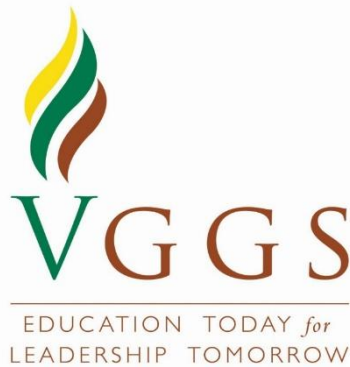




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Report 45 December 2024 on all projects.



The Vanessa Grant Girls' School *is the biggest of the Vanessa Grant Trust projects and is a residential not-for-profit selective school for girls of secondary age. It was set up after a recommendation by Director of Education Rift Valley Province in 2008. Trust provides as many assisted places as possible for bright girls from challenged backgrounds. Currently 38% are provided with fee support.*



Congratulations: we are all very proud of **Esther Mwangi** who has been admitted as an advocate to the Supreme Court of Kenya. She joined the VGGS from Gogar Primary School and was most deserving of support with a bursary at school and at university. The whole Rongai community is very excited and so proud.

Numbers: It is encouraging that the numbers in the school have increased from 320 in January to 346 at the end of the year. It is a positive sign to receive so

many new students during the year and all credit to the school for the ever-growing reputation that the school is establishing.

Solar conversion: Phase Two of the solar conversion is underway as I write. In addition to supply at least 60% of the school's needs the classrooms have been connected to the system so that any power cuts in the evenings will no longer affect students. The school is particularly grateful to the VGT Australia and one particularly generous donor.

The link below says it all about the addition of solar hot water.

[Solar panels.mp4 - Google Drive](#)



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Brief reports on the other projects supported by the VGT follow:

2024 has seen the following projects running smoothly. There have been no significant capital developments to report at **Flames of Hope, Rongai Vocational School, St Michaels, Kimangu Secondary School and Springs High School.**

Gogar Primary School

Gogar Primary School is a public school that the trust started supporting in 2012 by linking it to Cheltenham College and undertaking additional fund raising to refurbish and build new classrooms, renovate the latrines, build a library, staffroom, computer room, and kitchen and provide a water supply. Numbers at the school have increased from 300 to 900 day students today.

We would like to extend a special thanks to **Ollie Cookson**, a past student from Cheltenham College, who raised over GBP 2000 in memory of his mother and donated this to the VGT Science Lab fund.

The pressing need at Gogar Primary School is for a science laboratory. If you are able to help raise funds for this, please be in touch. The target required is GBP 25,000.

A couple of lively interviews with students: <https://youtu.be/pFPyBqtt7Hs?si=Z-5x63N7MIRYIEFa>



St Michael's Nursery School.

St Michael's nursery school is a project initiated by Lauren Sundercombe (VGT Trustee) and Cornwall College in conjunction with Agnes a local teacher. It is a school for children between four and six and is run by Agnes Wangari. Fluid Branding, the company that Ross Sundercombe, Lauren's husband works for, has been wonderfully supportive and enabled the VGT to buy the adjacent plot to develop as a playground – requirement for registration with the Ministry of Education.

S Michael's continues to thrive and is in great demand as the nursery school of choice in Rongai. I was honoured to attend the graduation ceremony in October. Lots of happy children and parents.



The Four Year Old group 'graduating'.

Pamela Scott Secondary School, Leldet Primary School and three Deloraine Nursery Schools.

Thanks to support from the Peter Cundill Foundation and donations from Xan Smiley, the VGT has been able to extend support to another five schools in the area. There are three small and very modest nursery schools serving the local community, Leldet Primary School with about 500 children and Pamela Scott Secondary School with about 800 students.

Deloraine Nursery Schools: a smart kitchen and dining room is being built at the main nursery school.



The children in front of the new dining hall mid-October.



End of October.



December

Leldet Primary School: With the introduction of the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC), much more emphasis is being placed on practical acquisition of knowledge. The Head Teacher, Mr Kulei, asked for support to create a science lab as the school has none. An old and very dilapidated classroom has been refurbished.



September



October



December

Pamela Scott Secondary School: this school has more than 800 students and has grown fast over the last few years. It has one rather dilapidated laboratory serving the whole school. The Board of Management reached out to the VGT to ask for support. Thanks to the Cundill Trust and Xan Smiley, work has just started on a second lab.



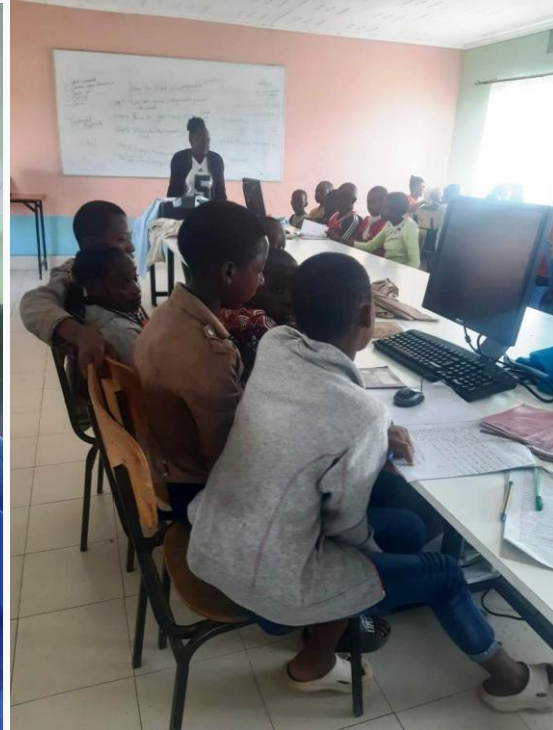
Early December and the slab has been laid and the walls are rising.

Rongai Primary School.

This is latest school to be added to the VGT umbrella. The trust has undertaken the refurbishment of a classroom, installation of stabilized electricity access to the internet and provision of 12 computers.



Opening of the computer room at Rongai Primary School in September



Holiday lessons enjoyed after term closed. These are being run for adults and children from the local community – such good use of a great facility

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