

Gimme Shelter

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Although our celebration of thanks primarily came about because of the roof, it also made the perfect farewell and thank you for Nick (above, centre) and Heather.

Holy goat!

We held a special **celebration of thanks** at Kesho Leo on **December 20** – thanks that no-one was injured during the **construction** of the incredibly **well-designed Kesho Leo roof**. It was decided by our **Tanzanian team** that personal thanks should be given to whatever **god** we each **believe** in. It was also the day we **farewelled** the dynamic duo **Heather Groat** and **Nick Hirst**, two dream volunteers and professionals who have each left an **indelible mark** on Kesho Leo.

It was decided that this **special day** required nothing less than a **ceremonial goat**, which is a pretty big deal in these parts. Watching the **traditional Tanzanian ceremony** involved in preparing, killing, skinning, cooking and **sharing the goat** was an absolute privilege for all of us at Kesho Leo. The ceremony was based on **respect and togetherness**, so it was wonderful that Nick's family was here to share this **fitting farewell**.



Check out the Chekachea

After one year of planning, the Chekachea (**early learning centre**) has **opened** its doors. We are excited to welcome **Helen Campbell**, our 2009 teacher, who will work **alongside** our Tanzanian teacher, **Margaret**. The preschool caters for the **children** of all **fws employees** and children of **neighbouring families**.



what's going on...

Five lucky ducks

Our membership manager, Tracey, has announced the **winners of our recent membership drive** competition. Congratulations to Lynne, Simone, Karen, Clare and Dawn who have won **nights at luxurious hotels** in their home state as a thank you for renewing or starting their **fws** membership. **Enjoy!**

In your face(book)!

You've been **suggesting** it for ages, so **fws** has finally joined the wonderful world of **Facebook**. You can check out our page by running a **search for "foodwatershelter"**, and we're **looking for friends** so please add us to your list and **link us up** with all of your friends!

The AGM results

fws held its **07/08 AGM** on December 30, 2008, in **Arusha**. Many thanks to those members who were able to make it and those who sent their apologies.

Many **exciting developments** came about, the most important being that our **management committee** of five people is now **twice as good** at 10. The committee now includes **Shona Arneil, Anne O'Donoghue, Kelsey Wilson, Rebecka Delforce, Amanda Pattison, Robert Watson, Mark Bizeray, Cathy McQuade, Michael Cronin and Robert Cork**. A huge 'welcome on board' to all! Look out for **introductions** of our management committee on the **website** very soon. The **07/08 Annual Report** is being signed off now and we will be informing members when it is **posted on our website**.

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Meanwhile, back at Kesho...

We happily **welcomed back Pricey**, our energetic electrician, and **Leigh**, our pioneering plumber, who returned from their travels at the beginning of January. We also have news of a **caring carpenter** who is **packing his bags** and should arrive here in the next couple of weeks. Having such a **professional building team** here will surely get the mamas and kids into their new home **as soon as possible**.

This month's Tick-Offs

VOLUNTEER HUTS: Our final **volunteer huts** are **complete** so everyone can stop sharing rooms now!

FINGERLINGS IN OUR POND: Eve and Samwell recently created a new home for **300 tilapia** (a type of fish) as our **aquaculture project** begins.

ROOF: The Kesho Leo roof is sorted, beautifully placed and **cause for great celebration**.



PRICEY (above) and **LEIGH** (below) are straight back into the swing of things.



Asante sana

Our **progress** is largely due to the **support of donors** around the world. Thank you! Here's a sample of the support we've received **this month**:

- * From **fw Ireland**: **Julianne Kehoe** brought news that **Mucklagh National School** raised **\$1200** for Kesho Leo by selling Christmas candles.
- * **Volunteer Emma Byrne** is teaching at Arusha and also ran a **Christmas appeal** for **fw** that raised **1900 Euro**. Over half came from sponsors of **Lorna Sweeney's** Christmas Day fast.
- * From **fw Dubai**: **Michelle Munk** and five friends raised **awareness** of **fw** work and **funds** for our project (\$2700) when they climbed **Mt Kilimanjaro**.
- * **Nundah Primary School** in Brisbane raised **\$394.35** for **fw** via a Movie Day.
- * **'Diggers' Victoria** donated seeds for our Kesho Leo farm.
- * **Craigslea Primary School** in Australia sent beautiful **handmade resources** for our education room. Thanks to organiser **Marcia Foster**.



Our mamas look over the resources from Craigslea Primary.

contact us...

If you have any quezzies, please don't hesitate to contact **Gimme Shelter** acting editor, **Kristie Kellahan**, at kristiekellahan@yahoo.com. Meantime...

Ways to donate (well, you asked...)

JOIN the "Final Founding Fifty" – 50 people to each donate \$2000 (tax deductible). Visit www.foodwatershelter.org.au/finalfoundingfifty.aspx for details.

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