

# Mentor and Sponsor Newsletter

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## *Letter from a KF Scholar*

Dear readers,

With my utmost respect and humility welcome you to the 2014 newsletter.

Generally, the newsletter has been a success with the efforts of the KF students who have gathered their expressions into one concrete piece of work just so as to excite you with the Kucetekela Foundation flavor.

This edition covers a wide range of exciting experiences by the students at their respective schools. Among the eye-catching, inspiring and soothing stories are those of the graduates sharing with you what they went through during their courses. Likewise, the students who looked up to the graduates share their relations that existed between them and the graduates share the inspiration they drew from their experiences.

The news letter also includes the events that occurred at Chalo Trust School and Pestalozzi Education Center, including the Graduation Ceremonies, production of Oliver Twist at Pestalozzi and Chalo's Traditional, Awards Giving and Prefects Coronation Day. In conclusion, I would love to sincerely thank you for sparing your time to read this, please enjoy!

-- Tony Chisenga, *Grade 11 PEC*



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## Term III Events:

*What the KF Scholars have been up to Term III*

### **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL KF REUNION**

*By Nelly Kalukango, Grade 8 PEC*

What an amazing KF re-union have ever attended, where I had a chance to meet most of the KF scholars, those who are in their gap year and the alumni's. Being my first year in the KF family, I had a great time at the re-union which is basically about meeting those who you have never meant, learning from one another and above all, having fun.

We had a lot of presentations that were worthwhile. Some of which i enjoyed were; the talk on how to write your name by Joseph. It helped me to realize how a good name is indeed better than wealth and not to live a life of pretence but to be truthful and honest in all that you do. I also liked the goal setting talk by Mailess. This taught us how to make SMART goals that is your goals must be Specific, measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time bound. This also helped me to realize how easy it is to live an organized life that has goals. Then Jeffery's talk about selling yourself, he delivered it so well and it was fun at the same time. Then i also liked how the other alumni's were telling us how university life is, what challenges they face and how they solve them. Gaella's presentation was wonderful in that it helped to know how to co-operate with people that you don't really know and team work. I enjoyed the play that we (PEC students) did, because it demonstrated the importance of a family.



Therefore, KF is that one big family and as the play was in that we had different people in that family, i personally was the "I don't care type" then i had a brother who was taking life easy and just didn't care about life. If we get to meet up as KF family, it is always a good time because we put our differences, worries and troubles aside and just enjoy the feeling of belonging.

Another thing I enjoyed at the reunion was the wonderful food. After all the learning and teaching, I had fun because as we all know KF always makes things happen. I just can't wait for another re-union because such moments are worth being shared and lived.

The Re-union is what I would call a positive life-changer.



# Traditional and Awards Day at Chalo

*By Lydia Ndjovu, Grade 9 Chalo Trust*

It is good to honor our culture and through songs, dances, poems, drama etc. Chalo Trust school has a very special way of expressing the African, and specifically, Zambian culture. On October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, we had Traditional and Awards Giving Day at Chalo. On this day, there are different activities that take place and parents are encouraged to come and support the children. Awards are given to deserving students in different categories: academics, arts, poetry, singing and all other extra curricular activities.

Because the Grade 9 and 12 classes were busy studying for exams, they did not participate in the event. However, I was really proud of the Grade 8's because they did very good job. This is also the day that prefects are chosen and nice traditional food is prepared for everyone to enjoy.

My favorite part of this day is the awards giving and prefects' coronation, I guess it's because I am not a fan of traditional dance but I appreciate those who are good. Chalo Trust School has taught me that I must always remember where I come from and not simply forget my culture because of the new environment. I was also very proud of the KF students who received awards. I wish to take part in the next traditional day. I very much enjoyed this year's traditional day.



**Above: KF student Barbara (middle) with her family. Barbara was an MC for the event.**

**Top left: KF Grade 8 student Vincent with his family and awards for best student in two subjects.**



**Bottom left: Grade 8 KF and Chalo students performing a traditional dance.**

# 2014 School Summaries

## **CHALO TRUST SCHOOL – *By Jessy Njungu, Grade 10 Chalo Trust***

School always opens in January and classes commence the following day. The school is our dwelling for the next nine months and so a number of events are planned ahead of us.

