



Soccer Std V vs. VI,

John Kyalo (F1&) Strath Media

The intense rivalry between the extremely talented class fives and sixes was evident from the moment the referee, a class 7, blew the whistle beginning the game. It wasn't long before the ball began flying from end to end of the pitch closely followed enthusiastic boys all hoping for a win. The goals scored were amazing to say the least and challenged your esteemed writer to sharpen his own football skills.

One of the outstanding goals came from one **Leina Meoli** of class 5 who chipped in a wonderful shot from outside the penalty box sending the small band of class supporters into frenzied shouts of joy and encouragement to their highly spirited and younger side.

A would-be goal that was rejected by the referee arose from a shot by **David Onguto**, a class 6 was the only one that came close to Leina's. The powerful shot from the left side of the pitch caught many by surprise and was unexpectedly deflected out of the post by the inspired class 5 goalkeeper. Though the match ended 4-3 in favour of the class 6 team, the young stars who showed great promise from start to finish set a rematch which is yet to be played. I sure hope it'll be as breathtaking as the first!

Form III Excursion, Marc Kiragu (F3&) Strath Media



The sun rose and shone from very early on that fateful Tuesday and although it was later covered by clouds, it was destined to be an eventful day, to say the least. The wintry conditions that were dominant at the time set the precedent for warm clothing. The students wrapped themselves up in all their presentable clothing. With the gruelling trips to Ngong' hills from the previous years still fresh in their minds, one can imagine the silent hopes the students had, and the fears they harboured.

They were accompanied by (thankfully not 'we-know-who') class teachers **Mr. Dimba**, **Mr. K'Ochupe** and in attendance was **Mr. Odima** and **Mr. Luvizu**. The destination was unknown to all except the aforementioned members of staff, so the surprise of heading towards Rift Valley emitted mixed reactions from the students...from the printable, all through to those that could not stomach the sight of the edge of the road over the escarpment. From here we shall give one students' account of the trip.

"The real walking began at the Italian Catholic Church (began in 1923) where we got off the bus and began circumnavigating the escarpment before reaching the point of ascent, which just so happened to be as steep as a vertical line drawn by free hand. The climbing got my thighs working for a period of what seemed like an hour but could well have been 10 minutes. From then on, the rest of the climb was characterised by the fluctuating weather conditions...now sun, then drizzle, later sun! The other memorable bit was the section on the railway line which was overlooking the Rift Valley floor. Some people could not bear the trauma of their over-active imagination. Others (*Micheni, no names please*) had a nice time walking along the edge of the path enjoying the scenery!

But, we were through before we expected and by midday the modality of lunch had been sorted out. By 2.30 p.m. we were by the roadside, waiting for a driver who must've been as surprised as we were by completing our trip so early..."

Kijabe was the place, Rift Valley the location and, compared to tumultuous experiences of previous years, a quote from a well-known member of staff would aptly describe this one, "Short and sweattt".

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The F1 Parents Course that took place last term

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Structural Changes, Marc Kiragu (F3) Strath Media

As of 2007, the School underwent a couple of changes which are not easily noticeable at face value, except for the borehole next to the gate. This borehole came about in early 2007, and it was deemed necessary by the school as the water supply reliability fluctuated. The full article on exactly what happened in the process of constructing the borehole is on the Scroll Digital 2007.



This year, the administration has taken upon itself the task of constructing 2 new water fountains. Probably the lack of a convenient watering hole for Form 3s and 4s, who, just like their counterparts in Form 2, needed to wash off the ammonia from their faces before class.

As you may know, running back to class has always been a very tricky affair, and surviving the afternoon with your face dry and cracked can be a torrid time for anyone...including those seated around the enterprising guy who chose to play soccer or "touch" at lunch time.



A significant addition to the School's rear section is the expanded Dining Hall. As of 2007, the School decided to try out a new system of eating food in order to ensure everyone eats in the Dining Hall. The daring project brought about a new seating area that is shaded from the terrors of the midday sun and

enjoys the backdrop of the main Dining Area. Bravo to the school for successfully pulling off a project which, although, took its time, was certainly worth the wait.

