aim: The ride hopes to raise funds for the construction of much needed new classrooms, staff accommodation and dormitories at Katoke to house students and teachers in 2016. Participants cover all their personal expenses incurred during the ride (\$570) allowing us to use every single dollar donated to be used 100% towards the school building fund. All donations are also 100% tax deductible.

Our invitation: Please consider making a donation equivalent to each participant's ride costs of \$570 (of course a donation of any amount would be gladly accepted!). This would give our participants a huge boost as they toil away with their backs creaking, their legs crunching and their minds playing games as they look to their goal 929 kilometres later in Melbourne. To receive your heartfelt encouragement and response with a donation towards the building fund will boost their sense of achievement, triumph, elation and the jubilation of arriving in Melbourne. Help us turn 'pain into gain' as the cyclists push through the pain barrier to raise money for a great cause.

How: Visit our donation webpage at <https://www.mycause.com.au/events/katokesydneytomelbourneride> and click on the participant of your choice, or contact Amanda Gowan on 0407 905 384.

School update. The school has been buzzing with activity in recent months with Term 3 of the school year well underway. Our new Form 5 students joined in July, with total student numbers jumping to 485 students. Also joining the Katoke teaching and support staff were six new full time staff members, a new accountant, two new office assistants and a nurse.

Caring for the community. Young Ben has a significant growth on his face which was likely to be life threatening without treatment. Through a donor's gift of a few hundred dollars we have been assisting him with treatment over the last couple of months. It is treatable conditions like this that many Australians take for granted will be remedied whereas at Katoke there are no social services or government assistance schemes and simple illnesses and conditions go untreated because families lack personal wealth and have poor health education.

Fighting Poverty. As part of our program to combat extreme poverty we now have effective malaria prevention in 14 villages. In addition, the HIV/AIDS prevention program continues for village youth in the Katoke area as well as for Katoke Teachers College and students. It is also gratifying to see more farmers growing vanilla encouraged by a lift in the price to the grower and with advice from our agriculturalist who organises field days to show farmers 'how to'.

Recent visitors to Katoke. During 2013 a group of staff from Danebank Anglican School for Girls visited Katoke Lweru Secondary School to meet with the staff and aid teacher education. Danebank has sponsored several students from Katoke for some time now and developed strong connections with the school. To enable Danebank students to gain an insight into student life at Katoke, seven Danebank students and three staff travelled to the school in June 2015. The friendships they formed with the students at Katoke made it difficult to leave. The girls describe this as 'the trip of a lifetime', one even saying 'nothing she could ever do would be better than this'. They grew in confidence, compassion and understanding.



(LEFT) Danebank students and teachers head to Katoke - June 2015 (RIGHT) Danebank and KLSS students in Katoke

Expertise given. We also have several more visitors arriving shortly – a university lecturer, Don Robertson, who is a renewable energy consultant and an architect, Geoff Deane, who is donating his highly valuable skills to update our Master Plan of the school site. People with specialised God-given talents regularly keep emerging and are maintaining the ongoing thrust to develop Katoke Lweru Secondary (now High) School. Thanks be to God.

17th Katoke Annual Dinner. Please join us for the 17th Katoke Annual Benefit Dinner - Friday 30 October 2015 at Tradies Gynea. You're invited to a relaxing, entertaining and informative evening to raise much needed funds to continue the work of the Katoke Trust in improving living conditions and providing quality secondary education in rural western Tanzania. Tickets are \$55 which includes a two course meal and a great night out. For tickets, visit <http://www.trybooking.com/148094>, complete the payment form attached or contact Ebony Birchall 0403 015 677.

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General donation: Support the work of the Trust by **making a donation online at katoke.com.au** OR by completing the form below. Please return the form to: *Finance Coordinator, Katoke Trust, PO Box 895, Gynea, 2227, NSW, Australia*

Sponsorship: If you would like to sponsor a child please visit our website or contact Lee King on 4294 1114

Name: _____

Address: _____ P'code: _____

Email address: _____ Phone : _____

I would like to receive my tax receipt via (please tick): email address mailing address

I/We would like to pledge \$ The gift will be a single payment, or will be made by half yearly quarterly monthly installments

Payments of \$..... will be by cheque (payable to Katoke Trust) the first of which is attached.

OR

Payments of \$..... will be credited to the 'Katoke Trust' account *Commonwealth Bank BSB: 062177 Account Number: 1012 4371*

OR

Payments of \$..... by Visa or Mastercard to be debited: Name on card

Card number _____ Expiry date ___/___

I/We understand that, as appropriate, the Trust will send a reminder letter at the beginning of the month when the payment is due.

Signature(s) Date