Term one begins with the exciting inter house cross country of which everyone is expected to participate. Activities start from the field, where we stretch and then we run our track. Three houses, namely Lechwe, Cheetah and Rhino compete fiercely for the first position and so far, Cheetah has emerged champion for the past three years consecutively and so I am proud to be a member. Once this is over, the outstanding are selected to represent the school in the ISAZ competition held at Baobab College. This year, Chalo Trust School came out in the top three to our delight!



**KF Chalo students pose with KF's fellow**

After the tiresome cross country, it's time to relax and this is the part where the musical concert comes in. Practice is done on a large scale which includes singing, rapping, playing instruments and poetry. When the show arrives, we always get excited because they put up such a great event.

Having done away with the fun it's time for serious study as we prepare to have our end of term exams which account for 60% of our results, 40% from the tests. Once the exams are over, we get into a relaxed mood and time is created for talks about careers, and life in general.

With term two, the interhouse athletics takes full course. This time, unlike cross-country, have track and field events. This enables a lot of people to take part. This year we went to Ndola for the ISAZ competition where we brought home a number of medals.

The fun continues with the ultimate Talent show, which, as the name suggests, showcases different talent like singing, dancing, modeling, rapping, and poetry among others.

The third term is the most exciting as we have two very important events. First, is the traditional awards giving and prefects coronation day. We enjoy this so much because everyone participates. Secondly, the graduation day is a huge event as we say bye and sends the graduates to society. Afterward we wait for our results and thus ends our school year.



# 2014 School Summaries

## **PESTALOZZI EDUCATIONAL CENTER – *By Metrinah Mbulo, Grade 11 PEC***

At Pestalozzi Education Centre, we started our year on a very good note and hoping to end the same.

First, the academic performance of the 2013 exam classes was very impressive. At the beginning of the year, we received a good number of intelligent and promising students to start the academic year with.

In terms of school events, we had a number of things going on this year. To start with in term one, we had valentines' celebration. On this date 14-02-2014, the school held a valentines/talent show celebration in which students had to explore and showcase their abilities. It is on this day that "Miss PEC Valentine 2014" was crowned. Many of the KF scholars participated. In fact, Miss PEC Valentine 2014 came from KF (Metrinah). We had Ased and Emmanuel the two grade eight boys at Pestalozzi show us their poetry talent and the two grade eight girls show us their singing abilities (Faith and Nelly). Not only that, we also had Titani, Rosa and Grace show us their dancing abilities. It was a very wonderful day.

Come term two, we had careers day as the main event. On this date and occasion, pupils dressed in accordance with their future ambition or career. On this occasion we had a number of well-trained and experienced personal and civil workers who came to talk to us and encourage us. We had a lawyer, soldier, an accountant, and a nurse, to mention but a few.

In addition, term two was a very good term for us. We had a lot of people coming from outside the school addressing us on different issues and matter that effect youths. Not only this, Pestalozzi athletes took part in the PRISCA sports competition from which we emerged victorious and carried the day.

Before the end of term two, many pupils had been practicing and preparing for the great Oliver Twist production which was going to take place in August at Pestalozzi. The Oliver Twist production was a musical play which involved almost all the students at Pestalozzi. This play was open to the public to this and was also used as the first theatre performance to launch the Barefeet festival.

The Oliver Twist musical play was one great achievement for Pestalozzi and to us the scholars. KF it was a very happy site seeing that almost half of its scholars at Pestalozzi took part in the show. As KF the most exciting thing is that we had two Olivers who were both KF scholars (Christian and Emmanuel). The play was one in a million and we are happy as a school to have successfully gone through that.

