

# Gimme Shelter

January 2009

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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](mailto:kristiekellahan@yahoo.com). Meantime...

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

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