



— AND YET, THOUGH WE STRAIN —



And yet, though we strain
against the deadening grip
of daily necessity,
I sense there is this mystery:

All life is being lived.

Who is living it then?
Is it the things themselves,
or something waiting inside them,
like an unplayed melody in a flute?

Is it the winds blowing over the waters?
Is it the branches that signal to each
other?

Is it flowers
interweaving their fragrances
or streets, as they wind through time?

~ Rainer Maria Rilke ~

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

For Br Peter Cole who is admitted at the Mater Hospital in Nairobi.





———— EDMUND RICE FEAST DAY TURNS
INTO A FAREWELL FOR BR. CLEM BARRET ————



Br Clem processing into a podium welcomed by the school community

22nd July 2017 was a day of joy and tears at Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School. This was the day which was set for Edmund Rice Community to gather and celebrate four events.

- the school was celebrating Edmund Rice Feast Day, which was not celebrated in May due to Form 6 National Examinations.
- the school was launching its 2017- 2021 Strategic Plan.
- the school welcomed officially new form 5 students
- the school bid farewell to Br. Clem Barrett who has served at Edmund Rice for nine and a half years.

Of all the events, the farewell was the high point of the day. All speakers who spoke indicated how much Br. Clem would be missed, mentioning his commitment to his role as registrar and his dedication when he was heading the school. In response, Br Clem thanked the Community for cooperating with him when he was Headmaster and then Registrar. He pointed out that the Kiswahili language was one of the challenges he encountered, though that did not paralyze his passion for mission. We wish him all the best as he moves to Zambia for a new ministry.

Br. Simon Kaswahili





———— WANAWAKE KWA WANAWAKE KENYA (WKWK) STRATEGIC PLAN LAUNCHED ————

On Friday 28 July the Strategic Plan for Wanawake kwa Wanawake Kenya (WkWK) 2018-2022 was launched by the First Secretary of the Australian High Commission, Andrew Marriott, at the WkWK Centre in Nairobi. Despite the unusually cold weather (maybe sent across from Melbourne), there was warm-hearted and enthusiastic participation by students, past and present, by parents, staff, and members of the local Kibera Community. The speeches highlighted the beginning of WkWK by Br Frank Chappell at House 20, Otiende and later by The Melbourne Women, the group led by Mrs. Marguerite Ryan to form Women for Women in Africa (WFWIA).



Br Russell Peters cutting a cake assisted by Sr Loretta Brennan (L) and Sr Leonida Kwamboka (R)

A current university student, Queen Mabeya, who was supported by WkW in pursuing her primary, secondary and now tertiary education, spoke about how “education becomes the greatest equalizer in the world”, and how WkWK has “truly proven to the world the dignity of humanity”.

All those present visited four stations, at each of which a member of staff explained one of the four strategic directions (and its strategic actions). Planning for the day was meticulously carried out under the watchful eyes of Director, Sr Leonida Kwamboka, and Deputy Director, Benjamin Mbasu.

Br Russell Peters





———— NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
SUCCESS FOR BR. BEAUSANG ————



Teacher Winnie and Scottish dancers

Sixty primary pupils (53 girls and 7 boys) accompanied by four staff recently made the long haul from Embulbul to Kakamega for the National Music Festival.

The children left in high spirits and even the daunting twelve hour bus ride did not dampen their excitement with quite a few of the group now veterans in performing at the festival even allowing most were from lower primary.

Even with some of the children falling sick due to the new environment, strange food and missing home not to mention being billeted in a secondary boys school with the boys still there (certainly not part of the so called Mاتيangi Rules!) and facing a daily hour trip to and from the venue, the group remained upbeat.



National Champion Lucy Muthoni - who also was in the Scottish and Indian dancers

In spite of these fairly typical organizational glitches, the show did go on and the stars from BBCEC did just that – star!