Away from Oliver Twist, our third term also began very well. This term is the most challenging term for students as well as teachers. In this term examination grades write the exams and face the future while other scholars try so hard to figure out where they had lost it and how they will on their academic performances for the following year. At the beginning of term three, everyone was anxious and was looking forward to knowing the school leaders or prefects of the academic year 2015. These leaders were announced and it is worth saying because we all start from the bottom. As KF scholars at Pestalozzi, it is a joyous thing seeing that our brothers and sisters are been recognized as leaders. Among the leaders announced we had three KF scholars whose leadership potential and been recognized and that is Titani, Armand and Metrinah- all grade eleven students.

Lastly but not the least on the events is the upcoming occasion has aroused anxiety in most students as they can't wait to bid farewell to their beloved seniors. The whole school is looking forward to this event. Students just can't wait for this sad and happy day to come. As Pestalozzi scholars we are proud and happy for our two sisters, Rosa and Grace who are completing this year. They have been a good example to us.

In conclusion, I would say that we have done quiet a number of activities this year. We are hoping to have more next year. As a school we are happy and proud of the academic excellence and achievements in 2014.

# Oliver Twist at Pestalozzi

## ON PLAYING “BILL SIKES” - *By Jackson Kakwenya, Grade 9 PEC*

Bill Sikes was one of the characters of the Oliver Twist play. He was the finisher of the play. But before we go in detail, let us see how I reached to be Bill Sikes.

When Barefeet, the organization who were directing the play, came our Pestalozzi school, they introduced the play and divided us into groups. They said we should choose characters that we want. People voted that I should be Fagin, the gang leader. I accepted to be Fagin, but things were more difficult than I thought- Fagin's lines became more than I expected. I started forgetting the lines on stage while rehearsing. Fortunate enough, I wasn't the only one having problems with my lines. Most of us were having problems with our lines. As a result they decided to reshuffle the characters. Some of us were first not changed and I was scared because I still had problems with my lines. Finally the time came when they chose me as Bill Sikes.

At first I was happy because I had to learn fewer lines and change my character. Fagin was sometimes funny but Bill Sikes was the character that everyone was afraid of. He was this person that even if you crack a joke no smile will be produced only threats will come out of his mouth. I had difficulties changing my character because I am used to smiling and laughing when someone cracks a joke. But I was encouraged and was told not to give up but continue working hard. His character was different from everyone. There was a gang alright, but what they produced was a tenth (1/10) of what Bill Sikes was. He was the strongest and most feared person. He used to threaten everyone including Fagin.

Now, being this character wasn't easy because Bill Sikes was like the Central Processing Unit (CPU) of the play in that he controlled the play. The main thing is the gang and the most important gang member was Bill Sikes without him, Oliver Twist would not have been successful or no Oliver Twist would have been there. Removing Bill Sikes in the play would be like putting a gate with no well fence.

In the play, Bill is an important asset both to the play itself and to the gang. Although he was an asset, everyone was scared to even mention his name. Even I was scared when they changed me to Bill. He is this person that is capable of everything. No one messes with or stands in his way.

In the actual play, whenever he appeared on stage everyone knew that something bad is about to happen. He goes out of the stage leaving people scared and some crying. Bill doesn't like to be appeased of his decisions. He would even kill when someone dared to oppose. Despite him being this bad, he had someone who cared about him. She was more like a girlfriend to him. Her name was Nancy. But when Oliver Twist came, she thought Bill wasn't treating him the way he deserved. So one day she tried to make Oliver escape. This meant that she went against Bill's decision. He warned everyone that they should not go against his decision and he meant his words. As a result he killed Nancy but people found out and he was also shot. After his death, nothing can happen and it resulted in the end of the Oliver Twist play.



**Jackson (left) in a rehearsal**

# Oliver Twist at Pestalozzi

## ON PLAYING “MR. BUMBLE” - *By Ased Chipangano, Grade 8 PEC*

The Oliver Twist production started with people taking issues personal. This was due to the fact that a lot of people auditioned but only a few were chosen as main characters.