The new fence set up on the farthest soccer pitch was a result of the old adage that boys will be boys, and that the soccer ball will ALWAYS go over the fence, no matter who plays there. The School's wasted energy in retrieving the balls and frequent apologies to neighbours made them realize that they may require a higher fence. As a result they put up a fence to block all those with strong boots that hit hard. So, at least now the Sangomas will not trouble them much when they train there.

Also look out for the freshly tiled walls in Class 5 and 6 that took after a similar project last year that saw Class 3 and 4 getting the freshest looks yet.



Official entrance to the expanded car park



New look garden (Outside the Primary Block)



New look garden (Outside the Secondary Block)



New look railings (Outside the Sports Store)

OTHER STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN STRATHMORE

Well, we here at StrathMedia are back with more rumours and gossip to fill your usual gossip rings with, a tale so sad/funny/ silly (depending whether you are in form 1/2/3, in that order). The school, with its management seeking to improve it all the time decided to construct a pair of water fountains in strategic positions around the secondary block. Much as these structures made life more comfortable, some people have noted the high volume and pressure with which water leaves their taps. Our tale comes from here.

Once upon a term, after a hard morning of hard work and the eating and L.T. soccer that usually follows, one student decided to pay a visit to the fountains with which we are now familiar. It just so happened that this period was at a time when the tap in this tale was faulty, causing it to spray water onto the pavement at great force. Our friend was at the time oblivious of this as he ran back to class, sweaty and thirsty; his tongue

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literally chapped screaming for water. The teacher involved had already opened class and he needed a quick fix solution before he faced the afternoon heat (read blaze).

He found his solution in the tap and ran to it, hoping to quench his thirst. It just so happened that a member of staff was passing nearby, and, just at that time, a coin fell from his pocket onto a sun-scorched ground. What with the first boy pressing the tap, and the teacher bending over at the same time, the water jet that greeted the teachers' face must have been no surprise to he who was watching closely. Of course, with no one watching closely, the area became a laughter-filled zone, every one laughing at the joke except two bewildered people...

What ensued next is unclear but according to passers-by, the students' name and the behaviour sheet formed a merger and the student walked away shocked at how off his stars were aligned. So, there you have it, more views, news and reviews on the happenings of the Strathmore student coming soon.

AUGUST HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Tuitions In her eternal quest to help her students to utilise their spare time, the school had organised a galore of events which took place during the August holiday. For the senior classes in both the primary and secondary section, tuition classes from Monday, 04 August 2008 to Friday, 22 August 2008 were it.

Leadership Course Leaders were in the making this holiday; the form one captain, vice captains and class secretaries had a leadership course from 4th August to 6th August 2008. They were taught pretty much many things about leadership. We will see just how much they have gathered when they tell us about the 3-day course which included a trip to The UN HQ at Gigiri.

For the Junior Classes, that is Class 4, 5 and 6 there was a Soccer Training session which ran from 5th to 27th August 2008. This will give the juniors the

Soccer Training chance to join the under 11 and 13 soccer team. The coach was Mr. Fernando Asiko. In the football docket also the secondary section had soccer training to prepare them for the soccer season that is starting this term. Brace yourselves for the football you will see this term. For Cricket players, their practice sessions were aimed at improving the younger generation so that they will be ready to join the original Stalwarts in their games this term.

For other non-sporting activities the Form Ones, this holiday, had the advantage of learning how to play with photos, colours and tools with Adobe Photoshop, as the ad stated. The Adobe Photoshop course was held at the **Adobe & Community Service** Computer labs from the 4th of August to the 8th of August, A five-day course. Let us wait and see what the Form Ones will say about what went down. For others there was community service for more than 100 students in the secondary section; they were dispatched to different stations while some of them were left handling many of them at once.

One more is that the Fisherman's Camp had some activities: Going to Hell's Gate, Crater Lake and having a treasure and courage test. This was from the **Fisherman's Camp** 13th of August 2008 to 16th August 2008.

Next time, everyone shouldn't be hesitating to get on board for all these activities. Do not be left out!!