The items the school performed were:

- * Guitar/ vocal solo
- * Baganda traditional dance
- * Scottish dance
- * Solo Indian dance (two entries)
- * Group Indian dance





All performed very well and represented themselves and the school with distinction. The Baganda dance was placed 4th as was the Scottish dancers but it was the solo Indian dance that was the highlight with Lucy Muthoni (Class 2 – 7 years of age) achieving position one, edging out her classmate Abigael Njeri who was placed second.

The school's music and arts program has continued to grow over the past few years thanks to the creative leadership of Teacher Winnie who has inspired many of the children in primary to become involved and in so doing develop and show case their many talents and skills.

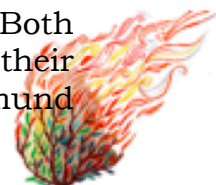
**Mr Peter Shanahan
Principal**

**EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT EDMUND RICE SINON
SECONDARY SCHOOL**



Figure 1 The winners of the trophy - BBCEC with Deputy Headmaster Mr Bashaija (L), Headmaster Br Simon (middle) and Teacher Henry (R) of BBCEC

The long awaited exchange program between Br. Beausang Catholic Education Centre and Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School took place on 26-29 July 2017. The program was filled with various activities carried out at Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School, including volleyball, basketball, football, netball and debate. Although all of the activities were exciting, the boys' football attracted the most spectators, including some from the neighboring community. Both teams were well prepared for the game and they indeed showed their expertise. The hosting team lost by 2-0, a disappointment for Edmund Rice Sinon as they had longed for a big win.





Despite the outcome in the big game, both schools enjoyed the company and friendship with each other during the social interaction. Teachers Henry and Anne, who represented the administration from Br. Beausang, expressed their gratitude for the cordial hospitality of the day and the good relationship that has been established between the two schools over the years. They said the exchange had led to many new insights in various ways. They concluded by inviting the hosting school to Nairobi for the 2018 exchange program.

Br. Simon Kaswahili

———— **EDMUND RICE KARIBU CAMP NAIROBI-FULL/GENERAL
MEETING SUNDAY 30TH JULY** ————

With 31 Edmund Rice Camp Leaders, our meeting at Mary Rice center started at 2:50pm with prayer reflection led by John Omondi who's now the new elected chairperson for Edmund Rice Karibu Group (ERKG). He also chaired the meeting with the agendas focusing on the proposals of more activities for ERKG besides the ongoing ones. This happened in small groups discussions.



ERKG Camp Leaders

Evaluation on the previous full day camp was also done with everyone being reminded of their roles and responsibilities. In attendance was also Br. Amandi who inspired, encouraged and motivated the leaders to continue with the good work and remain united to achieve our vision, mission and values. The meeting ended at 4:50pm with prayer led by Joseph Omondi the newly elected children recruitment officer.





We continue to pray for Br. Peter Cole who's admitted at Mater Hospital and we wish him a quick recovery. We finished the day with sharing of snacks and having some fun.

Mr Sammy Muga.

———— **PICTURES OF THE WEEK** ————



Br Clem Barrett being dressed as a Maasai Elder by the Edmund Rice Sinon Staff



Br Russell Peters, Chairman of the Wanawake kwa Wanawake Kenya giving the opening remarks during the launch of the strategic plan





AUGUST	06	EDWIN WEKULLO (OP Shillong)
	17	NICHOLAS ODHIAMBO (Sinon)
	18	CONSTANTINE SUNDAY (Embulbul)

CALENDAR

August 14-18	PLT Meeting
August 30-Sept 1	DLT Review
September 8	Community Leaders Meeting
September 9	Cluster
September 11-15	Accompaniment Workshop
September 15-17	Aspirants Discernment weekend
September 21-22	Formation Committee Meeting
October 11	Child Protection Workshop
October 20	Mashujaa Day
October 20-22	Selection of 2018 Postulants
November 6-17	ERI Training Geneva
November 8-10	RSCK AGM
November 20-24	PLT Meeting (Lusaka)
November 25	First Profession (Lusaka)
December 12	Jamhuri Day

Many blessings

George