The first weeks of rehearsing as Mr. Bumble delivered a massive amount of pressure. The pressure made me face uncountable challenges. The first challenge that I faced was to sustain my character. I practically failed because Mr. Bumble is a cruel man. I became nervous about performing; at a point, all I could think of was how I was going to mispronounce words, how I could forget my lines. The challenges were so much that I even thought of quitting at one point. The fact that I was also going to stay away from home for some weeks to continue rehearsals also contributed to the challenges I faced.

But as a person who knows what they want in life, I had to sit down, think and come up with a solution at the end of the day. The thinking process was very demanding and yet beneficial, because I realized that I could find solutions easily through my director. I finally decided that since our director for the play was someone active in theater previous, she could help me tremendously. She told me that I had to believe before I could achieve anything. I got her words as they were. Rehearsing became fun because I had something to look forward to at the end of the day. My director for believed that I had good speech and so she chose me to be among three lucky people who would go for a radio show. This was my favorite moment from the start of the rehearsal. I did so well that she made me publicity boy.

After a long five month period of tiresome rehearsal, it was finally time we presented. I had never really thought about how great the crowd would be. It only rang in my mind on the dress rehearsal. This was the day when I had to overcome my fears and come out like the courageous Mr. Bumble that I was. I acted out forgetting my name that I even called myself Mr. Bumble after the show. Based on what people said my performance was flamboyant.



I really learned a lot of things from the Oliver Twist theatre production. One thing I learned was an interpersonal skill of relating with people of different behavior and still be at peace with them at due end of the day. The Oliver Twist was a growing process for me.

**Ased (left) as Mr. Bumble. Christian (right) is another KF student, who played Oliver.**



# Oliver Twist at Pestalozzi

## ON PLAYING “OLIVER” - *By Emmanuel Sakala, Grade 8 PEC*

The Oliver Twist is a production act introduced by Barefeet group. Many people wanted to be the main characters such as Oliver, Mr Bumble, Fagin, Nancy and Bill Sikes. This led the directors to put us into groups and each group should choose their own main characters. The KF students that participated in the production act of Oliver Twist movie were; myself and Christian as Oliver Twist, Metrinah as Nancy, Jackson as Bill Sikes, Nelly as Charlotte, Ased as Mr. Bumble and Martin as the chairman for the pub.

We were given some certain scenes to work on, and after we showed the directors what we prepared, they chose me as Oliver Twist out of the 4 people who auditioned for this role. We started rehearsing in March 2014. Some people were changed from one character to the other and I actually thought they were going to change me but they did not. We used to rehearse the songs and sing them on our own.

The rehearsals were very difficult and to know and master the lines was the most difficult part of the production act. The directors used to tell me to rehearse the same things over and over. I learned a lot from the production. I have learned how to work with different people and what it takes to be an actor because I have always wanted to be an actor. They put us into casts, there was an opening and a closing cast, and I was in the closing cast with Metrinah (Nancy).

I was in the dress rehearsal and closing cast. It was my first time to perform with a big audience! I was nervous a little from the beginning but as I continued acting I felt okay. The director was so happy with the entire team.

I was so happy to perform and especially as Oliver Twist. It was a nice experience for me. I really enjoyed it and I now know all what it takes to be an actor.



**Left: Emmanuel as Oliver (sitting on right). Right: Emmanuel as Oliver.**



# Spotted! Students and Mentors in Term 3



## Graduating Student's Remarks on KF's Impact

**By Rosa Dabulu, Graduating Grade 12 PEC**

They say education is the one thing one needs to fulfill their dreams- but I say *quality* education is the only thing one needs to attain ones dream.

My journey as a KF scholar has not only been educative but also interesting and fun. I've been exposed to so many people, places and opportunities. KF opens doors to many people for successful lives.

I have learned to help and be a part of my community through community service. I have been able to offer literacy lessons to children in my community. Through this, I have learnt to accept and love my community.

One of KF's programs is to place its scholars in work places so that they understand what it is to work in a career field of interest. I was placed in a legal aid for my law career. I came across young lawyers who motivated me to continue aiming for my career.

The annual KF scholar reunions have been great. There have only been two so far, but during reunions, I learned to socialize and interact with other KF scholars from other schools. KF re-unions bring a spirit of cooperation and love.

Furthermore, the mentorship program is one of the best that KF has ever had. My experience with my mentor, Mrs. Kumar, has always been interesting and motivating. My mentor has taught me to have high self-esteem and to always aim high.

Even if I have completed my high school, it feels like yesterday when I just joined KF. I know I am part of a family that is united and is always therefore, one another

I will always keep KF at heart and will always appreciate KF thank you very much KF.

**By Grace Jere, Graduating Grade 12 PEC**

At the end of every experience is a feeling, the end of grade 12 marks the end of a secondary education with many feelings; happiness, fatigue, relief, educative and anticipatory full.

Secondary school has been a series of experiences. I first went to ibex hill school and then Pestalozzi education centre-Meeting people of very different cultures and status. Everyone comes from a different background comprising of the poor, mediocre and rich yet we still get together, mingle and know our differences and similarities. By the end of the day create a mutual bond of suspect and friendship.

I have been a proactive member of schools. I have participated in a student exchange program with pupils from Switzerland, I have engaged in an environment al projects as well as debates as well as quiz. I have also taken part in sports such as basketball, volleyball and triple jump.

On the other hand, I have also experienced times when I am under pressure and stress. Such include studying for exams and organizing people as a captain and leader. All these have been strenuous by yielded positive results most of the times.

Coming to the end of Grade 12, means the beginning of another race- an era that may require me to



# Chalo's Graduation

*By Cararise Lubamba, Grade 8 Chalo*

It was Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2014, when we had graduation day. Days before, we made preparations. The entire school was cleaned and decorated. The Director of the school, Mrs. Chileshe, did her very best to ensure everyone was cleaning and doing one thing or the other. We swept, painted the walls and watered the plants.

I couldn't wait for the final day because this was my first time attending graduation at Chalo Trust School. Finally the day arrived and everyone was excited. We were told to be in uniforms and to be ready by 13:00 hrs.

In the morning, we had breakfast and afterward cleaned the hostels. After that, we changed into our uniforms, we were all ready, just waiting for time and in the process, I slept. At about 13:00, I was woken up for lunch after which we went to the hall. Got in with a dance and we could not help but cheer at such a sight. They looked so beautiful as they danced to their various songs. It was a blast! They took their seats at the high table, and we could not stop looking at them because they were outstanding.

One aspect that added more importance to the ceremony was the fact that Chalo was celebrating its tenth anniversary. In order to honor this milestone, the school's Chairperson made a documentary which enlightened us on how our school started and where it is now, the challenges and successes Chalo has faced, and how the school has grown with time.

As the ceremony went on, we were amused with traditional dancers. Two of the graduates gave a vote of thanks and the Principal expressed his views on the school. We all had a drink and a good number of grandaunts' splendidly popped champagne.

In the end, the director had her closing remarks and a prayer was offered by our pastor. This marked the end of the ceremony and so we all had a piece of cake. We took pictures, we hugged and said our farewell.



**KF students say goodbye after the ceremony**



**The new graduates celebrate!**

# Pestalozzi's Graduation

*By Ased Chipangano, Grade 8 PEC*



2014 is my first year at Pestalozzi Education Centre, and so I have been extremely excited about almost all the school events. One event that I had been longing for was the graduation. After a ceaseless waiting period, the graduation was finally near. On the actual day of the graduation I realized that I had mixed feelings about it, as it was very clear that I had to see good friends and sisters Rosa and Grace for the last time.

The graduation was on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The ceremony began with warm gestures from the outgoing students. It was a well-organized event that had Mr. Chitaya, the head of the English department, as the

master of ceremony for the day. The program wasn't static because it was flooded with performances and entertainments of different kinds. I performed two poems alongside my poetry group. I wrote the poem deriving ideas from real life situations.

The event was graced by a lot of people from different walks of life. The Kucetekela Foundation finance director, Mr. Mukena, was one of the distinguished guests. Mr. McDonald, the PTA chairperson, also graced the wonderful event. The reason why everyone had gathered that day was to see friends, children, grandchildren and classmates go into a different sphere of life. The graduates themselves were very excited. The graduation dance procession was the most interesting part of the program, because people got to see young school leavers dance their way through society. The dances were followed by speeches from the head teacher (Mr. Kapenda), the PTA chairperson (Mr. McDonald), and the guest of honor Mrs. Dean. Awards were given following the speeches.

Some KF students got recognized for different academic and leadership reasons. Among these was Rosa Dabulu who got two awards, one for leadership and another for topping the whole Grade 12s academically. Titani Sumaisi also got an award for topping the Grade 11s. Grace Jere got an award in leadership and she gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Grade 12s. The graduation day was one of the best days of my life because I realized that hard work sees people through.



**Left: Rosa and Grace with awards; Middle: Grace's Family; Right: KF students perform**



# KF Graduates of 2014

*Current students write about the KF Graduates of 2014!*

## **CHALO TRUST GRADUATE: VIVIAN LIHONDE**

*By Jessy Njungu, Grade 10 Chalo Trust*

I met Vivian Lihonde in 2012. I really never took the time to know her a bit better, because she looked anti social.

In 2013, Vivian was chosen as a prefect. This did not really shock me because Vivian did show some good leadership qualities. As a prefect, she proved to be very hard working and understanding. She showed maturity in the way she handled situations.

Vivian participated in extra curricular activities like clubs and sports. She was in the performing arts club and the JETS club where she was involved in a lot of projects. In sports, she was very good at the javelin in fact she was excellent! She also did some discus. Vivian was also in the school choir.

She used to participate in all school activities willingly. She would also sing during talent show and musical concerts not forgetting the traditional and awards giving program.

Vivian Lihonde was also very helpful to the school in situation where there was an emergency. She was extremely good at first Aid, this showed me the caring part of her.

In 2014, I decided to get to know Vivian on a personal level. She proved me wrong if anything Vivian was not anti-social, she was just a quite person who learnt to talk less and say more. We started talking and she was really fun to talk to. From then on she became one of the people I would look up for if I was sad, because she would always find a way to make me smile.

I am really sad that she is leaving the school because I became so fond of her. I will really miss her very much and I wish her well in society where she is going to face life in the world and I hope she will continue to be the great citizen that she is out there in society.



*Vivian after Chalo Graduation*

# KF Graduates of 2014

*Current students write about the KF Graduates of 2014!*

## CHALO TRUST GRADUATE: MARGARET NGOMA

*By Cecilia Banda, Grade 8 Chalo Trust*



*Margaret after Chalo Graduation*

Ever since I came to Chalo trust school, I have known Margaret to be a person who is friendly and welcoming. She was one of the people who welcomed me warmly when I arrived at Chalo.

Although we have just known each other for a year, she has really put an impact on my academic, spiritual and emotional life. She is not only kind and helpful, she is patient, caring, loving and has a sense of humour too.

Margaret has proved to be a person who is not easily shaken with bad influence and she always gets things straight and ensures that right behaviour is obtained. She stands up to what is not right until justice is prevailed to the innocent. She has been an influential role model for me.

I have not only come to see Margaret as the head girl and as a friend but as a sister too. Margaret has been a friend even when she was writing her final examinations.

I have been inspired by her good work, respect for others and her obedience and eagerness to reach out to whomever she can. I will miss her very much and wish her best of luck in society.

## CHALO TRUST GRADUATE: BARBARA KIKIFOLO

*By Philip Mtimira, Grade 8 Chalo Trust*

In grade ten, Barbara became a sports and boarding prefect. Barbara was at ibex hill where she did her junior secondary school. Barbara is involved in sports activities such as running. She especially excels in cross country, for she received a bronze medal. She also got an award from being the best Master of Ceremony. She came the deputy head girl in Grade 11. Barbara also met someone who people claimed that she looked like by the name of Mwaaba. Barbara is a person who is friendly and kind. Since I came to Chalo, Barbara has been like a mother to me. I am very sad that she is leaving so soon. I didn't get to spend a lot of time with her because she was always busy with preparing and studying for her grade 12 exams. May God continue to bless her as she goes out into society.



*Barbara posing at Chalo Graduation*



# KF Graduates of 2014

*Current students write about the KF Graduates of 2014!*

## PESTALOZZI GRADUATE: GRACE JERE

*By Titani Sumaisi, Grade 11 PEC*

Firstly I will relate the first time I spoke to Grace and met her. I walked into the KF bus on a route to Ndubaluba in Mukushi. Having been in grade eight and a new member of the big KF family, I was obviously shy. Before I could even take my sit I saw a very smiley face (wonderful smile by the way) and the smiley face says to me “Hi I am Grace, and you? Oh and how young are you?” Never before had anyone asked me how young I was but only how old I am. I was fascinated by her way of asking. And from here began one of the best friendships (honestly).

Here is a girl who is unique, open minded, smart and distinct. Grace is one person who has kept me guessing a lot due to her being discreet. I love this about her because I see it as a challenge (and God knows I love challenges) from the word go, she has managed not to be an open book but someone who you have to sink deep into to know and understand.

I spent my entire grade eight prep sessions with Grace. We joked; she tutored me in French and was my Ibex Hill School grade. These prep sessions were our connecting moments. Grace has been an inspiration to me. When she passed her grade nine exam, I wanted to do the same (or better), and she encouraged me. With her I was able to find strength.

We always agreed on one thing- ‘laughing it out.’ We have found that the best way to go around a problem is to laugh at it. This has always worked.



*Grace giving a speech at PEC Graduation*

My ‘bestie’ is funny and she always found a way to make us all laugh with her silly jokes or when she made up words such as ‘solomio,’ to mean someone who is lonely.

Grace is smart, not only academically but she also knows how to think outside the box. She can find her way around plenty of things and I know she will make it big in life- one can bet on that. I had good memories with her and Rosa . I love them both and even as they leave school, I know that will always be on my mind because they are leaving a mark on me. These two girls are some of my best friends but they are even more- family. This is not farewell because I know we will forever be connected. This is not a cliché but truly what I feel. I could probably write a novel about Grace and all the things we have been through together, so I end here. I love you De-Gal, friends forever.

# KF Graduates of 2014

*Current students write about the KF Graduates of 2014!*

## PESTALOZZI GRADUATE: ROSA DABULU

*By Metrinah Mbulo, Grade 11 PEC*

Rosa is a friend, a sister, an example as well as an inspiration. She is a young, talented, enthusiastic, focused and perpetually hard working girl. She is what every girl would admire to be because she is a fighter.

Before I had a chance to talk to Rosa, know her, or ask for her help, I thought she might not want to listen to others or help. To me, she looked like someone who somehow less cared about people and what they had to say. Little did I know how wonderful and understanding she is to everyone.

When I began knowing Rosa, I was very much interested in her character and the reason behind her maturity and kindness. Rosa is one person who always has her ears open and is ready to listen to other people whether rebuking or encouraging them. She is one person who is ready to change when corrected. One thing I admire about Rosa is that no matter how hard one tries to get her upset she easily gets back to herself. She also has a unique but interesting character of being good at listening and advising.

Rosa is very good person to hang out with. She is determined and focused. She is a very strong girl- she stands her ground and stays well mannered.

The fact that Rosa is always eager to listen to others and help them out is what makes her a special person. Not only that she is very helpful and humble. She does not care about where people come from so long she is comfortable with them then they are her friend.

In my own words, I can describe Rosa as someone who is very:

- Realistic
- Organised
- Social
- Authentic

She is:

- Determined
- Active
- Brainy
- Understanding
- Loving
- Upright

Rosa I will miss you so much. All the best as you walk into society. God has it all in his hands.



*Rosa posing at PEC Graduation*





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